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AUGUST 29, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUG 29, 2021
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PURITY IS NOT AN ABSTINENCE TEST

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. "Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."

MONDAY, AUG 30, 2021
REMEMBER YOUR NAME

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

TUESDAY, AUG 31, 2021
HOPE WORKS

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how

solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching. **TODAY'S READINGS:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). "They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021
Living waters run deep

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."

THURSDAY, SEP 02, 2021
GET UNSTUCK

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"

FRIDAY, SEP 03, 2021
MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
KEEP IT ALL IN BALANCE

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth

century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). "In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."

SATURDAY, SEP 04, 2021
THE FRUITS OF CREATION FOR ALL OF CREATION

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5. "While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."

Next Sunday

Sunday, Sep 05, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Shopping made simple
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128). "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be heirs of the kingdom that he promised?"

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

Aug. 28-29 -- 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus reminds us that it is not what enters from the outside which makes us impure, but what is deeply rooted in our hearts. In the Letter of James we are exhorted to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you..." and to be "doers of the word and not hearers only." God's word is a message of love, mercy, compassion and freedom to all people. Is that showing in our lives? Are we rooted in that Good News so that it spills over to others?

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 8:00AM

Mass for special intentions and God's Grace for Linda Ridley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 10:00AM

For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Doris King, requested by Alex King

Happy Birthday to Chris Crawford, requested by his wife Kaye

Happy Anniversary to Jamal Harris as Holy Cross Drummer for 16 years.

Mass for special intentions and God's Grace for Linda Ridley.

IGBO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1:30

Happy 40 years Wedding Anniversary to Rosemary and Sonny Uzuh, and Happy Birthday to Rosemary Uzuh.

Thanking God for His Grace, Mercy and Love for Joseph and Cecilia Okpegbue

our new gray hardback, "Word of The Lord", Lectionary, Year B, page 406

HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROSARY

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

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	Cornelius Harris
Jim Castro	Tina Frank
Dr. Joe Quander	Sylvia Castro
Pearl Cox	Frances Brown
Naomi White	
DeKarlos Blackmon	

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

If you have not filled out a parish registration form at Holy Cross and would like to become a member, please go to the church office, ask an usher, or request one on-line.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1610 EAST 11TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78702
PARISH REGISTRATION FORM
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

DATE _____ PARISH _____
 ENVELOPE #: _____
 LAST NAME: _____
 FIRST NAME: _____
 RELIGION: _____
 SPOUSE'S LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____
 RELIGION: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

PHONE _____
STREET CITY ZIP
 EMPLOYER OCCUPATION BUSINESS PHONE
 EMAIL ADDRESS
 SELF: _____
 SPOUSE: _____
Please list each person living at the above address, including infants. Please note if last name differs from the above.
 FAMILY MEMBER NAME(S) BIRTH DATE
 Mo / Day/ Yr GENDER
 TALENT
 SACRAMENTS RECEIVED
 BAPTISM PENANCE EUCHARIST CONFIRMATION
 Y/N Y/N Y/N Y/N
 Self: _____
 Spouse: _____

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass
 8:00am – 10:00AM
IGBO -- 1:30
Rosary – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri



CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for CCD/Religious Education will be after the 10:00am, mass in the FLC. Classes will start Sunday, September 19th, after the 10:00am Mass.

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



AUGUST 22, 2021	
OFFERTORY	\$2563.00
SVDP	45.00
FEAST OF ASSUM.	20.00
E-GIVING	2106.97
SVDP(E-GIVING)	26.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	67.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	20.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	41.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	235.00
CCD	175.00
MISSION APPEAL	1962.00
MASS INT	150.00
GIFT STORE	24.00

Today is the The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, found in