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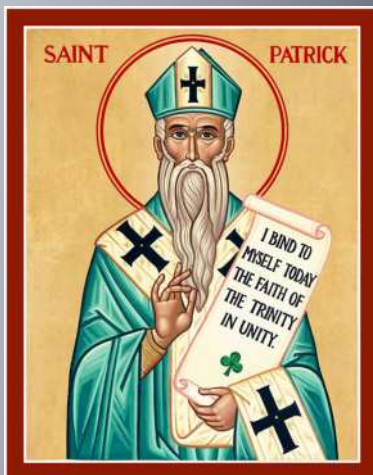
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September 14, 2025 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holly Cross

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serpent in the desert, so the Son
of Man must be lifted up, so that
whoever believes in Him may
have eternal life!
John 3:14-15, TLV

**MONDAY - Sept 15 -**

7:00 am - Patrick Nolan (d)
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7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
8:00 am - Herb Dillion (d)

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7:00 am - Charles Vindiola (d)
8:00 am - Bart Pasini (d)

THURSDAY - Sept 18 -

7:00 am - Donna Dewy (d)
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FRIDAY - Sept 19 -

7:00 am - Stephanie Oaks (d)
8:00 am - Michael J. Nares (d)

SATURDAY - Sept 20 -

8:00 am - Michael Anthony Ontiveros (d)
4:30 pm - Jose Moreno (d)
7:00 pm - Eric Arizaga (int)
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SUNDAY - Sept 21 -

7:30 am - Rev. Joseph E. Mullen SJ (d)
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11:00 am - Joseph Donahue (int)
1:00 pm - Alexander Sergio Ochoa (d)
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**PASTOR'S NOTES - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Fr. George G. Perez, CJM—Pastor

Dear community,

As we begin another season of faith formation in our parishes, today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross draws us back to the very heart of our faith: the Cross of Christ.

In the Book of Numbers, the people of Israel grow impatient and rebellious, only to be healed by looking upon the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses. This foreshadows what Jesus Himself reveals in John's Gospel—that the Son of Man must be "lifted up" so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. The very instrument of suffering becomes the means of healing and salvation.

St. Paul reminds us in Philippians that Jesus, though equal to God, emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant and becoming obedient even unto death on a cross. It is this humility and surrender that leads to His exaltation. The Cross is not defeat; it is glory.

For us, especially at the start of a new pastoral year, the Cross stands as both a challenge and a promise. Many would say that the cost of discipleship is too high—self-denial, sacrifice, service, forgiveness, love in the face of rejection. Yet the Cross shows us that it is precisely in giving ourselves away that we discover life.

As Jesus was surrounded by crowds, He never hid the reality of what following Him would mean: "take up your cross daily." In our faith formation programs—whether with children, youth, adults, or families—we are not just teaching doctrines; we are teaching a way of life rooted in the Cross, a life that dares to love without counting the cost.

So today we exalt the Cross—not as a piece of jewelry or decoration, but as the sign of God's immense love. It reminds us that in our struggles, sacrifices, and trials, we are never alone. Christ has gone before us. The Cross is the price of love, and the reward is eternal life.



Notas del Párroco – Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

P. George G. Pérez, CJM—Párroco

Querida comunidad,

al iniciar un nuevo año de formación en la fe, la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz llega en el momento oportuno. Nos recuerda que nuestra fe no es solamente aprender información o seguir tradiciones, sino entrar en el misterio del amor de Dios revelado en Jesucristo en la Cruz.

En la primera lectura, el pueblo de Israel, cansado y desanimado en el desierto, murmuró contra Dios. Sin embargo, el Señor les dio sanación al mirar con fe la serpiente de bronce levantada por Moisés. No era el bronce el que curaba, sino la confianza en la promesa de Dios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos dice que Él mismo será levantado en la Cruz, para que todo el que lo mire con fe tenga vida eterna. La Cruz ya no es sólo un signo de sufrimiento; se convierte en el signo de la misericordia de Dios, el lugar donde la muerte se transforma en vida.

San Pablo nos recuerda en la carta a los Filipenses que Jesús se humilló hasta aceptar la muerte de cruz. Por esa entrega total de amor, Dios lo exaltó sobre todo y todos doblamos la rodilla ante Él.

Hoy, mientras empezamos nuestros programas de formación en la fe—para niños, jóvenes y adultos—esta fiesta nos invita a preguntarnos: ¿qué significa seguir a Cristo? Muchos dirían que el precio es demasiado alto: renunciar a la comodidad, perdonar cuando duele, amar cuando cuesta. Sin embargo, la Cruz nos muestra que el amor vale todo sacrificio.

