

*September 14, 2025
Feast of the Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*

SS. Peter & Paul Church

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Mission Statement

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

Vision Statement

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Class: Contact Darcy Wharton for Information at ext. 211

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month except during the season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM
In the Church or by appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or long-term care, please call Ext. 201 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

Christian Initiation

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, Sep 13	5:00 PM	✠	Maria & Joseph Do	✠	Chester Arkus
Sun, Sep 14	9:00 AM	✠	Bernie Voight	✠	Edith C. Guzman
	11:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Jack Kirwan
	5:00 PM	✠	Bob Pfister	S	Perry, Walsh & Fox Families
Mon, Sep 15	8:30 AM	✠	Vicky Sunseri	✠	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue, Sep 16	8:30 AM	✠	Judy Brown	✠	Gene Nunziati
Wed, Sep 17	8:30 AM	✠	William Lambros	S	Elba Bobiles
Fri, Sep 19	8:30 AM	S	Febia Arias	✠	Rosalina Bobiles
Sat, Sep 20	5:00 PM	✠	Maria & Peter Bui	✠	Joaquin Bruno
Sun, Sep 21	9:00 AM	✠	Paul Welz	✠	Connie Fontes
	11:00 AM	✠	Jack Kirwan	S	Ann Kirwan
	5:00 PM	S	Community of SSPP	✠	Ron Caretti

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Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Church & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch



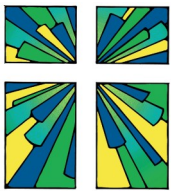
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September 14, 2025 — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

✠ Liturgy 101 ✠

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



God gave
his only
Son
that all
who believe
might have
eternal life

Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was established to commemorate the finding of the true cross of Jesus by St. Helena in the fourth century. This feast invites us to meditate upon the

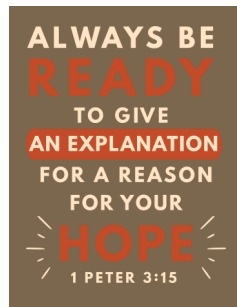
redemption won for us by Christ. More than an occasion to venerate the physical relics of the instrument of Christ's death, today's feast celebrates the decisive victory that Christ's suffering and death brings about. Indeed, we give thanks and praise that by his holy cross, Jesus has redeemed the world!

Catechetical Sunday September 21, 2025

Next weekend the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday during the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechist/ Core Team will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



Please Help One of Our Students!

Myron Decena, a parishioner and senior at Oakmont High School, is studying World Religions. As part of his classwork he doing a research project on the Sacraments of the Church. He



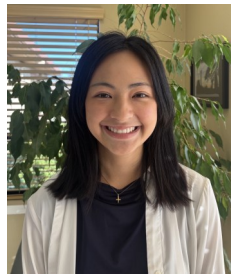
has asked for our help in this endeavor! Please follow the QR code to complete his short online survey. **Responses are needed by September 20th!!** Thank you!



Coffee & Donuts Are Back!

Come for fellowship, coffee, and donuts after Sunday morning masses.

Volunteers are needed—especially at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Kris Cowen at cowenkris@gmail.com for more information.



Announcing Our New Coordinator of Music!

We are happy to announce that parishioner **Alyanna Asuncion** has joined our staff. Alyanna has been selected as the new Coordinator of Music. Welcome, Alyanna!

***From Alyanna:** My name is Alyanna Asuncion and I am so excited to be serving the community of SS Peter and Paul Parish as the Coordinator of Music! I was born and raised in the Bay Area and moved to Rocklin in 2017 with my parents and three siblings. I was raised in the faith and had the privilege of attending Catholic school growing up. Through my educational experiences and my family's involvement in the Catholic church, I began to form a solid foundation in and natural curiosity about the faith. This led me to desire to serve and get involved at Church, whether it was through singing in the choir and lectoring in high school or attending youth ministry events at SS Peter and Paul.*

I attended college at the University of California, Berkeley (Go Bears!) and graduated in May 2025 with my Bachelor's in Public Health. I look upon my college years with great fondness and gratitude, as I consider them some of the most formative times in my life. I started attending Mass, faith formation, and fellowship events at the Newman Catholic Center in Berkeley my freshman year and began to form a deeper love for the Catholic faith. In college, I spent much of my time in Bible studies, discipleship groups, and serving as music chair on the Student Ministry Team.

