

**JANUARY 19, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

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

**Sunday, Jan 19, 2020
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Come together

Relationships go awry when people stop talking. That's as true in marriage as it is among Christians in general. Lutheran theologian George Lindbeck was a delegate observer at the Second Vatican Council. It prompted him to make a life's work of the Lutheran-Catholic conversation. He viewed doctrines as "rules of grammar" rather than unscalable walls. He saw justice, peace, and the environment best served when Christians work together. The fundamental disease of our times, Lindbeck advised, is the weakening of natural allies. As Saint Paul might say: **Let's not be partisans, let's be church!**
TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64).* "To you . . . with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Monday, Jan 20, 2020
MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR; SEBASTIAN, MARTYR
Ultimate discipleship**

This day is filled with martyrs. Fabian (c. 200-250) was elected pope when a white dove landed on his head during the voting, a clear sign to the electors. Christianity was still illegal, so he died in prison 14 years later. Sebastian (c. 256-288) died in Rome sometime after he was shot full of arrows. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68), commemorated today, was gunned down by an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite being harassed by the government, Dr. King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Three men who shed their blood for what they believed inspire us to be activists for what we believe.
TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311).* "To the upright I will show the saving power of God."

**Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020
MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

Take a stand

Often throughout the church year we remember our martyrs, those women and men who were killed because of their faith in Jesus the Christ. These are sometimes difficult days to "celebrate" because on the one hand, we are

grateful for and inspired by their faith. But on the other hand, the suffering they endured is horrific—torture, rape, mutilation, burning, and ultimately death. The martyrdom of Saint Agnes, for example, came because of her faith in Christ but was expressed by sexualizing and abusing her. When we celebrate our martyrs, we might also take a stand against torture and murder today. This indeed is a worthy form of reverence for the brave women and men, our martyrs and saints. What saint compels you to action on behalf of justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312).* "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath."

**Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Lend a lifesaving hand

The Sisters of Life are a women's religious order founded in 2004 in New York. More than 70 sisters each year provide aid and support to more than 1,000 pregnant women at their convents in Toronto and New York City. At one of their convents, women can stay as long as six months prior to giving birth and up to a year afterward. What are you and your parish doing to support pregnant women and mothers who need help establishing their families and creating a secure future for their children?
TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313).* "Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart . . ."

**Thursday, Jan 23, 2020
MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN**

God's aloha at work

Rarely is a saint's last name so apt. When more than 50 religious communities in Canada and the United States refused a request to work with lepers, Sister Marianne Cope, a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, responded, "I am hungry for the work." She and her sisters who served on Molokai, Hawaii were called "God's aloha," or God's love. She assured a dying Saint Damien that his work would continue, then brought beauty and artistry to challenging conditions. Encouraging laughter and gardens, she said, "We must make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return." Do one thing to bring God's love and beauty to your living space, or someone else's, today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12.* "Hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers."

**Friday, Jan 24, 2020
MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Include God in the conversation**

Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was a bishop and doctor of the church who encouraged the importance of lay spirituality. At the time, people thought that only priests and sisters were called to holiness. But Francis took the church back to its roots, encouraging laypeople to pray and find God in their daily lives. As a noted spiritual director he suggested: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussion or transactions with others, and talk to God."
TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315).* "He named twelve as his companions whom he would send to preach the Good News."

**Saturday, Jan 25, 2020
FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**

Be a force for unity

Once he was blinded by light on the road to Damascus, Paul began to see with a clarity that amazed everyone who knew of him. As he preached the Good News, Paul began to speak persuasively against requiring Gentiles to follow Jewish law, while at the same time allowing Jewish Christians to keep their lifelong ritual practices. In the midst of diversity, Paul worked to unite the followers of Jesus. It is fitting that the feast of his conversion has been chosen as the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Today your work is to do something to bring unity in the midst of diversity.
TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519).* "This man is the instrument I have chosen to bring my name to the Gentiles."

