

**AUGUST 23, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTIETH FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

SUNDAY, AUG 23, 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT IS TO BE HEALED MUST FIRST BE ACKNOWLEDGED

Today, on the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition, we seek forgiveness for what's been called the "original sin" of our nation: seeing people of color as exploitable resources. Generations of slaveholders were unrepentant about horrific acts they deemed to be entirely moral. The sin of racism that made such attitudes possible has been condemned heartily by the church in more recent generations—though some church leaders in generations past were late coming to that perspective as slaveholders themselves. If racism is to be overcome, we each have confessions to make, repentance to do, and voices to raise.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121). "The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar."*

MONDAY, AUG 24, 2020 FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE TAKE YOUR PLACE

Bartholomew gets only a mere mention as one of the 12 apostles in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and is believed to have been the one called Nathanael in the Gospel of John. But what does a name matter, when Jesus knows you, and knows your character, before you even meet? The "greater things" to come that Jesus promised Bartholomew didn't include the glory of a leading role in salvation history, since little else is known about him, but did include being a firsthand witness to God's glory. There's a front-row seat waiting for you, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 45-51 (629). "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him."*

Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020 MEMORIAL OF LOUIS A royal example of God's kingdom No wonder Saint Louis is the patron saint of the Franciscan Secular Order. He used his position in the world—as King Louis the IX of France—to help build the kingdom of God. Like Francis of Assisi, Louis fed lepers and beggars, usually waiting on them himself. He built hospitals and orphanages to take care of his people. He was committed to being a just ruler: "upholding the cause of the poor." Pray such a priority might overshadow partisan politics among policy makers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). "Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."*

WEDNESDAY, AUG 26, 2020 KEEP IT REAL

Hypocrisy is the "practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform." Jesus made it clear that he had no patience with such duplicity, as he called out those who spent more time criticizing the religious practices of others rather than living his law of love. Examine your attitudes and words today to see how often critical judgment of others is your prevailing state of mind. The list of small critiques, like little pinpricks, can easily deflate a joyful spirit. Ask for the grace to be centered in Divine love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). "Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, you hypocrites."*

THURSDAY, AUG 27, 2020 MEMORIAL OF MONICA STICK-TO-ITIVENESS PAYS OFF

Saint Monica, one of a relatively small number of African saints, is typically described as Saint Augustine's long-suffering mother, who prayed, cajoled, and urged him to abandon his wayward life and embrace Christianity, which he eventually did. Her own intellectual and leadership abilities are unrecorded except as they influenced her family members, but her story of persistence and strength continues to inspire. Many in the church uphold her as a model of enduring faith. If you feel like quitting when faced by a difficult problem or problematic family member, pray to Saint Monica for wisdom and perseverance.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!'"*

Friday, Aug 28, 2020 MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A SIN FOR THE AGES

In his theological work *The City of God*, Saint Augustine (354- 430) proposed that slavery, an accepted practice of his day, was sinful and did more harm to the slaveholder than the enslaved person. Although Augustine's sentiment may have seemed enlightened for its time, slavery, particularly among poor people and people of color, continues to this day in various forms around the world. We can see the evil that racism perpetuates. All of

humanity is straining under the weight of this sin. It is time for each of us to "open wide our hearts," as the U.S. bishops advised in their 2018 pastoral letter on racism. We do well to have a first (or fresh) look at it today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

SATURDAY, AUG 29, 2020 MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

BRAVELY LEAD THE WAY

Speaking up—when staying silent would have been easy—cost John the Baptist his earthly life, though it gained him a special place in the heavenly pantheon. He stands as a unique witness to the coming of the Lord, and along with Jesus and Mary, is the only individual honored with multiple feasts in the liturgical calendar. You may not always risk death to speak out against injustice, but it does take courage and a sense of duty to something greater than yourself. Let John the Baptist be the inspiration you need to be a prophetic voice.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (430); Mark 6:17-29 (634). "When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."*

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, AUG 30, 2020 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TAKE THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO GLORY

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21- 27. "You are thinking not as God does, but as humans do."*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 22-23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus entrusted the keys of the Kingdom to Peter, who represents the whole Church – all of us. What are those keys? In Matthew's Gospel they are the Beatitudes. This means that all of us and each of us are called to be poor in spirit and meek, we are to hunger and thirst for righteousness; we are to show mercy and be peacemakers, we will mourn, and we will experience persecution. We are called to love as God loves – without counting the cost and without exception. How will you witness to God's love this week? To whom are you called to show love?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUG 16, 2020

Happy 92nd Birthday in Heaven to, Mr. Wilton LeBlance, Father of Peggy Fernandes, requested by Ed and Peggy Fernandes.

