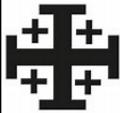


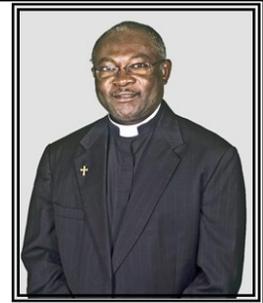


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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "C" August 31, 2025



LUKE 14:1,7-14 Luke 14:1,7-14 This is the message of today's gospel from Luke 14:1, 7-11. Jesus talked about the parable of the wedding banquet. The parable is short story but there is a meaning deeper than what we can understand.

The parable is a reminder for us to always put our feet on the ground. We all should learn to be humble despite piles of great achievements.

The gospel from Luke 14:1, 7-11 manifests we are nothing if we are arrogant. Honor will never come to us if we are boastful. Unlike if we humbled ourselves, the master will honor us.

This is the reality of life here on earth. You might not be able to see it but as we are human we tend to be arrogant sometimes. We become arrogant over small achievements and we forget to humble ourselves.

The gospel from has a very special message. We must always put our feet on the ground no matter what. Humility is the virtue that will lift you up even in negative circumstances.

The world we live today is not the same as it used to be. People fight each other, nations versus nations in war. They are all consumed by their arrogance and pride. No one wants to be on the ground. As we can see, it resulted to negativities.

If only people all know how to humble themselves, for sure there is long lasting peace here on earth. Humility is not degrading yourself, in fact it helps people become united as one.



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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THE MASS INTENTION

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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

It is easy to fall prey to false humility, pretending to take a lowly place in the hopes of receiving adulation and an invitation to come up higher. Or false humility can be manifest in persons whose self-esteem has never developed properly. True humility is grounded in a knowledge that all person, no matter their circumstances, and all the created world share in an unbreakable interconnection of life given by God. We are in an unbreakable interconnection of life given by God. We are equally loved and esteemed by the Holy One who desires the flourishing of all.

MASS INTENTIONS: – WEEKEND, August 30th — 31st, 2025

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

DAILY MASSES September 2nd — 5th

Tue. 2nd 6:30 a.m. Special Intention by Bass family
 Wed 3rd 6:30 a.m. + Socorro Domingo by family
 Thu 4th 6:30 a.m. + Ingerborg Neptune by children
 8:15 a.m. Student Mass
 Fri. 5th 6:30 a.m. B/D in heaven Sr. Teresa of Calcuta

NEXT WEEKEND September 6th — 7th

Sat. 6th 4 :00 p.m. + Anniversary of death Owen Schjang
 Sun. 7th 7:15 a.m. + Sr. Hailea Mariam, M.C.
 9:00 a.m. B/D Blessings Cathy Booth
 + Deceased members of Evans family
 11:00 a.m. + Rita Schuster by family
 + Theresa Thomas by Bass 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

1 -Monday

1 Thes 4: 13-18

Lk 4: 16-30

2 - Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11

Lk 4:31-37

3 - Wednesday

Col 1: 1 -8

Lk 4: 38-44

4 -Thursday

Col 1: 9-14

Lk 5:1-11



5 - Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mk 6:17-29

6 -Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25: 14-30

7 - Sunday

**Sir 3:17-18,20,
28-29**

Heb 12:18-19,

22-24a

Lk 14:1,7-14

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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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 is not only a solemn celebration in the Church but also our Patronal Feast. It is a special moment for us as members of this parish community to come together as one family in faith to pray and fellowship. This year, the program for our Patronal Feast includes:

A 3 days Recollection: from Wednesday Sept. 10th thru Friday 12th , starting each day at 5:45 PM. We will meet each of these 3 days for prayer, reflection, adoration and possibility of confession.

On Saturday, Sept.13, we will meet here in the Church at 9:00 AM for cleaning and decoration; on the same Saturday morning (9:00 AM), another group of people will be in the School Hall setting up for Sunday. Volunteers are needed and everyone is

invited to join.

The Mass schedule for that special weekend will be as usual. We encourage everyone to bring their home crucifixes to be blessed at the end of each Mass.

After the 11:00 AM Holy Mass on that Sunday (Sept.14 th), we are all invited to meet at Saint Mary School (in the Hall) for a Potluck Luncheon. It is important that everyone contribute something in cooked food, drinks, dessert, and supplies so that we can all share. You can call the church office to indicate what you will donate.

Please, Mark your calendars and be a part of this joyful occasion!

Lectors Meeting: On Saturday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m. Holy Cross Church. Please make an effort to attend. Lectors needed if interested please attend meeting.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Is burning for Better Health for Emma Moorehead-Rohlsen by her mother.

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)

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend our second collection is for Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Please be generous.

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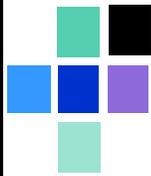


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 PRAYER WITH THE
 PETITION TO
 BLIND SATAN.**

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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