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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.  
FEBRUARY 5, 2012 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
FEAST OF PAUL MIKI,  
MARTYR, AND  
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**Keep the story alive**

Christianity came to Japan with the arrival of Saint Francis Xavier in 1549. In fewer than 50 years, however, all foreign missionaries had been expelled and 26 Christians were condemned to die, including Paul Miki, a Japanese-born Jesuit priest. The story does not end there. In the 1860s new missionaries to Japan were astonished to discover a hidden but thriving Christian community numbering in the tens of thousands. They had managed to pass along the faith informally for 200 years! Such is the power of the Christian narrative. What is your favorite story from the life of Jesus? Why? In what ways has it influenced your life? How can you pass it along?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329)

*"As they were leaving the boat, people immediately recognized him."*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**May God rest in peace!**

Talk about holy sites: the Temple Mount, where King Solomon is said to have built Israel's First Temple around 3,000 years ago, has been considered a sacred location by at least four religious traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and even Roman paganism. Competing claims on the site, and on the area known as East Jerusalem where it is located, are a central element of Arab-Israeli conflict in the region. Surely we can find a way to bring lasting peace to the place where tradition says the Divine Presence rested after creating the world and then gathered the dust to form the first human beings. Add your voice to those calling for a negotiated peace in God's backyard.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330)

*"May your eyes watch night and day over this temple."*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**Don't be late to break-fast**

With the season of Lent and its practice of fasting arriving in a couple of weeks, it's a little puzzling to remember that Jesus was a great *breaker* of fasts and violator of religious food rules—that was one thing that got him into trouble with the authorities. His followers gathered grain on the Sabbath because they were starving. He ate with sinners and outcasts. He simply *did not follow the rules*, but for a purpose: to show how the rules should not control but rather serve to bring a person into a more loving relationship with God and neighbor. What makes a person holy is not external observance but internal faith and love, which leads to right behavior.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331)

*"Everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile . . . . But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles."*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**What do you choose?**

Being chosen by God seems attractive, but God's choice is less entitlement to special favors and more being selected for a commission—given a job to do. Further, we find that God does not usually choose as we might. We find God picking, for example, David, the runt of the litter; Mary, an unknown girl from Nazareth; the sinner over the holy man. Try to be aware of how you make choices: how you will treat a troublesome fellow-worker or that driver who is tailgating or how scrupulously honest you will be. Like God, who chose you to be one in Christ, make decisions based not on the obvious but on what is inside the other—and who dwells within you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332)

*"When Solomon was old his wives had turned his heart to strange gods."*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**FEAST OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN**

**What's between your life's bookends?**

We know few facts about Saint Scholastica: She lived in Italy in the fifth and sixth centuries, was the sister of Saint Benedict, became a nun and a prioress, and helped found Benedictine monasticism. Yet, thanks to two brief comments by Saint Gregory the Great, we know volumes about *how* she lived her life. Of her childhood Gregory wrote: "She was devoted to God from a very early age," and a few paragraphs later he added that when she died "her soul ascended into heaven in the likeness of a dove." Though seemingly innocuous, these comments are like bookends of Scholastica's existence and give us a sense of the rich content of her biography. As you think about your life's journey, what do your bookends look like?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333)

*"He has done all things well."*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES; WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

**God is bigger than our needs**

In an hour of crisis it may be impossible to imagine that help will arrive in time, or that your great need might be met with sufficient comfort to make a difference. Yet Jesus once faced a hungry multitude and fed them with next to nothing—and no one went away in want. Today the church remembers those who are sick: all who carry the cross of chronic problems like diabetes, AIDS, or mental illness as well as those struck with a diagnosis of an illness like cancer, heart disease, or stroke. We and our loved ones are not forgotten. Jesus comes to fulfill every need. And his mother Mary's arms are wide enough for all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334)

