

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

SUNDAY, SEP 12, 2021 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131).* "See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"

MONDAY, SEP 13, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Preach often—use words when necessary. Glossophobia—fear of public speaking—is one of the most common forms of anxiety, affecting a sizeable portion of the population. Saint John Chrysostom was not a sufferer. His name means "golden-mouthed"—and was he ever. Renowned as a preacher, his sermons could last up to two hours. (Think about that the next time your pastor runs a bit long!) Few of us are that eloquent as speakers, but all of us are called to be witnesses to our faith in words and deeds. There's no need to impress—let your actions speak for you. Never fear living your discipleship humbly and sharing what's in your heart. The truth always speaks volumes. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443).* "Say the word and let my servant be healed."

TUESDAY, SEP 14, 2021 FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS LIFT HIGH THE CROSS After ending Christian persecutions in 313, Constantine sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land where her team is said to have unearthed Christ's tomb. Here, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. Excavations also reportedly unearthed the three crosses of Mount Calvary, the wood of the "True Cross" being the instrument of Jesus' Crucifixion and associated with

miraculous healings. Whether it's the crucifix, the Jerusalem cross, Maltese cross, Celtic cross—or countless others—no other symbol represents Christian faith better. And so we pray: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638).* "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." *Wednesday,*

SEP 15, 2021 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS SHE'S WITH HIM

Being a strong companion or having great compassion is essential for discipleship. Mary had both. Notice the "com-" prefix of those qualities, which means "with." Under the title Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is the first witness of the church and stood with Jesus through his pain and glory—his life, death, and Resurrection. The church uses "sorrows" here not so that we would be sad and weighed down but to lift up what it means to really be "with" another person and to share deeply their joy and sorrow. Mary continues to stand alongside us. How do you experience Mary's companionship and compassion in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:14-16 (445); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639).* "Woman, behold, your son."

THURSDAY, SEP 16, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP CAN BE HIGH

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian were friends during the 200s, a period when Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Today a number of countries continue to oppress, harass, and even kill Christians. There is pressure today, as there was in the era of the early martyrs, to deny the faith in order to survive. With Cornelius and Cyprian in mind, stand in solidarity with courageous Christians everywhere. Learn what their needs are and how the worldwide church can help.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446).* "[Jesus] said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"

FRIDAY, SEP 17, 2021 MEMORIALS OF ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Listen to your doctors. Jesus' ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle,

picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honor today, was to interpret Jesus' message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine's Catechism clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen's songs, such as "O virtus sapientie," helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447).* "Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."

Saturday, Sep 18, 2021 Take the lesson to heart. On the eve of Catechetical Sunday, it's good to reflect on our task of teaching the next generation matters of the Spirit. One comment heard too often when bad things happen is that "God must have a reason for doing this." Or, "It must be God's will." Looking at the biblical testimony, however, leads to the realization that most of the bad things that happen are not God's will at all but the work of sinful people. God says, "Feed the hungry" and children starve. God says, "Do not kill" and people murder. Let's teach our kids what's on God, and what's on us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448).* "[T]he Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."

Next Sunday

SUNDAY, SEP 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LET THE GOOD NEWS RESOUND

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134).* "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

Sept. 11-12 -- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The family of faith can never turn a blind eye to the socioeconomic inequalities of those who are suffering among us. If we belong to Christ, we must always express a special concern for the marginalized. Expressing concern places our faith into practice as the epistle of James reminds us, "Faith without works is dead."

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 8:00AM

Mass for special intentions for John and Joyce James.

Happy Birthday Sydni Phillips on your 12th Birthday, requested by Gene, Marlex, Trey and Derek Phillips.

Thanksgiving for God's grace, mercy, and love requested by Linda Ridley.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00AM

Mass for special intentions for God's grace and love for John and Joyce James.

For the repose of the soul of Mrs Fidelia Anyanwu, Mrs. Sussan Opara and Mr, Stephen Opara, requested by Catherine Onyenaka.

Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary to Angel and Olivia Mena.

Thanksgiving for God's grace, mercy, and love requested by Linda Ridley.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

For the repose of the soul of Celestine Aguzie, who went to be with the Lord in 2004.

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Mass

8:00am – 10:00AM

Rosary – 8:30PM ZOOM

Week Day Mass 12 Noon Tue – Fri

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$3318.00
SVDP	70.00
FEAST OF ASSUM.	20.00
E-GIVING	3427.97
SVDP(E-GIVING)	111.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING)	707.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	26.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	16.00
NEEDS OF THE PARISH	50.00
MSP	100.00
FLC/DR	1590.00
CCD	105.00
MISSION	15.00
RAFFLE	190.00
CHURCH RENTAL	1350.00

Today is the The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time, We are celebrating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, found in our new gray hardback, "Word of The Lord", Lectionary, Year B, page 727.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY ROSARY

Please join us on ZOOM,
<https://zoom.us/j/98265193279> Sundays 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.
Vonnys 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	



CCD/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for CCD/Religious Education will be after the 10:00am, Mass in the FLC. Classes will start Sunday, October 3rd, after the 10:00am Mass.



Holy Cross Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry is inviting our parish to join us for the *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run®*, our yearly national fundraiser and locally for our Diocese of Austin Council. Your donations to Saint Vincent de Paul helped numerous families this past year however, we are asking you to go the extra mile this year and

walk with us. *Volunteers are in the gathering space after Mass, in FLC, to help you register to walk with us at St Albert the Great or virtually if you wish, on Saturday, September 25th at 11 am.* Please consider joining our team, Holy Cross Walkers, and/or donating towards our team goal. We are also accepting donations this weekend. Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross Catholic Church with "SVDP FOP Walk" in the memo. Please pray for and support our worthy effort. Thank you and God Bless!

SAINT PETER CLAVER FEAST DAY

On September 9th, the Catholic Church and members of the Knights of Peter Claver and Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary (KPC) celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Peter Claver. Saint Peter Claver is KPC's patron saint and a model of faith in God and our confidence in His eternal goodness. As a sixteenth century Spanish Jesuit priest and a faithful servant of the oppressed, his apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves.

During these current trying times of daily tragedies – some brought on by natural disasters such as hurricane Ida, tropical storm Grace and earthquakes in Haiti, and others from acts of violence by man that impact our brothers and sisters – we look to St. Peter Claver and reflect on his heroic values.

As we reflect on the service and life of Saint Peter Claver, we are able to fully recognize the global impact he had on mankind during his lifetime and for generations to come.

Saint Peter Claver, pray for us!

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