

MAY 3, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday, May 03, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Follow the leader

When we were kids, playing “follow the leader” was easy. One child was designated as the pattern to imitate, and we just did whatever they did. In these days of crisis, it can seem harder to tell who the designated leader is. Is it the president or the pope, the pastor or the medical expert? Do we do what our parents advised, or listen to the recommendations of trusted friends?

What do we do when media experts disagree? If we call ourselves Christians, then Christ is the ultimate authority for our values and criteria. Make a verse of scripture your daily companion.

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.”*

Monday, May 04, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Stand your ground

“The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger,” said Father Stanley Rother, and he didn't, which made him a martyr in 1981 in civil war-torn Guatemala. Even though he knew his name was on a death list, this priest from Oklahoma stayed with the people he had been serving since 1968, during which time he built a farmer's co-op, a school, a hospital, and a radio station. He was beatified in 2017. Learn more about this inspiration for faith in the book *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279). *“A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

Tuesday, May 05, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Keep things in context

Catholics celebrate 50 days of Easter with a special emphasis on the Gospel of John. But with the Gospel of John comes a particular concern. At Mass, we hear—amid the evangelist's poetic prose—some jarring references to “the Jews.” Historically, such language sadly led to a legacy of hate and harm. With anti-Semitism making headlines again, look to the short Vatican II document called *Nostra aetate*. It honors the Jewish people as our faithful forebears, tapping a truth right out of John 10: Jesus was an observant. Honor our religious ancestors by learning more about them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *“Jesus walked about in the temple area.”*

Wednesday, May 06, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Follow the Light

“This Little Light of Mine” has been young Christians' joyful favorite for nearly a century. It has also been an anthem for civil and human rights movements. For people of faith, we who believe that Jesus has come into the world as light, the song serves as a directive to allow God's light to shine through the example of our lives. Reflect today on the example you have set during difficult times. Have you given into darkness and despair or served as a beacon of hope and support for those around you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *“I have come into the world as light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark.”*

Thursday, May 07, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

A masquerade to take seriously

In today's gospel Jesus says, “Whoever receives the one I send, receives me.” It is in keeping with our tradition to see the poor, the migrant, the refugee as sent by God to stretch our hearts and open us to the Good News. Mother Teresa often referred to seeing Jesus “in the distressing disguise of the poor.” Indeed, how distressing it is to see the suffering being endured by those with the least. Take a step today to “receive” Jesus in the disguise of the poor.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”*

Friday, May 08, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Youthful mystic

Imagine growing up with a saint in your hometown! New Jersey native Teresa Demjanovich, honored today, was like many young people with responsibility for caring for aging parents while also getting an education and a job. She then became a religious sister but died just two years later at age 26. Known as a prayerful, holy woman, Teresa was deeply spiritual and considered a mystic. “Our heart is the compass that magnetically follows the north star of desire,” Teresa wrote. “To locate my treasure I have but to unearth the lodging of my desires.” As you pray this day, consider how God is leading you through your heart and desires.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). *“Do not let your hearts be*

troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

Saturday, May 09, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Light a fuse!

Peter Maurin, who founded the Catholic Worker movement with Dorothy Day, was born on this day in 1877. He longed for a world where it would be easier for people to be good to each other. While he was the visionary, Day translated his ideals of justice into practical actions: a newspaper, houses of hospitality, and farms. He found “dynamite” in the gospels, which could solve the problems of society if someone would “blow the lid off.” Day lit the fuse, and their flame continues today in Catholic Worker houses.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). *“The one who believes in me . . . will do greater works than these.”*

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Equal actions of the spiritually mature

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52). *“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.”*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

May 2-3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Sunday, our Risen Lord is recognized as the good shepherd who protects us and cares for us. Being the recipients of God's care, we need to realize that Peter's words to the people of Jerusalem are addressed to us as well – we too must reform and embrace a new way of living if we wish to be a part of Christ's fold. That new way of life is to bring God's care and mercy to the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten and abandoned through our relationships with them.

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MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020
In Memory of Damien Raney's first birthday in Heaven, requested by the Raney family

For the repose of the soul of Darro Blankenship on 2nd yr anniversary of his passing requested by Leah Blankenship

TUESDAY, MAY 5

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

THURSDAY MAY 7

FRIDAY, MAY 8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekend April 25/26, 2020

ATTENDANCE

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

Weekends April 18/19-25/26, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$5251.00
E-GIVING	\$4675.12
SVDP(E-GIVING)	\$60.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	\$77.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	\$335.00
DR (E-GIVING)	\$312.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	\$740.00
Funeral Stipend	\$200.00
Seminarian Priest Edu&For	\$25.00

MONTHLY IGBO MASS

Cancelled until further notice

TENTATIVE ANNUAL MINISTRY DAY RECOLLECTION

Date: Saturday May 16th
Venue: FLC Hall
By: Fr Bruce Nieli
All ministry members of Holy Cross

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
Pastoral Council Meeting (Will now be conference Call)
Acts Bingo
CCD Classes
Any ministry Meeting exceeding 10 people
THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WILL GO ON
RCIA Class for the 3 candidates preparing for the Sacraments
Any meeting not exceeding 10 people.

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.

TENTATIVE ACTIVITES PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BY BISHOP

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. However the EIM Office has created a [Temporary Online EIM Training](#) to fulfill the compliance requirement for those who already have an EIM account and are due or past due to attend an EIM Workshop.

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 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
Vonnys Rice-Gardner	Doris King
Marie Mason	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Charlene Postell	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	Mercedes LaCour Comacho

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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