

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend. (Philippians 2:10)



In A.D. 3256, St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, discovered the true cross of Jesus near the site that generations had venerated as the Mount of Crucifixion. Upon discovering the cross, everyone fell to their knees and cried out, “Lord, have mercy!” A church was built on the site—the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—and the cross was placed in a prominent position within the building. The church was consecrated on September 13, 334, and the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross was celebrated annually on the following day, September 14. About three hundred years later the cross was taken as plunder by the

Persian emperor Khosrau II but was reclaimed fourteen years later by the Roman emperor Heraclius, who brought it to Constantinople where it was once again triumphantly exalted. This short history lesson has some resemblance to the way we live out our faith. For instance, when we see the glory of the cross and the sacrifice Jesus made for us, we rejoice. With grateful hearts we say, “Lord, I love you; have mercy on me.” But then we lose sight of this gift of salvation. Without even realizing it, we let the cross get buried underneath our many priorities and responsibilities. Then, when we are touched, maybe by a tragic event, by a book we read, or by a moving homily at Mass, we “excavate” the cross and exalt it once more. We give it a place of prominence in the sanctuary of our hearts. But then we lose our focus and let our guard down. A stronger foe conquers us and steals the joy of the cross from us. Finally, with newfound determination we take the cross back and we say once more, “Jesus, I exalt your cross. I make it my foundation. Lord, have mercy on me!” May we all do our best to exalt the cross and make it the first foundation of our lives!

“Lord, as I lift up the cross, I ask you to have mercy on me.”

Saints of the Week

September 15th – The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The Eucharist is to be a sign of the unity which proclaims the death of the Lord (1st Rdg: St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33; Resp. Psalm 40: 7-10, 17). Pierced with a sword of sorrow (Sequence), Mary stood by the cross of her Son (Sequence) Who “learned obedience from what He suffered” (Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9). By the 14th century, the sorrows of Mary numbered seven (7); the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in Jerusalem, the Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus’ body from the cross, and His Burial.

September 16th – Pope St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian bishop and companion martyrs. St. Cornelius, exiled; opposed Novatian and rigorist heretics; buried in Callistus’ cemetery. St. Cyprian, first African bishop to be martyred September 14th, 258, under the Emperor Valerian. Cyprian wrote on the “Unity of the Catholic Church.” He disagreed with Pope St. Stephen I (254-257) over the re-baptism of heretics and schematics. Cyprian is the patron of North Africa and of Algeria.

September 17th – St. Robert Bellarmine, a bishop and doctor of the Church; a brilliant Jesuit preacher, scholar, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation; most noted for his writings on the “Catechism” and on his “Disputations of Controversies on the Catholic Faith.” He was involved in the Galileo affair, cardinal archbishop of Capua, Italy; patron of catechists and catechumens. He died in 1621.

September 19th – St. Januarius, a bishop and martyred in ca. 305; and according to legend was thrown to bears under the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. As early as 1389, his blood has liquefied on this and other dates of the year. He is the patron of Naples, Italy.

September 21st – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, who composed his Gospel in ca. 85A.D. and intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience seeking to portray Christianity as consistent with the “winged human being” (cf. Ezekiel 1). He is said to have preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred. He is the patron of accountants and customs officers.

[not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 13
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 14
8:00 AM Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM Soul of Yula Wilkes
12:15 PM Soul of Gilbert Leon

Tuesday September 16
8:00 AM Soul of Bernadine Adams

Friday September 19
8:00 AM Soul of Yvonne Morgan

Saturday September 20
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 21
8:00 AM Intention of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM Soul of Milton Keys
12:15 PM Soul of Herman Captain

Readings for the week

Sunday Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1b-38, Jn 3:13-17
Monday 1 Cor 11:17-33, Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-31a, Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Lk 7:31-35
Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 7:36-50
Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-49, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday Is 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-18, Mt 20:1-16a

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014, at St. Bernadette Church, 3825 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90008. The day begins at 9:30 AM and includes a speaker, Fr. Allan Roberts, Pastor, Mass, Lunch and concludes at 1:30 PM. Every Catholic woman is a member of ACCW. Reservations are not necessary and there are no dues or fees. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The 9th Annual “Pray for a Cure for Cancer Mass & Anointing of the Sick” at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. **On October 11, 2014 at 12:30 pm** we will be offering the sacrifice of Mass for cures for cancer; with the anointing of the sick during Mass. We are **inviting you, your love ones and friends** who need prayer or need to pray for someone who is suffering to be present to entreat God to cure cancer: **...FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD Lk 2:37.** We are under no illusion that everyone can be present in body, but anyone can be present in spirit, simply email your name or the name of the person that needs prayer to pray4cure@ymail.com and their names will be blessed and placed near the altar during Mass.

Marriage Encounter

Kids are back to school... is the juggling act wearing you down? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and return home with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Renew your Sacrament and love now! Weekends take place in a local hotel and all sharing is private with your spouse. Presentations made by married couples and a priest, teach valuable communication tools and much more! **Our next weekend is November 7-9 in Torrance.** We strongly encourage signups by **October 10** to reserve your spot! Learn more about us! Visit www.ilovemyspouse.net to apply or contact Sarah & Jacob Flores at 562-923-7335 or Ginny & Boon Hazboun at 562-760-6277. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** has been a Vatican *de facto* Association of the Faithful for over 40 years and a recognized Apostolic Movement of the LA Archdiocese. WWME was voted **BEST MARRIAGE WORKSHOP** by About.com in 2012 and 2013.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

Dog Sitting Help

Fr. Mike McCullough is looking for several individuals who would be willing to doggie sit with his beagle “Lady”, sometimes. If interested, please call 213.359.8824.

Transfiguration School Drumline & Cheerleaders

will perform at St. Bernard Football Games on **October 3, 30, November 7 & 8, 2014 at 3:00 PM**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you or someone you know like to become a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but have not had all the Sacraments? Inquiring sessions will be on Sundays of September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2014 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the church. In John 1:37-46, Jesus invites us to “Come and See”. Please call the rectory at 323.291.1136 or see Anita Thomas for more information.

September 7, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,906.73 Tithe and Offerings
452.22 Building Fund
258.41 “We Care”

