

**JULY 12, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Sunday, Jul 12, 2020  
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**Tell me what you see**

Most stories aren't very mysterious. Even so-called mysteries have predictable plots that we anticipate before they unfold. We know, for example, that the fellow wandering into the cemetery at dusk is going to meet a bad end, and the storyteller knows that we know. It's all part of the fun. When reading Bible parables, the meaning is rarely mysterious. Seeds fall on different soil, reap different results. No surprise there. A parable's mystery isn't in not knowing, but in not seeing. What kind of soil are we? What seed has been planted in us, awaiting its harvest? **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23. "The disciples approached him and said, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'"*

**Monday, Jul 13, 2020  
Looking for prophets in our midst**

Many of us lately have learned what it's like to be held back by illness, as the coronavirus brought about grinding halts to life as we knew it. Blessed Charlie Rodríguez Santiago, a candidate to be the first Puerto Rican saint, was prevented from getting an education because of severe chronic illness. He died on this day in 1963 at the age of 44—and left behind a legacy of liturgical renewal in the church. He advocated for use of vernacular languages and increased lay participation—which came to be shortly after his death with Vatican II reforms. How can you too be a prophet for hope and change in our own disease-challenged days? **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1. "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."*

**Tuesday, Jul 14, 2020  
MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN**

**Indigenous help to heal the world**  
Kateri Tekakwitha—born Mohawk and Algonquin in 1656, canonized in 2012—is a fitting intercessor for coronavirus, though she is actually patron saint of ecology. Losing her family to the same smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind, Kateri knew firsthand the suffering wrought by disease. Perhaps her empathy helps account for so many miraculous healings attributed to her to this day. But Kateri's love of the earth may also inspire our continued care of the environment,

which has seen healing of its own during human quarantine. Kateri, pray for us on all fronts!  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24. "Will you be exalted to heaven?"*

**Wednesday, Jul 15, 2020  
MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
Love finds the common ground**

Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) was born Giovanni di Fidanza to a noble Italian family and joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22. By then, Francis had been dead for 17 years, and conflict had arisen among his followers as they tried to imitate the poverty Francis embraced. Bonaventure, who brought gifts of intellect and organization, emerged as a leader and teacher who helped the order resolve differences and renew its purpose. He encouraged a Franciscan detachment from wealth and practiced it himself, but not at the expense of generous love. Bring a spirit of love to the conflicts you face today.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). "What you have hidden from the learned and clever, you have revealed to the merest children."*

**Thursday, Jul 16, 2020  
Easy does it**

Today's readings promise both a smooth path (the first reading) and a light yoke (the gospel). But Christianity does not promise comfort and ease. Rather, our faith is founded on the idea that Christ conquered death *through* suffering. One of our primary symbols is the crucifix, an ongoing reminder that Christ offers victory over suffering and death but first experienced them. Ultimately, our rough paths and burdens do find rest in Christ. If you are tempted today to give in to ridicule, anger, despair, or a sin that weighs you down, try to "put on the yoke of Christ," and see if your mood lightens.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."*

**Friday, Jul 17, 2020  
Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel**

The Greek words *Kyrie eleison* are some of the most ancient—and powerful—words of the Christian liturgy: "Lord, have mercy." Typically we find these words in the penitential rite where the church asks God's mercy and forgiveness. But these words are not just for penance; they are words of life and encouragement to the weary soul. It's as if we are saying, "Look kindly upon me." This call for mercy is not

just directed toward God; it is also part of the fabric of our relationships with our selves and the world. We can look kindly upon ourselves, instead of berating ourselves for what we didn't get done. We can look kindly upon those around us filled with fear and hatred. We can look kindly upon the fragile earth and God's good creation. How is mercy calling you?  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). "If you knew what this meant, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned these innocent men."*

**SATURDAY, JUL 18, 2020  
A TIRELESS VOICE FOR JUSTICE**

During the era of European conquest of the Americas, Native American people were typically regarded as savages who must be "conquered" and coerced into conversion or pushed aside. Bartolomé de Las Casas is remembered today as one of the few voices opposing the dominant ideology of religious and secular leaders alike. Appalled by colonial cruelties in the Caribbean in the 1500s, he doggedly advocated for the rights of indigenous people for some 50 years, urging an end to the cruelties and coerced conversions. Remember de Las Casas and make justice a central part of your own witness.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). "They oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance."*

**Next Sunday  
Sunday, Jul 19, 2020  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**With friends like this . . . we're blessed!**  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 (106). "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed . . . until the whole batch was leavened."*

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**July 11-12 -- 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
This Sunday we hear the familiar story of the sower and the seed. In the end this parable is about abundance, God makes the seed bear fruit many times over. Mother Teresa once said, "If you cannot feed 100 people, feed just one." If we are fruitful recipients of the Word of God, how much will God multiply that good in the world? How does God's word move us to share abundantly through a simple gesture of offering a package of crackers to the homeless or bringing food to a local pantry?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020**

Birthday Blessings for Peter E. Brown, requested by his sister Lena Brown Owens.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Michelle Onvoha, who is leaving for Medical School, requested by her parents Gilbert & Martha Onvoha

God's Blessings on Rosemary Agwuncha as she goes off to Medical School, requested by her family.

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, NOON MASS**

For those who have no one to pray for them, requested by the Mullen's

**FRIDAY, JULY 17, NOON MASS**

For the repose of the soul of Hiram Nichols, requested by Barbara Scott

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>JULY 12, 2020</u></b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>WEEK DAY MASSES</b>	<b>12:00 NOON</b>
<b><u>WEEKENDS JULY 05, 2020</u></b>	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$4619.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>3011.34</b>
<b>SVDP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>141.50</b>
<b>MSP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>FLC/Debt Retirement</b>	<b>152.00</b>
<b>DR (E-GIVING)</b>	<b>927.00</b>
<b>Debt Retirement</b>	<b>425.00</b>
<b>Needs of Parish</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)</b>	<b>5035.00</b>
<b>GIFT STORE</b>	<b>7.00</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.

**DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED EVENTS HAVE CANCELLED**

Men's ACTS Retreat  
Bible Study  
Pastoral Council Meeting (Will now be conference Call)  
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.



**Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

*WILSON Buhendwa  
Saint Lily of the Mohawk  
Rubyn carter  
Saint Mother Theodor Guerin  
Patrice emagueu  
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini  
Emeka Nwachukwu  
Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity  
Megan onuoha  
Saint Camillus de Lellis*

**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.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
Vanessa Downey-Little	Bernie Little
Monica Godsey	Marlexa Phillips
Lester Johnson	Marion Welch
Vonnys 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	

*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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