*"They ate and were satisfied."*

**Pray for those on active Military duty**

Erica Harris Myers, Vincent Marshall, Scott Townsend Cooper, James Tate, Raphael Lee, Talfred David Collins, Zachary Harrison



**Vigil Mass Saturday February 4, 2012**

5:30 PM

For the sick and shut in our parish  
**Sunday February 5, 2012**

8:00am

For the people of Holy Cross Parish  
**Sunday Mass February 5, 2012**

10:00 AM

In thanksgiving to God for Rev. Raymond & Barbara Scott's 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary---  
Troy & Mary Anthony's 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**



Maxine Miller, Ella Collins, Rufus Boyce, Derrick Britton, Rev. Raymond Scott, Sue Henderson, Patrice Collins, Maggie Williams, Michael Martin, Paula Babineau, Ruthie Taylor, Preston Evans, Jesse Sanchez, Helen Hart-Shelby, Evelyn Cline, Gloria Hardeman, Bill Wilkins, Earlene Underwood, Alice Maney, Warren Nicholas, Geraldine Bridges, Lone Watts, Camille Johnson, Renae Martin, Teighlor Martin, Dorothy Martin, Gloria DeLeon, Robert Taylor Sr., Early Taylor, Michael Watson, Lonnie Taylor, David Jones, Bobby Martin Jr., Mary Collins, Davis Wilkins, Beatrice DeLeon, Monica Godsey, Marie Thompson, Shay'La Harris, Charles Wright, Anthony Davis, Stanley Taylor, Shannon Murphy, Cornelius Harris, Catherine O'Neal, Madeline Wilson, Aaron Carter, Regina Collins, Willie Gresson III, Alfonso Green, Gladys Julian, Brian Miller, Noland Harris, Roderick Davis, Alex T. Salone, Billy James, Henry Cuellar, Jr., Peggy Moore, Whitney Houston, Claudia Foster, Andrew Totty, George Madison Sr., Fidel Estrada, Bessie Winn, Kathleen Lofton, Dottie Curry, Ray Henderson, Frances Gonzalez, Bert Johnson, Ollie Faye Richardson, Marion Wilson, Rose Yorbeck, Walter Washington, Eric Martin, Rita Dauch, Carl Ferguson, Toni Martin

**Mass Announcements!**

The weekend of Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>

TODAY'S LITURGY

Black History Month Youth Group

February 5th at 10:00am

Please be supportive of their efforts.

Next week – KPC Turnout

A gentle reminder to be attentive to our parish worship aid for the words to our prayers and responses, as we continue to become familiar with the new English translation of the Mass.

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**Attendance**

**Weekend of January 29, 2012**

Vigil Mass	19
:00am Mass	47
10:00am Mass	271

**OFFERTORY**

**Weekend of January 22, 2012**

<b>SVDP</b>	<b>\$ 662.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Our Sunday Visitor</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Debt Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser Cruise</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>

**OFFERTORY**

**Weekend of January 29, 2012**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$4,185.20</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>
<b>Liturgical Dance</b>	<b>\$ 399.00</b>
<b>Our Sunday Visitor</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Debt Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>

