



PARISH BULLETIN
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WEEKDAY MASS: TUESDAY to FRIDAY - 8:30am

EVENING MASS: THURSDAY - 7:00pm

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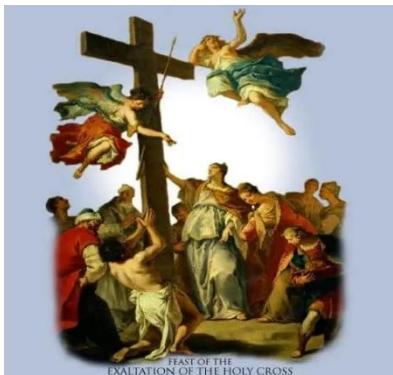
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13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. At first, the name of the feast may seem surprising. Why would Christians “exalt” an instrument of suffering and death? Why place the Cross at the center of our celebration?

The answer is found at the heart of our faith: the Cross is no longer simply a sign of death; it has become the sign of God’s self-giving love.

The history of this feast goes back to the fourth century. After the discovery of the Cross of Christ, traditionally associated with Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem was dedicated in 335. The feast gradually became a celebration of the Cross as the central mystery of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Cross points us not merely to Good Friday, but ultimately to Easter.

Theologically, the Cross reveals something profound about God. In Jesus, God does not remain distant from human suffering. He enters into it. Christ takes upon himself our sin, brokenness, rejection, and suffering and transforms them through love. The Cross therefore tells us that love can remain faithful even when faithfulness is costly. It reveals a God who saves not through domination or power, but through self-giving love.

This message remains deeply relevant today. The Cross challenges that way of thinking. It asks us: What are we willing to give? Can we remain faithful when love becomes difficult? Can our suffering become a place where God’s grace is revealed?

The Cross also reminds us that our suffering is never meaningless when united with Christ. We do not seek suffering, but when suffering comes, we are invited to carry it with faith, hope, and love.

On this special feast, I warmly invite everyone to join us at St. Monica’s for a special Mass on Monday, September 14.

- 8:00 a.m. – Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass

Let us come together before the Cross of Christ, bringing our struggles, our families, our hopes, and our world. May we rediscover in the Cross the depth of God’s love and the courage to live that love in our own lives.



THE SEASON OF CREATION: LIVING WATER

From September 1 to October 4, The Universal church enters the Season of Creation—a special time to pray, reflect, and act for the care of our common home. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who taught us to recognize creation as a gift and to praise God through all his creatures.

This year’s theme, “Living Water,” draws from the vision of the prophet Ezekiel: water flowing from the Temple, bringing life wherever it goes. It reminds us that creation is not simply something around us, it is the living world of which we are a part. When creation suffers, humanity suffers; when the earth is renewed, life flourishes.

The Season of Creation invites us to move beyond concern to conversion: to examine how we live, consume, waste, and care for the gifts entrusted to us. Caring for creation is not merely an environmental responsibility; it is a matter of faith, gratitude, justice, and love for our neighbors, especially the poor and vulnerable.

As one Universal Church, let us join Christians throughout the world in prayer and action, asking God to deepen our gratitude for creation and to make us faithful stewards of the beautiful world he has entrusted to us. Let us pray together, listen to creation, and become instruments of its renewal.

MASS INTENTIONS: September 12 - 18, 2026

Saturday, 4:00pm – September 12, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brenda Chan

Pauline Wong

Aba Laurence

Marie Pascale Koffi

L) David Koffi, thanksgiving for his 50th birthday

Marie Pascale Koffi

Sunday, 9:00am – September 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

L) Gratitude for Blessings Received

Gina Maurice

Ignazio Mattei

Domenica Mattei

Carmela Stasi-Cioffi

John Cioffi & Family

Marco & Giuseppina Lucci

Luisa & Angelo

Maria Cardilli

Salvatore Cardilli

Sunday, 11:00am – September 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anna & Lorenzo Forlini

Erminio Forlini

Virginia & Ettore Lanni

Family

Giuseppe, Paola & Marco Pendenza

Cappello Family

Carlo Marson

Brocca Family

Kelila Bemister

Roger Squires

Tuesday, 8:30am – September 15, 2026 – MEMORIAL – Our Lady of Sorrows

Benedict Chung

Kyung Ae Moon, Rosa

Wednesday, 8:30am – September 16, 2026 – MEMORIAL – St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

Family

Thursday, 8:30am – September 17, 2026 – Saint Robert Bellarmine

L) Souleymane Lenaud & Friends

Hilary & Raymond Jack

Wim Laarhoven & his Deceased Family Members

Ria

Thursday, 7:00pm

For All Parishioners Intentions

Friday, 8:30am – September 18, 2026 – Weekday

Teresa Sparapani

Joe & Filomena Puce