

**MARCH 8, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Sunday, Mar 08, 2020
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Cherish the vision

Dreams are fragile things. They arrive in the darkness and are dispersed with the dawn unless we commit them to memory. As Jesus is transfigured, his disciples catch a glimpse of God's dream for us: Where Love is honored and glorified. Consider the theme of today's International Women's Day, "An equal world is an enabled world." That is a dream come true.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25).* "His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light."

**Monday, Mar 09, 2020
MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME,
RELIGIOUS**

How to get what you need

As the classic Rolling Stones' song goes, "You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes you just might find you get what you need." Is that ever true—especially when it comes to the way God takes care of us. In the case of Frances of Rome, she wanted to be a nun, but she ended up married for 40 years. It wasn't until she was widowed that she finally was able to join an order. But in the long meantime, she is reported to have said, "I am ready to do what the Lord wants," and she did, by finding ways to serve the sick while also taking care of her family. By doing God's bidding instead of her own, she ended up with everything she needed and more. So could you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230).* "Good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap."

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

Godsent

Harriet Tubman, slave-turned-abolitionist, died on this day in 1913 in a home she founded for the elderly poor. Nicknamed "Moses" for leading slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad just like the Israelites were led out of captivity, she let faith be her guide. "She talked with God, and he talked with her every day of her life," wrote fellow abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison about Tubman. "She felt no more fear of being arrested by her former master" for she "ventured only where God sent her." Where is God sending you? Stay true to that course.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231).* "You have but one master, the Christ."

**Wednesday, Mar 11, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

Count yourself in

While numerology is largely dismissed as pseudoscience, there is no denying that certain numbers had special significance in biblical literature. The number 12 figures prominently. The 12 tribes of Israel descended from the 12 sons of the patriarch Jacob (later named Israel). New Jerusalem is imagined with 12 gates guarded by 12 angels. Jesus first spoke in the gospels at age 12. Is it coincidence that he selected 12 disciples at the outset of his ministry? The number 12 represented inclusion and completeness. So, when you read a gospel account of "the Twelve," remember that you are included in God's story and play a role in completing it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28.* "As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve disciples aside."

**Thursday, Mar 12, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

In spite of everything

After hiding from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic for two years, Anne Frank's family was discovered and sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where she and her sister died in 1945. Anne was just 15. Yet, the clear, insightful voice of a young Jewish girl has outlasted all the bombast of Hitler's empire. In the film *Jojo Rabbit*, a mother and child see bodies hanging in the square of their village, which has been overtaken by Nazis. When the little boy asks, "What did they do?" the mother replies, "They did what they could." Anne Frank also did what she could by writing in her diary while in captivity. What can you do to stem the tide of evil and anti-Semitism?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233).* "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

**Friday, Mar 13, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF
ABSTINENCE**

Look who is walking beside you

The Way of the Cross reminds us that we share this walk with many others who suffer and need solace. Consider these words by Pope Francis in reference to human trafficking: "Help us to share the sufferings of all those treated as refuse. It is all too easy to condemn people and difficult situations that offend our false

sense of decency. It is less easy to accept our responsibilities as individuals, as governments, and as Christian communities." Allow your Lenten practice to open your eyes to your complicity in sin and your capacity for compassion if you continue to follow the way of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234).* "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

**Saturday, Mar 14, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY**

No strings attached

Most of us are not quite as generous as we might think we are. How often do you give to those who do not so much as offer a thank-you or a smile in return? If you do it once, would you do it again? Are you generous with neighbors or relations who consistently ignore your wishes and feelings? Truth be told, most of us are good to those who are good to us. But Jesus welcomed everyone to join him at the table and freely offered them his healing, forgiveness, even friendship—no strings attached. Jesus encourages us to stretch in that direction.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.* "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain."

Next Sunday

**Sunday, Mar 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST
SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT**

Great expectations

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.* "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER
March 7-8 -- Second Sunday of Lent**

This week we move from temptation in the desert to transfiguration and glory. Early in our Lenten journey we are given a hint of the resurrection. But first we must recognize the truth of St. Paul – that all of us are called to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel. Perhaps the mountain we must climb with Christ is one of sharing our time or ourselves with others. Perhaps we are called to greater simplicity of life and generous sharing of our material possessions. Each of us is called to die to self to live for Christ. What death must we die to share in Christ's glory?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 7, VIGIL MASS

Healing Grace for, Charlene Postell and Rosalind Cunningham who are in ICU, and all our sick and shut in parishioners.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 8:00AM

In loving memory of Margaret "Maggie" Hendricks, request by Kim Boston

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00AM

Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to Johnnie and Dean Dorsey

For the repose of the Soul of Margaret "Maggie" Hendricks

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, NOON MASS

Couples in crisis pregnancy, find life-giving help, requested by The Mullens

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, NOON MASS

Repose of the soul of William M. Smith, requested by Barbara Scott

THURSDAY MARCH 12, NOON MASS

Happy Anniversary to Johnnie and Dean Dorsey

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, NOON MASS

For all deceased members of Holy Cross

IGBO MASS

The next IGBO will be Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 1:30PM. Please tell and invite all your friends.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH COLLECTION

This collection helps to pay things like repairs, intervention, and other needs of the parish. This collection happens every last Sunday of the Month. We would like you to convert much of your gift to St Vincent the Paul to the needs of the Parish as the parish funds St Vincent the Paul monthly. Thanks for your generosity.

2020 PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

DATE: November 4th, to 13th, 2020

Please see Jennifer Brooks 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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Josephine Dukes
Vanessa Downey-Little	Monica Godsey
Lester Johnson	Vonnye Rice-Gardner
Doris King	Marie Mason
Bernadette Phifer	Ella Pease
Betty Ridley	Mary Sobers
Mary Waters	Rosalind Cunningham
Charlene Postell	

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. This also applies to the FLC.** Together, we help form our littlest ones in wisdom

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

Tuesday

No Noon Mass at Holy Cross

Chris Mass at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday

Lord Supper 6:30 PM

Adoration 7:30 PM

Good Friday

Fish Fry 10:30am-1:30pm

Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM

Prayer at the Foot of the Cross 8:30 PM

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 9:00 PM

ANNUAL MINISTRY DAY

RECOLLECTION

Date: Saturday May 16th

Venue: FLC Hall

By: Fr Bruce Nieli

All ministry members of Holy Cross

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

"The next Courageous Conversations on Racism meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. We will view hour 3 of the PBS Video, **Reconstruction: America After the Civil War**, followed by a discussion of the transformative years after the Civil War. Please plan to attend."

DEBT RETIREMENT COLLECTION

This collection helps us pay our FLC loan with the diocese and other expenses. Our monthly target is \$4000. This collection is every Second Sunday of the month. Thanks for your generosity.

FROM ASHES TO EASTER

We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite and compassionate love. Through his Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Please pick up your Lent boxes. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2020

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

FRIDAY 6:30PM

Station of the Cross

Weekend Feb 22/23, 2020

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS	18	5:30 pm
SUNDAY	48	8:00 am
	279	10:00 am

Weekend FEB 22/23, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$7061.00
E-GIVING	1365.96
Children	61.00
SVDP	230.00
SVDP(E-GIVING)	130.00
World & Home Miss	65.00
ACTS	165.00
FISH FRY	4120.00
MSP	95.00
DR (E-GIVING)	1770.00
Gift Store	40.00

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 Ministry Events
 Meetings
 ETC

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