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porque con tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él". *John / Juan 3:16-17*



"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." MT. 5:44

We continue to lift up to the Lord...

...all who have died. We pray for those who struggle with migration, aging, cold weather, disease, illness, grief or addiction. We are grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being, including our catechists, first responders and military. May we always not only listen to, but also follow the Father's beloved son, Jesus Christ.

September / Septiembre: Birthdays / Cumpleaños... 12, Bill Blair, Tom Nee; 17, Alitzel Bahena, Christian Carapia; 18, Dominic Dabney; 21, Ismael Bueno; 23, Jordan Bahena; 24, Marian Dabney; 26, Alison Casteneda; 27, Ashley Bahena, Efren Carrillo, Juvenal Osario.
Anniversaries/Aniversarios... 25, Oscar y Valentina Mensa, 54 años;

Weekly Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

September 14, Sunday
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
Num 21:4-9
Phil/File 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

September 15, Monday-Lunes
Our Lady of Sorrows
Nuestra Señora de los Dolres
1 Tim 2:1-8
Jn 19:25-27

Sep. 16, Tuesday-Martes
Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
Santos Cornelio y Cipriano
1 Tim 3:1-13
Lk/Lc 7:11-17

Sep. 17, Wednesday-Miércoles
1 Tim 3:14-16
Lk/Lc 7:31-35

Sep. 18, Thursday-Jueves
1 Tim 4:12-16
Lk/Lc 7:36-50

September 19, Friday-Viernes
1 Tim 6:2-12
Lk/Lc 8:1-3

Sep. 20, Saturday-Sábado
Sts Andrew Kim, Pablo Chong
San Andrés Kim, Pablo Chong
1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk/Lc 8:4-15

September 21, Sunday
Twenty Fifth Sunday
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo
Am 8:4-7
1 Tim 2:1-8
Lk/Lc 16:1-13

Mass Intentions
Sun, Sep. 14, 8:00 a.m. Unionville
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Sun, Sep. 14, 9:45 a.m. Milan
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The Exaltation of the Cross, Year C La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz Gospel of St. Luke / El Evangelio de San Lucas September / Septiembre 14, 2025

Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross; the construction and dedication of churches by Emperor Constantine on Mt. Calvary; and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem. As Catholics, we remember that Cross often, certainly at the beginning and the end of our prayers. The sign in itself is a substantial prayer. Too often, we make it automatically without meaning or importance. Rather than a thoughtless gesture, with deep respect we must reflect upon how vital the Cross is to salvation, always expressing appreciation to the Lord in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

La Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz de hoy celebra tres acontecimientos históricos: el hallazgo de la Vera Cruz; la construcción y dedicación de iglesias por el emperador Constantino en el Monte Calvario; y el regreso de la Cruz a Jerusalén. Como católicos, recordamos esa Cruz con frecuencia, sobre todo al principio y al final de nuestras oraciones. El signo en sí mismo es una oración sustancial. Con demasiada frecuencia, lo hacemos automáticamente, sin sentido ni importancia. En lugar de un gesto irreflexivo, con profundo respeto debemos reflexionar sobre la vitalidad de la Cruz para la salvación, expresando siempre nuestro agradecimiento al Señor en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu San-

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday Unionville 8:00 am, Milan English 9:45, Spanish 11:15 a.m.
Milan Tuesday, 8:15 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass & by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Rex May, councilPresident@stmarymilan.com;

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Dan vanIngen, *Liturgy*; Roman Bahena, Blanca Chinchilla, *Formation*;

Mariam Camacho, *Youth*; Suzie Gardner, Josefina Pineda, *Social Justice*;

John Mino, Alfredo Reyes, Nick Lentz, Angel Osorio, *Stewardship*;

Lety Curiel, Jean Nee, *Altar Society*; Irma Bahena, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautisa*

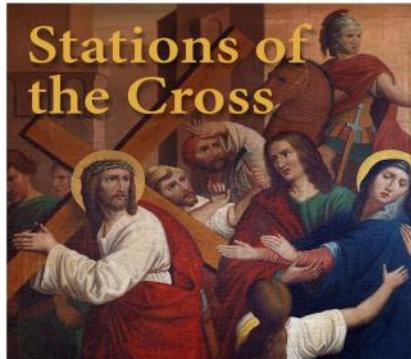
Background on the Gospel Reading

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him.