I have always had a love for music. I remember taking music lessons as a kid ever since I could talk and trying to learn every musical instrument that reached my hands. Some of my greatest joys have been getting to offer the gift of music to the Lord in worship.

The support of my family, friends, and faith community have all helped guide me in my journey of saying "yes" to the Lord's call to serve. Every day, I am reminded of how He calls us His Beloved and how He wants us to open our minds and hearts to His abundant love. As I return home from college, I hope to lead with and make this message known as I work with and serve the people of our parish. Siempre adelante!



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—8th Grade & Sacrament Preparation)

Youth & Family Faith classes are beginning soon.

Please see below and mark your calendars.

Note: K-6th grade and 7-8th grade/High School Confirmation begin one week apart.

Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten - 6th grade begin...



Faith Formation Classes for Middle School & High School Confirmation begin...



More information about the first week of classes will be sent out in the Faith Formation Parent News Flocknote. Please be on the lookout for this email.

INSPIRING WORDS

The psalmist reminds us: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). May our hearts be open today to God's presence, peace, and purpose.



- September 14: Life Night Topic Night—Team Player Meet in the Multipurpose Room. As always, dinner is served first. Please RSVP!
- September 17: Game Night
- September 21: Catechetical Sunday and the first Small Faith Group night. Dinner and then we Find Our Flocks!
- September 24: TTRPG Night
- September 28: Car Wash in the morning; Mini Golf at Sunsplash in the evening
- October 1: Game Night
- October 4: Girls' Night
- October 5: Life Night Topic Night—College finance information with Mike & Trudy. It is not too early to plan to make college affordable. Parents are welcome!

All meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays are from 6:00-8:00 PM in Room 11 or the Multipurpose Room. Look for the LifeTeen sign!

If you have questions or would like to participate, as a teen or an adult mentor (of any age), and do not know how to get involved, contact Nancy at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or by email at: nancy.vonthaden@rocklincatholic.org All volunteers 18 and older must be Safe Environment certified.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Friends are welcome to join us and you do not have to be Catholic to participate!

Join us on October 18th for a fun night of games and fellowship. Bring a snack to share.

If you would like to be added to the Young Adult Ministry roster or have any questions, please contact Nancy Von Thaden at (916) 624-5827 ext. 203 or text (916) 343-1168.





An Invitation for **YOU**...

We are calling any Confirmed Catholic to become a Eucharistic Minister.

WE NEED YOU! Consider experiencing Mass in a whole

new way as you enrich your faith. Many mass times need additional ministers! A response to God's call and a short training is all you need. You will find the interest form at: www.rocklincatholic.org/eucharistic-ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Campos, Liturgy Coordinator—Carla.Campos@rocklincatholic.org



SACRAMENTO LOAVES & FISHES

The SSPP Loaves & Fishes Ministry is looking for a new Ministry Leader! Holly Upton, a parishioner at St. Joseph Marello who has helped lead this ministry at our parish for many years is stepping down and looking to train someone new to take her place.

This charitable outreach ministry serves lunch at Loaves & Fishes on the third Thursday of the month. Volunteers meet in the parish parking lot and then carpool together to Sacramento. The Ministry Leader is responsible for emailing the group at the start of each month with information and serves as the parish contact person and liaison with Loaves & Fishes.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or joining this ministry, please contact Melissa Terry at melissa.terry@rocklincatholic.org for more information.



Christ the King Retreat Center's Diamond Jubilee

You are invited to a special evening of celebration on **Saturday, October 4**, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm as we

gather under the joyful theme: **"Let it Shine! Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light!"** with Mass, Dinner, Dancing, Silent & Live Auction.

Cost: \$175 per person/\$300 couple

Tickets are available through September 29 either online at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org, by phone, or onsite.

For more information contact Sandra Gill 916-725-4720, ext. 302.



Italian Dinner!

**Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Join us in the Social Hall
for an evening of
Food, Fun, & Famiglia**

**Appetizers, Italian Food/Desserts,
and Italian Music**

**Cost: \$25 per person
\$10 for children under 10 years**

**Reserve a table of 8 and receive a
complimentary bottle of wine**

RSVP by Oct. 6th
Volunteers are also needed.
Link to volunteer signup is on the
website
rocklincatholic.org/italian-dinner
or in the parish office



San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena Celebration

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Sacred Heart Parish, 39th & J Street,
Sacramento

- ◇ 5:30 pm Rosary/Novena Prayer
- ◇ 6:00 pm Mass celebrated by
Aux. Bishop Rey Bersabal,
Concelebrants: Fr. Mark Richards, Fr. Jovito Rata,
Fr. Brian Atienza, Fr. Renier Siva, Fr. Abraham Chiu
Filipino Choir - Rolie Mamauag Family
- ◇ 7:00 pm Fellowship/Reception—includes Filipino
cuisine, Tagalog folk songs and native dances



San Lorenzo Ruiz is the Patron Saint of the Philippines. His feast day will be honored by nine churches in the greater Sacramento area with a Novena of Celebrations starting on September 11, and ending with a Fiesta on September 20.

Please join us at Sacred Heart for the 6th day of the Novena. For more details about times and church locations for all of the Novena Celebrations and Fiesta, text Zac Rivera, (916) 616-7390 or email at riverazrjr@gmail.com

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading—Numbers 21:4-9

The book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Today's passage tells of a time when the people were complaining during their journey. Two things can help us understand this reading. First, we will hear of *saraph* serpents; *saraph* is a Hebrew word meaning fiery one. Second, Christians have seen in the bronze serpent placed on a pole a symbol of Jesus hanging on the cross.

Second Reading—Philippians 2:6-11

In this portion of his letter to the Philippians, Paul quotes an early Christian hymn about Jesus to encourage the community to greater unity and humility.

Gospel Reading—John 3:13-17

In the *Saint John's Bible* depiction of the crucifixion scene, both cross and Christ are pure gold, the total revelation of God's very self, shown against a cosmic background—this is an event that resounds through all time and space. By the love of Christ outpoured, the atrocity of the crucifixion becomes something profoundly beautiful. The cross is no longer simply an instrument of death but has become the means by which we are given abundant life.

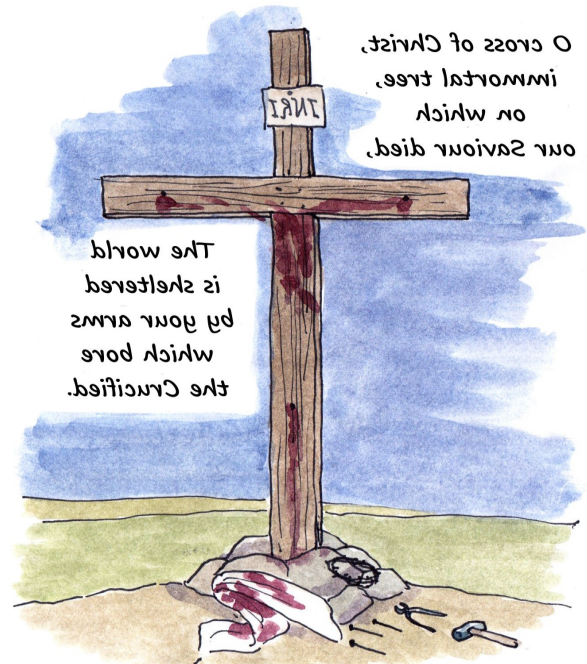
In this courageous act of love, we find reason for hope and a decisive direction for our own life. We have no reason to fear either life or death, as God's redeeming love is enough for us. As was the case with the serpent in the desert, "lifted up" for all in search of healing to look upon, we are offered wholeness and redemption in gazing upon the cross. However, in turning to the cross, we also must recognize Jesus' destiny as our own. We, too, must be "lifted up" with Christ, born from above in baptism and thus united with him in his death and resurrection. If we love as Christ loves, we will not escape our own crosses.

Loving God, you sent your Son into the world that all might believe in him and have eternal life. As Jesus humbled himself by his death on the cross, may we also learn greater humility in our day-to-day interactions with others, and so glorify you by our lives. Amen.

