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# September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

**SUNDAY:** 

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

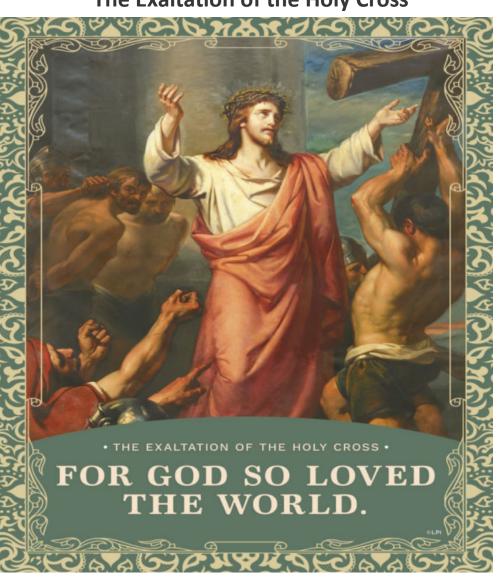
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#### THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.







#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH Monday, September 15th

Bridge to Naim 6:30 PM in the FLC

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

- Tuesday Morning Disciples 6:00 AM in the FLC
- Cleaning Angels 8:00 AM in the church
- Ladies Altar Society 12:00 PM in Justin Hall
- Adoration 3:00 PM 5:30 PM in the church
- OCIA 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph's Room
- Bingo 7:00 PM in Justin Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

- Confessions 8:45 AM in the church
- Special Night of Confession 5:00 PM in the church
- Men's Holy League 7:00 PM the church

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

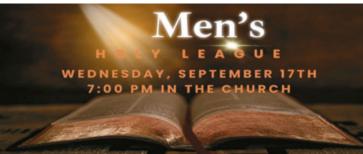
- Legion of Mary 9:30 AM in the St. Joseph Room
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in church
- Men's Club 7:00 PM in the FLC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

#### LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 16TH. AT 12:00 PM IN JUSTIN HALL.







# **PARISH EVENTS**



Bridge to Naim is a support group for the newly widowed throughout the River Parishes. New members are welcome to attend at anytime.

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. The next meeting is Monday, September 15th.



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Special night of Confession at St. Joan of Arc Wednesday, September 17th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm in church

Come release the burdens on your heart and feel the loving mercy of Jesus.





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#### **SACRAMENTS**

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses, at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays, and 7:00 AM on First Saturdays.

**BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the priest and to book the church.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Cor.9:7

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The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Communications.



#### The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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ing link.







# Interested in being a Lector at Mass? Please contact the church office to register for the upcoming workshop.

Saturday, September 27th

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Divine Mercy Church 4337 Sal Lentini Parkway Kenner, LA



Presenter: Fr. Luis Rodriguez



# GOSPEL REFLECTION

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

– Father John Muir





Middle School Vikings prayed the rosary for those affected by the shooting at Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis.







Sept. 17—HASA meeting

Sept. 19—STUCO meeting

Sept. 22 –26—Book Fair

Sept . 26—Grandparents Day

Oct. 3—Pet Blessing

Oct. 6—8—1st Quarter Exams

# **CALLED TO PRAYER**

PLEASE KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joey Arcuri, Ryan J. Aubert, Gerald Bercegeay, Larry Blanchard, Sr., Fr. Bill Blank; Patricia Boudreaux, Madeline Bourg, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Mary Breaud, Zachary Brown, Paulette Cambre, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Dustin Compagno, Karen Brignac Cook, Mary Cooper, Stephen & Peggy Cupit, Wanda Davis, Trenice Dearmas, Nathan DeLuke, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Dianne Duhe, Mavis Dumas, Wayne Duplechian, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Gary Entremont, Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Tammy Faucheux, Lakin Felder, Linda Feucht, Carl Freeman, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Zachary Hall, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, F.J. Keller, Wayne Kimball, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Penny LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Raymond Laviolette, Jr., Shirley Lawrence, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Dorothy & Jennifer Massi, Dale McClain, Belinda Millet; Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Deanna Normand, Wilbert Ocmond, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace & Adam Pete Pitre, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Mark Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & Family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden, Marie, & Steven Turner, Jenni Vicknair, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Toby Weber, Hayden White; John Wille, Mindy Wilson To add a parishioner to the prayer list, contact the church office at 985-652-9100

