

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Sep 15, 2019

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We're all in the story

A foolish, reckless kid. His heartbroken parent. An indignant older sibling. We find ourselves at various points of this family triangle over the years. First we're the brazen, half-hatched adult, trying everything at once just because we can. Later we may exchange roles more than once between the grieving elder—hoping against hope for a loved one causing all the trouble—and the aggrieved one, who thinks any show of compassion is outrageous and unearned. No matter who we are right now, the table is set, and the party is starting. Can we afford not to be there?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 *"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again."*

Monday, Sep 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS
Measure for measure

Saint Cornelius was elected pope in 251 during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius. Saint Cyprian of Carthage was a close friend. They and other church leaders faced a difficult question—should those who denied their faith to avoid martyrdom during the persecution be forgiven and received back into the church community? Under no circumstances, some argued. But Cornelius and Cyprian, both of whom would eventually face the martyrdom others fled, believed that if repentant, apostates, as they were called, should be welcomed back to the faith community. Show mercy to others so that mercy may be shown to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 *"Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof."*

Tuesday, Sep 17, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ROBERT BELLARMINO, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

As the world turns

The widely respected and deeply learned Robert Bellarmine, who holds the rarified title of a doctor of the church, ended up on the erroneous side of a major controversy, that which surrounded Copernicus' "heliocentric theory" that the earth revolved around the sun instead of the sun around the earth. He delivered a sanction to his

friend Galileo in 1616 that eventually resulted in the great scientist being silenced and held under house arrest. Don't confuse religious faith with scientific fact. God works through nature, and has nothing to hide, so don't be afraid of new scientific information that challenges long-held misconceptions. God can handle the truth—God created it!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"Beloved, this saying is trustworthy: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable."*

Wednesday, Sep 18, 2019

Drop the criticism

One of the worst faults of folks in general is the tendency to regularly find fault in others. There are plenty of reasons we do it: It makes us feel better about our own limitations, and it's easy to dismiss someone who challenges us to be better if we criticize them. But Jesus wants us to build up, not tear down—build up the kingdom of God, that is. And that project starts inside ourselves—not by beating ourselves up for what we did wrong, but by presenting our wrongs honestly to God and turning that same spirit of understanding outward to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"Wisdom is vindicated by all her children."*

Thursday, Sep 19, 2019

Reach out to the untouchables

Are we aware of the ways in which our society creates and perpetuates divisions and privileges based on gender, color, orientation, ability, income, religion? Jesus broke through such barriers, especially when interacting with women, but religious leaders preferred to see his actions as audacious and rebellious, while Jesus was instead modeling reciprocity and inclusivity. Wherever social constructs divide people, we are called to bridge the gap.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him."*

Friday, Sep 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG

AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Take nothing for granted

Never underestimate the power of books. Books smuggled out of China brought Christianity to Korea. The new community of faith was not welcomed by authorities, but that did not stop faithful

Korean laymen and women from living their Catholic faith. Courageous and persistent, these 18th- and 19th-century lay leaders were persecuted, tortured, and beheaded. The church today honors the first Korean Catholic priest, Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, one of the many lay leaders, Saint Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and their martyred companions. Take time today to pick up the Holy Book and consider what folks have sacrificed to spread the Good News within.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 *"Jesus journeyed . . . proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Sep 21, 2019

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Who do you see?

We are always sizing up other people, making judgements about them. This is normal. But sometimes, we end up putting people in boxes—and leaving them there. Not so with Jesus. Jesus saw through boxes, categories, and stereotypes. He saw the person. Look at Matthew. Lumped into the distasteful category of "tax collectors and sinners," Matthew wasn't exactly considered a shining example of discipleship by the community. Yet, Jesus saw more than that. He saw Matthew and was open to him—and not just to "minister to" or "convert" Matthew. Jesus drew close, inviting Matthew into his home to become a close companion and vital part of proclaiming the Good News. What happens when you truly see people?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13. *"Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.' And Matthew got up and followed him."*

Next Sunday

Sunday, Sep 22, 2019
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who's the boss?

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Sept. 14-15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims God's prodigal love for sinners. God is like a parent watching for the lost son to return; like a shepherd willing to leave the 99 to seek the one; like the woman, unsatisfied with the nine coins, who scours the house to find the lost coin. We can turn from God, but God never turns from us. God in turn invites us to be in community with one another even other sinners? Will we join in God's community or reject it like the older brother?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPT 14. VIGIL MASS

Happy 10th Birthday to, Sydni Phillips, requested by, her family, Gene, Marlexa, Trey and Derek Phillips.

SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 8:00AM

For all the sick and shut-in Parishioners of Holy Cross, may God continue to give them strength.

SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 10:00AM

For all the **volunteers** of Holy Cross, God will supply us with the opportunity, but it's up to us to do something with it.

CCD

To be eligible to receive the Sacraments, your children and/or youth must participate in CCD. Please contact Jennifer Brooks, Director of Religious Education if you are interested in becoming a Catechist or would like to help in any capacity. First Day of CCD will be Sunday, September 15th, 12:00 noon.

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 ask 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! You can also find information online at by calling the Coalition for Life office at (512) 296-2071, or CentralTexasCoalition.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

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

PLEASE JOIN COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION AND AUSTIN INTERFAITH



COMMUNITY POLICING CIVIC ACADEMY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
7:00 – 8:30 PM

AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
1610 E 11TH ST, AUSTIN, TX 78702

SUNDAY SEPT 15, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend Sept 7/8, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	21
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	49
	10:00 AM	250
Weekend Sept 7/8, 2019		

OFFERTORY	\$3366.00
Children	30.00
SVDP	115.00
E-GIVING	1567.57
SVDP(E-GIVING)	30.00
DR/(E-GIVING)	455.00
Needs of Parish	1377.00
CCD	140.00

PRAYER SERVICE

There will be **No Prayer** service this week, September 15th – 20th.

DEBT RETIREMENT COLLECTION 2ND SUNDAYS
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

IGBO MASS SEPT 29, 2019

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

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.

Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

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

Contact the Church Office for details
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