

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU.
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed
|In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

Sunday 8:00 AM | in church

Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed |
In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM
CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses
ADORATION | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)
Saturday | 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

READING I 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 old.

R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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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ANTIPHONS for the Holy Cross

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON: By the sign of the holy cross, O Lord, protect your people from every snare of every foe.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: By the sign of the cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Lord, our God.



WEAR A MASK



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NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers. Please clean your area before and after mass.
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. As always, you may set up recurring payments on our website holycrossmc.org or use PayPal or Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly** sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore** I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory**, Lord God, heavenly King, **O God, almighty Father**. Lord Jesus Christ, **Only Begotten Son**, Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son of the Father**, you take away the **sins** of the world, have mercy on us; **you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer**; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, **have mercy on us**. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all **things visible and invisible**. **I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only **Begotten** Son of God, **born** of the Father **before all ages**. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, **consubstantial** with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **and by** the Holy Spirit **was incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, **he suffered death** and was buried, **and rose again on the third day** in **accordance with** the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **who** with the Father and the Son **is adored** and glorified, **who** has spoken through the prophets. **I believe** in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. **I confess** one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins **and I look forward to** the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And with your spirit.**
 Priest: Lift up your hearts.
 People: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

A - **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

B - When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, **O Lord**, until you come again.

C - **Save us, Savior of the world, for** by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

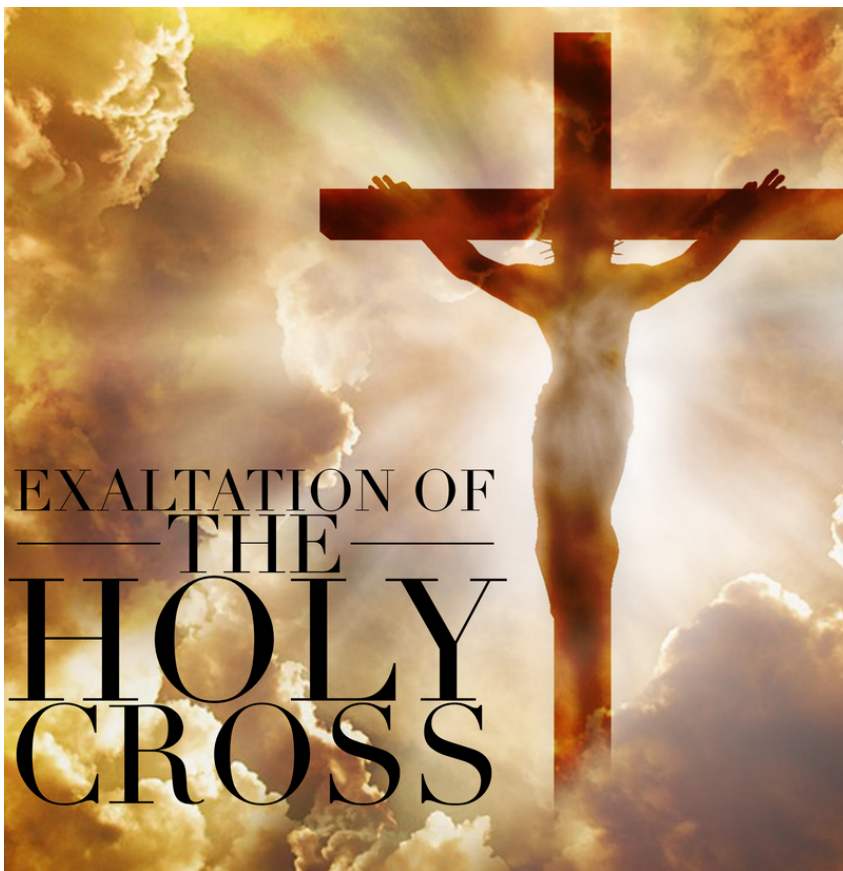
God and gracious God,
 You call all your children
 to a life of holiness
 and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide
 for the needs of the faithful
 by 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.



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 Church celebrates both the discovery and the 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.

