SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING I

ISAIAH 50:5-9A

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication,

Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just;

yes, our God is merciful.

The LORD keeps the little ones;

I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I shall walk before the LORD

in the land of the living.

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READING II

JAMES 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

GOSPEL

MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, *"Who do people say that I am?"* They said in reply, *"John the Baptist, others Elijah,* still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, *"But who do you say that I am?"* Peter said to him in reply, *"You are the Christ."* Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said,

"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

READING 1

NUMBERS 21: 4B-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 78 R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

old.

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again, Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord! But they flattered him with their mouths and lied

to him with their tongues, Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him, nor were they faithful to his covenant.

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord! But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not; Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused. R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

READING II

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ALLELUIA <mark>R. Alleluia, alle</mark>luia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

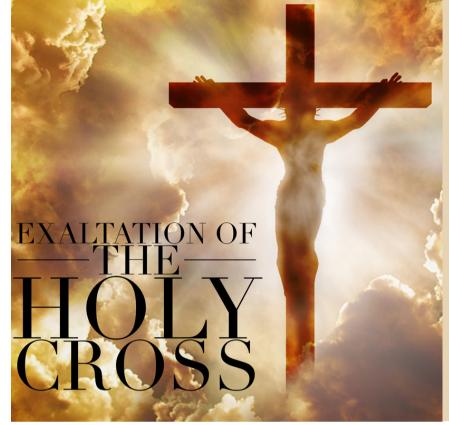
JOHN 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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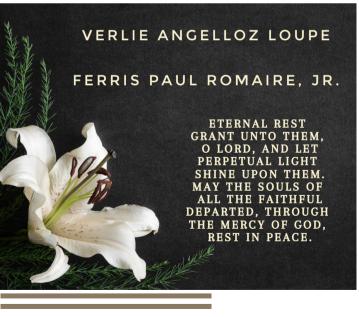
SOLEMNITY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. This is the day the Catholic Church celebrates both the discovery and recovery of the True Cross of Jesus Christ. It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross which was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326.

The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross shows forth Christ's victory over death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ - all in one image.

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FOR FEAST DAY PROCESSION e Mercy At the Cross Her Station Keeping

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

"You expired Jesus, but the Source of Life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."(3x)

OUR FATHER... HAIL MARY ... and the APOSTLE'S CREED...

On each Our Father bead say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement of our sins and of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade, say: For the sake of His sorrowful passion, Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy us And on the whole world. (3x)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Monday-Friday 8 AM - 3 PM *closed Noon - 1 PM

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1 At the cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful Mother weeping, Close to Jesus to the last. 2 Through her heart, his sorrow sharing, All his bitter anguish bearing, Now at length the sword has passed.

3 Oh, how sad and sore distressed. Was that Mother highly blest Of the sole begotten One! 4 Christ above in torment hangs; She beneath beholds the pangs Of her dying, glorious Son. 5 Is there one who would not weep, 'Whelmed in miseries so deep, Christ's dear Mother to behold? 6 Can the human heart refrain From partaking in her pain, In that Mother's pain untold? 7 Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, She beheld her tender Child, All with bloody scourges rent. 8 For the sins of his own nation, Saw him hang in desolation Till his spirit forth he sent. 9 O sweet Mother! fount of love, Touch my spirit from above, Make my heart with yours accord. 10 Make me feel as you have felt; Make my soul to glow and melt With the love of Christ, my Lord. 11 Holy Mother, pierce me through, In my heart each wound renew Of my Savior crucified. 12 Let me share with you his pain, Who for all our sins was slain, Who for me in torments died. 13 Let me mingle tears with thee, Mourning him who mourned for me, All the days that I may live: 14 By the cross with you to stay, There with you to weep and pray, This I ask of you to give.

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CAI FNDAR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUN | SEPT 12 MON | SEPT 13 TUES | SEPT 14 WED | SEPT 15 • Feast Day of The Exaltation • 5:30 PM Daily Mass - Fr Henry 6AM-5PM Adoration • Flocknote Weekly Email of the Cross 9:10 AM CCHS Mass - FBL • 8 AM CCES Mass - FBL . SAM Mass - FRI • 5:30 PM Daily Mass - FBL • 5:30 PM Daily Mass - FBL • 10:30 AM Mass - FMT • 5:30 PM Mass - FBL THURS | SEPT 16 FRI | SEPT 17 SAT | SEPT 18 SUN | SEPT 19 CCHS Sophomore Retreat • 6:45 AM Men's Rosarv • 4 PM St. Rosalie Mass- Fr Noas • 8 AM Mass - Fr Noas • 9:30 AM Parish Small Group • 5:30 PM Daily Mass - FBL 4:55 PM Rosary and Divine • 10:30 AM Mass - Fr Noas • 5:30 PM Mass - Fr Noas • 5:30 PM Daily Mass - FMT Mercy Chaplet • 6:30 KC 3rd Degree • 5:30 PM Vigil Mass - Fr Noas

Prayers for Veneration of the Cross | September 12 | Noon-5 PM

We worship You, Lord, we venerate Your cross. We praise Your resurrection. Through the cross, You brought joy to the world. Hail, Holy Cross! You give sight to the sightless, health to the sick, and life to those who sleep in death. We exalt the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself in your embrace, who was lifted high in glory upon your arms. We venerate you, a tree of life, an ark that saves us from drowning, a ladder that rises into heaven! Holy God! Holy mighty One! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us! Amen.

