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JUNE 27, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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

SUNDAY, JUN 27, 2021 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOD IS THE CHAMPION OF LIFE

We're made for immortality. Christianity celebrates that death has no sting and life has no end. Our tenacious possession of the lives we're given is a sign of our refusal to accept death as the last word on the subject of our lives. We're impatient with limitations, reject gloom-and-doom projections, and insist on second opinions when the news is grim. We relentlessly cling to hope despite the odds of our predicament. God is on our side in this stubborn grip we have on life. God intends for death itself to pass away. Put your resources at the service of life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (98).* "God did not make death, nor does [God] rejoice in the destruction of the living."

MONDAY, JUN 28, 2021 MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR WE'RE PART OF THE LORD'S GREAT CHAIN OF BEING

It's fun to consider "six degrees of separation"—the theory that everyone on Earth is connected to any other person by a chain of five acquaintances. Perhaps you even know how you are connected to someone famous. Imagine being only three degrees separated from Jesus! Saint Irenaeus is known for that claim. He studied under Polycarp, who had been a disciple of the apostle John. We may be countless more degrees removed than Irenaeus, but all Christians are part of the chain that goes back to our Lord because we're the beneficiaries of what's been passed down the links along the way—as well as being links ourselves to the future. Keep those connections strong.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377).* "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

TUESDAY, JUN 29, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES CALL ME BY MY NEW NAME

Before Jesus, they were Simon and Saul; afterward, Peter and Paul. In the great biblical tradition, both experienced a name change to signify God's call to a new and greater destiny. They became the two pillars of the church. Jesus gave Peter the

"keys" to unlock the "kingdom of God," on Earth as it is in heaven—the Kingdom Jesus preached about for three years. Paul received a "sword," the "sword of the Spirit" that's the word of God—which Paul used as he spread the gospel to new lands. Is there something new you can do for God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591).* "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

WEDNESDAY, JUN 30, 2021 YOU ARE PART OF GOD'S AGENDA

Prayer has many forms and many expressions: It turns our hearts and minds to God with a desire to praise, to request, to give thanks, or to intercede on behalf of others. Prayer is conversation with God; sitting in silence with God; sharing with God every hope and fear we carry. But as Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We set forth our petitions before God, not in order to make known to Him our needs and desires, but rather so that we ourselves may realize that in these things it is necessary to turn to God for help." Go ahead, place your concerns on God's desk. There's always space.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379).* "When the poor one called out, the LORD heard."

THURSDAY, JUL 01, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY MAN ON A MISSION

Today the church honors Saint Junípero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan missionary who tirelessly evangelized native peoples in California in the late 1700s, founding the first nine of 21 missions in the region. His sainthood is not without controversy since missionaries were enmeshed in the brutal Spanish conquest of the Americas, but Serra's record also shows he endured many hardships late in life for the sake of the gospel, genuinely loved the indigenous people, and defended their rights against the worst Spanish abuses. His memorial is a good time to learn about and pray for greater justice for Native Americans and all Indigenous Peoples.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380).* "He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"

FRIDAY, JUL 02, 2021 PRAY FOR US

SINNERS Sometimes denial, shame, and fear keep us from recognizing the harmful effects of our sin. Pope Francis encourages us to give even our sin over to God.

As he put it in a 2013 homily, "In my own life, I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this—he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them." Draw close to Jesus and be comforted.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381).* "Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

SATURDAY, JUL 03, 2021 FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE LET DOUBT DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

We have come to know today's saint as "Doubting Thomas," but in terms of his legacy, it was the missionary zeal that grew out of his doubt that endures. According to tradition, Thomas traveled far, reaching the Malabar Coast of southwest India, where he established a community still known today as "Saint Thomas Christians." A more diverse mix could not be found: the Nazranis, as they are called, are said to be "Indian in culture, Christian in faith, and Syrian in liturgy," with a dash of Jewish and Hindu influence for good measure. Your doubt can be the catalyst to a faith that endures and leaves a rich legacy. Ask God to help your unbelief!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593).* "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones."

Next Sunday SUNDAY, JUL 04, 2021 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GET JESUS RIGHT AND GET RIGHT WITH JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101).* "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon?"

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

June 26-27-- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
This week, both the Gospel and first reading affirm the healing and life-giving power of God's love. Yet, we experience that death, suffering and pain are a very real part of life. Many find themselves asking: "Where is God?" The death and resurrection of Jesus is the assurance that God is with us in the midst of pain, suffering and even death and bringing us to new life. How can we hold others in their pain and suffering to help them to trust in God? Who needs the witness of your faith and love this week?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY JUNE 27, 8:00AM

Congratulations Very Rev. Father Basil on the 23rd Ordination Anniversary of the Priesthood.

Happy 15th Birthday to Trey Phillips, requested by Gene, Marlexa, Sydni and Derek Phillips.

Rest of the soul of Josephine Dukes

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 10:00AM

In Loving memory of Mr. Oray Boston, Sr. on the 1st anniversary of his death, requested by his daughter Kim Boston.

Congratulations Very Rev. Father Basil on the 23rd Ordination Anniversary of the Priesthood.

Happy 29th Wedding Anniversary to Tony and Tina Frank

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary Hour – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri

IGBO Mass 1:30PM

JUNE 20, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2046.00
SVDP	30.00
E-GIVING	2159.03
SVDP(E-GIVING)	39.00
FLC(E-GIVING)	52.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	54.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	190.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	34.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	1400.00

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
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
	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Brent Brown
Frances Brown	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	

Today is the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B, page 383 in our new Grey Hardback Lectionary, "The Word of The Lord"

Dear Parishioners,

Please **do not remove** the "Word of the Lord" Lectionary from the Sanctuary, if you have pick up one by accident, please return to the church. If you would like to purchase your own personable hardback covered Lectionary, they are available in the church office, for \$20.00.

other. Please consider giving approximately 5 hours a month to help those who are the most in need.

The family Life Center (FLC) is now available for renting. If you would like to schedule your next meeting, parties, or major event in our FLC at Holy Cross, please see the church office for an application and rates.

Family Life Center Now Available for Renting

For all your events like:

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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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HOLY CROSS ROSARY HOUR

Please join us on Zoom,

<https://zoom.us/j/98265193279>

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY is in need of dedicated members to join this ministry. Not only will you be helping those in need, but you will also find yourself growing in God's love and the desire to share that love with