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MAY 9, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SUNDAY, MAY 09, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEE THROUGH GOD'S EYE

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (ojo de Dios), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God's eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God's-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56). "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HEAL

The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm's way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a "martyr of charity," and we've been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who've expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian's intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291). "And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY CULTIVATE AN APPRECIATION OF RURAL TRADITIONS

Though they've disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the "Ice Saints"—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during

what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at CatholicRuralLife.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). "His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Religious freedom is a timeless concern. Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilles were Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a "miracle of faith," they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth."

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD RISE TO THE OCCASION

Today's Feast of the Ascension gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven and remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught "although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (58). "So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."

Friday, May 14, 2021 FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger

Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn't so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God's sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). "This I command you: love one another."

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY HONOR THE FORCES OF RECONCILIATION

Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). "For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD THINGS COME FROM UNLIKELY PLACES

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 (60). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER
May 8-9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love. The very life and essence of God is love; and God, who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond – pours out his love on us with profound generosity. Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us? We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MAY 09 8:00AM

In loving memory of my mother Mary Lena Richard-Brown, requested by Lean Brown-Owens

For the Repose of he soul of Oslene William, requested by Barbara Scott

Healing Grace for Jude Ekpe

For the repose of the soul of Chief Patrick Onyiaovute, and traveling grace for his family

SUNDAY, MAY 09, 10:00AM

For all deceased mothers of Holy Cross Parishioners, requested by Lena Brown-Owens

Happy Birthday to John Brown, requested by Adriene King

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary Hour – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue - Fri



A Mother's Day message from the Men of Holy Cross:

Mothers, You are God's greatest gift to us and we thank you for your inspiration which makes you such wonderful Mothers. You are all truly amazing and very much appreciated and we treasure you for everything that you have done and continue to do for your families. Have a very Blessed and Happy Mother's Day.



HOLY CROSS 2021 GRADUATES
MAY 30, 2021

- Jake Abam
- Michael Agwuncha
- Jalyn Ellison
- Dasia McClain
- Patrick Onyia Jr.
- JaRayl Peoples
- Esperance Asoka Ukanda
- Emeka Nwachukwu

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Annual Scholarship

Save the Date!

Scholarship Application available online - Website	April 18th, 2021
Scholarship Application Submission Deadline	May 16th, 2021

Please contact Dr. Dokpe Ogunsanya if you have any question:
 512.990.9508 or dupsy@msn.com



HOLY CROSS 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

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.
Vonnye Rice-Gardner	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Gloria Harris	Gladie Stelly
Cornelius Harris	Jim Castro
Pearl Cox	Brent Brown
Frances Brown	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	

MAY 02, 2021	
OFFERTORY	\$6514.00
SVDP	110.00
E-GIVING	2020.73
SVDP(E-GIVING)	176.00
FLC(E-GIVING0	282.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	11.00
MSP	60.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	115.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	51.00
NEEDS OF PARISH	160.00
GIFT STORE	40.00

SIR, CHIEF PATRICK ONYIAOVUTE.

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

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**

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