

**OCTOBER 6, 2019 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Oct 06, 2019
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Valuing all of life**

We desire happiness and avoid suffering. We might turn the page quickly on the faces of hungry children or cross the street to escape an encounter with the homeless. The prophet Habakkuk objected to the sight of violence and misery in his generation. If the anguish was so apparent to him, why did God not see it too and respond? God does respond—in sending ambassadors of divine will to act. This Respect Life Month, how will you respond in Jesus' name?
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?"

**Monday, Oct 07, 2019
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY
Mother of Mercy, pray for us**

To some, the Rosary can seem like a static form of prayer. In reality, Catholics pray a form of the Dominican Rosary that's been evolving since the 1400s. In 1917 the Fatima Prayer was included. In 2002, John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries—used on Thursdays—joining three other sets of mysteries as meditations on the life of Jesus: Glorious (Sun./Wed.), Joyful (Mon./Sat.), and Sorrowful (Tue./Fri.). What's more, you can pray merely a decade—10 Hail Marys—on your own or as part of a Rosary Circle. You can pray it with beads or your own 10 fingers. You can pray with others as you go running or kneel at church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding "Hail Holy Queen" reminds us that Mary is our life, our sweetness, and our hope as we strive to emulate her mercy.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461).* "He answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

**Tuesday, Oct 08, 2019
Balance your Martha with your Mary**
People who look after practical details often feel bad when they recognize themselves as Martha in today's reading. However, Catholicism has long made room for both the practical and the prayerful, and ideally we integrate the two. For instance, monks pray frequently but must spend part of each day on income producing work. Likewise

parents with small children can be intensely busy but routinely fold those small fingers together for prayer at meals and day's end. No matter our station in life, we can keep marrying the focus of Martha with the focus of Mary by pausing during the day to lift our lives to God.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462).* "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

**Wednesday, Oct 09, 2019
MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Your life is your most effective witness**

Saint Denis—first bishop of Paris and patron saint of France—was so gifted at winning people over to Christ that he and two fellow missionaries provoked the ire of local leaders, leading to their martyrdom. Depictions of Denis in iconography—a cephalophore ("head-carrier") saint, his head held in his hands—remind us that Christian faith is so much more than a head trip, asking us to commit our hearts, and perhaps our very lives, to the radical love Jesus preached. Saint Denis, pray for us.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4* "Do not subject us to the final test."

**Thursday, Oct 10, 2019
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door**

In 1893 Francis Thompson published his famous poem "The Hound of Heaven" about God's relentless pursuit of the human heart—a love story, in verse, that captured the imagination of Catholic literary greats G.K. Chesterton and J.R.R. Tolkien. But as Jesus reminds us today, it's OK to be as persistent in return. Like the man who bangs on a friend's door in the middle of the night, begging a favor, our pestering of God always pays off. Saint Teresa of Avila knew this love story well: "This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer." Which is why she also said this about prayer: "You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him." Go ahead. Knock.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13* "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

**Friday, Oct 11, 2019
MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE
Beauty more than skin deep**
Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in 1881 in Italy, the fourth of 13 children.

He reigned as pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. He is best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. Earlier in his career, when he was made apostolic nuncio to France, a rival for the position characterized him as an "old fogey." And when he first saw himself in the mirror in his new papal vestments, he remarked "this man will be a disaster on television!" Remembering this "old fogey" saint, pray today for someone you know who may not measure up to cultural standards of beauty but is beatified in God's eyes.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465).* "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

**Saturday, Oct 12, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Mother Mary comes to me
Fridays are traditionally the day for Catholics to remember Christ's Passion and death. Sundays are always our celebration of his Resurrection. So where does that leave us with Saturdays, the day in between? According to the great saints Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure, it leaves us remembering Mary—as the one who never left Jesus's side, a mother cradling his body at the foot of the cross the way she cradled him as an infant. The church honors Mary as the greatest disciple and our steadfast mother by setting aside every Saturday that isn't already claimed by another saint's observance. Trust that she never leaves your side, either, by remembering to pray the Memorare today.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466).* "A woman from the crowd called out and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that carried you.'"

**Next Sunday
Sunday, Oct 13, 2019
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A grateful heart goes a long way
TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144).* "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Oct. 5-6, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Today's Gospel opens with the disciples requesting that Jesus increase their faith. For Jesus, faith is a gift that leads to service and that service is always in support of life! This Sunday we all pray for the flame of faith and zeal that will give us the courage to stand with and all whose lives are threatened by violence: the unborn; the death row prisoner; civilians caught in wars and conflict. Does our faith help us to see every life as precious in the eyes of God? In what areas should we ask God to increase our faith?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCT 05, VIGIL MASS

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Patricia Ann Inyang on her 12th year in Heaven, requested by her sons, God Children, Mrs. Robin Ford and Dr. Lawrence Baye

SUNDAY, OCT 06, 8:00AM

For all the Volunteers of the Parish, may God continue to Bless you.

SUNDAY, OCT 06, 10:00AM

For the Repose of the soul of Mrs. Gloria Hardeman, requested by her husband John, her Children Jack and Carol and Grandchildren.

TUESDAY, OCT 8, Noon Mass

Repose of the soul of Deitra Darden Williams on the 8th anniversary of her death, requested by Barbara Scott.

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2019 is all Souls Day. Mass will be at 10:00AM, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please come to the office and book Masses in remembrance of your loved ones. All Soul's Day envelopes will also be on ushers table, in back of church. For your convenience you may also email your remembrances' list to the church.

SUNDAY OCT 6, 2019

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

Weekend Sept 27/28, 2019

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM	35
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	40
	10:00 AM	199
IGBO	1:30pm	125

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OFFERTORY	\$3661.00
Children	38.00
SVDP	55.00
E-GIVING	1376.65
SVDP(E-GIVING)	195.00
DR(E-GIVING)	280.00
Home Mission	25.00
IGBO	468.00
CCD	40.00
GIFT STORE	125.00

IGBO MASS SEPT 29, 2019

Next IGBO Mass, Sunday, October 27, 2019, 1:30pm.

**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

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

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.

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 get a special intention envelope.** 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



ANNUAL FAMILY APPRECIATION

Next 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.

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.

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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