



Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Growing in Faith

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son"* (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is *"a compassionate high priest"* (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.



Tabernacle Flowers - This past week's arrangements were in loving memory of Wayne Lyssy donated by Vincent and Joann Lyssy.

This weekend's arrangements are in thanksgiving for another successful picnic for our Holy Trinity Parish donated by Casper & RosaLee Moczygemba.

Feasts & Celebrations

Growing in Faith

September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253). A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305). Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

Our Lady of Sorrows – Sept 15 "O Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, who didst endure a martyrdom of love and grief, beholding the sufferings and sorrows of Jesus! Thou didst co-operate in the benefit of my redemption by thy innumerable afflictions and by offering to the Eternal Father His only-begotten Son as a holocaust and victim of propitiation for my sins. I thank thee for the unspeakable love which led thee to deprive thyself of the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, true God and true Man, to save me, a sinner. Oh! make use of the unfailing intercession of thy sorrows with the Father and the Son, that I may steadfastly amend my life and never again crucify my loving Redeemer by new sins; arid that, persevering till death in His grace, I may obtain eternal life through the merits of His Cross and Passion." ~Prayer by Saint Bridget of Sweden – mycatholic.life

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM-2PM
Closed Thursdays

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES & HOLY DAYS

As scheduled.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

30 minutes before every Mass

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Monday after Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Exposition & Benediction after Mass
Except during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm, followed by mass

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor
at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to schedule at least two weeks in advance. A birth certificate must be shown. Godparents shall request letter from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes before every Mass

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

LAMENTATIONS

Saturdays of Lent after 5:30 Mass

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30PM † Wayne Lyssy

by Clarence & Louise Moczygemba

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30AM † John L. Moczygemba

by Troit & Terik Hosek

9:00AM † Joseph Jendrusch

by Carl Franckowiak

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30PM † Ted, Gladys & Carl Kotzur

by Karl & Janice Kotara

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

7:30AM † Jeffrey Kyriash & Wayne Lyssy

by Keith & JoAnn Jarzombek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

No Mass

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM Safety & Blessings upon the F.C. Football Team & All Participants of the Game

by Parents

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30PM † Connie Lyssy

by Rose Z. Moravits

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM † Theresa Kotara

by Glenn & Geraldine Swierc

9:00AM † Vida Swierc

by Maxine Lyssy

Serving The Lord ~ September 20th & 21st

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion:

Saturday 5:30PM Red Sturm

Sunday 7:30AM Karissa Jarzombek

9:00AM David Etzler



Lectors:

Saturday 5:30PM Red Sturm

Sunday 7:30AM Karissa Jarzombek

9:00AM Patrick Pollok



Altar Servers: Saturday Alexander B, Charles B Sunday 7:30AM Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G

9:00AM Kyleigh S, Matthew S, Avery S

Money Counters

Sept 14 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek, Mary Stulting

Sept 21 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk

Sept 28 James & Sophie Dziuk

Oct 5 Shirley Palitza, Lanelle Pollok, Lillian Sekula

Sunday Church Support \$3,423.

2nd Collection Sept 13-14 - The 2nd Collection this weekend is for Gaza & the Middle East. It will greatly assist Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in their ministry of providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded.

No Mass Tuesday September 16th due to Clergy Day in San Antonio.

CCD Parent Meetings

September 17th - 2nd Grade 7:00pm in CCD Building

September 24th - 12th Grade 7:00pm in CCD Building

October 1st - 4th Grade 7:00pm in Church

October 8th - 11th Grade 7:00pm in CCD building

F.C. Community Hall, a 501(c)(3) organization, is holding a **New Chair Fundraiser**

To donate towards 300 White Lifetime chairs to match the tables, please call 830-254-0338, email fchall2021@gmail.com, mail to PO Box 365 or drop off in the Donation Jar at the bar during events.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

This verse from the Gospel of John may be the most famous passage in the whole Bible. It's especially appropriate on this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross because it's a concise summary of why the cross of Christ is central to our faith. Let's reflect on it today. Love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16, emphasis added). God is a communion of three Persons, with a love and unity beyond our comprehension. Yet this triune God so desired to share his perfect love with us that the Son of God became a man. Out of that love, Jesus was willing to suffer and die on the cross—all so that he could save us. This love is so immense; it knows no bounds. It will go to any lengths and give everything to bring us into God's loving embrace.

Life. "... so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16, emphasis added). God never wanted us to die. In Adam, we brought death upon ourselves when we turned away from God and went our own way. But on the cross, Jesus offered himself up as "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Through the shedding of his blood, Jesus conquered sin and death for everyone. This means that we can begin to experience eternal life even now. We don't have to be slaves to sin, and we don't have to fear death! When we do sin, the Holy Spirit can assure us of God's mercy and forgiveness. And now, we can look forward in hope to life everlasting in his presence. Love and life: this is the message of the cross. Today at Mass, gaze at the cross, and thank God for all that he has done for you in Christ Jesus, your Lord!

"Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may the cross always remind me of your overflowing love for me."

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Events – See Flyers on the Bulletin Board for full details.

>**Falls City Band Booster Fried Chicken Dinner & Bake Sale** – Sunday September 14th – Serving 10am – Noon. Drive-Through at the Holy Trinity Diner. Tickets were pre-sold but you can check back at around noon.

>**Holy Cross Catholic Church Festival in Yorktown** – Sun Sept 14th Dine in or Take Out starting at 10:30am

>**Bingo hosted by Roger Winkler Memorial** – Sun Sept 14th, 1-5 p.m. - Kosciusko Hall - Doors open at 1

>**Assembly 2025 – Day of Prayer, Fasting & Reconciliation Sat. Oct. 25th** - RSVP online at AssemblySA.org, and select the location you wish to attend. The Assembly at the Immaculate Conception Church in Panna Maria begins at 8am and will include Rosary, Key-note Speaker, Adoration, Reconciliation and concludes with Mass at 11am. See flyer at the entrance of the church for more information.

>**38th Annual Life Chain SA** – Sunday October 5th, Noon -3:30 – See flyer for details.

>**Healthcare Professionals and Ministers to the Sick**, in honor of the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, are invited to a special Day of Reflection on Oct 18 at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, San Antonio, TX

>**Knight of Columbus Fall Festival in Stockdale** – Sept. 28th – Turkey & Dressing \$14/plate-Serving starts 10:15am, Bingo 10am-4pm, Live Auction 11:30am, Raffle, Silent Auction, Kiddie Games and more!