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Sunday, September 12th
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021 • 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Cross

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 is the patronal feast day of Santa Cruz Parish. According to tradition, St. Helena went to Jerusalem to search for the True Cross and found it on September 14, 320. For over a thousand years, then, September 14 has been a special day to honor and venerate the Holy Cross. That is why we do our best to make this day special for our parish of Santa Cruz by celebrating it on a Sunday.

St. Helena found the True Cross which had been buried under much rubble over the three centuries since the time of the Crucifixion of Our Lord. We must not let the Cross of Christ be buried again. I am speaking of the spiritual reality of the Cross. The world wants us to be embarrassed because we believe in a Crucified Savior.

Every celebration of the Mass is a remembrance of Our Lord's death on the Cross. The consecration of the bread and wine at Mass is essentially the representation of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The Catholic Church has always maintained that the Mass signifies Christ's death on the cross in its literal reality. This is what we mean when we speak of "the sacrifice of the Mass." However, when we meditate on the great sacrifice of the altar, we don't think of any scene that took place on Calvary. None of those natural details of Christ's sacrificial act on the Cross are to be read into the sacrament-sacrifice which takes place on the altar. We always speak of the Mass as the unbloody sacrifice. The Eucharistic sacrifice is a sacrament. As St. Thomas Aquinas puts it: "In this sacrament of the Eucharist Christ himself is contained, not indeed in his own kind, but in the kind of the sacrament." Mass is a sacramental representation of the one and only sacrifice of Christ crucified. *"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes,"* 1Cor. 11:26.

What more do we need to convince us of the importance and benefit of going to Mass on Sunday? The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life," n. 2177. For this reason, it is observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal church. There are great benefits in attending Mass on Sunday. Besides the profound spiritual benefit of receiving the grace of God, our participation at Mass gives us a sense of purpose and the knowledge that life has meaning. As Catholics, we believe that life is more than just our time here on earth, and that living life well prepares us to receive the abundant life more fully in heaven. We believe that everything we do, everything we suffer, has meaning and purpose. Joining our suffering to the offering of Mass gives us hope when life is difficult and more joy when life is going well. Also, since the Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, it is also the sacrament of community. Belonging to a good community is important for living a long and happy life. Being surrounded by people who hold the same values and who desire to live a good life provides us with deeper connections and constant support. Praying and giving thanks, such as we do at Mass, brings us calm and decreases stress. Regular attendance at Mass on Sunday also motivates us to live a healthy lifestyle because we tend to exercise moderation and discipline in what we do. So, if you want to live a longer and happier life, go to Mass on Sunday. And when you do, remember that Our Lord has triumphed over sin and death through his own death on the Cross.

Let us hold high the Cross of Christ as we journey together in faith.

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

cordially invites you to a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are celebrating or have celebrated their 1st - 10th - 25th - 50th - 60th or longer

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2020 and 2021

Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**

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HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



Religious Education

Registration for catechism classes will continue until September 17. Regular classes and First Holy Communion and First Confession classes will begin on Saturday, September 18. All Classes are limited in number of students because of distancing rules. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 882-9687, for information and to set your appointment to register your child. Teen Confirmation class will begin on October 2nd and parents need to call the office before you register to get the important information about what you need to register your teen.



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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 11th

8:00am Deacon Richard Ornelas/R.I.P.

5:30pm Alex, Lupe & Fina Gallego/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 12th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Gilbert Shea/R.I.P.

10:00am Special Int./Pueblo High School,
Administration & Community

12:00pm Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

6:00pm Eva Badua/Happy 85th Birthday

Fr. John Ikponko/Improved Health
In Honor of Saint Joseph

Vilma Gargano/R.I.P.
Special Int./Irene Acuña & Family

In Honor of Saint Joseph
Rogelio & Consuelo Yabut/R.I.P.

Roberto Da Silva/R.I.P.
Fernando Pina/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sam Longo/R.I.P.

3rd Domingo de cada Mes
Capilla de Guadalupe

8:00 am

Misa Carmelitana

Celebrante Padre Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.



Parish Collection September 5th, 2021

Collection: \$ 4,762.73

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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