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The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

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Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez, Juan Bautista Hernandez (D), Maldonado Jr. (L)

12:00 p.m. San Anthony Negron, Angel Maldonado, Ricardo Reyes, Cruz Negron, Filomena Reyes, Ricardo Reyes-hijo (D)

Tuesday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Celia Chaparro (L)-salud, Candida de la Cruz (D), Ramon de la Cruz Paula (D), Manuel E. De la Cruz (D)

12:00 pm Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, Mercy of God, and God Almighty

Wednesday, September 17

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Hilda Belose (D), Barbara Pandi (D)

12:00p.m.

Friday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Nancy Margarita Perez (D), Ana Maria Ventura Cespedes (D)

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

7:45 a.m. LH Terexa (D)

7:00 p.m. German Hiciano (D), Manuel DeJesus Henriquez, Maria Altagracia Reynoso, Luis Leonel Henriquez (D), Mayelin Rocio Sanchez Diaz & Ivan Gabriel Morcelo Jesurum (D)

Sunday, September 21

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Maria Heriberta Genao, Jose Benito Gonzalez, Feliz Evangelita Gonzalez (D), Maria Virgen Sanchez de Taveras (D)

11:30 am

1:30 pm Daminh Ha Tien (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

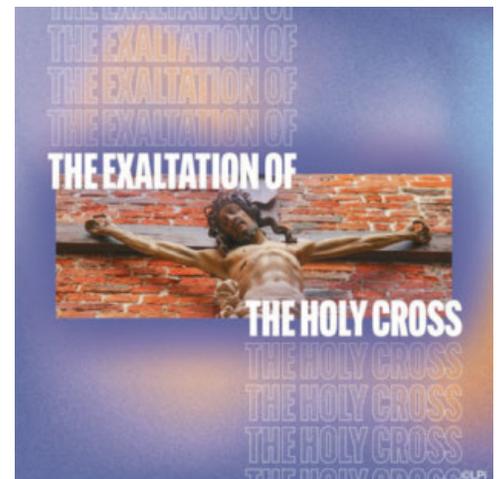
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Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

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



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

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 break-through "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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Corner of Fordham Rd and Andrews Ave
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MASS EVERY SUNDAY @ 11:30 AM

PARENTS ORIENTATION MEETING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
11:00 AM @ FATHER SMITH CENTER

FIRST DAY OF CLASS
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

NIÑOS
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BAUTISMO – 1ST RECONCILIACION – 1ST COMUNION

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9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
EN EL CENTRO PADRE SMITH
En la esquina de Fordham RD y Andrews Ave
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MISA CADA DOMINGO @ 11:30 AM

REUNION DE PADRES
DOMINGO 14 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025
11:00 AM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

PRIMER DIA DE CLASE
DOMINGO 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025

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CLASS EVERY TUESDAY
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
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MASS EVERY SUNDAY @ 11:30 AM

PARENTS ORIENTATION MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
7:00 PM @ FATHER SMITH CENTER

FIRST DAY OF CLASS
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

JOVENES
GRADOS 7th EN ADELANTE
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REUNION DE PADRES ORIENTACION
MARTES 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025
7:00 PM @ CENTRO PADRE SMITH

PRIMER DIA DE CLASE
MARTES 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2025

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR 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?

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