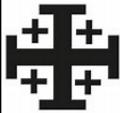




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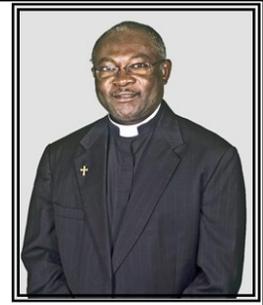
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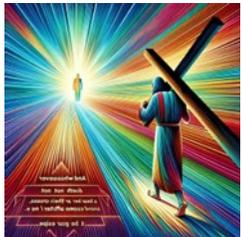
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "C"

Sept. 7, 2025



Luke 14:25-33 Our gospel for today is from Luke 14:25-33. This talks about the cost of discipleship. This reminds us about following Jesus in everything. The only way to enter heaven is to follow Jesus. To follow Jesus means to carry his own cross and live a life like Jesus did.

So what is the cost of being a disciple of Christ? What cross are you asked to bear as you follow Jesus? This is a metaphor of being a good Christian. The only way to follow Jesus is to live a life filled with goodness. Luke 14:25-33 reminds us that being a disciple is not an easy thing to do. We must do all things in favor for our brothers and sisters. It means we must also learn to love others.

To be a disciple means to give up everything that we own all the riches. We must learn to be of service to the poor. We must carry our own cross and bear witness to the good things as Christians.

Luke 14:25-33 reminds us that if we follow Jesus, the life we must lead is not an easy one. There will be thorns in the way and all trials will pop up. Many will mock us and many will never believe in us. Still, we must try harder to earn the trust of others.

The cross symbolizes the trials, the humiliations, the hardships of being a disciple. The road may not lead us to glory that easy as there will be blockage. Yet, as soon as we fulfill our duties and started to witness the transformation of others, we can say we did it.

Lord, let me carry your cross and let me feel the heaviness of it. As I long to be your disciple, I am willing to carry the cross for the service of men.



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.
A free will donation is welcome.

THE MASS INTENTION

IS OUR APPEAL TO GOD FOR OUR LOVED ONES.

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AT 340-773-7564

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

Great crowds who were being healed and fed by Jesus were following him as he traveled. He addresses them in very sober terms about what it takes to stay with him for the whole way. He speaks about calculating the cost, not to dissuade any potential disciples, but rather to be sure that they are aware of what commitment to him demands, lest they be caught unaware. He names three of the greatest stumbling blocks: attachment to family, to possessions, and to life itself.

MASS INTENTIONS: – WEEKEND, September 6th — 7th, 2025

Sat. 6th 4:00 p.m. + Anniversary of death Owen Schjang

Sun. 7th 7:15 a.m. + Sr. Hailea Mariam, M.C. by M.C. Sisters
 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

DAILY MASSES September 9th — 12th

Tue. 9th 6:30 a.m. + Godfred Thurland Sr. by family
 Wed 10th 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Aidan Xavier Bass by family
 Thu 11th 6:30 a.m. + Gloria Caratini de Mendez by family
 8:15 a.m. Student Mass
 Fri. 12th 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Sophie Picou

NEXT WEEKEND September 13th — 14th

Sat. 13th 4:00 p.m. Special Intention Modeste family
 + Enid Schuster by Schjang family

Sun. 14th 7:15 a.m. + Ana Melecio by family
 9:00 a.m. + 10th Anniversary of death Julio Brady
 11:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

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



8 - Monday

Mi 5: 1-4a
 Mt 1: 1-16

9 - Tuesday

Col 2:6-15
 Lk 6:12-19

10 - Wednesday

Col 3: 1 -11
 Lk 6: 20-26

11 - Thursday

Col 3: 12-17
 Lk 6:27-38

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12 - Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14
 Lk 6:39-42

13 - Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17
 Lk 6: 43-49

14 - Sunday

Nm 21:4b-9
 Phil 2:6-11
 Jn 3:13-17

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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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th 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.14th), 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. Please, call us to indicate what you will donate. The contact persons are:

Catherine Willey (340-690-6927); Myra (340-277-7457);
and Rosita Felix (656-234-9724).

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 the Anniversary of death +Oswald Owen Schjang, Sr. by family.

FUNERAL: Maria Hall, Friday, September 12th @ 10:00a.m.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WALK-A-THON

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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Do you want to deepen your faith?

Are you suffering and you don't know why?

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COME AND LISTEN!

CATECHESIS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Starting on September 17th
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McAlpin Hall,
Holy Cross Catholic Church

2025-26 CCD -Religious Education

Coming Soon!

Please register online through website: www.hccstx.org, applications at the back of the church. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15—10:45 a.m. at the McAlpin Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend our second collection is for the St. Mary's School. Please be generous.

YOUTH CHOIR: Do You Love To Sing?

If you love to sing, please join the Holy Cross youth Choir!

*We practice the First and Second Saturdays of each month at the Church from 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

*We sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass the First, Second & Third Sundays of each month.

*We sing at Special Occasion too!

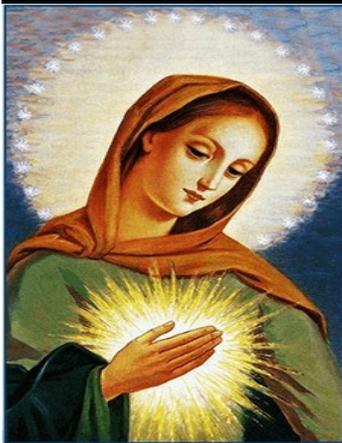
*Are you between 6-18 years of age? You're qualified!!!

Please email Ms. Christine at: cmtaglieri3@gmail.com

ST PATRICK CHURCH

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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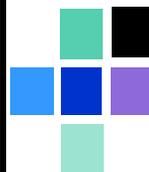
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