**Who Is Serving This Sunday**

**February 5, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers** – Olevia Owens, Rae Ann Spears, Jaryl Peoples

**Lectors** –Lydia Harris, Lena Brown-Owens  
**Pastoral Corner & Parish Announcements** – Craig Williams

**Ext. Ministers**-Mary Brown-Healey, Lester Johnson

**Altar Rosary Society** – Elinor Stolar, Craig Williams

**10:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers** – TBA  
**Lectors** –Youth Sunday

**Pastoral Corner & Parish Announcements** – Karen Baltrip-Cobb

**Ext. Ministers**-Gloria Harris, Raye Nicholas  
**Altar Rosary Society** –Frances Brown, Mary Brown- Healey

**February 12, 2012**

**8:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers** – Olevia Owens, Rae Ann Spears, Jaryl Peoples

**Lectors** –Leah Blankenship, Jennifer Brooks  
**Pastoral Corner & Parish Announcements** – Rosalind Cunningham

**Ext. Ministers**-Joann Meadows, Melvin Mason  
**Altar Rosary Society** – Elinor Stolar, Craig Williams

**10:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers** – Amber Anthony, Darrell Okereke, Shaun King

**Lectors** –KPC  
**Pastoral Corner & Parish Announcements** – Wilhelmina Delco

**Ext. Ministers**-Gene Phillips, Dean Dorsey  
**Altar Rosary Society** –Frances Brown, Mary Brown- Healey

**Vigil Mass Lector Assignments**

**February 4, 2012**

**Pastoral Corner & Announcements**  
 Don Cooper

**Lectors**–Craig Williams, Mary Brown-Healey  
**Altar Servers** – Kristian & Cameron Washington, Chris Raney  
**Altar Rosary Society**- Craig Williams, Stacey Clack

**February 11, 2012**

**Pastoral Corner & Announcements**  
 Deidra Raney

**Lectors**–Stacey Clack, Craig Williams  
**Altar Servers** – Kristian & Cameron Washington, Chris Raney  
**Altar Rosary Society**- Craig Williams, Stacey Clack

- 02-07 Jason Olivier, Ada Muoneke
- 02-08 Gloria Harris, Clarence Leger, Jr. Adrian Foadey
- 02-10 Yvette Guillory, Brandon Walker, Lyric Pullman

**Announcements**

On January 30, surveys were mailed asking opinions about a new school facility for San Juan Diego Catholic High School to be located near San Jose Parish. If you have not completed the survey yet, please do so immediately and **return it by February 13** in the envelope that was provided. Your response is very important to the high school. Thank you for taking time to respond.

**Youth Activity Update**  
**Rachael Osaze-Edaie**  
**A new column starting next week**

**Religious Education**  
**Jessica Cortez**

Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

Abigail Ude, RCIA Catechumen  
 Erica Ezeunwa, RCIA Candidate  
 Tara Mason, RCIA Candidate  
 Antenor Cyril, RCIA Baptized Catholic Adult for Confirmation

Students currently registered in Religious Education = 92

RCIA upcoming event: Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> the *Rite of Election* at St. John Vianney, Round Rock

Youth Ministry upcoming event: Sat Feb 11<sup>th</sup> visting the residents at Heritage Park Rehab and Skilled Nursing Home Facility and viewing of the movie *Red Tails*

**Adult Education & RCIA Update**  
**Joann Meadows**  
**A new column starting next week**

**Altar Flowers for this Sunday are sponsored in honor of Rev. Raymond & Barbara Scott's 39th wedding anniversary! CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday –February 5**

Youth Sunday Black History Mass  
 Rosary @ 9:30am  
 RCIA 11:30am – 12:30pm  
 Youth Ministry Noon-1:30pm  
 CCD – 12:00 Noon – 1:30pm  
 Liturgical Dance Practice 2:00pm  
 Family Life & Welcoming Meeting

**Tuesday – February 7**

Mass 12:00 Noon  
 Choir Practice 6:30pm

**Wednesday –February 8**

Mass 12:00 Noon  
 Bible Study 6:00pm  
 Liturgical Dance Practice

**Thursday – February 9**

Mass 12:00 Noon  
 KPC Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm

**Friday – February 10**

Mass 12:00 Noon

**Saturday – February 11**

Our Lady of Lourdes  
 KPC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 9:00am  
 KPC Sr. Meeting 10:00am  
 Altar Maintenance @ 12:00 Noon  
 Youth Group visits Heritage Nursing Center  
 Vigil Mass 5:30pm

**Welcoming & New Members**  
**A new column starting next week**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

- 02-05 Kevin Francis, Osora Ifecinachukwu
- 02-06 Stacey Clack, Sergio Willis, Sharlene Reed