

**JUNE 28, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Jun 28, 2020  
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**Welcome, prophet**

Younger generations are quick to tell older ones how wrong they are about everything. But wise elders don't dismiss challenges to their perspective lightly—especially when they have some truth to them. A prophetic word may at times come more naturally to the young: free of the accretions of habit and with no comfortable niche to defend (yet). Take time today to talk across the age gap. Hear the words to another generation's songs, consider their protests, withhold instant judgment. Having a conversation partner, as we've learned from the time of isolation, is worth the investment.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42 (97). "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

**Monday, Jun 29, 2020  
SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**A matching set for all eternity**

Saints Peter and Paul are together the patrons of Rome, where both were martyred around the same time. The two men had their differences, but they were central in establishing the Christian faith, which eventually won over the Roman Empire despite fierce opposition from officials. Saint Augustine wrote: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." Amen.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**Tuesday, Jun 30, 2020  
MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME**

**Holiness involves dying a little each day**

Tertullian, one of the first Christian theologians, wrote: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The church's first martyrs are commemorated a day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul—who tradition says were also victims of Nero's slaughter, beginning in 64. And martyrs aren't meant to be just a memory but also a model. Look no further than first

responders and essential workers to see modern examples of those following the model of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Offer a sign of gratitude for their service.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"

**Wednesday, Jul 01, 2020  
MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST**

**Live and learn**

Missionaries in the age of the Iberian conquest of the Americas played a complex role, as protectors of the Indians but also projectors of the empire's power. Junípero Serra shares that mixed legacy—a mission priest who brought the saving power of Jesus but also was part of a colonization project that brought harsh treatment and epidemics. We know a little more about indigenous rights today—and about epidemics too, for that matter. Keep the faith, but mix it with a healthy dose of respect for different traditions.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34 (379). "Seek good and not evil, that you may live."

**Thursday, Jul 02, 2020  
The healing power of compassion**

Jesus healed in ways we consider miraculous, not because he had anything to prove about his power, but because his compassion urged him to alleviate suffering in whatever ways he could. His teaching and his healing went hand in hand: Both were focused on bringing us to wholeness. When he calls the paralytic man his son or child, it displays a mark of the tenderness he feels for all of us. Jesus draws us close in a healing embrace. Accept his healing today.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8. "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."

**Friday, Jul 03, 2020  
FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE**

**Beyond all doubt**

Thomas may have started out doubting, but once he saw and touched the truth, his faith took him very far indeed. It is said he traveled to the southwest coast of India in the year 52 and spent the last 20 years of his life there planting Christianity. To this day, "Saint Thomas Christians" in India trace their origins back to the apostle. In fact, Thomas is so popular that India has issued a commemorative stamp in his honor! Doubt does not oppose faith, it makes faith possible.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29. "Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

**Saturday, Jul 04, 2020  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**'Tis of thee**

It's not all that well known that at its founding, the United States was not a terribly tolerant collection of colonies when it came to religion. Every colony but Pennsylvania had some form of anti-Catholic law at the time of Independence. Thankfully, customs, attitudes, and laws have evolved. But freedom can never be taken for granted, lest it be taken for good! Celebrate your freedom today—as an American and as a Catholic!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jul 05, 2020  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**God's here, in the flesh**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**June 27-28, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From June 22-29, the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, to Jordan Buhendwa, requested by his parents Willy and Hortense

Blessings for the Hebert Family Reunion. The reunion had to be canceled because of Covid-19.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 28, 2020**

**SUNDAY 10:00AM  
WEEK DAY MASSES 12:00 NOON**

**Weekends June 21, 2020**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$2804.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>430.00</b>
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>2658.81</b>
<b>SVDP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>223.50</b>
<b>MSP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>FLC/Debt Retirement</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>DR (E-GIVING)</b>	<b>612.00</b>
<b>Debt Retirement</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Peter Pence</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**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.

**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.

**WALK FOR LIFE**

The Texas Alliance for Life's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life was held Saturday morning, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 pro-life persons walked in four area parks, or in their neighborhoods, to collect over \$80,000 in pledges to support the work of 22 Pregnancy Resource Centers and the work of defending the lives of Texans from conception to natural death in our courts and legislature. The combined contribution of Holy Cross parishioners to the Walk for Life is \$1580; and, Father Basil walked for \$500.00 of that total. There are still a few more contributions to

be added that will bring the Holy Cross total to over \$1600. As a team of walkers, Holy Cross was 8<sup>th</sup> among the teams in the diocese. A huge thank you goes out to those who walked, and to those who made their pledges.

**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](http://www.holycrossaustin.org) and give your donation. You also can mail it if you are able to. Thank you for your faith and commitment.

**Congratulation on your 1st Communion:**

- Emeka Aniukwu Jr.
- Jordan Buhendwa
- Obialije Okafor
- Ngozichi Onyenaka
- Kevin Serushago

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpc
Vanessa Downey-Little	Bernie Little
Monica Godsey	Marlexa Phillips
Lester Johnson	Marion Welch
Vonnye Rice-Gardner	Doris King
Marie Mason	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Charlene Postell	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	Vernell Smith
Mercedes LaCour Comacho	

**2020 CONFIRMATION**

Date: Sunday July 12  
Time: 10am Mass  
Celebrant: Bishop Joe Vasquez

**Congratulations Holy Cross 2020**

High School Graduates on your achievements

- Isaiah Chukwu*
- Troy Foster*
- Angelo Lopez*
- Justice Mason*
- Kevin Parish*
- Anthony Onyia*
- Kosi Otutu*

**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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