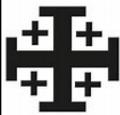




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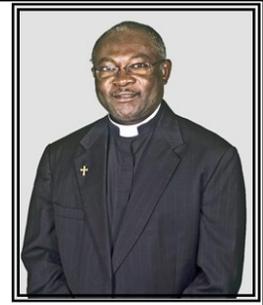
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "C"

August 24, 2025



[Luke 13:22-30](#) Our gospel for today is from Luke 13:22-30 which somehow talks about the "final judgment". Jesus called many but only few will enter His kingdom. This means only few can enter the gates of heaven and we all know how it will happen. We all know how to enter the gate yet we are still not ready and most of us are arrogant and still doing mistakes.

Luke 13:22-30 hinted us of what will become of us when we neglect to pay attention to our souls. At first, the message of God is clear like the water that springs from the desert. He all taught us to pray and do good things while we are on earth. He taught us how to enter heaven through good deeds. Yet, the people neglected to follow the teachings He made for us. When the day will come for the final judgment, He will never open His door for those who abandoned Him. This will be the final judgment of mankind. Luke 13:22-30 says we should follow the narrow road for only a few will pursue and enter God's kingdom.

When the final judgment will come, many will weep and gnash their teeth but still they can't enter. The chosen few will enter the Kingdom and they will eat and drink with Him for eternity in His Kingdom. This is what Luke is trying to imply. Have you ever thought that the final judgment is near? Our recent world is deteriorating and people are doing evil deeds. People forget to pray and care for their souls. The world is in chaos and corruption is prevalent. Earthquakes, fires, typhoons, floods are all happening. Is the end near? Is the final judgment near?

No one knows when and where and what will happen. The only thing for sure is that God is like a thief when He will arrive. He will judge us according to our deeds here on earth. So, if you have time, think and ponder and know that there is still time to cleanse your soul.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to donate the sanctuary candle in memory of someone or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the office and schedule a date.
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SICK MINISTRY



The Sacrament of the Sick is a fundamental practice in the Catholic Church intended to provide comfort, peace and spiritual strength to those who are seriously ill or aging.

Communion to the Sick by Priest: First Friday of the month. Or call the Church Office.

"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: REFLECTION

Today's gospel story starts with someone asking Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus advises that one must "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." The verb agonizomai, "strive," is used to describe athletic training (similarly, see 1 Cor 9:25). Just as an athlete must gradually build up strength daily disciplined exercise, so spiritual fitness takes consistent effort and training, Jesus notes that many who attempt to enter will not be strong enough.

MASS INTENTIONS: – WEEKEND, August 23rd — 24th, 2025

Sat. 23rd 4:00 p.m. + Frank and Edris McNamara by Children
 Sun. 24th 7:15 a.m. + Ivan Santana by family
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention Penelope, Rod & Migdalia
 11:00 a.m. + Gertrude Hargreaves Felix by children

DAILY MASSES August 26th — 29th

Tue. 26th 6:30 a.m. + Kenneth & Ethel Hulsbrink by family
 Wed 27th 6:30 a.m. Better Health Emma Moorehead-Rohlsen
 Thu 28th 6:30 a.m. Better Health Nora & Susana Santana
 8:15 a.m. Student Mass
 Fri. 29th 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Quaran Clarke by grandma

NEXT WEEKEND August 30th — 31st

Sat. 30th 4 :00 p.m. B/D Blessings Lucinda Benjamin
 B/D Blessings Rhona Bolivar
 Sun. 31st 7:15 a.m. + Rosendo Rivera by family
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention Roy & James Rodgers
 11:00 a.m. B/D Blessings Lennie Thomas by family

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

DAILY

25 -Monday

1 Thes 1: 1-5,8b-10
 Mt 23: 13-22



29 - Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8
 Mk 6:17-29

26 - Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8
 Mt 23:23-26

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30 -Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11
 Mt 25: 14-30

27 - Wednesday

1 Thes 2: 9 -13
 Mt 23: 27-32

31 - Sunday

Sir 3:17-18,20,
 28-29
 Heb 12:18-19,
 22-24a
 Lk 14:1,7-14

28 -Thursday

1 Thes 3: 7-13
 Mk 24:42-51

Sacraments

Baptism

Please register at the office between 9-2 p.m. The Sacrament is celebrated the last Sunday of the month after the 11:00a.m. Mass.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9:00—10:00 a.m. or by appointment

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six (6) months before the wedding date.

Funeral

No Funeral on Thursdays or Weekends. Please contact the Church Office. No date is to be set without consulting the Church Office.

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NOVENA

St. Teresa of Calcuta



Novena starting on Wednesday, August 27th culminating with the student Mass on Friday, September 5th at 8:15 a.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Mass: Will be held on Monday, Sept. 25th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Bishop Jerome will be officiating. Please make an effort to attend.

Thank You! To all whom helps with the Church cleaning. More information on the planification will be coming soon.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Is burning for Anniversary of death Gertrude Hargreaves-Felix by children.

Morning & Student Mass: Friday September 5, 2025 @ 8:15a.m.,

The Mass in honor of Birthday in heaven of St. Teresa of Calcuta.

N/B: No 6:30am mass on this special day. No School Mass on Thursday September 4, 2025.

Fall 2025 Catechesis Dates for Holy Cross, St. Croix **(Wednesday & Fridays at 6 PM)**

1st- Wednesday, September 10

2nd- Friday, September 12

3rd- Wednesday, September 17

4th- Friday, September 19

5th- Wednesday, September 24

6th- Friday, September 26

7th- Wednesday, October 1 (Kerygma)

8th- Friday, October 3 (Kerygma II)

9th- Wednesday, October 8

(We will not meet that Friday since the priest will be on retreat.)

10th- Wednesday, October 15 (Penitential Celebration)

11th- Friday, October 17

12th- Wednesday, October 22

13th- Friday, October 24

14th- Wednesday, October 29 (Handing of Bible)

Convivence Oct 31- Nov 2 (Friday-Sunday)

The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life, 19th Annotation Retreat **September 2025 to May 2026:**

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are offered as an eight-month retreat in daily life that follows a practice of daily meditation and contemplation of scripture reading. Through this experience, retreatants deepen their experience of God's presence in their lives.

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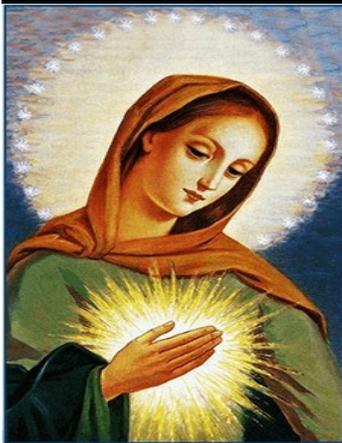
SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend our second collection is for Parish Insurance. Please be generous.

VICTORIA'S KITCHEN: Feed the less fortunate at Holy Cross on Thursdays! Your donations help support this worthy cause. You can place your check in the collection basket payable to Holy Cross Church, attention: Victoria's Kitchen

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS

5:00PM



**THE HAIL MARY
PRAYER WITH THE
PETITION TO
BLIND SATAN.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, **spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity**, now and at the hour of our death. **AMEN.**



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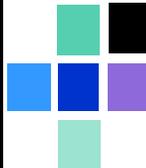
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