

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, Sep 29, 2019
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Try a little tenderness

We hear folks wish out loud for more patience. In church circles, many voice the ambition to be more devout, loving, or kind. Cultivating a spirit of gentleness, however, is rare on the wish list. Why the oversight? Gentleness makes it onto a lot of Saint Paul's checklists, including his nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Paul was sensitive to this virtue, perhaps because he could be pretty rough on fellow Christians who disappointed him! What would happen if you spent one day choosing the softer look, the more careful word, the gentler touch? Try it and find out.

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."

Monday, Sep 30, 2019
MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Consider the source

When you make a photocopy of a photocopy, the original becomes harder to see, read, and understand. Saint Jerome, the great linguist, experienced this with the Septuagint, a Greek version of the Hebrew Old Testament. As the use of Latin spread with the Holy Roman Empire—edging out the Greek used by early Christians—the church began to rely on Latin translations of the Septuagint. Jerome thought we could do better. He went back to the original Hebrew, mining the texts as Jesus and other Jews knew them. Not everyone agreed with Jerome. Saint Augustine preferred the Greek. Arguments ensued; a compromise evolved. A strength of church teaching that benefits us today: Differences of opinion can birth a better outcome.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455). *"An argument arose among the disciples."*

Tuesday, Oct 01, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sailing toward the eternal shore

How would you describe your life's journey? Thérèse of Lisieux —Carmelite nun, saint, and doctor of the church—imagined her life journey as sailing the sea. Reflecting one evening on the sun setting across the sea at Trouville, she wrote of how the sun left a "luminous

trail." "It was to me the image of God's grace shedding its light across the path the little white-sailed vessel had to travel." She committed herself to following Jesus "in order to travel peacefully towards the eternal shore." What image would you use? And how do you experience God with you along the way?

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56. *"I too will go to seek the Lord."*

Wednesday, Oct 02, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Stand by me

Today the church gives a shout-out to guardian angels. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him [or her] to life," is how the Catholic catechism puts it. Whether you picture a comforting winged angel at your shoulder, or see your guardian angel as more of a metaphor for God's loving care, great comfort can be found by relaxing into this protection.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8 Matthew 18:1-5, 10 *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Thursday, Oct 03, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THEODORE GUERIN, RELIGIOUS (SAINT THEODORA)
Discipleship with backbone

"Sisters, let's pack our bags," Mother Guerin's community responded when a clueless bishop locked her up and tried to excommunicate her for challenging his need to control. Guerin inspired loyalty; the first sisters bonded after landing on the raw Indiana frontier, speaking only French. As if hunger, overturned stagecoaches, financial hardships, and terrible health weren't trials enough, the bishop believed he owned them. After epic battles, Guerin finally triumphed. A simple frame shed eventually became Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the country's oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women. Learn how Guerin's college empowers students at the website: smwc.edu.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."*

Friday, Oct 04, 2019
MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, RELIGIOUS
Faithful to the end

Saint Francis of Assisi gave us two kinds of crosses. One is the San Damiano Cross, depicting the Crucifixion and its witnesses. It replicates the cross Francis prayed to when God said, "Rebuild my church."

The other is the simple T-shaped tau cross, made of wood—reminding us to be flexible and humble—which is the final letter of the old Hebrew alphabet (as omega is in Greek, when we say Christ is "Alpha and Omega"). Francis loved the tau and used it as his seal. The prophet Ezekiel said that those faithful to God at the end would be marked with a tau. Remember this Beatitude: Those who are last will be first with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16. *"Will you be exalted to heaven?"*

Saturday, Oct 05, 2019
MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST
Good medicine

Born in Bavaria, Francis Xavier Seelos joined the Redemptorists to serve as a missionary to German immigrants in the United States. By all accounts he flourished in ministry—and did so with a kind and cheerful attitude. After being stationed in New Orleans, however, he contracted yellow fever caring for the ill and died at the age of 48 in 1867. Imagine the suffering that could have been avoided if the yellow fever vaccine had been available then. So it is disconcerting today to see the anti-vaccine movement grow so strong. The World Health Organization identifies this movement as one of the top 10 global health threats of 2019, all the more troubling given the overwhelming scientific consensus about the safety and efficacy of vaccines. God gave us intelligence so that we might use it to alleviate suffering in the world. Get the facts and talk to those who have been swayed by baseless claims.

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."*

Next Sunday
Sunday, Oct 06, 2019
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Valuing all of life
TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). *"Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?"*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Sept. 28-29, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel continues the lesson from last Sunday. Comfort and wealth made the rich man blind to poor Lazarus lying on his doorstep and also blind to he own need for God. Before God we are all as poor and needy as Lazarus. Since God has given us love, grace and mercy so freely are we not called to give to the materially poor the material gifts God has given us?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPT 28. VIGIL MASS

For all the sick and shut in of our parish.

SUNDAY, SEPT 29, 8:00AM

Rest of the souls of Henry Adams, Jr., and Thea Williams-Douglas, requested by Jennifer Brooks

SUNDAY, SEPT 29, 10:00AM

Happy 11th Birthday to, A. J. Lemon, requested by mommy, Daddy and Don.

Healing Grace for our Choir Master, Dekarlos Blackmon and his family, that God will restore him to good health.



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.

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.

5. The church office is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday thru Friday, if you are requesting a meeting, appointment or any special event in the church, please contact the office between these times.

IGBO MASS SEPT 29, 2019

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

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 29, 2019	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
IGBO Mass	1:30PM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend Sept 21/22, 2019		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	25
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	43
	10:00 AM	229
Weekend Sept 21/22, 2019		

OFFERTORY	\$4052.00
Children	32.00
SVDP	137.00
E-GIVING	1589.13
SVDP(E-GIVING)	35.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	10.00
Needs of Parish	641.00
Needs of Parish(E-GIV)	40.00
DR	25.00
Home Mission	30.00
CCD	110.00
GIFT STORE	20.00

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

BLUE AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP DANCE

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the 3rd Annual Blue and White Scholarship Dance in the Family Life Center, on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 8:00pm. Food will be provided. This is a BYOB event. Proceeds will benefit youth scholarships for the Knights of Peter Claver Junior Divisions. Tickets are \$25.00 presale and \$30.00 at the door and can be purchased after Mass.

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



Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

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

Contact the Church Office for details
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