The Kids' Bulletin

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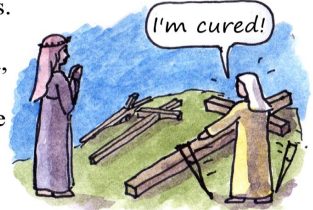
Today is a special feast day when we celebrate the cross on which Jesus died.

Look in the mirror to find the words of a hymn that tells us about what the cross means to us.

The Holy Cross

Today we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation, or Triumph, of the Holy Cross on which Our Lord died. The cross was an instrument of torture used to punish criminals and to show other people what would happen to them too, if they broke the Roman laws. Our Lord used the cross for a different reason though. He offered His sufferings on the cross to repay for the sins of everyone else in the world. He died in a place where many people could see Him so that they could see and know how much He loves us.

In the 300's AD, St. Helena, who was a Christian queen, went to Jerusalem to find the cross of Jesus. She found three crosses there so she decided to test to see which was Christ's. A very sick woman touched each cross. When she touched the third one she was healed instantly! They had found the cross of Christ!



In hoc signo, vinces! Saint Helena's son Constantine was not a Christian yet, but when he was about to go to war he had a vision of the cross and heard the words "In this sign you shall conquer!" So he had crosses drawn on all the flags and shields, and he won the battle. Then he believed in Jesus and became a Christian.



Altar Servers Needed!

Below are our statistics of how many altar servers we have that serve at our various Mass times:

- † Saturday Vigil Mass — 7 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 9:00 AM — 4 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 11:00 AM — 13 with 2 substitutes
- † Sunday, 5:00 PM — 23 with 1 substitute

As you can see from the above statistics, we are in NEED of more altar servers; especially at the Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass and the Sunday, 9:00 AM Masses!

If you have children who are entering the 4th through 8th grade, please encourage them to serve at our Mass.

Contact Joan Valdez at msjoanvaldez@yahoo.com if your child would like to serve or just come and see!

Save the Date – Feast of St. Francis Celebration and Blessing of Animals

When: Saturday, October 4th the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Join us for all or part of the day's events in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and ecology, the lover of all creation.



Where: The celebration will be held in the SSPP Nature Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 AM. Please bring a chair if you need to sit.

Schedule:

- 10:30-11:30 Prayer Service
- 11:30-12:45 Information tables, family activities & refreshments
- 1:00-2:00 Optional hike at Secret Ravine (map provided); return to SSPP with your pet.
- 2:30-3:30 Blessing of the Animals—All creatures great and small are welcome! But for the well-being of all, please use leashes, harnesses, or pet carriers.

Event Highlights:

- Information on energy saving, plastic recycling, water conservation, planting, and more!
- Learn how we can be better stewards of God's creation.

RSVP desired, but not required: marikea@pacbell.net

Hosted by the Care for Creation teams of:
SS. Peter & Paul, Rocklin, St. Teresa of Avila, Auburn,
and St. Patrick, Grass Valley

Nosh and News for 2025! Join the SSPP Ladies Guild in sisterhood as we have our September brunch potluck meeting. Bring your appetite and get ready to engage in our upcoming events. Our members will be bringing their favorite food dishes to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome to our meeting on ***Monday, September 22 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.***



Saints Peter and Paul Youth Ministry Car Wash



Sunday, September 28th 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- Follow signs and teens to parking area
- Enjoy mass @ 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM
- Return to a sparkling clean car

Donations accepted to support our service & pilgrim experiences!



Special Collection THIS Weekend September 13/14 is the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement

This is an opportunity for parishioners to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese.

Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/priests-retirement-fund
or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Simply Baroque Music Concert

You're Invited to an evening of Classical Sacred Music in Our Blessed Mother's Rose Garden:

Saturday, October 18
St. Joseph Marelli Catholic Church
7200 Auburn Folsom Road

Free admission!



Seating from 6:00-6:30 PM. Concert begins at 7:00 PM. Arrive early for limited chair seating! Open space available for blankets and short lawn chairs.

Cheese boards & Mount St. Joseph wines available for sale.