In loving memory of Jimmy L. Brown and Mary Lena Richard Brown the parents of Lena Brown Owens. And Gods Blessings and protection for Peter E. Brown, Max Force and Olevia Owens, requested by Lena Brown Owen.

In loving memory of Fred Carrasquillo, requested by his family.

For the repose of the soul of Delphine Parker, requested by Barbara Scott.

Happy 68th Wedding Anniversary to, Dr. Exalton and Wilhermina Delco.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 23, 2020

SUNDAY 10:00AM
WEEK DAY MASSES
TUESDAY – FRIDAY 12:00 NOON

WEEKENDS AUGUST 09, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$4056.00
SVDP	60.00
E-GIVING	1949.90
SVDP(E-GIVING)	29.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	29.00
MSP	55.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	275.00
DR (E-GIVING)	441.00
Needs of Parish	400.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	383.00
Assumption	60.00

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

- Bible Study
- Pastoral Council Meeting (Will now be Zoom)
- CCD Classes
- Any ministry Meeting exceeding 10 people

**Rosalind Faye
Cunningham**

**JUNE 8, 1946 – APRIL
10, 2020**



Rosalind made her transition to heaven on Friday April 10, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She attended Blessed Sacrament High School where she graduated salutatorian of her class in 1964. She then attended Lamar University and graduated in 1968.

After graduation, she moved to Seattle, Washington where she worked at Saint Catherine’s School as a junior high teacher. Next, she worked as an employment representative and then as a counselor at the University of Washington. Rosalind attended graduate school while working at the University, on a part time basis, and graduated in 1972 with a master’s degree in Counseling and Guidance. Upon graduation, she worked at Bellevue Community College as the Director of Special Populations Services for seven years.

Rosalind and her daughters, Nicole and Erin, moved to Austin in 1979, where she enrolled in the Community College Leadership doctoral program at the University of Texas at Austin. She completed all coursework toward the doctorate before deciding that Counseling, not Administration, was her true passion. She was hired as a counselor at Austin Community College (ACC) in 1981 and retired in 2001 after two battles with cancer. After a five-year absence, she returned to ACC in 2006 where she worked until January 2020.

"ROZ" touched the lives of her family, friends, students, colleagues, and all those she encountered. Her great JOY was working with people and watching them achieve their life goals. Her joyful attitude, sense of humor, and caring spirit filled every aspect of her life. A note found amongst her things exemplified perfectly who she was – "Thank you for being a blessing in my life. Not only do you share wisdom, but your actions and the upright and joyful way you live is the greatest example of all."

A Celebration of Life honoring "ROZ" will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1610 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702 with Very Rev. Father Basil Aguzie, MSP officiating.

Due to Covid19 restrictions, we were only allotted 72 people to be in attendance. However, it will be lived streamed from Holy Cross Facebook web site.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Rosalind F. Cunningham to The Rosalind F. Cunningham Endowed Scholarship Fund at Austin Community College.

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"ROZ" loved God above all else, and she was a faithful member of Holy Cross Catholic Church for 41 years where she served in various ministries. In 1987, she married William J. Punch Sr. and together, they served as the Youth Group Directors for seven years, where they established the first Holy Cross Church Scholarship Fund for youth group members. During her 41 years of membership, she served on the Parish Council, Finance Council, co-chair of the Family Life Ministry, Chair of the Bazaar Auction, Director of Lector training, and as a lector until 2020.

MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY:

We will truly miss you and always cherish you in our hearts. You will always be our Guardian Angel and Protector. We will continue your Legacy of Love, Kindness, Gratitude, Service, and JOY! We are eternally grateful to God for sending us his PRECIOUS ANGEL to be the LOVE, LIGHT, and JOY of our Lives.

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.

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	Jude Ekpc
Vanessa Downey-Little	Bernie Little
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Marion Welch	Sam King, Jr.
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

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YOUR WILL
Call the Church Office 512 472 3741**

**MASS STREAMING IN THE
FLC**

If you are not comfortable attending Mass in the Main Church, we now offer you the opportunity to join in the FLC.

In the FLC, you have more space to observe social distancing. So join us! Remember to follow the required protocols: Temperature check, Hand sanitizer, face covering, and 6 feet distancing.

Families can sit together.

During Holy Communion, a Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to those in FLC.

Please, ensure to arrive before 9:55 as the gate will close at 10am.

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