

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

SUNDAY, JAN 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD CELEBRATE, STUDY, SHARE

The timing seemed right. In September 2019, on the 1,600th anniversary of scripture scholar Saint Jerome's death, Pope Francis launched a new observance on the church calendar. Today's "Sunday of the Word of God" is deliberately placed within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All who follow Jesus are invited to unite around the happy gift of our sacred story contained in the Bible's pages. On this occasion, we celebrate, study, and spread these good words we never possess merely for ourselves. Enthroned the Bible in your home—and heart.

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."

MONDAY, JAN 25, 2021 FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE TURN THINGS AROUND

It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth—and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late, that you've never made too many mistakes, that you're never too far gone to keep turning yourself around.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519).* "Repent, and believe in the gospel."

TUESDAY, JAN 26, 2021 MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS SEEK GOOD COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY

We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key—or as beloved—as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave

them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith"—reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35 (520; Gospel 318).* "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

WEDNESDAY, JAN 27, 2021 NEVER FORGET

On this day in 2005, the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, the United Nations established International Holocaust Remembrance Day. With firm resolve to educate future generations about the horrors of the Holocaust, this annual event is a clarion call never to forget the Nazi atrocities that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews and millions more others. U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres warns that it would be a "dangerous error to think of the Holocaust as simply the result of the insanity of a group of criminal Nazis." It happened because of the "millennia of hatred, scapegoating, and discrimination targeting the Jews." Pray today for grace to choose love rather than hate, to choose inclusion rather than discrimination.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20 (319).* "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

THURSDAY, JAN 28, 2021 MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let your light shine How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320).* "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket . . . and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

Friday, Jan 29, 2021 Make an offer "Offer it up" is a phrase that seems baked into our Catholic tradition. Often it comes out at

times when we are at a loss from the complexities and pain of suffering, which can leave us hopeless, scared, and lonely. After months of social distancing, mourning deaths, job and school closures, and holidays spent alone, we are all in a kind of personal and corporate space of suffering. We are invited to truly offer, that is, to give ourselves into the care of others and into the loving embrace of Jesus the Christ who also has known suffering intimately. What do you need to offer up and how can you lovingly embrace others' offerings of themselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321).* "We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."

SATURDAY, JAN 30, 2021 ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS

Inheritance is a big deal in the Bible. Not so much legal inheritance, though that is mentioned, but theological inheritance, the gifts God bestows on the community of faith—the people of Israel—and later, in the New Testament, to the followers of Christ. We all share in that inheritance, that "holy ground" promised so long ago to Abraham and his descendants. How will you put your inheritance to use? Will you pass it on to others, or will it end with you? How you invest your time, talent, and treasure will determine the answer to that question.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322).* "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, JAN 31, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME STRENGTHEN THE PARTNERSHIP

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (71).* "What is this? A new teaching with authority"

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

Jan. 23-24 -- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear Jesus first proclaim the Good News that the kingdom of God is at hand. As he began this ministry, he called a community to accompany and assist him, but they needed to leave their old lives behind. As we grow in discipleship, what is it that we need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully? Are there attitudes or actions that are not in keeping with the kingdom values of Jesus that we need to abandon? The world and our culture cling to prejudices, racism, individualism, materialism and consumerism. Whose ways are we following, the ways of Jesus or the ways of the world?

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 8:00AM

Happy Birthday in Heaven to our beloved Mrs. Mary Lena Richard-Brown, requested by her daughter Lena Brown-Owens

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 10:00AM

Happy Birthday in Heaven to Mrs. Gladys Julian, requested by her daughter Brenda Jones

For the repose of the soul of, Mr. Vernell Smith, requested by his daughter and son-in-law, Juliette and Joe Henderson

For the repose of the soul of Stewart Butcher, and for healing graces for Maureen Butcher, Barbara and George Mullen, requested by Ed and Elina Mullen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00AM 10:00AM

No Noon Mass this week, Jan.26-29, 2021



MESSAGE FROM FATHER BASIL

Father Basil sends Blessings and good well wishes to all Holy Cross parishioners. He wants all of us to know he is praying for us in his daily prayers

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| 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 |

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

\$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.

JANUARY 17, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2121.00
E-GIVING	2400.10
SVDP(E-GIVING)	29.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	29.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	391.00
DR (E-GIVING)	298.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	409.00
Gift Store	65.00

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 and give your donation. You also can mail it if you are able to. Thank you for your faith and commitment.

Diocese of Austin NPM & Austin

Plenty Good Room

Featuring W. Clifford Petty
with opening remarks by Bishop Joseph

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 • 9:00 A.M. • VIRTUAL

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 musicians on Saturday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are

