

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Sep 22, 2019
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Who's the boss?**

A parish secretary worked at an urban church with five resident priests. One priest was retired, two had ministries elsewhere, and two were actively engaged in the parish itself. The secretary worked for all five men, handling incoming calls and written correspondence, crafting bulletins, running errands, even sewing the occasional loose button or laundering a stained sweater. No matter whose task she performed first, she never escaped the charge of favoritism, because anything more than one boss doesn't work. If Jesus is our Lord, everything and everybody else takes a backseat.
TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). "No servant can serve two masters."

**Monday, Sep 23, 2019
MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF
PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
Mark his words**

Padre Pio was a popular but controversial figure during his lifetime and has remained so since his death in 1968. He is said to have exhibited signs of the stigmata (visible wounds on his hands echoing Jesus' wounds on the cross). Some believed they were real, others were skeptical, including several popes who isolated him and had medical examiners weigh in. Whatever the case, his advice for living a faithful life rings true: "living humbly, being disinterested, prudent, just, patient, kind, chaste, meek, diligent, carrying out one's duties for no other reason than that of pleasing God, and receiving from Him alone the reward one deserves." Let that advice be the mark of your life.
TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18. "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."

**Tuesday, Sep 24, 2019
May we have a word?**

Church leaders have chosen scripture passages to be read in private and proclaimed publicly at Mass every day of the year. A daughter in Illinois, a cousin in England, friends in El Salvador, the pope in Rome, and the guest at a Catholic Worker House—every Catholic involved in a liturgy is reading or hearing these same scripture passages. The church strongly encourages us to read from the Bible and promises that the Holy Spirit will

give a "spiritual understanding of the word to those who read it." Read today's scripture passages and ask for the grace of one small insight.
TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). "My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

**Wednesday, Sep 25, 2019
Gather us in**

It's no accident that Jesus chose 12 apostles. Calling together his first 12 followers symbolized the reuniting of the 12 tribes of Israel that God chose to be a light to the world, the 12 tribes that had camped in the wilderness with the Tabernacle at the center, the 12 tribes that had then disastrously dispersed. In fact, all of Jesus' ministry would be an invitation for all kinds of people to come together and rejoin the fold—the healed leper could now live with his family again, the woman at the well could be the town hero instead of a pariah. How will you honor the Good Shepherd, who gathers people together instead of driving them apart?
TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). "He summoned the Twelve."

**Thursday, Sep 26, 2019
MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND
DAMIAN, MARTYRS
Have a sterling reputation**

The details of their lives are lost in antiquity, but the early martyrs and reputed twin brothers Cosmas and Damian apparently were skilled medics and are revered for having offered medical care without charge. They were called the *Anargyrio*, Greek for "the silverless ones." Acting in this way, they are said to have attracted many to the Christian life. You, too, can evangelize simply by doing what you are good at with a Christian spirit. Whatever your calling in life, carry out your duties in such a way as to be an inspiration to others. That is the best evangelization!
TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways!"

**Friday, Sep 27, 2019
MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL,
PRIEST**

From poverty to true wealth
"Three hots and a cot." That motive, which draws some from poverty into priesthood, applied initially to Saint Vincent. A social climber, his father's muddy shoes embarrassed him when Dad visited the seminary. Consider his transformation by grace: Once he left hobnobbing with the wealthy behind, Vincent founded a congregation to

educate priests, as well as hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the mentally ill. He founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise deMarillac and evolutionized convents, making their cloister the "streets of the city." Pray Vincent's dying prayer until it's yours: "We have done what you commanded, do now what you have promised."
TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). "Jesus was praying in solitude."

**Saturday, Sep 28, 2019
MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS,
MARTYR**

Stand up for what is right
The upbeat tune to the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslaus" belies the violent tragedy of the life of Wenceslaus I, duke of Bohemia. His mother murdered his grandmother to seize control, and Wenceslaus was then murdered by his brother. Both victims died defending the Christian faith. Political unrest has always been a reality, and Wenceslaus is a role model for taking a public stand for what's right even when under enormous threat. Find in him the courage to take the high road in our tumultuous times.
TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men."

**Next Sunday
Sunday, Sep 29, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Try a little tenderness
TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). "Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Sept. 21-22, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
The key to the readings this Sunday is the final line of the Gospel. "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Again this week Jesus asks us about where our heart, our energy and our devotion lie. Are we committed to God or to the things of this world? Are we aware of the needs of the poor or do we trample them with our inattention? The Lord urges us to be wise and clever so we can serve him in serving those in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPT 21. VIGIL MASS

This Mass is for people who have no one to pray for them and for people who feel they are unloved, may they be reminded that God loves them.

SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 8:00AM

This mass is in Thanksgiving for our choir and the Director, may God continue to Bless them as they enrich our Mass with their voices

SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 10:00AM

Happy 18th Birthday to, Justice Mason, requested by Tara Mason and family.

CCD

Please register your children. To be eligible to receive 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.

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.

To sign up for the Traveling Chalice, please Bernadette Cay.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019

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

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The Church celebrates your presence at Mass and is greatly enriched by families who give glory to God. **As we continue to cultivate an awareness of care and protection of children in the Church, please accompany them when they step out of Mass to use the restroom or get a drink of water.** Your important ministry as parents helps our priests and parishioners in their ministry of supporting the families of our parishes. Together, we help form our littlest ones in wisdom and holiness in the safety of God's Church.

SUNDAY SEPT 22, 2019

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| Mass | 8:00AM |
| Rosary | 9:30AM |
| Mass | 10:00AM |
| Byzantine | 5:00PM |

Weekend Sept 14/15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

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| VIGIL MASS | 5:30 PM | 23 |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | 40 |
| | 10:00 AM | 258 |

Weekend Sept 14/15, 2019

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| OFFERTORY | \$3048.00 |
| Children | 24.00 |
| SVDP | 400.00 |
| E-GIVING | 2642.71 |
| SVDP(E-GIVING) | 35.00 |
| MSP(E-GIVING) | 25.00 |
| Needs of Parish(E-GIV) | 378.00 |
| CCD | 245.00 |
| GIFT STORE | 20.00 |

PRAYER SERVICE

There will be **Prayer** service this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th, 25th & 26th, Noon.

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

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.

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 5124723741



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