



# Our Parish Community

September 14, 2025

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

### The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to be *tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

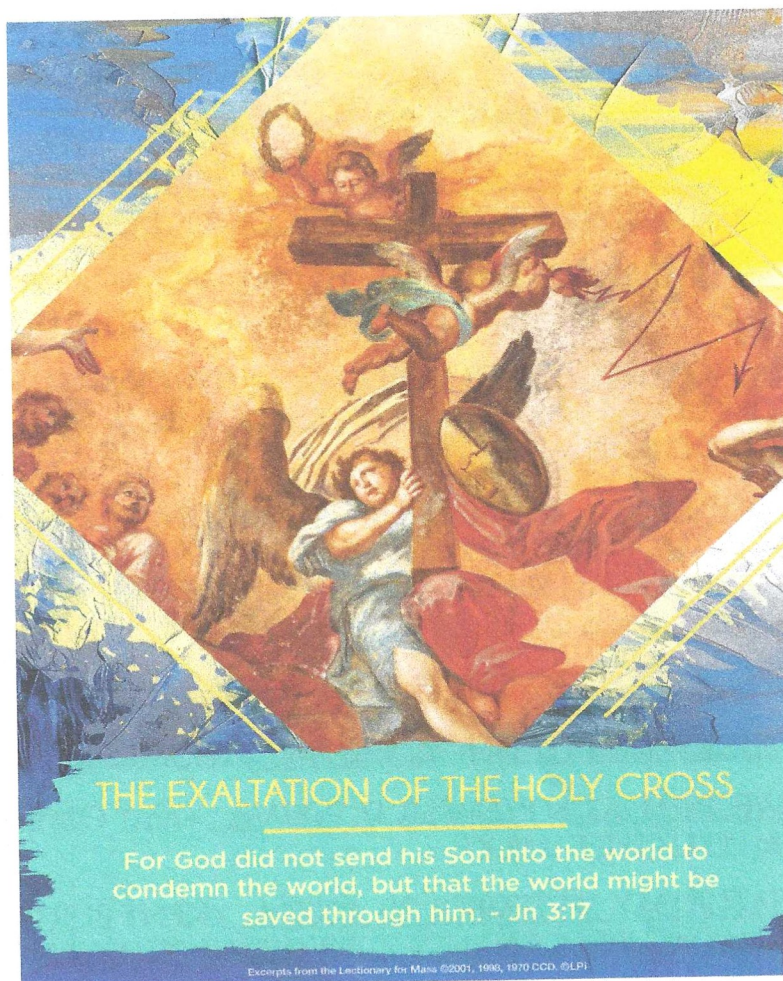
When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



### Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

### Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Monday:</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday





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Monday-Thursday:

9:00am-5:00pm

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

## Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon - Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or by appointment.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13- SEPTEMBER 21

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 4:00 PM: +BLANCA HILARIA CASTILLO, +CINDY MCKEE, +ANGEL MARTINEZ, +RUDY FLORES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 11:00AM: +JUDY GRAMMAR, +RAMONA DE LUCAS, HEALTH OF FATHER RUDY, JULIA AVALOS AND ALFREDO BARRAZA.

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, +ERNESTO NERI, +ANTONIA CORDERO, +ESPERANZA (GOYITA) GALLEGOS, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO Y POR EL CUMPLEANOS DE BRYAN ZUNIGA.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 5:30 PM: +LEE CLARK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 5:30 PM: +THOMAS KELLY

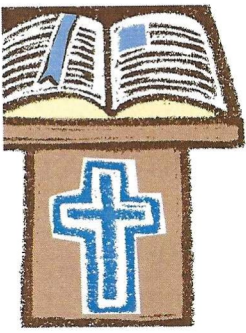
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 9:00AM: +AMY O'SHEA, CAROLINE & ED LITTLE FAMILY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 4:00PM: +KENT BURGESS, +JUAN GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ, BIRTHDAY OF JAY ZAPATA.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 11:00AM: +MUNDO MONTERO, +MARGARET TEAMANN, +FELIX AMAYA

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLEDO, +JULIAN GARCIA, +PIOQUINTA PINEDO, +ERNESTO NERI, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR EL MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATOLICO USA, CUMPLEANOS DE RYAN NGUYEN

**Mass Intentions**—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm.**



In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.

