



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



September 13th, 2020 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ave Crux, Spes Unica!

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th is the titular feast day of Santa Cruz Parish. According to tradition, St. Helena went to Jerusalem to search for the True Cross and found it September 14, 320. In the eighth century, the feast of the Finding of the True Cross was transferred to May 3, and September 14 became the celebration of the "Exaltation of the Cross", the commemoration of a victory over the Persians as a result of which the Holy Cross was returned to Jerusalem. 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.

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. Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me," (Mt. 16:24.) The world wants us to be embarrassed because we believe in a Crucified Savior. Of course, we believe that Our Savior was victorious over sin and death, but it was precisely through his death on the Cross that he conquered the prince of death. In the beautiful Easter Sequence, we chant: *Death and life contended in a spectacular battle: the dead leader of life reigns alive. Dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus.* The Prince of Life defeats death by dying. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (Cor. 15:55.) St. Paul chastises the people of Galatia saying. "O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?" (Gal. 3:1). He says elsewhere, "We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God," (1Cor1:23-24). And then goes on to say, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified," (1Cor.2:2).

We like to say, and it is true, "We are an Easter people." But there is no Easter without Good Friday. "The Cross is the Tree of Life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations - and for our healing, too." Nothing bears witness to Christ better than our gathering under His Cross and singing our Alleluias. We are told that the Passion of Christ on the Cross is the greatest sign of God's love. This is a paradox. How can a man's death bear witness to God's love? Christ hanging from the Cross is the very opposite of the hatred and sin that put him there. This is God emptying Himself for our salvation. "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself," (Jn. 12:31-32.) Therefore, we sing: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Let us not bury the Holy Cross. On the contrary, let us hold high the Cross of Christ.

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

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, BEGINNING AT 5:30, WE WILL CELEBRATE A SOLEMN MASS IN HONOR OF OUR TITULAR FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS. YOU MUST COME IN YOUR CAR. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL FIELD. DURING THIS MASS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHOSE CONFIRMATION WAS POSTPONED SINCE MAY.

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Weekend Schedule

Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)
Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask. Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

***New Indoor Masses:**
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
6:30 a.m. Sunday
6:00 p.m. Sunday

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 98.5 FM on your radio.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (English) Mass live streamed on parish Facebook. No attendance is permitted at this Mass. It can be viewed on Facebook, Santa Cruz Parish Tucson website and channel on YouTube.

Domingo, 5:30 p.m. (Español) Rosario seguido de Misa en el campo escolar. Park N' Pray transmitido por el canal 98.5 FM en su radio.

Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual) Masses at the school ramada.

Monday, September 14th
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass at 5:30 p.m. on the school field.

lunes, 14 de septiembre
Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz Misa
a las 5:30 p.m. en el campo de la escuela.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Fr. Ken Westray/R.I.P.
Bert & Rose Rucker/33rd Wedding Anniversary

Santa Cruz Parishioners
Fr. Brian Costello/R.I.P.
Leopoldo & Maria Rivera/R.I.P.
Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.
Richard & Ruth Nenninger/R.I.P.

Fr. Brian Costello/R.I.P.
Steven Michael Vanni/R.I.P.

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In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Rita Beverly Vanni/R.I.P.
Juan & Amalia Cota/R.I.P.

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Frank Valenzuela/Improved Health

Epifanio Valenzuela/Improved Health
Henry S. Martinez/R.I.P.

Parish Collection September 6th, 2020

Collections: \$ 5,450.58

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

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Service to Our Parish**

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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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.
Associate Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Leega Chandya, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

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

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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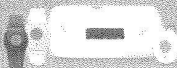


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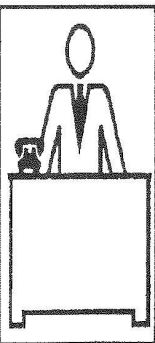
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