Oh Lord Almighty! You have suffered death at the cross for our sins. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my true light. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! fill my soul with good thoughts. Oh Holy Cross! help me in my salvation. Oh Holy Cross! safeguard me against unholy thoughts and worldly dangers that I may worship the Holy Cross of Jesus of Nazareth crucified. Have pity on me. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my hope. Oh Holy Cross have mercy on me forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus, keep me near the cross. Help me carry and die to self on the crosses life sends me today. Help me hang in there, choosing, like Christ, to remain good—even if evil pummels me. Help me live on the crosses of my life until You, Lord, say "it is finished" at the end of today. Help me see the path of choosing good, not evil, is the path of living in Beatitude. The path of Beatitude chooses to let evil pass when it comes and not pass it on. It is the path of the triumph and exaltation of your Holy Cross. Help me live it today, Lord. Amen.

"Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." - St. Rose of Lima

I love you Jesus, use my life to extend the triumph of your Cross.

Lord Almighty, into Your hands I give my soul and my body. Oh Lord Jesus! grant me strength to bear the cross as Yourself. Teach me to bear it with great humility that the Blessed Virgin may fill me with the Holy Spirit. Preserve my soul and lead it to life everlasting. Amen.

(Check public calendar on website for updates.)

In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus and His fearful Death and Resurrection and His Glorification which leads to everlasting life. As true as Jesus is born on Christmas and crucified on Good Friday. As true as St. Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross. As true as Jesus ascended into heaven. May He preserve me from my enemies both visible and invisible forever and ever. Amen.

VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children to a life of holiness and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide for the needs of the faithful, calling men and women by name to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross, and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests and in consecrated life

Inspire us to know you better and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Paul & Marie Vella, Beverly Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Rowena LaFleur, Michael S. LaFleur, Christina Myers, Ward Mensman, Sr., Verlie Loupe, Blake James Melancon, Catherine Brown St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Richard Baudoin, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Christina Myers, , Carolyn Barbier, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Barbara Greer, Roland J. Barras, Nicholas LaRocca, Sonia Hebert, Jay Morell, Jr., Ronnie Ratcliff,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Boudreaux & Sewart Families, Alcee & Rita Barras

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Norman Adams, Beverly Vella, Bonnie Martin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Catherine Brown, Doug Lawrence

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Holy Cross Parish

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 Catherine S. Parra

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Margaret Romaire, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Myrl Barrouse, Earline Suire, Marjorie Barras, Judy Solar, Lee Anne LeBlanc, Frances Gilmore, Brian Melancon, Louis Tamporella, Jr., Hope Johnson, Ethan Marcel, Darla Marcel, Vera Judycki, Jo Ann Price, Jimmy Bailey, Jr., Russell Vicknair, Maxine Hebert, Tammy Richard, Mary Marceaux, Patrick Beadle, Elliot Prejean, Ronald Berry, Deanna Sampey, Russell Vicknair, Ruby Beadle, Doris Chaisson, Elvira Theresa Soto Contreras, Jackie Hebert, Darlene Broussard, Chad Comeaux, Shelly Johnson, Claude Siegen, Lois & Lester Fryou, Travis Richard, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

SATURDAY 5:30PM Reader: Andrea Ziegenbusch Bulletins: Jolene Holt Lead Usher: Paul Vella Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Ziegenbusch, Paul Vella SUNDAY 8:00 AM Reader: Kendra Thomas Bulletins: Jennifer Young Lead Usher: Jay Prestenbach Eucharistic Ministers: Rosie Brown, Lea Hebert SUNDAY 10:30 AM Reader: Carrie Stansbury Bulletins: Lynette Aulds Lead Usher: Randy Aulds Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Barbier, Melina Michel SUNDAY 5:30 PM Reader: Catherine Nini Bulletins: Catherine Nini Lead Usher: Mark Nini Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine and Mark Nini

WEEKEND OF: SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

SATURDAY 5:30PM Reader: Lori Jo Case Bulletins: Selena Shannon Lead Usher: Casey Shannon Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Arceneaux, Paul Vella SUNDAY 8:00 AM Reader: Marie Minton Bulletins: Marie Minton Lead Usher: Ray Prestenbach Eucharistic Ministers: Dee Hymel and Denise Smith SUNDAY 10:30 AM Reader: Chelle Saleme **Bulletins: Shelley Morell** Lead Usher: David Irwin Eucharistic Ministers: David and Heather Irwin SUNDAY 5:30 PM Reader: Kellye Jo Patterson Bulletins: Kellye Jo Patterson Lead Usher: John Dubois Eucharistic Ministers: John and Tessie Dubois

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 28-29 No Masses due to Hurricane Ida Sept 4-5 TO BE REPORTED in Sept 18-19 Bulletin

Online offerings and recurring payments may be made using the QR code or going directly to our website.





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