

## **Family Mass Readings**

### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**September 14, 2025**

#### **First Reading: A reading from the Book of Numbers**

With their patience worn out and tired from their trip,  
the people complained to God and Moses saying,  
"Why have you brought us here from Egypt to die in this desert  
where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with the terrible food!"  
The Lord punished them by sending snakes which bit the people and  
many of them died.

Then the people came to Moses and said,

"We have sinned by complaining to God and to you. Please ask God to take the snakes away."

So Moses prayed for the people, and the Lord said to Moses,

"Make a snake and attach it to a pole, and if anyone who looks at it that was bitten  
will be cured and live."

Moses made a bronze snake and attached it to a pole, and whenever anyone who  
had been bitten before by a snake, looked at the snake Moses made,    he lived.

**The word of the Lord.**



**RESPONSORIAL: Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Glorify God, glorify God, glorify God with me.

**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Let us praise God's holy name.

**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Glorify God, glorify God, glorify God's holy name!

**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**



**Second Reading: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.**

Brothers and sisters,

You must think and live like Christ.

Even though he was always God,

Jesus did not try to hold onto that.

Instead, he became a human being

Just like us.

As a human being,

He lived a humble life.

He obeyed God in everything,

Even though it meant he would die on a cross.

Because he obeyed God in everything,

God raised him up

And gave him the name of Jesus,

everyone should kneel and worship him.

Everyone in heaven,

on earth and everywhere

should give glory to God by proclaiming,

"Jesus Christ is Lord!"

**The Word of the Lord.**