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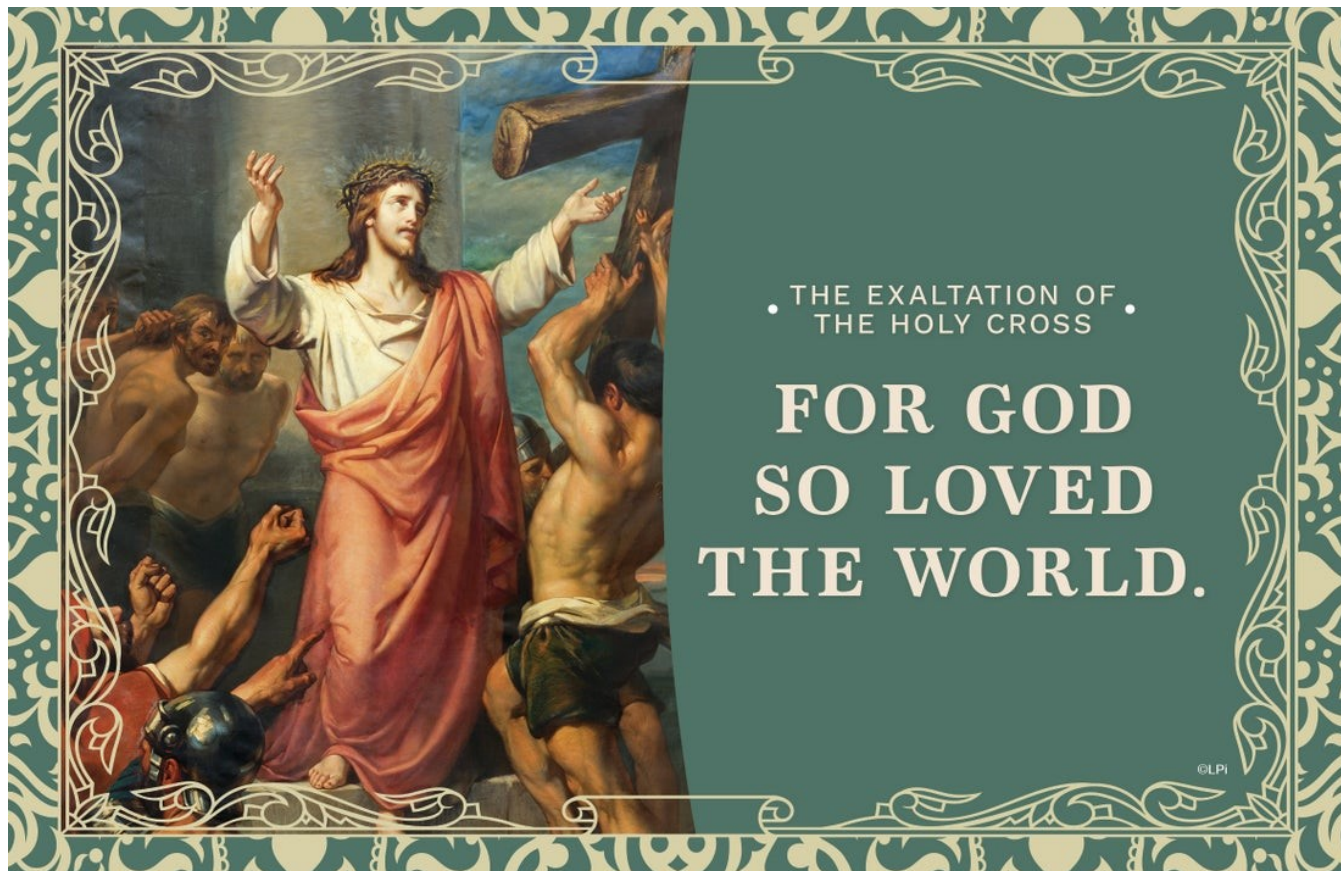
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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“The Cross is the path that leads from earth to heaven. Whoever embraces it with faith, love, and hope feels transported on high, to the bosom of the Trinity” (Saint Benedicta of the Cross). She also said in her writings: “The Cross is the symbol of the transformation of weakness into strength.” Many people wear a cross on their chest, and often, they wear it simply because it's gold and looks pretty. But do you know what it means? What respect do you have for it?

“Today, September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Someone might ask us: Why exalt the cross? We can answer that we do not exalt just any cross, or all crosses; we exalt the cross of Jesus, because on it God's love for humanity was revealed to the fullest. This is what the Gospel of John reminds us in today's liturgy: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (3:16). The Father gave the Son to save us, and this involved the death of Jesus, and death on the cross. Why? Why was the cross necessary? Because of the gravity of the evil that enslaved us. The cross of Jesus expresses both: all the negative power of evil and all the gentle omnipotence of God's mercy” (Pope Francis). By the sign of the Holy Cross...

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Parish Fiestas—September 19, 20 & 21

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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DAILY PRAYER VERSUS MASS?

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away? ©LPi

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Virginia Rodriguez, Alex Casillas, Baby Patrick Vargas, Daniel Melendez, Bobby Chavez, Deacon Andy Chavez

 *The* Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

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Prayer of Love

Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love. Amen. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS~INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

9:30 AM

† Isidro & Rufina Griego (by family)

† Gilbert & Cippi Chavez (by son)

Linda & Lawrence Alfaro (anniv) (by Jeanette Jaramillo)

11:30 AM

Por las animas en el purgatorio (de familia Rios)

† Liliana Candelaria (de Conci y Julian)

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

8:00 AM

In Thanksgiving for the prayers answered

(by Daniel & Jessica Perea)

Friday, September 19th, 2025

8:00 AM

Health & Healing for Angel Ramsey

(by Jeanette Jaramillo)

SEPTEMBER WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Mon. 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8, Ps 28:2, 7-9, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35,

Heb 5:7-9

Tues. 16th: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13, Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6, Lk 7:11-17,

2 Cor 4:7-15, Jn 17:11b-19

Wed. 17th: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 7:31-35

Thur. 18th: Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16, Ps 111:7-10, Lk 7:36-50

Fri. 19th: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12, Ps 49:6-10, 17-20, Lk 8:1-3

Sat. 20th: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16, Ps 100:1b-5, Lk 8:4-15, Wis 3:1-9,
or Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 9:23-26