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JULY 25, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**SUNDAY, JUL 25, 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CELEBRATE MOM-AND-POP OPERATIONS**

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their tribe. Support your local parents!  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

**MONDAY, JUL 26, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Family ties Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

**TUESDAY, JUL 27, 2021 PARABLES OF TRYING AND TRUST**

Jesus favored parables—short allegories featuring people, places, and things familiar to ordinary listeners—to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo

a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act?  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

**WEDNESDAY, JUL 28, 2021 STAY THE COURSE**

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'ujujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

**THURSDAY, JUL 29, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS LESSON LEARNED**

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha, along with her sister and brother, includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others.  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (404); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

**FRIDAY, JUL 30, 2021 OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR OWN MINISTRY**

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is

outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). "Is he not the carpenter's son?"

**SATURDAY, JUL 31, 2021 MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST BOOK YOUR BIBLICAL EXCURSION**

Never underestimate the power of a book to change lives or history. Ignatius of Loyola was a young Spanish soldier from a prominent military family. While recovering from a serious war injury, he came upon Vita Christi, a spiritual biography of the life of Christ by 14th-century German Catholic monk Ludolph of Saxony. In the book he found the meditative technique of immersing oneself in a biblical scene from the life of Jesus. The book changed Ignatius' life, and the technique became foundational to the development of Ignatian spirituality and the famed Spiritual Exercises. Try the technique: Open a gospel, read a story, and place yourself at the scene. Really be there. See what happens.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12. "This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."

**Next Sunday**  
**SUNDAY, AUG 01, 2021 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IN IT TO WIN IT?**  
**TODAY'S READINGS:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113). "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER**

**July 24-25 -- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
This Sunday we hear the great story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This story was so important that every Gospel tells it and both Matthew and Mark tell two multiplication stories. Clearly Jesus wants us to learn something! One important lesson is that God provides what we need, not necessarily what we want, but what we need. Another is that scripture scholars suggest that the multiplication happened because people who were hoarding food began to share what they had when they saw that Jesus was breaking and sharing the little he had been given by a child. The miracle of God's action was in changing hearts not just stretching limited resources. What generosity might God be asking of us?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 8:00AM**

In loving memory of James E. Mosby, Jr, on his earthly birthday, requested by Bernadette and family.

Happy Birthday to Linda Ridley

**SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM**

Praying for protection for Nnamdi Kanu, requested by a friend

In Loving memory of Mercedes LaCour Comacho on the anniversary of her birthday in heaven, requested by the family.

For the Repose of the soul of Timothy Ohaglon, Uncle of Mrs. Catherine Onyenaka, requested by the Onyenaka family

**IGBO MASS – 1:30**

This mass is dedicated to Mazi Nnamdi Kanu asking God to free him from his captures, Requested by, Margaret Ukatu.

**JULY 27<sup>ND</sup> NOON MASS**

In loving memory of James E. Mosby, Jr, on his earthly birthday, requested by Bernadette and family.

**CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday Mass**

**8:00am – 10:00AM**

**IGBO MASS 1:30PM**

**Rosary Hour – 8:30PM ZOOM**

**Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri**

**JULY 18, 2021**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$2579.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>135.00</b>
<b>E-GIVING</b>	<b>2459.78</b>
<b>SVDP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>39.00</b>
<b>FLC(E-GIVING0</b>	<b>296.00</b>
<b>MSP(E-GIVING)</b>	<b>79.00</b>
<b>MSP</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>FLC/Debt Retirement</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)</b>	<b>124.00</b>
<b>NEEDS OF THE PARISH</b>	<b>1800.00</b>
<b>MOLD PROJECT</b>	<b>5000.00</b>
<b>GIFT STORE</b>	<b>20.00</b>

*Today is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, found in our new gray hardback, “Word of The Lord”, Lectionary, Year B, page 393.*

**HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROSARY**

Please join us on Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/98265193279> Sunday's at 8:30PM.



*If you would like to join the Dance Ministry please contact Elina Mullen.*

**EIM WORKSHOP**

Holy Cross will host an EIM workshop for ministry members who have NEVER attended an EIM workshop. A submitted EIM application is required. It will be the third Sunday on August 15, 2021.

The time is 12:00pm - 1:30pm after the 10:00am Mass Located in the down stair classrooms. If you need to attend an EIM workshop to maintain your EIM compliance, contact the EIM Site Admin, Vera Houston-Black at: [vera.hblack@yahoo.com](mailto:vera.hblack@yahoo.com)

**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	

Dear Parishioners,

Please **do not remove** the “Word of the Lord” Lectionary from the Sanctuary. If you have picked up one by accident, please return it to the church. If you would like to purchase your own personable copy, it is 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 others. 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:

\$1,050,000

- Wedding Party**
- Birthday Party**
- Graduation Party**
- Wakes**
- Coporate Events**
- Ministry Events**
- Meetings**
- ETC**

**Contact the Church Office for details**  
**5124723741**

