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**JANUARY 17, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**SUNDAY, JAN 17, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LIFESTYLES OF THE BRAVE AND MOBILE**

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come—and see."

**TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65). "Rabbi . . . where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see."

**MONDAY, JAN 18, 2021 ABIDE YOUR TIME THIS WEEK**

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the World Council of Churches at Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

**TUESDAY, JAN 19, 2021 PRAY THE POPE'S PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation." One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*, stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons "of good will," not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "Hold fast to the hope that lies before us."

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 20, 2021 MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR BE OPEN TO THE SPIRIT OF SURPRISE**

In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected.

Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit!

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "Come up here before us."

**THURSDAY, JAN 21, 2021 MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR DRAW INSPIRATION FROM WOMEN OF FAITH**

Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altigracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altigracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him."

**FRIDAY, JAN 22, 2021 EMBRACING YOUR INNER APOSTLE**

How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! "The whole church is

apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is 'sent out' into the whole world," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. How will you respond to your call to apostleship?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him."

**SATURDAY, JAN 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS**

Remarkable, two times over Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "Jesus came with his disciples into the house."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Jan 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD Celebrate, study, share**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68). "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER Jan. 16-17 -- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today John the Baptist points out Jesus as the "Lamb of God," the one who lived and accepted even death to save us from sin. Although we live in uncertain times, we are called to live in union with the One who ransomed us by his own death out of love for us. We will indeed face what he faced – suffering, fear and death – but like him we are promised a share in his risen life and glory. How can we share our hope this week? How can we break through fear and anxiety in our lives or the lives of those around us because of our faith in Jesus?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00AM**

Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to RH and Gloria Harris

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00AM**

Happy Birthday to Don Jones, requested by his family.

Blessings and Remembrance in Heaven to Dolores Helena Santee King, requested by the King Family

Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to RH & Gloria Harris

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY 2021**

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**8:00AM 10:00AM**

**No Noon Mass this week, Jan.19-22, 2021**

**JANUARY 03, 2021**

OFFERTORY	\$4087.00
SVDP	50.00
E-GIVING	8166.23
SVDP(E-GIVING)	176.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	11.00
Christmas Donations	1120.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	282.00
DR (E-GIVING)	298.00
Needs of Parish	50.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	1126.00
MSP	110.00
Gift Store	30.00

**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.



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER BASIL**

Father Basil sends Blessings and good well wishes to all Holy Cross parishioners. He did arrive safely and was in quanantine for several days, but all is well and he is now with his family. He wants all of us to know he is praying for us in his daily prayers

**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	Jim Castro
Pearl Cox	Brent Brown
Frances Brown	Naomi White

musicians on Saturday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are privileged to have composer, producer, and recording artist [W. Clifford Petty](#) who will help us to understand the culture, language, talents, and musicality within the Black apostolate.

**REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**

Register online by February 10 at [www.npmaustin.org](http://www.npmaustin.org)  
 \$20.00/person

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR PLENTY GOOD ROOM.** There are limited scholarships from the Diocesan Office of Black Ministry available. To apply for assistance with virtual registration fee, please complete the [application form](#). *This assistance will NOT be considered for persons outside the Diocese of Austin.* Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis until depleted. The financial aid request form will close on February 5, 2021, unless funding is depleted sooner.

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Austin Chapter, together with the Office of Worship and the Secretariat of Life, Charity, and Justice, is hosting *Plenty Good Room*, a special virtual event for pastoral

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**Contact the Church Office for details  
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