

APRIL 26, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday, Apr 26, 2020

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Three ways to foolishness—or faith

Some of us are quick to admit we don't need help in being foolish. We do this quite well on our own. Nonetheless, the story of the Emmaus travelers provides a checklist of choices that lead to boneheaded moves. First of all, they abandon hope too soon. Second, they separate from the community of faith. Third, they discount reports that Jesus is still being encountered. No wonder they didn't recognize Jesus when he was standing right next to them! Practice patience. Stay close. And seek the Lord while he may be found.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"*

Monday, Apr 27, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Saints for all seasons

Six years ago today, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II were both canonized. Commentators pointed out the apparent differences between these new saints: one known for his progressive outlook in convening Vatican II, one seen as upholding more traditional Catholic values. And yet their canonization was the perfect snapshot of what we believe the communion of saints to be— holy role models who are each unique unto themselves, demonstrating so many different ways to follow Christ. Ask John XXIII and John Paul II to pray for you today, requesting they guide your own distinct path to holiness. TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"Believe in the one he sent."*

Tuesday, Apr 28, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

Exercise your right of redemption

Saint Peter Chanel is revered for having lived a courageous life as a missionary and having died a martyr's death in 1841 on the Oceania island of Futuna. The later remorse and repentance of his murderer Musumusu is also noteworthy. Having clubbed Chanel to death in 1841 on instructions from the king to "do what was necessary" to stop Chanel's evangelization, he later repented and was baptized. He asked to be buried outside the church where Chanel's remains were kept, so that the faithful would walk over his grave on their way to revere Chanel. Even your greatest errors in life can be redemptive.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). *"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

Wednesday, Apr 29, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Speak up!

Preaching is a sacred art, whether at a podium or in everyday life. "to communicate the awe of the word," says Jonathan Edwards, one of the best-known Puritan preachers. A skilled preacher prays with scripture, studies, and reflects on the circumstances of the local and global community to inspire and challenge listeners. Each of us has the capacity to preach the Good News. Catherine of Siena, one of the great saints and a member of the Order of Preachers, advised us: "Preach the truth as if you had a million voices. It is silence that kills the world."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word."*

Thursday, Apr 30, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PIUS V, POPE

Set the bar high

Picture horse racing in St. Peter's Square. Hard to imagine how that worked, but it does give us an indication of the state of the papacy when reformer Pius V took charge in 1566. Though his stern demeanor and reforms did not endear him to comfortable Vatican insiders, he practiced what he preached, living and dressing simply and often walking barefoot. During a famine he used church resources to purchase corn from abroad and distribute it widely to the poor. He also spent heavily to improve the water supply and sewers of Rome. We live in a time of equal crisis and need. How can you respond creatively to help those struggling most? TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

Friday, May 01, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Food for the soul's journey

What food does to the body is what the Eucharist does to the soul. It gives us energy, strength, defense against disease. It's intimate, partaken in relationship, in family, in community. It's a gift, shared in love. If you are what you eat, as the old saying goes, then it transforms us, makes us more like Christ. Finally, we take it with us, out of the church doors. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "We cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277); or Genesis 1:26 —2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559).

"Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you."

Saturday, May 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be an ideal person

It can feel lonely to fight for an ideal, including some of the ideals that the church has spoken up for in recent years: immigrant rights, racial justice, dignity of life from womb to tomb. Today is a good day to find inspiration and support in a soulmate: Saint Athanasius, who spent much of his energy as a bishop in the fourth century defending our core belief in the divinity of Christ as the Word made flesh. Hold fast to your ideals and continue to bring them to life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

Next Sunday

May 03, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Follow the leader

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). *"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

April 25-26, Third Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. How do we recognize the Lord in our midst? In his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis reminds us that one important way to see the Lord in our midst is through personal encounters with the poor (199). As important as it is to share our resources, it is in sharing ourselves, our time and our presence with the poor that we can have the experience which the disciples had – that we know the Lord in the breaking of the bread.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

For the repose of the souls of deceased family members of Holy Cross requested by The Mullens

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29,

THURSDAY APRIL 30,

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Pastoral Council Meeting (Will now be conference Call)
Acts Bingo
CCD Classes
Any ministry Meeting exceeding 10 people

able to. Thank you for your faith and commitment.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)

Workshop Notice

If you are currently signed up to attend an EIM Workshop between now and May 1st. Please note that all EIM Workshops in the Austin Diocese scheduled between now and May 1st are postponed.

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.

Parishioner Deborah Griffis request:

Hello Faith Community, We hope everyone is safe and doing well! As a valuable member of our family and communal village, Averill and I would like to invite you to be a part of an exciting educational sponsorship opportunity. Please accept the associated letter and accompanying information for specific details. And know that your contribution can make a change. We will be contacting you with a follow-up call in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if you have questions, feel free to call at 512-300-6466. We appreciate your consideration. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks again, Deborah Griffis

HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR PARISH DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME

Remember, the Church depends on your weekly donation for paying bills, and maintaining of the Church facilities. Even though Masses and other events are cancelled, the Church is still operating. Your weekly offering and donations are direly needed. If you are not online giver, you can still do so by going to www.holycrossaustin.org and give your donation. You also can mail it if you are

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekend April 18/19, 2020

ATTENDANCE

VIGIL MASS 5:30 pm
SUNDAY 8:00 am
10:00 am -8

Weekends April 4/5-11/12, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$7675.00
E-GIVING	\$6534.27
SVDP	\$530.00
SVDP(E-GIVING)	\$300.00
MSP	\$55.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	\$87.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	\$175.00
DR (E-GIVING)	\$1369.00
Gift Store	\$30.00
Easter Lilies	\$20.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	\$5.00
Down Home Ranch Refund	\$769.80
Men's ACTS	\$450.00

MONTHLY IGBO MASS

Cancelled until further notice

CANCELLED ANNUAL MINISTRY DAY RECOLLECTION

Till further notice

RESPONSE TO CORONA VIRUS

Sunday Mass will be streamed on line. Please go to Holy Cross facebook for live Sunday Mass streaming and check our church website for posting.

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED EVENTS

HAVE CANCELLED

Public Mass on Sundays and Weekdays
Week Day Noon Masses
Men's ACTS Retreat
Good Friday Fish Fry
Stations of the Cross
Bible Study

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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