En la primera lectura de hoy Dios le dice a Moisés que haga una serpiente de bronce y que la levante en un palo a fin de que todos los que habían sido mordidos por serpientes venenosas miraran la serpiente de bronce y vivieran. Siglos más tarde Jesús le dice a Nicodemo que el Hijo del hombre debe ser levantado de manera similar a fin de que todos los que crean en él se salven. En esta fiesta de la Exaltación de la santa Cruz consideremos que lo que Jesús hizo en la cruz para salvar nuestra alma inmortal evoca lo que Dios le dijo a Moisés que hiciera en el desierto para salvar la vida mortal del pueblo escogido.



Please pray for/Rezamos por:

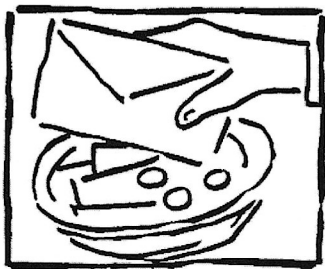
Elodia Garcia  
Manuel Lozano  
Santos Pinedo  
Antonia Rosales  
Javier Rosales  
Caleb Allen  
Ed Melcher  
Angelica Arreola  
Manuela Garcia  
Rogelio Castro

Edith Maskey  
Maricela Lozano  
Juan Lozano  
Alfredo Barraza  
Julia Avalos



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email [shc.ofc@outlook.com](mailto:shc.ofc@outlook.com)/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: [shc.ofc@outlook.com](mailto:shc.ofc@outlook.com))





### Offering Totals

September 06 & September 07

General Offerings: \$6,171.21

Second Collections : \$1,400.75

Online Giving : \$705.00

Children's offerings: \$120.00

*Thank you for your support!*

*¡Gracias por su apoyo!*

**September 14, 2025**

### **Stewards Follow**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. This core message is the basis for the **Stewardship** of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



**ATTENDANCE**

**Mass**

Saturday, September 06

**4:00 pm**

126

Sunday, September 07

**11:00 am**

180

**1:00 p.m.**

286



## Announcements/Anuncios

We want to thank all those who contributed to the second collection we had for the sick, wounded, and malnourished in Gaza and the surrounding areas of the Middle East last weekend. May God bless you for the compassion you have shown.

We are selling raffle tickets at the entrance of the church for our church festival that will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> festival will be at Comfort Park and not at the new church site. There will not be a 4 pm mass at the new church, it will take place at the park and afterwards the festival will begin.

Deadline announcements for the upcoming bulletin is Tuesday, noon.

Sacred Heart Altar Society meeting will be on Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Hilscher Hall. For any questions, please contact LeEllen Herbst at 210 385-3960.

Queremos agradecer a todos aquellos que contribuyeron a la segunda colecta que tuvimos para los enfermos, heridos y desnutridos en Gaza y en las áreas circundantes del Medio Oriente el fin de semana pasado. Que Dios los bendiga por la compasión que han mostrado.

Estamos vendiendo boletos de rifa en la entrada de la iglesia para nuestro festival de la iglesia que se llevará a cabo el sábado 4 de octubre. El festival será en Comfort Park y no en el nuevo sitio de la iglesia. No habrá misa a las 4 pm en la nueva iglesia, se llevará a cabo en el parque y después comenzará el festival.

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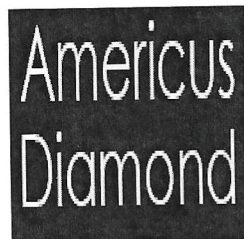
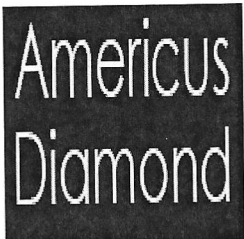
La reunión de la Sociedad del Altar del Sagrado Corazón será el lunes 15 de septiembre a las 6:30 p.m. en el Hilscher Hall. Para cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con LeEllen Herbst al 210 385-3960.

### Parish Fall Festival Auction

Sacred Heart has been awarded items for our Auction from Americus Diamond and from James Avery Artisan Jewelry. Americus Diamond will give us a delicate diamond pendant valued at \$500. The item from James Avery will be a surprise and will arrive soon. So save the date and plan to attend the Festival, October 4th!

### Subasta del Festival de Otoño de la Parroquia

El Sagrado Corazón ha recibido artículos para nuestra subasta de Americus Diamond y de James Avery Artisan Jewelry. Americus Diamond nos dará un delicado colgante de diamante valorado en \$500. El artículo de James Avery será una sorpresa y llegará pronto. ¡Así que guarda la fecha y planifica asistir al Festival, el 4 de octubre!





# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

### Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/  
Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

### Next Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/  
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir



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