

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM, 10:30 (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUESDAY 1 PM to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES

1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

1ST SAT. DEVOTION
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY

1ST WED. 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
+ Diane Fleury
Birthday Bl. for Grace Massiello
+ Cornelius O'Neill (9/16 Birthday)

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8:00 am + Marion Drozd (A)
9:15 am Birthday Bl. For Arlene Doroszka (102)
Blessings of Backpacks & International Day
10:30 am + Mirosław Malinowski & Jadwiga Bogdziun
(PL) + Franciszeic, Władysława i Zygmunt
Ciepielewscy
+ Czesława Zakrzewska
+ Wojciech Tarkowski
Halina i Jan Stankiewicz—50 rocznica ślubu Boze Bl.
12 noon + Eugene O'Connor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

7:00 am + Jill Witt

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

7:00 am + Marcjanna Stolarzewicz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

7:00 am + Antone & Frances Zambrzyski & + Family
+ William J. "Duke" Mader (7th A)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

7:00 am + Marie Pfaff
+ Paul Bertolotti (13th A)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:00 am + Edward Swiatkowski

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

8:00 am + Margaret Robinson
5:00 pm + Joseph Ruthinowski
+ Jennie H. Densieski (A)
+ Patricia Peter
+ Marge McCarthy

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT. 21, 2025

8:00 am + Fred Ranghelli
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M., Frank L., Jr, Ostroski
10:30 am The People of the Parish Living & Deceased
(PL) + Jadwiga & Julian Bondarowicz
+ Ziggy Wilinski
Wed. Anniv. Anna & Grzegorz Szlejer
& Blessings for the Family
+ Konstynja & Antoni Pietkun &
+ Ryzard Pietkun & + Family
12 noon + Sophie & John Kruszon

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sanctuary Lamp

+ Frank L., Bertha M., Frank L., Jr. Ostroski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM



BAPTISMS

We welcome:

*Luca Thomas Masino
Jacob Wiszowaty*

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, Sept. 14: Sunday & Catholic
University of America

Next Week, Sept. 21: Sunday & St. Pius X
Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Gale Durney * Jack McCarthy * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Joseph LoBosco * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperiti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

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Please keep Seminarians,
Nicholas Waldron and Patrick O'Brien,
in your prayers.

Congratulations to our 2025 Summer Sweepstakes Raffle winners!

Albert Stepnoski
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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.

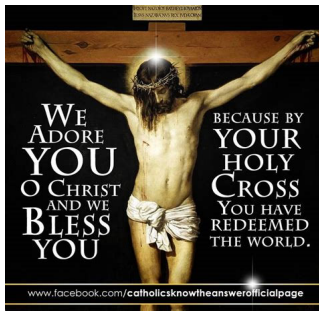
The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

The 2026 Mass Book Opens

Tuesday, September 23rd

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross combines the paschal triduum and Christmas into one big feast. The scene depicted in Exodus demonstrates why humans need salvation. The hymn Paul wrote to the Philippians tells the story of salvation. Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus reveals the mystery of the human vocation.

Let's begin with Exodus. As Moses leads his people out of slavery, the freedom that once sounded great to enslaved people began to feel too costly. Moving from dependence and a controlled life into the open horizon tested their hope and commitment to the point that they were ready to give it all up. The attacking serpents represented the sacrifice entailed in growth. Only by summoning the courage to face them could they continue on.

Paul's song in Philippians describes Jesus Christ as a revelation of what God is like. While most religions fashion images of God as the all-powerful dominant one to be placated, as the one who dishes out punishment and reward, Jesus reveals a scandalous — some would say blasphemous — image of God in Christ.

Jesus' image of God turns human projections of divinity inside out.

Jesus' God is not a show person or super being. The God revealed in Jesus has no need or desire to awe or frighten us into submission. That was the way of the pharaoh. No, God's way is self-emptying. Jesus clung to nothing other than his mutual, self-giving relationship with the Father and his desire to reveal God's loving kindness to the world. That freed him to do anything and everything.

Paul calls Jesus a slave. In the New Testament, that word, *doulos*, depicts someone whose will and abilities are dedicated solely to the service of another. Paul says that Jesus took on the form of a slave. He was not purchased or compelled, rather he chose consciously and purposely to consecrate himself to doing the will of God.

Jesus loved what God loves — all of creation. He was born of a woman, he had to grow and learn and fall and get back up. He used his eyes to see God's creation, his ears to hear people's cries, his heart to know and share God's love, his touch to heal and his will to do everything he could do to help human beings to flourish. The will of Jesus' Father is always that humans fulfill their vocation to live in God.

