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APRIL 18, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**SUNDAY, APR 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER EACH ONE TEACH ONE**

Each of us walks through miracles eventually. Maybe we know it at the time and praise God heartily. Or perhaps we only look back later, realize the road's on fire behind us, and shiver. Sooner or later, we all experience the mystery of grace that carries us over obstacles, through dangers, and ferries us to safety. We are witnesses of these things. And even if we're reluctant to "talk religion" to friends, coworkers, and strangers, we'll inhabit hours when it's time to tell what we know about Divine Providence. Be attentive for when your testimony is required.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48 (47). "You are witnesses of these things."

**MONDAY, APR 19, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY SEEK A WAY TO SERVE**

Saint Timon, whose feast is today, is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:5) as one of seven deacons chosen by the apostles to assist in ministering to the community of believers in Jerusalem. As the apostles concentrated on preaching, the deacons assisted in providing for the material needs of the community. This focus on both word and deed, or evangelization and service, continues to be the hallmark of Christian discipleship. As the church teaches in Lumen Gentium, "Each one of the faithful must willingly hear the word of God and accept God's Will, and must complete what God has begun by their own actions with the help of God's grace." What will you do to continue the work of love that begins and ends with God?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

**TUESDAY, APR 20, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY SEEK THE LIGHT IN LEARNING**

On this day in 1303, Sapienza University of Rome was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. Sapienza, boasting such famous alumni as Maria Montessori and Federico Fellini, is considered the first pontifical university—an institution approved by the Vatican and committed to teaching theology, philosophy, and canon law. Today, all pontifical universities are governed by the document Veritatis Gaudium, a 2017 update written by Pope Francis. It begins: "The joy of truth

expresses the restlessness of the human heart until it encounters and dwells within God's Light, and shares that Light with all people." How will you share God's light today?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35. "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

**WEDNESDAY, APR 21, 2021 MEMORIAL OF ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH LOVE THE QUESTIONS**

How would you define the term theology? Google it and you find it described as the critical study of the nature of God or the divine. Saint Anselm (1033-1109) said it another way: "Theology is faith seeking understanding." Every time you try to understand how God allows suffering, or wonder how it is that God loves every human being, or try to understand if God truly hears your prayers, you are doing the work of theology. As a French Benedictine monk and later archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a wise and learned teacher who challenged the secular power of kings. Your life may not seem extraordinary, but the pursuit of knowledge about God belongs to you as well. Don't be afraid of the questions. Ask for grace to allow the questions to help your faith grow.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). "Everyone who . . . believes in him (the Son) may have eternal life."

**THURSDAY, APR 22, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR ENCOUNTER**

Today's first reading about Philip explaining scripture to a receptive Ethiopian is a beautiful example of something that Pope Francis often emphasizes: the need for openness when we encounter another, especially someone different from us. In homilies, speeches, and documents, the Holy Father tells us we are called to encounter Jesus, to allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by that encounter, and to bring the same attitude to our dealings with people. Pray for the grace of openness toward the people you encounter today.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 8:26-40, John 6:44-51 (276). "The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

**FRIDAY, APR 23, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY BE THE CHANGE**

Prior to his conversion, Saint Paul, who earlier in life was known by his Hebrew name Saul, was most definitely no saint. He not only disliked those who followed

Jesus, he attacked them. So what happened? He encountered Jesus the Christ. Jesus did not put Paul through what fiction refers to as a "mind wipe," or erasure of former personality and memory. Jesus called Paul to stop and see clearly the truth of his mindset and actions. And then Paul put in the work. This is something we all have to do—put in the work—especially when our dislike of those who are different leads to harm.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

**SATURDAY, APR 24, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY STAY THE COURSE**

Followers of Jesus have been disputing the meaning of the eucharistic meal and Jesus' instructions to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" ever since the words were first uttered. Many could not look beyond a literal interpretation of the words to see the powerful symbolism of the image of the paschal lamb offered for the sins of the community at Passover. So they simply walked away. Now that the sacrifice has been accomplished and Easter season is well underway, will you turn away as well, or are you with those who stayed with Jesus because, like Peter, you have come to believe that he has the words of eternal life?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with him."

**Next Sunday**

**SUNDAY, APR 25, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY LIVE WITH PURPOSE**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (50). "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER**

**April 17-18 – Third Sunday of Easter**

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples many times, often sharing food with them. Jesus was not just making a point about his bodily resurrection; he was also making a point about community. The risen Jesus brings people together and they become the Body of Christ. We do not choose the members of the Body of Christ, we have been chosen, by the grace of God to belong. Like the disciples of the past, we are called to give witness to this by our lives. Is our love, our mercy and compassion, especially to the poor and vulnerable credible enough that everyone who sees us could tell that we are members of Christ's body?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY APRIL 18 8:00AM**  
 Healing Grace for Jude Ekpe

Healing Grace for DeKarlos Blackmon

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 10:00AM**  
 Healing Grace for Dekarlos Blackmon

In loving memory of Chief Patrick Onyiaovute, and traveling grace for his family.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday Mass**  
**8:00am – 10:00AM**

**Week Day Mass 12 Noon Mon- Fri**

**APRIL 11, 2021**

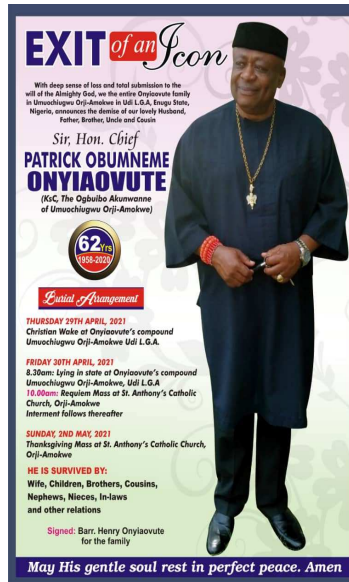
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SVDP(E-GIVING)	41.00
FLC(E-GIVING0)	357.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	56.00
MSP	60.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	200.00
Needs of the Parish(E-GIV)	121.00
Needs of the Parish	10.00
Scholarship	500.00

**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 can mail to the church.

**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 \[En Español\]](#) 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.



**SIR, CHIEF PATRICK ONYIAOVUTE.**

*Praying that God will welcome him into His kingdom, and grant his soul eternal rest. Chief Onyiaovute will be laid to rest on 04/30/2021 in Africa.*

*Thanksgiving to God for life, asking that God will give us the spirit to bear the HUGE loss, guide and protect us as we travel overseas to bury our beloved Dad.  
 The bereaved Onyiaovute family.*



**Holy Cross Catholic Church Annual Scholarship**

**Save the Date!**

<b>Scholarship Application available via Email blast *please see attachment</b>	<b>April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
<b>Scholarship Application available online - Website</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
<b>Scholarship Application Submission Deadline</b>	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>

*Please contact Dr. Dokpe Ogunsanya if you have any question: 512.990.9508 or [dupsy@msn.com](mailto:dupsy@msn.com)*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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| 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       |
| DeKarlos Blackmon     |                   |



**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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