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MARCH 14, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

SUNDAY, MAR 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT DON'T LOOK AT ME

During Lent, it's easy to imagine we're scoring points with heaven by all this fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Giving up binge-watching for a season, spending 15 minutes daily in contemplation, or funding a different cause each Friday are all worthy activities that may deepen our commitment to faithful living. None of these practices will actually buy us a ticket to paradise, however. Grace is free and unearned, so we can't boast about it. Our Lenten practices are simply our way of saying "Thank You" to the Giver of all good gifts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 (32). "It is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast."

MONDAY, MAR 15, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY ENGENDER COOPERATION

There have been some famous male/female teams in the history of Catholic religious orders. Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare, Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross. Another team included Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, whose feast day is today. While Vincent founded the Vincentians, together he and Louise cofounded the Daughters of Charity. Today, there are 14,000 Daughters of Charity serving the poor all over the world. Commit to improving gender relations in your daily interactions. When woman and men feel free to make their unique contributions, great things can happen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

TUESDAY, MAR 16, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY HEALING WATER EVERYWHERE

The custom of dipping a finger into holy water and making the sign of the cross upon entering a church serves to remind us of our Baptism, whereby we first entered the Catholic Church. But the waters of Baptism do much more, altering our metaphysical makeup in a profound way. Christians adopted the ritual from John the Baptist, but the practice has even more ancient roots. It's tied to the Jewish use of mikvahs, purifying pools—including those mentioned in the Bible, like Bethesda and Siloam—that believers visited to cleanse themselves of sickness

and sin. Let your own bathing rituals remind you of your baptismal promises.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). "They shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary."

WEDNESDAY, MAR 17, 2021 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY OFFER AN IRISH-INSPIRED BLESSING

As the church and the Irish, and all who are "Irish for the day," celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick, let's also celebrate what we know of this remarkable fifth-century saint who brought the message of Christ to Ireland. Patrick writes in his Confession of his homeland (Roman Britain), his youthful captivity by pirates, his conversion, and his deepening desire to proclaim God's presence. There is no mention of snakes or shamrocks, but there is strong testament to Patrick's missionary zeal: "That is why I cannot be silent . . . about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity." Look for God's presence in this day and share your own good news.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "I cannot do anything on my own; . . . because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

THURSDAY, MAR 18, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Explore the roots of your faith Saint Cyril of Jerusalem was a scholar and catechist at heart, but he spent years embroiled in the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. He spent 16 of his 35 years as Jerusalem's archbishop in exile over Arianism and political wrangling. Although he died in 386, it took until 1882 for him to be declared a doctor of the church for his significant theological contributions, many written for adults joining the church. In keeping with Saint Cyril's dedication to catechesis, devote some time today to learning more about your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). "The works that the Father gave me to accomplish . . . testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."

FRIDAY, MAR 19, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE TRY A LITTLE TENDERNESS

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than

simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

SATURDAY, MAR 20, 2021 LENTEN WEEKDAY LIE LOW TO BE RAISED HIGH

In 1812, six young women joined to devote their lives to providing care and education for Catholic families living in Kentucky. Nineteen-year-old Catherine Spaulding from Maryland was chosen to lead the group that became the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.). Mother Catherine guided the congregation for 45 years, until her death on March 20, 1858. Today 550 S.C.N. sisters serve in 20 states and four foreign countries. Find your own quiet path of humility so that you, too, can be exalted.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). "Never before has anyone spoken like this man."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, MAR 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SEE INSIDE FOR MORE

INFORMATION

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35). "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

March 13-14 -- Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the first reading today, Chronicles reminds us of what happened to the Israelites when they ignored the prophets. In the Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his son not to condemn the world, but to save it. We know that the message of the prophets was about right relationships: living in a way that protects the poor and vulnerable. We know that the message of Jesus at the end of John's Gospel is also about relationships. We who are disciples of Jesus caught up in God's love and are called to live that love with all. Is our love growing this Lent? How are we showing God's love, particularly for the poor and vulnerable?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 8:00AM

This Mass is for all parishioners who have continued to support the church, during this time, even though a lot of them could not physically be here, in person, may God continue to reward and Bless them.

For the repose of the Soul of William M. Smith, requested by Barbara Scott.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 10:00AM

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to Johnnie and Dean Dorsey, may God continue to Bless this union.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, NOON MASS

For the repose of the soul of Tom Crawford and Frank Laratba, requested by Chris and Kaye Crawford

God's blessings on Chris Crawford, requested by his wife, Kaye Crawford.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2021

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY
NOON MASS**

STATION OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00AM 10:00AM

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Lent

Solemn Religious Observance
 Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed, and Roman Catholic Churches.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM, is a special day and time set aside at Holy Cross to receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or Penance, is a sacrament of healing and a light that is calling us home. In Scripture, light is frequently associated with Christ and darkness is always associated with sin or the Evil One. The Catholic Church is sometimes accused of being obsessed with sin. It would be more accurate to say the Church is obsessed with forgiveness. The words "forgive" and "forgiveness" appears frequently in our prayers and liturgy, as well as in the Bible.



ROSARY HOUR

Please join us on Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/98265193279>
 Sunday's at 8:30PM for our Holy Cross Family Rosary.

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 |

March 7, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$5482.00
SVDP	156.00
E-GIVING	3637.29
SVDP(E-GIVING)	146.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	86.00
MSP	70.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	282.00
DR (E-GIVING)	1297.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	51.00
Needs of the Parish	975.00
World Home Mission	20.00
Catholic Higher Ed.	20.00
Ash Wednesday	120.00

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

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- Wedding Party**
- Birthday Party**
- Graduation Party**
- Wakes**
- Coporate Events**
- Ministry Events**
- Meetings**
- ETC**

Contact the Church Office for details
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