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14
SEPTEMBER

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Wed - Fri.
10:00 am—2:00 pm

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the discovery of the True Cross and honors the saving power of Christ's sacrifice, transforming the tool of execution into the ultimate sign of victory and eternal life.

1. Historical Origins

- In 326 AD, St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) went to Jerusalem and, according to tradition, discovered the True Cross, the actual cross on which Jesus was crucified.
- To honor this discovery, Constantine ordered the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was dedicated on September 13, 335.
- The very next day, September 14, the cross itself was brought out for the people to venerate — this became the origin of the feast.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9/14: Eric Landry, Jessica Adams
9/15: Sandra Chandler, Russ Gillis
9/16: Gerrard McBride
9/18: Maggie Smith, Connie Dye
9/19: Connie Clark, Mark Brown, Emily King
9/20: Sarah Wanek

2. Name and Meaning

- "Exaltation" means "lifting up" or "glorifying."
- It recalls how the Cross — once a symbol of shame and execution — has become for Christians the greatest symbol of salvation, hope, and victory.

3. Spiritual Meaning

- The feast invites Christians to embrace the Cross in their own lives — seeing suffering and sacrifice not as defeat, but as a path to life and resurrection.
- It's both a reminder of Christ's Passion and a celebration of the victory of love over sin and death.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for August 31, 2025

In-Church Offering: \$4,362.20
Online Offering: \$3,466.81
Total Offertory: **\$7,829.01**

Weekly Offertory for September 7, 2025

In-Church Offering: \$9,050.00
Online Offering: \$4,726.29
Total Offertory: **\$13,776.29**

CSA Participation as of September 7, 2025

Pledged: \$127,389
Given: \$118,208
Families Participating: **136**

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."



Help Feed the Poor
September 26 at 6:00PM
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The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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Monday, Sept. 29 at 6:00 PM

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OCIA Moved to Tuesdays

September 16 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday's 9:00 -11:15 in Parish Hall

THE BASILICA BULLETIN

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for
the **Week of September 14, 2025**

SUNDAY

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

(9 AM)

For the People of the Basilica

(11 AM)

Virginia Russo †

MONDAY

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Edward Sienicki †

TUESDAY

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT CORNELIUS, POPE &
CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYR**

Charles Morgan †

WEDNESDAY

**MEMORIAL OF SAINTS ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP &
HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Margaret Boone Baldwin †

THURSDAY

John Deane †

FRIDAY

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Mary Lee Rothwell Corr †

**Coffee & Donuts Available After Sunday's 9 AM Mass*

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