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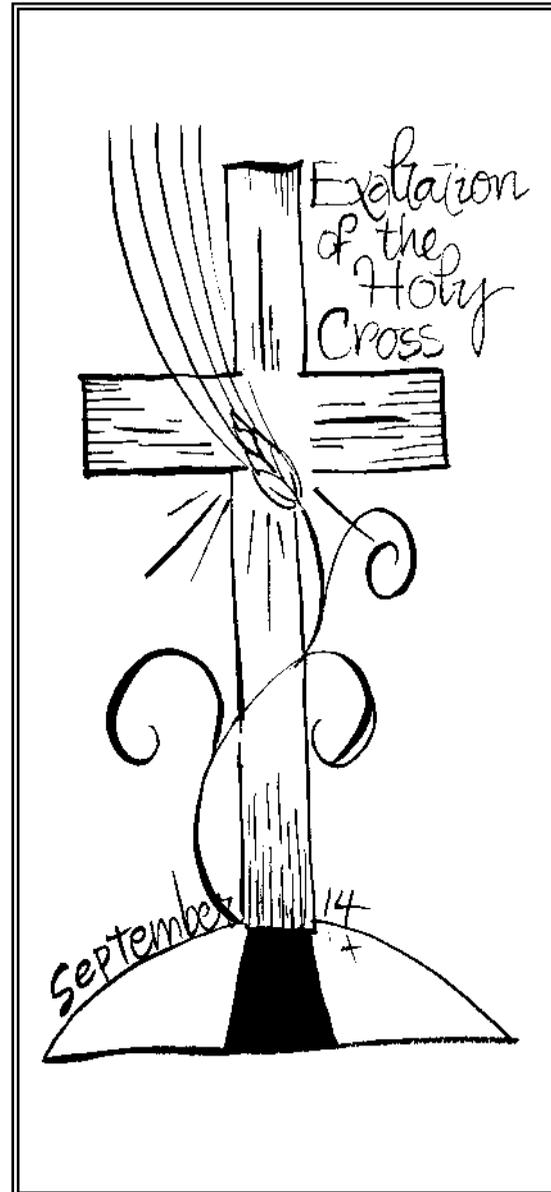
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Calendar of Events

Sat, Sep. 13 10:00-4:00 pm	Parish Wide Garage Sale Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Sep 14 8:00 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
Sun, Sep 14 9:45 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Milan, Mass, livestream at stmary.church
Sun, Sep 14 10:30 am	No Coffee and Doughnuts Milan Kitchen
Sun, Sep 14 10:30 am	Sign-up Parish School of Religion Parish Hall
Sun, Sep 14 11:15 am	La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz Milan Santa Misa y en vivo
Sun, Sep 14 12:15 am	Sign-up Parish School of Religion Parish Hall
Tue, Sep. 16 8:15 am	Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church
Tue, Sep. 16 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Sep. 16 6:00 pm	San Juan Grupo de Oración, Milan Iglesia
Wed Sep. 17 6:00 pm	Santa Misa del Día Milan Iglesia
Fri, Sep. 19 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Sep. 21 8:00 am	25th Sunday Ordinary Time, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
Sun, Sep. 21 9:45 am	25th Sunday Ordinary Time, Holy Mass Milan, livestream at stmary.church
Sun, Sep. 21 11:15 am	25° Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario Milan y en vivo
Tue, Sep. 23 8:15 am	Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church
Wed Sep. 24 6:00 pm	Santa Misa del Día Milan Iglesia

No construction costs are included below!

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Weekly Donations	\$7,560	\$15,533
Operating Exp	\$7,469	\$21,606
Balance	\$91	-\$6,073



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We are challenged to see God not as a harsh judge waiting to catch us in failure, but as a loving Father who wants to rescue us.



As we celebrate each week the pascal mystery, may the selfless life of Jesus Christ guide us in every way.