Sept. Prayer Intention of the Holy Father For our relationship with all of creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Sept. 14— Rev. Dean L. Robins
Sept. 15— Rev. Vincent Don Pham
Sept. 16—Rev. Kenneth G. Davis, O.F.M. Conv.
Sept. 17— Rev. Lambertus Arkian Lein, S.V.D.
Sept. 18— Very Rev. Gerald L. Seiler, J.C.L., V.F.
Sept. 19— Rev. James Richard Day
Sept. 20— Rev. Denver B. Pentecost



# St. Joan of Arc Patron of Soldiers, Pray for us

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Cpl Bryce Fincher
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Cpt. Cameran Hymel
Heidi Mayeux Hymel

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LCpl Matthew Johnston
Edwin Preston Johnston
CDR Jose' I. Lavastida
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Join us in church on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM to pray the Rosary for our Nation



A 54 day Rosary Novena for our Nation began on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and will end on October 7<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm central time, the Rosary will be prayed simultaneously across our Nation.

The Catholic Communications Campaign Collection - September 21, 2025

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Donations to the CCC collected in our archdiocese stay in our archdiocese to support local communications needs, including the Clarion Herald and ongoing digital communications.



#### Eucharistic Rosary Congresses

The 2025 Rosary Congress is October 4th through the 10th.

It consists of seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and
Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to
conversion, consecration, and prayer! The Eucharistic
Rosary Congress encourages us to renew our worship of Our
Lord, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His
healing grace. All are invited to attend Adoration at St. Joan
of Arc on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 9 PM. Please
go to the church website if you'd like to sign up as a
committed adorer.



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Mon, September 15, 2025—Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 AM: Jack & Carmen Cupit

Tue, September 16, 2025—Sts. Comelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:00PM: Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont

**Families** 

Wed, September 17, 2025—St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM: Norris "Butch" Millet

Thurs, September 18, 2025

8:15 AM: Marie Schexnayder Reine

Fri. September 19, 2025—St. Janarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:15 AM: Mark Trosclair

Sat, September 20, 2025—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sant & Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM: Bradley Luminais, Jr.

Sat, September 20, 2025—Anticipatory, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

4:30 PM: The Rollo & Dottolo Families

Sun, September 21, 2025—25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Mass for the People

10:00 AM: Brennan, Julia, Lily, Bennett; David Dill, III; Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Michael, Cindy & Sarah Grosse; Marie Jouty; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Marie Ory Dupont; Sam & Luella Arcuri; Sammy Arcuri; Jamie Brady; P. J. Broussard; Georgette Broussard; Carl Broussard; Harold Dutreix; Roy Dutreix; Carrie Dutreix; Isabelle Dutreix; Paul Cimino; Sam Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Anthony Scorsone; Elma Scorsone; Nathaniel Massi; David Massi; Jeffery Massi; Regist & Lillian Oubre Family; Kristi Massi Wilhite; Norman Zeringue; Kirk Zeringue; Kim Capdebascq; Henry, Alice Mae, & Gil Maurin; Jonathan Perret; Craig Broussard; Lynne Robichaux; Dr. Billy St. Martin; Greer Adams Robichaux; Anna Duong Joseph Trinh; Anna Vu; Peter Tran; Francis Hung Trinh; All Souls; Living & Deceased Members of the Trinh & Tran Families; Jane Roussel; Judy Perilloux; Stephen

Hotard; Farrel Weber Jr. & Sr.; Toby Weber; Delores Wild; Tommy St. Martin; Michael Scallan; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Barbara Guillot; Linda Monistere; Mary Catherine "Trinksie" Garon; David, Debbie, Matthew Jerry; Roland Miller; Miriam Ferry; Michiko Robertson; Sharon Fisse; Fr. Ray Hymel

5:00 PM: Melba & Charlie Catoire; Jeanette Cashio; Marlene Bourgeois; Daniel Guidry; Sue LeBlanc; Guy Clement; Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Melancon Families; Miriam Schultz Ferry; Lloyd Simoneaux; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; Mindy Wilson; Mary Catherine Garon; Allan Reynaud; Delores Wild; Larry Larusso; Gloria Francis; Michael Scallan; Cleveland Farlough; Lynn Robichaux

#### Candles will Burn week of September 15--21 for

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Jack & Carmen Cupit

#### **CONVENT LIGHT**

Lloyd Simoneaux

#### SACRED HEART CHAPEL

Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Melancon Families



## AT REST IN CHRIST

#### **廿 THOMAS HYMEL**

We ask for your prayers for the repose of his soul. Pray also that his family and friends are strengthened by their faith and consoled by their hope in eternal life.

#### Devotions, Explained! Litany

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.



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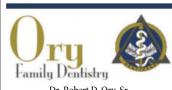
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