Jesus experienced the limitations and the potential of creation. He revealed the purpose of life as growth in godliness, seeking God's will, accepting limitation and death in order to open space for God's great and mysterious love and power. That demanded a hope and trust that can only be described as "self-emptying."

John's Gospel depicts Jesus as a self-aware participant in divine life. He could say that no one else could know God's intention like he did. He described himself as sharing in the communion of God's glory, one who had known heaven and chose to reveal heaven to Earth. Comparing himself to the serpent Moses made for his people, Jesus said he would be lifted up in a most frightening way so that all humanity could be saved from every fear that would impede them from loving as freely as he did.

John offers us multiple variations on this theme. Jesus' mission was to "save," to offer us the fullness of life, to be living water, to be the good shepherd, to be the way, the truth and the life. When we celebrate the Triumph of the Holy Cross, we also celebrate the incarnation. Jesus' death was a result of emptying the self to experience creation. His cross was an exaltation in that it revealed the ultimate impotence of death in God's design.

Saintly Quotes on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Yes, I love the cross, the cross alone, because I always see it behind Jesus' shoulders." *St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

"The cross is the school of love." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

"One cannot desire freedom from the Cross when one is especially chosen for the Cross." *St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*

"Remember that when your heart feels restless, when your heart feels hurt, when your heart feels like breaking... 'I am precious to Him. He has called me by name. I am His. He loves me.' And to prove that love He died on the cross." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

"It is in loving the cross that we find true peace, not running from it." *St. John Vianney*

Our Lady of Sorrows



Prior to the Second Vatican Council, there were two feasts devoted to the sorrows of Mary. The first feast was instituted in Cologne in 1413 as an expiation for the sins of the iconoclast Hussites. The second is attributed to the Servite order whose principal devotion are the Seven Sorrows. It was instituted in 1668, though the devotion had been in existence since 1239 - five years after the founding of the order. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels *or through Tradition*. Today we are invited to reflect on Mary's deep suffering: (*As you meditate on each sorrow, follow your meditation with a Hail Mary*)

1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows,
with strength from above you stood by the cross,
sharing in the sufferings of Jesus,
and with tender care you bore him
in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith,
which accepted the life God planned for you.
We praise you for your hope,
which trusted that God would do great things in you.
We praise you for your love
in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.
Holy Mary, may we follow your example,
and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

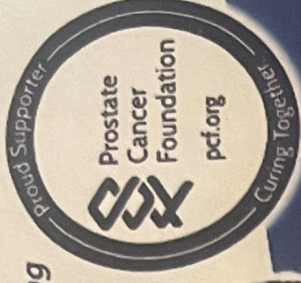
Mother of God,
stand by us in our trials and
care for us in our many needs.
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

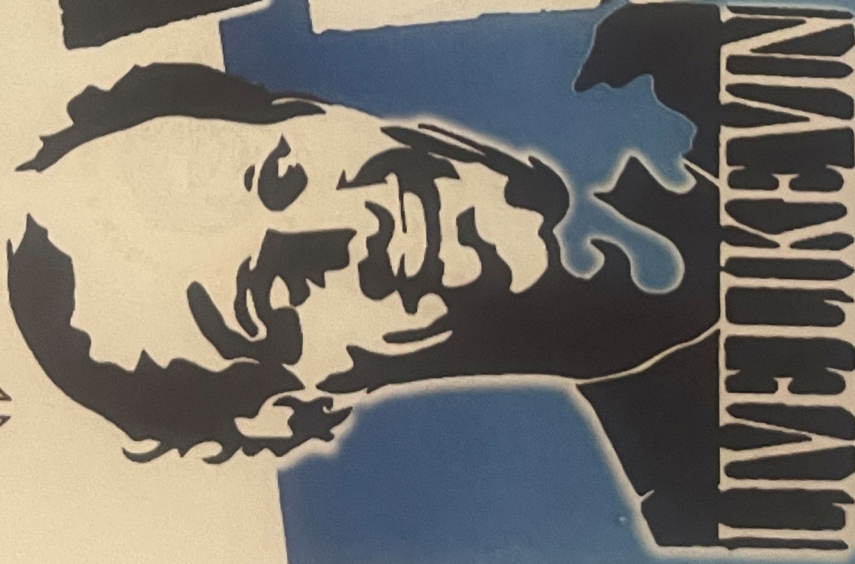


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