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Donations	\$3,873	\$7,779
Expenses	\$2,565	\$6,965
Balance	\$1,308	\$814

We need your ongoing support and stewardship.

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The Exaltation of the Cross

Year C, Gospel of Saint Luke, Sunday, September 14, 2025

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Sep. 21, Sunday, Week 25

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Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday Unionville, 8:00 a.m.
Milan English, 9:45 a.m., Spanish, 11:15 a.m.
Unionville Wednesday Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.
Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass
and by appointment.

September: Birthdays... 4, Mary Knowles; 12, Bud Jacobs, Melba Hackney; 25, Cody and Cameron Purdy; 26, Lynn Worley; 27, Kay Bonifazi.
Anniversaries... None Recorded

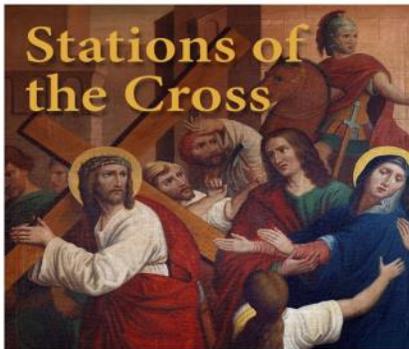
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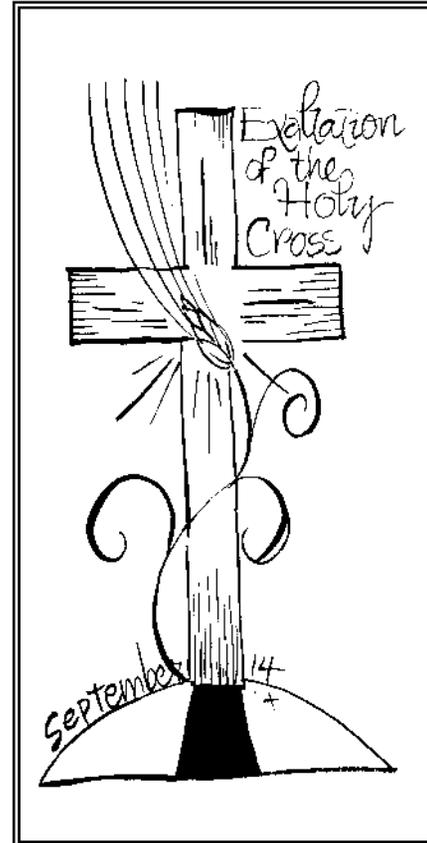
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Sun, Sep 7, 11:15 a.m. Milan
 Parish

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Calendar of Events

Sun, Sep 14 8:00 am	Exaltation of the Cross Mass Unionville Church
Sun, Sep 14 8:45 am	Coffee and Doughnuts Unionville Parish Hall
Sun, Sep 14 9:45 am	Exaltation of the Cross, Mass, Milan Church
Sun, Sep 14 11:15 am	Exaltación de la Satan Cruz, misa y en vivo, Milan Iglesia
Tue. Sep 16 8:15 am	Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church
Wed Sep 17 5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word Unionville Church
Wed, Sep 17 6:00 pm	OCIA/RCIA Unionville Parish Hall
Sun, Sep 21 8:00 am	25th Sunday, Holy Mass Unionville Church.
Sun, Sep 21 9:45 am	25th Sunday, The Holy Mass Milan Church, Livestream
Sun, Sep 21 11:15 am	25° Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario, misa y en vivo, Milan Iglesia
Sat, Oct 4 4:30 pm	27th Sunday, Holy Mass Unionville Church.
Sat, Oct 4 5:30 pm	Parish Supper Unionville Parish Hall

Ministers

September

Coordinator	Ed Brockmeyer
Music	Julia and Mary
Environment	Kathleen VanWyhe
Acolyte	Ed Brockmeyer
Lead Rosary	Kay Bonifazi
Greeter	Christy Allen
Hospitality	The Bensons
Lector	Mary Brummer
Communion	Kay Bonifazi
Church Cleaning	The Williams
Plants	Margaret Szucs
Supplies	Julia Rasmussen