

From the Pastor's Office

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." Here is some information. The symbol of medicine printed on their headed note paper is the image of a snake on a pole. This ancient symbol is the Rod of Asclepius. Asclepius is the ancient Greek God of healing. The staff likely symbolizes regeneration, the way snakes shed their skin. In the Christian world our great healing symbol is the image of Christ on the Cross. This reminds us that death is not the end. There is life beyond, what we call eternal life. This is a symbol of hope for people who are beaten down. The whole idea of Resurrection is such an extraordinary concept. Surely, when you are dead, you are dead. Christians have this radical teaching, which is more radical than all the rest, that death is not the end. There is a rising up, which is a miraculous thing. We see people rising up all the time. Great nations have been beaten down to a pulp. Time passes and out of the ashes of their destruction new life rises up, new hope, new beginnings. After the great volcano spews forth its rage, the dust settles, and little seedlings begin to sprout forth again. How is that possible? It is as if we cannot stop the miracle of life. Life goes on. Death is not the end. Death might come to us. The body dies. But the soul lives on in the spirit. We all rise up. We ascend to God. We join with God for eternity. That's kind of nice.



With love,
Fr. Pat