PARISH LIFE

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2020 to one of two Diocesan Liturgies of the Word: Sunday, November 8 or Sunday November 22, 2020 respectively at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, both at 3:00 PM. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word. If you wish to participate, contact the church office before September 18 to register. All registered anniversary couples will ALSO receive an inscribed diocesan certificate given during a designated Holy Cross mass celebration.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH FORMATION IMPORTANT DATES Registration Ends Friday, September 18

- Elementary 1-5 Parent Night Wednesday, Sept. 23 5:30 PM
Class begin Wednesday, Sept. 30 5:30-6:30 PM
- Junior High 6-8 Parent Night Sunday, Sept. 20 4:00 PM
Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 27 4:00-6:30 PM
- High School 9-12 Parent Night Sunday, Sept. 20 6:45 PM
Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 27 5:30-8:15 PM

Holy Cross Youth Formation

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to be taken directly to the form, or go to our website: holycrossmc.org/youth-formation to register! One form per student.



Accepting items listed or monetary donations.

- Heavy duty 5 gallon buckets
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- Paper towels
- Heavy duty garbage bags
- Heavy duty gloves
- Tarps
- Hammers and crowbars
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Bleach
- Disinfectant Cleaners
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hygiene Products
- Toilet paper/tissue
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Laundry Detergent
- Diapers
- Plastic totes
- Baby wipes
- Ziploc bags
- Box cutters
- Extension cords
- Batteries
- Fans
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

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The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 4th, 2020 2-3 P.M. Line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's Donuts. Join with pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN."

Sacramentality: Objects Part I: Fire, Light, Candles, & Incense

There are so many liturgical objects worthy of mention when writing about sacramentality; perhaps one of the most fascinating is that sacramentality connected to fire, light, candles, and incense. Fire and light perhaps bring immediately to mind many Scriptural images: the fire of the burning bush; the pillar of fire that protected and led the Hebrews to freedom from Pharaoh; the Christian as the light of Christ in the world; and of course, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Saint Paul says that we are children of the light, who step away from the works of darkness and into the light of truth (1 Thessalonians 5). The power of fire and the purity of light remind us of the power and purity of God: he is all powerful and yet all good, and there is no darkness that can overcome him. Candles can be a sign of our own humanity in the face of God: "He must increase, but I must decrease," says John the Baptist (John 3:30). We melt and are consumed in the goodness of God. The Paschal Candle in particular is a sign of Christ himself: the pure and clean beeswax a sign of his sinless humanity; the five grains of incense his five glorious wounds, offered to the Father; his status as Alpha and Omega etched into its side; the year showing his ruling over all time and space; the wick symbolic of his human soul; the flame indicative of his divinity.

Incense, too, that ancient aid to prayer, has deep symbolism: it is a sign of our prayers which rise to heaven as a pleasing fragrance to the Father (Psalm 141:2) and we ourselves, living out the Christian vocation of worship, who are also a sweet sacrifice to the Lord (2 Corinthians 2). In these ways, the Lord uses things that have always held a particular place in the human experience and uses them to point to usher us closer to himself, who is Lord of these and all things, and whose majesty is reflected in them all.



One of these image-objects strikes me, and I think most people, as having more than ordinary force and beauty. It is that of a lighted candle. There it rises, firmly fixed in the metal cup on the broad-based, long-shafted candlestick, spare and white, yet not wan, distinct against whatever background, consuming in the little flame that flickers and it the pure substance of the wax in softly-shining light. It seems a symbol of selfless generosity. It stands so unwavering in its place, so erect, so clear and disinterested, in perfect readiness to be of service. It stands, where it is well to stand, before God.

-Romano Guardini, *Sacred Signs*

Reflection

- Do I take note of these little details of the Mass?
- Can I take note of the use of candles, the use of the allegory of light and fire in both Scripture and in liturgical practice?
- How does God speak to me through these little things?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, *Liturgia*, (Unpublished).

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of Life, he who comes to me shall not hunger; He who believes in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

REFRAIN: And I will raise him up,

And I will raise him up,

And I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever.

REFRAIN

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

REFRAIN

I am the resurrection, I am the life. He who believes in me even if he die, he shall live for ever.

