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Holy Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

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MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am
Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm
Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

RECONCILIATION

After the 7:45am mass on Monday,
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

ADORATION

Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Mass Celebrant

Various Celebrants

Catechetics Coordinator

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

Parish Life Director

Sheila Cornick

Office Administrator

Claire DuBois

Office Assistant

Rachel de Jesus

Custodian

Gerard O'Neill

Holy Cross Food Bank

Sheila Cornick & Marianne Savard

Holy Cross Youth Group

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

1st Reading:
Isaiah 50.5-9

Psalms 116

***I will walk before the Lord, in
the land of the living.***

2nd Reading:
James 2.14-18

Gospel:
Mark 8.27-35

Dearest Parishioners,

This coming week we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is a beautiful and auspicious feast day for all Christians but particularly here at Holy Cross given our name sake.

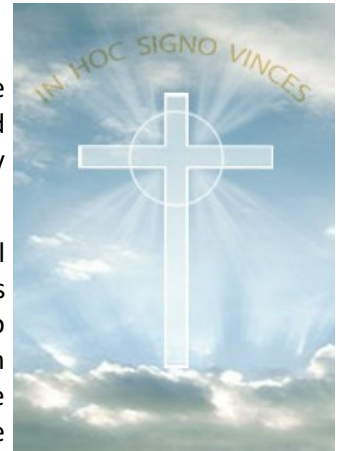
Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, is a liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honour the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. In the Eastern churches the feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa 335. It was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in the 7th century and is also observed in various Protestant traditions, including Lutheranism and Anglicanism. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. In some traditions, a cross is oriented to the cardinal directions to represent the universal nature of Christ's sacrifice and prayers are said for the salvation of all.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. The relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326. The Chapel of St. Helena inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by the Crusaders in her honor, and below it lies the Chapel of the Finding of the True Cross, in which the cross of Christ's crucifixion was reportedly discovered.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

This week, let us take time to reflect on the Cross and its significant in our lives and the life of the world especially, in these challenging times. May we work to ensure that the Cross, and all it represents to us as Christians, is front and center in our lives.

Sheila Cornick, *Parish Life Director*



***CORRECTION—SACRAMENTAL PREP — FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION**

Sacramental Prep for the sacraments will be available this fall. We have changed up our sacramental prep program and will be offering Dynamic Catholic's "BLESSED" sacramental prep program. We are very excited to be offering this program.

***Our Sacramental Prep Classes for First Communion and Reconciliation will be offered every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 10:00am—11:30am beginning in October. The [registration form](#) is now available on our website and the parish office. Please make sure to fill out both pages and bring it to the parish office.**

***CORRECTION—CONFIRMATION PREP CLASSES**

It is our intent to offer the Dynamic Catholic program entitled "DECISION POINT" to our Confirmation candidates this fall. Dynamic Catholic was founded on the idea of "meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be." Once Catholics are engaged in their spiritual journey, there is an abundance of materials that can feed them and draw them deeper into relationship with God and the Church.

***Confirmation Prep Classes will be offered to children ages 13 and up every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 12:00pm—2:00pm. Start date to be announced. A pizza lunch will be provided as part of the program. The [registration form](#) is now available on our website and the parish office. Please make sure to fill out both pages and bring it to the parish office.**

HOLY CROSS PRAYER

Oh Lord Almighty! You have suffered death at the cross for our sins.

Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my true light. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! fill my soul with good thoughts.

Oh Holy Cross! help me in my salvation.

Oh Holy Cross! safeguard me against unholy thoughts and worldly dangers that I may worship the Holy Cross of Jesus of Nazareth crucified.

Have pity on me. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my hope. Oh Holy Cross have mercy on me forever and ever.

In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus and His fearful Death and Resurrection and His Glorification which leads to everlasting life.

As true as Jesus is born on Christmas and crucified on Good Friday. As true as St. Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross.

As true as Jesus ascended into heaven. May He preserve me from my enemies both visible and invisible forever and ever. Lord Almighty, into Your hands I give my soul and my body. Oh Lord Jesus! grant me strength to bear the cross as Yourself.

Teach me to bear it with great humility that the Blessed Virgin may fill me with the Holy Spirit. Preserve my soul and lead it to life everlasting.

Amen.



SOLDIERS OF CHRIST HEALING MINISTRY



The Soldiers of Christ

Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry (Winnipeg Chapter) invites everyone for Healing Evangelization every 3rd Sunday of the month. **Please join us for our 6th year anniversary on September 19 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00pm** in the Church. All are welcome!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

SEPTEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

We encourage all of the parishioners to pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary for the month of September. To view or download the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, please [click here](#).

CHALICE

Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty.

For the month of September, they are focusing on Africa. Please click on the link below for information on how to sponsor a child.

<https://chalice.ca/the-radiance-of-africa>



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

September 5, 2021
\$2,198.75

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 11: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00pm + Edward Watson by the Watson family

Sunday, September 12: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

12:00pm + Carmen Lee

Monday, September 13: MEMORIAL FOR ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7:45am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

Tuesday, September 14: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:45am + Edward Watson by the Watson family

Wednesday, September 15: MEMORIAL FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:45am In Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Sorrows by Cecile

Thursday, September 16: MEMORIAL FOR ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN

7:45am + Gabrielle Lalonde by Louisa Lalonde

Friday, September 17

7:45am + Daniel Remillard by his wife Denise

Saturday, September 18

7:45am + Benita J. Evero by Belen E. Espedido

Saturday, September 18: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00pm For the Healing of Katlynn Azure by Charles Prefontaine

Sunday, September 19: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45am + George Hanson by the De Craene family

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm + Edna De La Roxas by Anita Bondoc

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	Sep. 12	CWL Planning Meeting	11:00am
		Baptism: Nicholas Myskiw	2:00pm