

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your Faith will deepen and grow, a day at a Time*

**Sunday, Sep 01, 2019**

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**A planet worth praying for**

Four years ago, Pope Francis declared today the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He inaugurated a season of praying for our delicate biosphere in peril from the effects of climate change, which lasts until the feast of the patron saint of creation, Francis of Assisi, on October 4. Consider how you might make a special commitment to the earth this month: perhaps abstaining from meat, the production of which consumes 80 percent of agricultural land? Avoiding throwaway plastic bottles and utensils? Supporting earth-friendly companies and causes? Add a daily prayer for Mother Earth.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.* "The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise."

**Monday, Sep 02, 2019**

**Labor deserves dignity**

As Americans celebrate Labor Day, we do well to recall that Catholic teaching honors work but reminds us that work is to serve humans, not humans to serve work. The human needs of those who labor must never be shunted aside. From the moment he announced his mission—a moment recalled in today's gospel—Jesus expressed concern for those oppressed in any form, be it in employment or otherwise. If your work feels oppressive, know that Catholic tradition upholds your right to a just and healthy work life.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431).* "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives."

**Tuesday, Sep 03, 2019**

**MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Pay it forward**

While we know today's saint as Gregory the Great, he could just as well be called Gregory the Good—a man with a good heart and priorities in the right place. He presided at a time when the church was acquiring great wealth through lavish donations but looked upon that wealth as rightly belonging to the poor. He saw the church acting as its steward and strove to create a vast system of alms. Food was dispensed monthly to the indigent, and to those too ill or infirm to

come for it, he dispatched an army of monks to deliver it daily. Strive to imitate the great and good Gregory in your attitude toward all you possess.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432).* "They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"

**Wednesday, Sep 04, 2019**

**Barging in with a healing**

Imagine being at home, sick as a dog, feeling miserable, and your son-in-law (the future Saint Peter) drops in with his friends, who are no doubt hungry and looking for lunch. Then one of them, this Jesus fellow, takes your hand and stands you up, and suddenly you feel yourself again, energized to serve them. Maybe you should have this Jesus fellow over more often! He makes everything better. When's the last time you asked Jesus to come into your life and give you a helping hand?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433).* "He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and waited on them."

**Thursday, Sep 05, 2019**

**It's a divine call to dive in**

The Lake of Gennesaret, also known as the Sea of Galilee, is a heart-shaped body of water at the heart of Jesus' ministry. Jesus called the first disciples, Luke says, by wowing a few of its fishermen; the huge catch nearly broke their nets. At the end of John's gospel, the miracle is repeated as Jesus—not recognized in resurrected form—again tells his disciples to lower their nets.

Both accounts bookend a life of teaching, preaching, and healing, where Jesus wins the trust of his beloved by leading them into deeper waters, delivering improbable results that boggle the mind but stir the soul. Trust where Jesus asks you to go, into the depth of your heart and abilities.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11.* "Put out into the deep water."

**Friday, Sep 06, 2019**

**Be a joyful believer**

Pious Jews in Jesus' time were meticulous about following the rules, and there were a lot of rules. Jesus, however, was a rule breaker, a boundary-crosser. He could be deadly serious but also the life of the party. While the pious felt threatened by his unorthodox behavior, the common folk loved him. Rev. James Martin, author of *Between Heaven and Mirth*, points out, "We feel drawn to religious leaders with a sense of humor. It shows us that they understand their essential poverty of spirit and their own reliance on God. It

shows humility, which is also essential in the spiritual life. You take God seriously, Jesus seriously, and the gospel seriously, but you shouldn't take yourself too seriously." Time to lighten up a bit?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435).* "Jesus answered them, 'Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?'"

**Saturday, Sep 07, 2019**

**Soul food**

Body and soul both matter to God who chose to take on human form. In fact, Jesus' ministry was dominated by healing and feeding. He even sometimes broke the religious rules of his day to tend to the physical needs of others. In doing so, he modeled how we should take care of our neighbors and gave us a new rulebook: The corporal works of mercy. So feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, and give to the poor. Taking care of the body does a soul good.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436).* "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Sep 08, 2019**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Embrace the hard sayings**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.* "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings invite us to meditate on the virtue of humility. Humility is recognizing the truth of who we are before God. It is the virtue that helps us to acknowledge ourselves as creatures that are limited, dependent and needy before our God. This virtue also helps us to identify with the poor who are intimately aware of their dependency and neediness. What can you do this week to interact with someone living in poverty to learn about humility from them?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY AUG 31, VIGIL MASS**

Healing Grace for all our Holy Cross, Sick and shut in parishioners.

