

OCTOBER 11, 2020 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY,  
AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND  
GROW, A DAY AT A TIME.”**

**SUNDAY, OCT 11, 2020 TWENTY-  
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SEEK WISDOM’S LIGHT**

If we learned nothing else this year, it’s that circumstances change. Societies come together and shatter apart. Wellness comes and goes. Markets rise and fall. War and peace exchange places. We climb up and down the ladder of success. If we’re wise, we learn what Saint Paul observed: Spiritual flexibility beats insisting and resisting. Today the Rosary’s Luminous Mysteries guide us to wisdom: Partner with the Holy Spirit, trust grace to supply what’s needed, seek the Kingdom’s paradox, recognize Jesus in the faces of the poor, and know that God is present at every table.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142).* “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance.”

**MONDAY, OCT 12, 2020 THE PAST  
CALLS US TO A MORE JUST FUTURE  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’**

Day is celebrated in many communities to honor Native Americans and their histories and cultures. Today is also a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many want the former to replace the latter, while others are dismayed by the growing trend. We can acknowledge the complicity of colonial church leaders in the exploitation and abuse of native peoples (though there were notable exceptions like Bartolomé de las Casas). At the same time, we can work to right those wrongs in the present and forge a more just future together, building the reign of God here and now.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467).* “Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.”

**TUESDAY, OCT 13, 2020 PONDER THE  
MYSTERY**

For centuries the Catholic Church has honored Mary in both May and October. So perhaps it wasn’t surprising that Our Lady of Fatima reportedly began to appear once a month to three children in Portugal in 1917—beginning on May 13 and ending on this day, October 13. On the last day, with more than 70,000 people gathered in anticipation, many reported seeing an unusual heavenly phenomenon that has been called the “dance of the sun.” Ponder today what Pope John Paul II identified as Fatima’s significance: “conversion and

repentance, the nucleus of the message of the gospel.”

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468).* “Through the Spirit, by faith, we await the hope of righteousness.”

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 14, 2020  
MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE,  
MARTYR**

Differences of opinion are nothing new Callistus I was elected pope by the clergy and laity of Rome in 217. The election results did not sit well with that election’s runner-up, Hippolytus. The two men disagreed on church doctrine and Hippolytus accused Callistus of leniency in enforcing church rules. Callistus’ tolerance imitated Jesus’ compassion but Hippolytus did not see it that way. He became the first anti-pope in church history, a schism that lasted 18 years. Eventually, Hippolytus reconciled with the church but not before Callistus I was martyred in a local Roman disturbance in 222. This piece of history is a reminder that differences will occur among church leaders, but the promised Holy Spirit remains with us. Pray for peaceful resolution of differences, in church and in society.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469).* “If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

**THURSDAY, OCT 15, 2020 MEMORIAL  
OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN,  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH SEEK  
SOME MYSTIC REFORM**

Today we honor one of the great women of the church, Saint Teresa of Ávila, also known as Teresa of Jesus. Teresa’s life seemed rather routine on the surface—she was a cloistered nun in the 1500s. But as her mystical encounters with Jesus emerged, along with her desire for a simpler, less “worldly” way of being, she began to write about the spiritual life and advocated for reform of her religious order, against strong opposition. Declared a doctor of the church in 1970, Teresa’s reforms and enduring spiritual insights still carry weight. What reform, small or large, can you work toward today that can help bring about peace and spiritual growth for yourself and others?

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470).* “Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge.”

**FRIDAY, OCT 16, 2020 MEMORIAL OF  
MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE,  
VIRGIN PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT**

From stained glass windows to tattoos, the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been an enduring, powerful symbol to many people from all walks of life. In the 17th century,

particular attention to the heart of Jesus began to be promoted. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, had a special tenderness for Jesus’ Sacred Heart and often shared her prayers and visions of it. In the heart of Jesus—imaged as pierced with thorns, flames, and a cross atop—she experienced the burning love of Christ for all people and the trust that Jesus held all of our joys and sufferings in his heart. With Margaret Mary, what joys and sufferings might we entrust to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).* “In Christ we were . . . chosen.”

**SATURDAY, OCT 17, 2020 MEMORIAL  
OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP,  
MARTYR JOURNEY WITH COURAGE**

Map the distance between Antioch, Syria, and Rome: 3,716 kilometers, 39 hours by car—without traffic. Now imagine traveling that distance in chains around the year 107, with hungry lions awaiting your arrival. Even with all that, Ignatius of Antioch, approaching a brutal martyrdom, writes from the road to the Ephesians: “I do not issue orders to you, as if I were some great person. For though I am bound for His name, I am not yet perfect in Jesus Christ.” His focus is on the privilege of dying for God’s glory: “Being blessed in the greatness and fullness of God,” he sends readers “abundant happiness through Jesus Christ, and His undefiled joy.” Call on Ignatius when you face the really frightful realities life confronts us with at times.

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472).* “I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints.”

**Next Sunday  
SUNDAY, OCT 18, 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME SHARE THE SUFFERING, EASE THE  
BURDEN.**

**TODAY’S READINGS:** *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145).* “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and the Spirit and with much conviction.”

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Oct. 10-11 -- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In today’s Gospel we see that God continues to invite, but that the first on the list did not accept the invitation. The second tier invitees did come, but we see in the parable that it is possible to be asked to leave if we are not ready to accept all that God has to offer, both the banquet and the wedding garment. When we accept being in a relationship with God we are called to embrace whole new ways of being and thinking which are determined by God’s will, not ours. Some invited by God might not be on our list, who is it that God is calling us to accept that might be difficult right now?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020**

Happy Birthday, to Jimmy Brown, Jr., requested by his sister Lena Brown-Owens

Happy Birthday in Heaven to Mrs. Ella Collins, requested by Ron, Carolyn, Michael and Kiya Collins.

The abolishment of recent laws allowing late and full-term abortions in certain states, requested by the Mullens

Two years anniversary for Mary Johnson requested by Lester Johnson.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>OCTOBER 11, 2020</u></b>	
SUNDAY	10:00AM
WEEK DAY MASSES	
TUESDAY – FRIDAY	12:00 NOON
<b><u>OCTOBER 4, 2020</u></b>	

OFFERTORY	\$4696.00
SVDP	35.00
E-GIVING	2100.73
SVDP(E-GIVING)	16.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	11.00
MSP	54.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	707.00
DR (E-GIVING)	1102.00
Needs of Parish	275.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	46.00
CCD	140.00
Candles	163.00
South American Mission	15.00
A/C repair	100.00

**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](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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Please register your child/children if they are going to participate in Holy Cross CCD/ Sacramental/RCIA classes and High School Youth Ministry. Fee is \$35 for one child, \$70 for a family, please mail to the church office or drop in the mail slot. Please contact Jennifer Brooks, DRE for further information.

Classes are Zoom on Sunday's, at 12noon. Zoom details have been sent via email (please make sure your email is current in the church office).

**8am Mass Reopening.**

We are reopening the Sunday 8am Mass next week, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

You are encouraged to attend All COVID 19 protocols shall be fully observed.

Please wear your mask from the moment before of screening until you leave the Church at the end of Mass. Temperature will be taken. You will not be allowed to go into the Church if your temperature is higher than required. Also you will be offered hand sanitizer. While in the Church, observe social distancing. Families can sit together while observing the social distancing.

Please if you are sick, stay at home. Respect and cooperate with the ushers throughout your time in the Church. God Bless you.

**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	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Charlene Postell	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	

**CONSIDER HOLY CROSS IN YOUR WILL**  
Call the Church Office 512 472 3741

**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  
5124723741

