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JULY 4, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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

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

With so many Christian "brands" out there—Catholic and Protestant, evangelical and contemplative, high church or pop church—it's easy to wonder who's got Jesus right. Interpreting his significance is key to the church's mission. Still, Jesus' identity has been debated since his own generation. Mark's gospel, the earliest written, betrays a perceived shadow on Jesus' paternity: He's identified as Mary's son rather than the son of Joseph, as would have been customary. Later gospels replace what was seen at the time as a less-than-honorable reference by calling Jesus the "carpenter's son." The question remains: Is Jesus more than a human sage? Is he Lord of your life?

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 Joses and Judas and Simon?"*

MONDAY, JUL 05, 2021 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL SEEK THE COMMON GROUND OF RECONCILIATION

The world is rife with conflict. Many friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors are at odds over politics, racial strife, and pandemic behavior and vaccines. After all this, it can be hard to ever feel the same way about certain people in our lives. But we're called to be peacemakers nonetheless—and that starts with our personal relationships. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal brokered peace in her family to stop civil war. We've never needed her brand of reconciliation more.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

TUESDAY, JUL 06, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR A MISSION OF MERCY

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, but it was one of the Catholic Church's youngest saints—11-year-old Maria Goretti—who took the message abroad. The Pilgrimage of Mercy, featuring Maria's major relics, traveled across the United States that

year, attracting multitudes to veneration, prayer, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Canonized a modern-day "virgin martyr," dying at the hands of a would-be rapist in 1902, this humble Italian girl became "The Little Saint of Great Mercy" for forgiving her murderer upon her deathbed. Who do you need to forgive? Let Maria's example be a reminder of what is possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "His heart was moved with pity for them."*

WEDNESDAY, JUL 07, 2021 HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism: Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love. In that letter, the bishops remind us that as a nation "we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of racism." In a week when the United States honors the founding principles of this country and that all are created equal, people of faith are called to examine their own perceptions and practices and do their part to ensure equality for all people. Embrace the bishops' invitation to fight the evil of racism and take time this week to read and reflect on their letter: Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

THURSDAY, JUL 08, 2021 SOMETIMES THE MIRACLE IS ENDURANCE

The gospel for today refers to the amazing powers Jesus conferred upon his followers to cure and revive. But we know many people in Jesus' day and today do not experience a miracle cure but instead must bear a cross. Our faith gives us the wisdom to know how and when to bear suffering when a solution is absent and when to struggle against injustice; both can be paths to God. Indeed, miracles themselves, the church teaches, are not merely wondrous events; they are meant to transform us and bring us closer to God. Which way are you being called right now? To struggle against suffering and injustice? Or to bow to a cross in your life? Over a lifetime, we may be called to both paths.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15. "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons."*

FRIDAY, JUL 09, 2021 HANG IN THERE

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "Whoever endures to the end will be saved."*

SATURDAY, JUL 10, 2021 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY EVER VIRGIN, EVER ESTEEMED

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam's Qur'an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur'an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary's family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33. "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, JUL 11, 2021 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME EACH ONE, BRING ONE

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104). "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER
July 3-4 -- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel records that Jesus was not believed or welcomed and this lack of faith was so distressing that he could work no miracles there except for a few healings. We might wonder about the skepticism and doubt of those contemporaries of Jesus, but that attitude might keep us from recognizing that we can be just as close-minded and skeptical. We are invited this Sunday to humbly examine our own attitudes toward the poor, immigrants, and the unborn; toward church teaching on economic justice, the environment and family life. Have we hardened our hearts to God's voice and presence like those of old?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY JULY 4TH, 8:00AM

For all Holy Cross Parishioners, shut-ins, at home, near or far, may God Be with You, now and always.

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH, 10:00AM

Thanksgiving Mass for St. Augustine Society, may God continue to bless us, requested by Maureen Agwuncha.

For the repose of soul of Clementine's dad, requested by Maureen Agwuncha

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary Hour – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri

JUNE 27, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$2451.00
SVDP	4.00
E-GIVING	5087.44
SVDP(E-GIVING)	16.00
FLC(E-GIVING)	52.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	1.00
FLC/Debt Retirement	750.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	41.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	55.00
PETER PENCE	35.00
CANDLES	141.00
ALTAR FLOWERS	100.00
COURAGEOUS CONV	20.00
GIFT STORE	10.00

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
Dr. Joe Quander	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Frances Brown
Naomi White	
DeKarlos Blackmon	

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Times, Year B, page 386 in our new Grey Hardback Lectionary, "Word of The Lord"



My Dear Parishioners: God shows his love for us through special people like you. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness, gifts of love and prayers, on my 23rd Ordination Anniversary. I will thank God for all of you in my daily prayers. May the Lord Bless and Keep you all the days of your life.
Father Basil

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.

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



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.

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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