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APRIL 4, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

**SUNDAY, APR 04, 2021**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)**  
**RACE TO UNDERSTANDING**

Does it matter who gains insight first, so long as we all get there? Competition is overrated, which may be why evangelists don't agree on who arrives at the tomb first. Mark reports that Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James; and Salome got there at dawn. Matthew asserts it was the Magdalene and the "other Mary." Luke claims it was Mary Magdalene; James' mother, Mary; Joanna; and assorted "others." In John, the Magdalene arrives alone. You may be a cradle Catholic, or this may be your first Easter. Welcome to the recognition that death doesn't have the final say.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). "They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."

**MONDAY, APR 05, 2021**  
**EASTER MONDAY**  
**WEAVE A LIFE OF MEANING**

Everyone knows the joy of creating—whether it be a work of art, a meal, or a family. It's a way of expressing ourselves, sharing our love, and using our talents to serve. It's also a consolation during tough times. Maybe you took up some new, creative pastimes during the pandemic. Saint Maria Crescentia Höss, whose feast is today, was a weaver in 18th-century Bavaria before she became a nun, and when she was assigned to servitude and living in a cubbyhole in the monastery, she kept weaving. Maybe that helped sustain her until she eventually rose to be elected the mother superior. Holy creativity can feed your soul.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage."

**TUESDAY, APR 06, 2021**  
**EASTER TUESDAY**  
**SING THE OCTAVE**

Happy Octave of Easter—the eight days between, and including, Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. By relishing the Resurrection for eight whole days instead of just one, the church declares it the cornerstone of belief. What's more: In contrast to the Christmas Octave, we observe no other feast days during

Easter Octave, keeping the Resurrection our only focus. Why eight? Christianity's Jewish roots feature ritual celebrations that end on the eighth day—a week, when you count both the first and last days. Make every day this week a "mini-Easter," as our church intends. Sing Alleluia for eight days.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"

**WEDNESDAY, APR 07, 2021**  
**EASTER WEDNESDAY**  
**PRAY FOR ALL WHO HEAL A WORLD IN PAIN**

On April 7, 1948, the World Health Organization was established as a leading global health authority within the United Nations system. In 2021, the WHO counts 7,000 members from 150 countries. It declares that the health of all people is essential to attaining peace and security, and among other things chooses a particular health theme each year to mark its anniversary. Past themes include mental health, maternal and childcare, and climate change. Mindful that the world's aging population is living longer, the WHO set this year's theme as "Aging and Health." On this Easter Wednesday, as we take note of the healing miracles within the early Christian community, ask the Lord to bless all who work to safeguard the health of humanity.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple."

**THURSDAY, APR 08, 2021**  
**EASTER THURSDAY**  
**KEEP IT GOING**

We are still in the Octave of Easter, the eight days following Easter. The Octave is meant to keep the celebration going, to keep savoring the joy of the Resurrection. The gospel for each day focuses on the Risen Christ. In the early church, those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil would continue wearing their white garments all week in recognition of the life-changing, festive event. You've likely been changing your clothes during the Octave, but try keeping your focus on the Resurrection. Meditate on a time that God has blessed you with new life.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:35-48 (264). "He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

**FRIDAY, APR 09, 2021**  
**EASTER FRIDAY**  
**IT ALL ADDS UP**

Numbers play a key role throughout salvation history: Yahweh, the one true God; the 5,000 fed; the cock crowing three times; the Triduum; the Trinity; and the third time Jesus appears to his disciples after his death, which we read about in today's beautiful gospel story of Jesus cooking breakfast for his disciples on the seashore. Numerologists love to explore all the hidden meanings packed in the biblical numbers. But the gospel message is actually quite simple. Jesus alone feeds us. Remember that next time you are looking for sustenance elsewhere.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"

**SATURDAY, APR 10, 2021**  
**EASTER SATURDAY**  
**FAITH TAKES TIME**

What would you think if you heard that someone you knew was dead had risen from the grave? It's no wonder the disciples doubted the story. No less a witness than Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed serious doubts about God's existence over the course of her life. "Where is my faith?" she wrote. "There is nothing but emptiness." And she's a saint! So when loved ones stop going to church and express doubts about God—or if you yourself face such doubts—accept it as a part of the spiritual journey each of us walks. Keep praying and be patient. Faith takes time and hits dry spells. But in God's heart, there's all the time in the world.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15. "When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe."

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday, Apr 11, 2021**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Hold onto the holy memories**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44).  
"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER**

**April 4 - Easter Sunday**

In the first reading we hear Peter proclaiming the Good News of Jesus risen from the dead and that in his lifetime, Jesus went about doing good, healing the sick and that God was with him! As disciples of Jesus, filled with grace through his resurrection, we too are called to this mission. What good are we called to do this week? Who are those, sick in mind, body or spirit that we might minister to this week? How can we bring the presence of God to situations of injustice this week?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY APRIL 4, 8:00AM**

Sam and Cynthia King, 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 10:00AM**

God's healing Grace for Jude Ekpe

Travel grace for Carina, as she relocated to Texas from Florida, requested by her mother.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4, 2021**  
**MASS 8:00am – 10:00AM**

**March 28, 2021**

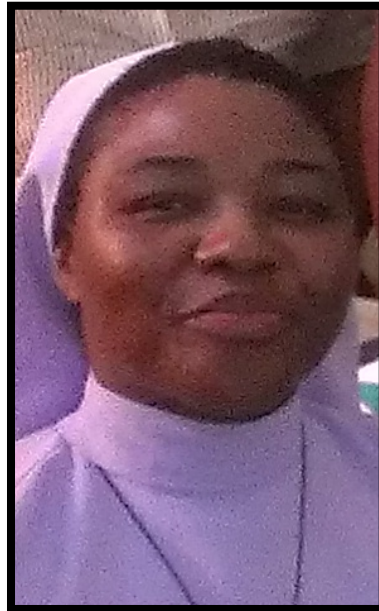
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SVDP	45.00
E-GIVING	2141.56
SVDP(E-GIVING)	116.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	1.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	2.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	182.00
Needs of the Parish	135.00
Fish Fry donation	350.00
Easter Lillis	20.00

**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.

**ONLINE EIM TRAINING [EN ESPAÑOL]**

The pandemic in no way lessens the sacred obligation of those who serve in ministry, both virtual and in-person, to make the Church safe for all [Online EIM Training \[En Español\]](http://www.holycrossaustin.org) Online EIM Training [En Español] is available for all persons who are due to update/renew their EIM compliance. New employees, and new volunteers currently active in ministry. If you aren't comfortable with the online workshop, contact EIM site administrator regarding the availability of an EIM Workshop at Holy Cross.



**SISTER PAULA UDA**

On Easter Sunday Sister Paula will be leaving the state of Texas to move to Virginia, to embark on her new opportunity, please come and show Sister your love and support as she begins her new job. There will be a book for you to sign and add your comments and address, if you would like to stay in contact with Sister. If you are unable to come to church but would like to email or mail your best wishes to Sister please feel free to do so and we will make sure she receives all.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
Vanessa Downey-Little	Bernie Little
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Marion Welch	Sam King, Jr.
Vonnys 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



**ROSARY HOUR**

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

**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  
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