REFRAIN

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

REFRAIN



AT THE CROSS HER STATION KEEPING

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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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.
Matrimony: Couple must register and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Harold Smith, George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, H. S. & Marie Hover, Alice S. Guzzetta, Carlo Gagliano, Sr., Edward Patterson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Oswald Verret
St. Rosalie: Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Jerry Acosta, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Mike, Jonathan, Rudy & John Percle, Alfred/Percle Families & Judy Aucoin, Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Murray & Margie St. Romain, Rodney St. Romain, Pat St. Romain, Blume Roy & Thelma Roy Brassette, David Family, Willie & Julie Bradberry, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Carolyn Barbier, Marie Mae Swiber, Edward Patterson, Jr., Archer Hayes Askew, Tyler Black, Venice Verrett, Alice S. Guzzetta, Sam & Charleen Lorenzo, Catherine Brown, John Ritchie, Henry Swiber, Sr., Marie Mae Swiber, David Swiber, Henry Swiber, Jr., Diane Swiber, Rudolph Mendoza,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Archer Hayes Askew, Jason Anthony Belanger, Edward Patterson, Jr., Kathleen Governale, Barry Henry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Norman Adams, Bonnie Martin, David Robicheaux, Neville Hebert, Jr., Red Arceneaux, Oswald & Yvonne Verret

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Leonard & Darby Families, Geraldine & Arthur Hebert, Edward Patterson, Jr.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, Delannie Howard, Ruby Beadle, Leslie LaBatut, Diana Greenwood, Roger Liner, Ray LaHoste, Ethan Marcel, Richey Garrett, Becky Gaudin, Steve Johnson, Jay Morell, Evelyn B. Willis, Caroline Noble, Michael McAdams, Sr., Lawrence Pennison, Edward Cedotal, Chantel Cortez, Rick Cuvillier, Betty Guidry, Red Cuvillier, Emmett Matassa, Yvonne Verret, Nikki Fromenthal, John Thompson, Evelyn B. Willis, Ferris & Margaret Romaine, Heidi Darby, Elaine Gussman, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Chasitiy Stansbury, Dawn Costa, Mable Lester, Irene Mouton, Chelisa All, Sandra Fromenthal Cox, Patrick Falgout, Noah Fruge, James Anslum, Mary Ellen Stegall, Pearl Haase, Nettie Acosta, Miko Katsura, Brian Melancon, and anyone affected by Covid-19.

Liturgical Volunteers

WEEKEND OF: SEPTEMBER 12-13

Saturday 5:30 PM Lector: Camille Izaguirre
Bulletins: Camille Izaguirre Ushers: James Hale
Sanitizers: Diane Irwin
Sunday 8:00 AM Lector: Pam Pourciau
Bulletins and Sanitizer: Pam Pourciau
Ushers and Sanitizers: Ray Prestenbach, Mike Pourciau
Sunday 10:30 AM Lector: Colleen Hunter
Bulletins: Lynette Aulds, Maria Barbier
Ushers: Randy Aulds
Sanitizers: Lynette Aulds, Maria Barbier

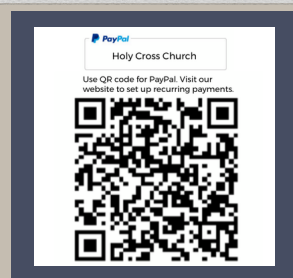
WEEKEND OF: SEPTEMBER 19-20

Saturday 5:30 PM Lector: Lori Jo Case
Bulletins: Melina Michel, Ushers: James Hale
Sanitizers: Melina Michel, Jolene Holt
Sunday 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas
Bulletins: Kendra Thomas
Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell, Mike Pourciau
Sanitizers: Pam Pourciau and volunteers
Sunday 10:30 AM Lector: Stacey Landry
Bulletins: Shelley Morell, Mary Domangue
Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin
Sanitizers: Shelley Morell, Lynette Aulds

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SEPTEMBER 5-6

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FORGIVE

READING 1 SIRACH 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

READING 2

ROMANS 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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