



Exaltation OF THE Holy Cross

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CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training for new people will be held on Sunday, September 21st after the 10 a.m. Mass. Requirements are that you must have completed the Third Grade and received First Communion. Training forms can be found in the entrance of the Church by the sign in book for more detail information.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—James Field

Reminder: There are boxes in the chapel and the church foyer to place Prayer Request Cards. If the need for prayer is **urgent** please call Jeanette Boehme at 883-4021 to start a Prayer Chain. If the prayer is for someone who does not need immediate prayer, please fill out a card and place it in one of the boxes.

St. Mary Youth Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Youth Director, Patricia Daleo 409-656-9259



Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomasee, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes. Brenden Fenter, Braelyn Fenter, Blaycie Fenten

GOOD NEWS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

DEAR PADRE

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn’t seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus’ death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (*CCC* 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13, 4:30 p.m.
+Rosita Reid

Sunday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family

Tuesday, September 16, 5:00 p.m.
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service
+Burnell Waguespack

Wednesday, September 17, 8:30 a.m.
+Casey Peveto

Thursday, September 18, 8:30 a.m.
+Toohey Family

Friday, September 19, 8:30 a.m.
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)
+Alma Thibodeaux

Saturday, September 20, 4:30 p.m.
+Florence & +Ben Thompson
+Clarisse & +Phillip Thompson

Sunday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary Parish Family



PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Beth Ann Clark, Shirley Goss, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, “Tacky” Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrooke, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burleson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**

September 14—20

Wednesday

Religious Education Classes begins 5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
PreK —8th grade . High School 6:30— 7:30 p.m.
Soup Kitchen serves at 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ST. MARY

September 6—7

ENVELOPES.....	\$	8,880.00
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September 13—14

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September 14—20
Church Sanctuary Candle
Alicia Sonnier & Edolie Guidry

Chapel Sanctuary
Maxine & George Bass

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday **Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs**
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday _____ 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

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