**Next Sunday
Sunday, Jan 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Get your fishing license here
TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23.* "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
Jan. 18-19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today's psalm, we respond "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." How is the Lord calling us to respond to him this week? May

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the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts and actions as we listen for the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY January 18. VIGIL MASS

For the repose of the soul of Sylvia Landreaux, Shannon Gardner, Janet Patterson, Thelma Hunter, Darnella Clark and Karen Tassin, requested by Jennifer Brooks

SUNDAY, January 19, 8:00AM

Edward Albert, Sr., Margaret Mary, George, Barbara, Carmen Marie and Marie Mullen, John Malachy and Kay Gately, requested by Ed & Elina Mullen

SUNDAY, January 19, 10:00AM

Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary to Cornelius (Pete) and Cristian Trotman, requested by their family

Happy 64th Wedding Anniversary to RH and Gloria Harris, requested by their family

TUESDAY, JAN 21, NOON MASS

For the repose of the souls of Herbert Lee, Sr., Bernice Preston and Vachel Pullman, requested by Linda Ridley

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22, NOON MASS

For the repose of the souls of Margaret Francisco, Marrisa Moore, Pauline, Ray & Theodore Thompson, requested by Janet Fontenette

THURSDAY, JAN 23, NOON MASS

For the repose of the souls of Annie Pearl Taylor, Charles Stephan Hughes, Darrell Ray, Eric Paschall, Lynda Parker requested by Craig Williams.

FRIDAY, JAN 24, NOON MASS

For the repose of the souls of Ago and Alafya Batchassi, requested by Felix Batachassi

MSP	45.00
GIFT STORE	120.00

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Evelyn Battle
Mary Anthony	Mildred Carter
DeKarlos Blackmon	Josephine Dukes
B.J. Dukes	Monica Godsey
Vanessa Downey-Little	Vonnye Rice-Gardner
Lester Johnson	Mathias Manning
Doris King	Bernadette Phifer
Marie Mason	Dr. Joseph Quander
Ella Pease	Mary Sobers
Betty Ridley	Mary Waters
Marie Thompson	

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted next weekend. Each year, our bishop asks every one of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. By sharing the gifts God has granted us, we can work together to care for the Church. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue Christ's work of spirituality, charity and education.

DCYC (IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSOR A YOUTH)

The Holy Cross Youth Group will be attending the 2020 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference in Waco Texas on January 31- February 2. The price for the entire weekend is **\$100.00**; this includes, DCYC registration, hotel & food, transportation, a conference T-shirt, and goodie bag

Our hope is that all our youth are able to experience this amazing event filled with dynamic speakers and worship with thousands of teens across our dioceses. If you are able to make a donation or sponsor a youth, God will reward you.

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

NEXT IGBO MASS

The next IGBO mass is Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1:30, tell and bring all your friends.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join others from throughout the diocese as they prepare for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins Feb 20. Visit www.texastojesussthroughmary.org by Jan 23 to receive a free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN

Our Assigned Goal = \$365,000.00
Pledged Amount = 576,056.00
Every 3rd Sunday of the month will be a collection for those using envelopes to send their pledge payments. There will be special envelopes on the ushers table for this. To make online payments please go to <https://www.encounteringchristcampaign.org/donate>. If you are writing a check please make it out to : Encountering Christ Campaign. Please endeavor to make timely payments to your pledge.

MLK Blood Drive

There will be a MLK Blood Drive at Huston Tillotson on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:30am.

2020 PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

DATE: November 3rd to 12th, 2020
Please see Patricia Robert or Donna Sistrunk-Irving in the office.
More details to follow soon
This shall be the last parish planned Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by Holy Cross. Please join us.

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2020	
Mass	8:00AM
Rosary	9:30AM
Mass	10:00AM
Byzantine	5:00PM

Weekend JAN 11/12, 2020		
ATTENDANCE		
VIGIL MASS	18	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	56	8:00 am
	236	10:00 am

Weekend JAN 11/12, 2020	
OFFERTORY	\$3676.00
Children	17.00
SVDP	170.00
E-GIVING	1779.13
DR (E-GIVING)	2100.00

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