**SUNDAY, SEPT 1, 8:00AM**

For the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed Parishioners, as they enjoy God's Heavenly Kingdom.

**SUNDAY, SEPT 1, 10:00AM**

For traveling grace for Retha Madison, Betty and Sandra Jacob as they travel back to Louisiana to bury another brother Robert Lee Jacob.

**ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION**

Sunday, October 13th is our 2019 Annual Family Appreciation Day. Please save the date. IF you have any suggestion on how we can celebrate this year's event, see the office.

**IGBO MASS SEPT 29, 2019**

Next IGBO Mass, Sunday, September 29, 2019, 1:30pm.

**HOUSE KEEPING**

1. On the first Sunday of each month Father blesses all birthdays. If you want a special blessing for your birthday, anniversary, child's birthday or any other blessing, **please contact the church Secretary, and have it entered into the Mass intention book.** Please do not ask the Celebrant or Craig for a Blessing as they are entering church for Mass.

2. In order to respect the privacy of all Parishioners, please call or have a **family member** call the church office, if you or a family member are hospitalized, and in need of a priest.

3. Please do not schedule any event in the Family Life Center until you have checked with the church office and please make sure when you leave, the FLC is clean and ready for the next meeting.

4. In the case of a Parishioner's death, please do not call the family and advise them of the services provided by the Church, or what a ministry provides. Please have them call the church. The church will notify all ministries, and will instruct the family on Holy Cross's policy and procedures.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From September 25th-November 3rd we will unite with hundreds of cities across the country and world for a simultaneous 40-day prayer vigil. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign of prayer & fasting, education and a constant peaceful prayer vigil in front of abortion facilities. This international movement has resulted in 100+ abortion facilities closing, over 190 abortion clinic workers having conversions and leaving their jobs, and over 16,000 women choosing life for children they were going to abort. Here in Central Texas at least 279 women have changed their minds and chosen life! Today, please stop by the Coalition for Life booth on Sunday, September 1st to find out how you can get involved with this powerful and life-saving movement. You can also find information online at CentralTexasCoalition.com or by calling

the Coalition for Life office at (512) 296-2071.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019**

Monday November 3rd to Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Consider joining us for a spiritual experience.

**REGISTRATION EDUCATION**

Registration for CCD / Religious Education has begun. To be eligible to receive the Sacraments, your children and/or youth must participate in the program. Please contact Jennifer Brooks, Director of Religious Education if you are interested in becoming a Catechist or would like to help in any capacity. The first day of CCD classes will be Sunday September 15th.

**LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM IS SEPT. 4**

Bishop Joe Vásquez will host a Listening Session on Racism in the Diocese of Austin Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Edward's University in Austin. The listening panel will include Bishop Vásquez; Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; Father James Misko, diocesan vicar general; Deacon Ron Walker, diocesan chancellor; DeKarlos Blackmon, diocesan director of Life, Charity and Justice; and other diocesan officials.

<b>SUNDAY SEPT 1, 2019</b>	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

<b>Weekend Aug 24/25, 2019</b>		
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	36
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	51
	10:00 AM	236
IGBO	1:30 PM	88
<b>Weekend Aug 24/25, 2019</b>		

OFFERTORY	\$2925.00
IGBO	347.00
Children	50.00
E-GIVING	1151.23
DR/(E-GIVING)	20.00
DR	50.00
MSP (E-GIVING)	15.00
Needs of Parish	1602.00
Needs of parish(E-G)	25.00
CCD	140.00
Gift Store	271.00

**PRAYER SERVICE**

While Father Basil is away, I will inform you of our noon services each week. **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**, Tuesday thru Thursday, Deacon Emmanuel Nwokocha from St Elizabeth Parish, in Pflugerville, will conduct Prayer Service and Communion at Holy Cross 12:00 Noon. Please come and pray with us.

For additional information please contact the church office.

<b><u>DEBT RETIREMENT</u></b>
<b><u>COLLECTION 2ND SUNDAYS</u></b>
Please support our Debt Retirement Collection every 2nd Sunday of the Month to pay down our Diocesan Loan for the FLC. Our monthly target is \$4000.00

**Family Life Center Now Available for Renting**

For all your events like:

- Wedding Party
- Birthday Party
- Graduation Party
- Wakes
- Coporate Events
- Ministry Events
- Meetings
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