La Cruz que hoy exaltamos no es un adorno. Es el recordatorio de que Jesús camina con nosotros en cada prueba, que ningún sufrimiento se pierde si lo unimos a Él, y que el amor más grande se encuentra en entregarnos por los demás.

Que al acompañar a nuestras familias parroquiales este año, mantengamos siempre la mirada fija en la Cruz. Allí aprendemos paciencia cuando la vida parece un desierto, humildad cuando nos tienta el orgullo, y fortaleza cuando la fe parece demasiado exigente.

La Cruz no es sólo el precio del discipulado: es la promesa de la vida eterna.



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CATEQUESIS DE PREESCOLAR

2025-2026

Invitamos a los padres de familia que tienen niños de 3, 4 y 5 años a inscribirlos para el programa de Preescolar que comenzará el **Domingo 19 de octubre a la 1 pm.**

Mientras usted está en Misa, su hijo/a estará escuchando y aprendiendo sobre el Evangelio, además de otras prácticas religiosas.

También incluiremos actividades que favorezcan su desarrollo físico, cognitivo, emocional, social y de lenguaje. Para inscribirlos o hacer sus preguntas comuníquese a la oficina de Catequesis.



ORDEN DE LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA

Los papás que tengan un niño de 7 años o mayor y aún no ha sido bautizado, los invitamos a inscribirlos para la Iniciación

Cristiana que los prepara para el Bautismo y la Primera Comunión.

Puede inscribirlos a través del cito web de la parroquia al: stpatrickcarlsbad.com o si prefiere en persona pase a la oficina de catequesis durante el horario de oficina.

El proceso comienza el viernes 3 de octubre.

Clases de Ciudadanía

Silviano Carrillo Centers ofrecen clases de ciudadanía (inglés y español). Te esperamos en la **Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista** en Encinitas, CA. Todos los **Martes de 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** en el salón California. Las clases comienzan en **Septiembre 2025**. Para mas información

llámenos al tel. (760) 554-5512 o al (619) 267-0720 o envíenos un correo electrónico

al: sccenters@usasjs.org.

Las clases son gratuitas. Te esperamos e invita a quienes necesiten de este servicio tan necesario.



EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Cordialmente te invitamos a que vengas a reunirse con nosotros y tengas una experiencia personal con nuestro Señor Jesucristo por medio de la alabanza, oración, predicación y testimonios. Todos los miércoles de las 7:00pm a las 8:30pm en la iglesia.

Para más información, llama a Maricelia al 626-840-3135



"Jueves de Sopa"

La sopa es gratuita y se sirve los **jueves** de 4:30pm a 6:00pm en el salón parroquial. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Last Call for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

(OCIA) which is a process through which people will become fully initiated into the Catholic community. This includes:

- * Adults who have never been baptized.
- * Adults who were baptized in an other Christian Religion but now want to join the Catholic Church.
- * Adults who were baptized as Catholics but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
(OCIA is not for adolescents; adults only)

Our program meets on Sunday mornings after the 9:00am Mass. It is held in the parish center from 10:00am to 11:00am. Except for a few holiday weekends, it meets every Sunday. The first session is this Sunday **September 14, 2025**.

Regular attendance is important. Those who complete the process will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil (April 4, 2026).

To get enrolled, you need to make an appointment with Fr. Ron. Email him at: rmbagley@yahoo.com.



The Knights of Columbus

Would like to invite our parish and friends to our annual **Oktoberfest**

celebration on **September 27th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

We will have Traditional German food & beer, German music and a raffle. Tickets will be **\$20.00 per person kids 10 and under are free**. Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend **Sept. 13-14** on the church patio after all the Masses. Or you can purchase at the parish office during the weekdays.

Hope you can join us!!

In the words of Saint Augustine of Hippo:

Set love as the criterion of all that you say and, whatever you teach, teach in such a way that the person to whom you speak, by hearing may believe, by believing hope, and by hoping love.

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The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Reflection

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.

YE OLD GARAGE SUNDAY SALE

Ye Olde Garage will be holding their monthly Sunday Sale on September 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Shoppe is overloaded with wonderful donations from our St. Patrick's Community. We have plenty of Halloween and Fall decorations and many, many costumes. Please come and see what is available for your upcoming Spooky Halloween season and the many Fall items. We look forward to seeing you.

The Ye Olde Garage is located in the Northeast parking lot. Follow the Garage Sale Signs and look for the American Flag. We will be there to greet you.



Religious Education & Family Ministry (Prek - 8th grade)

Our program is off to a great start. We offer weekly classes for early faith formation for children in Preschool and Kindergarten, sacramental preparation for students in grade 1 – 8 and continuing faith learning for students in grade 3-8 who attend public school.

There is still time to register. Visit our parish website www.stpatrickcarlsbad.com, click on Religious Education, PreK – 8th grade. Registration information and the online form are in the top right corner. You may also contact our office at 760-729-8442 or email us at mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com

Weekly Classes

Sunday classes: Sept 14, 21, 28

Monday classes: Sept 15, 22, 29

Tuesday classes: Sept 16, 23, 30

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Sunday we celebrate the fest of the Exaltation of the Cross, a fest which originated in 4th-century Jerusalem. On September 14, 320 AD, the true cross (as it was believed to be true) was raised or exulted when two churches built by the Emperor Constantine were consecrated. At every Good Friday Liturgy, the cross is raised or exalted, so we can venerated it and show reverence.

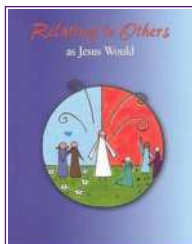
Pray silently as you gaze at Jesus on the cross (behind the altar in our church)

Adults: *We adore you, o Christ and we bless you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.*

Children: *Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much.*

Blessings,

Margit Dornisch - Office for Religious Education and Family Ministry



Six week Fall Bible Study coming soon!

Our topic will be
“Relating to Others as Jesus Would”.
 Examining the life Jesus lived will point us in the right direction on how to follow him and his way.

There will be two meeting options:
 Six Monday evenings, 6:45pm – 8:30pm,
 Oct 13 – Nov 17
 Six Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am – 11:30am
 Oct 15 – Nov 19

Register with Carole King at stpatbiblestudy40@gmail.com or 760-434-5688; Cost is \$15; (cash or check payable to St. Patrick Church).

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Ruah Adonai Breath of God Bible Study will begin *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* on Thursday, **October 16, 2025**, at 8:30 am in the Parish Center. Participants will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Lisa Albers at

lalbersphone@gmail.com or Kelly Le Berthon at kelly.leberthon12@gmail.com

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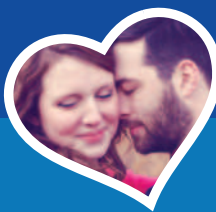
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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First Reading

Numbers 21:4b–9

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:1–2, 34–34, 36–37, 38

Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Second Reading

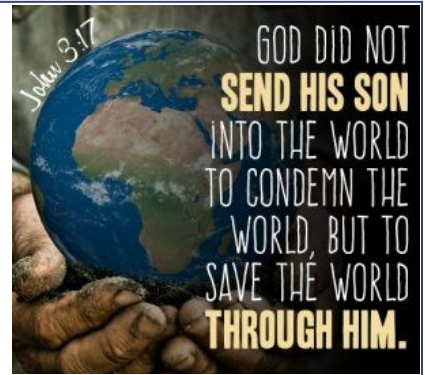
Philippians 2:6–11

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

Gospel Reading

John 3:13–17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



Background on the Gospel

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

A POEM FROM A HOMILY OF Fr. RON

(Several people asked me to share this poem that I used in my Homily last week)

When I first met Christ
It seemed as though life was rather
like a bike ride,
But it was a tandem bike,
And I noticed that Christ
Was in the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that
He suggested we change places,
But life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way,
It was rather boring, but predictable...
It was the shortest distance between two
points.

But when He took the lead,
He knew delightful long cuts,
Up mountains, and through rocky places,
At breakneck speeds,
It was all I could do to hang on!
Even though it looked like madness,
He said, "Pedal"

I worried and was anxious and asked,
"Where are you taking me?"
He laughed and didn't answer,
And I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life
And entered into the adventure.
And when I'd say, "I'm scared,"
He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed.
Gifts of healing, acceptance, and joy.
He said, "Give the gifts away;
They're extra baggage, too much weight."

So I did, I gave them to the people we met,
And I found that in giving I received,
And still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first,
In control of my life.
I thought He'd wreck it;
But He knows bike secrets,
Knows how to make it bend to take
sharp corners,
Knows how to jump to clear high
rocks,
Knows how to fly to shorten scary
passages.

And I am learning to shut up
and pedal in the strangest places,
And I'm beginning to enjoy the view
And the cool breeze on my face
With my delightful constant companion,
Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do any-
more,
He just smiles and says...
"Pedal."