

## ON THE GOSPEL

*The people answered him, We have heard...*

See how maliciously they put the question. They do not say, ‘*We have heard out of the law, that Christ doth not suffer*’; for in many places of Scripture His passion and resurrection are spoken of together, but ‘*abides forever*.’ And yet His immortality was not inconsistent with the fact of His suffering. They thought however that this proved that He was not Christ. Then they ask, *Who is this Son of Man?* another malicious question; as if to say, “Do not charge us with putting this question out of hatred to Thee; for we simply ask for information.” Christ shows them in His answer that His passion does not prevent Him from abiding forever: *Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you:* as if His death were but going away for a time, as the sun’s light only sets to rise again. ~ St. John Chrysostom, 354-407 A.D.

*Et ego si exaltatus fuero a terra, omnia traham ad meipsum.*

What is this *all* that He draws, but that from which the devil is cast out. He does not say, *All men*, but *All things*; for all men have not faith. He does not mean then all mankind, but the whole of man, i.e., spirit, soul, and body; by which respectively we understand, and live, and are visible. ~ St. Augustine; 430 A.D..

It behooves us to glory in the Cross of our Lord JESUS Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection: by Whom we are saved and delivered.

**3. On Good Friday at noon, Christ was nailed to the cross on the hill of Calvary, just outside Jerusalem, and died on the cross about three o’clock.**

Cicero is our authority that crucifixion was at that time the most shameful and terrible of deaths, to which none but the greatest criminals were subjected. Hence the doctrine of the Crucified was a scandal to the Jews and folly to the heathen (1 Cor. i. 23). Yet to-day the cross is the badge of honor, worn in the crowns of kings, and on the breasts of men proud of the decoration. In the words of St. Athanasius sin was repaired on the tree where sin was committed; and where death began there life arose, as the Church sings in the preface of the Mass. Christ was not beheaded, nor His body dismembered; so are we taught that His mystical body, the Church, should remain ever undivided. Christ bent His head to kiss us, spread His arms to embrace us, and opened His Heart to love us (St. Augustine). The Heart of Jesus was opened that its wounds might reveal to us the hidden wounds of His love for us (St. Bernard). It was not the soldiers, but His love for us, which nailed Christ to the cross (St. Augustine).



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## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025 A.D.

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**Church Office Hours:** 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

**Bookstore** – open Sundays after the 8 am & 10:30 am Masses and 1st Saturdays after the 9 am Mass.

**Baptism:** Contact the parish at least three months before birth.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding.

**Inquiring about the Catholic Faith?** Call the office.

### Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

### Sunday Mass Times

8:00 am low; 10:30 am sung & 1:00 pm Low Masses.

**Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.**

### Church Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

### Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.: 8 am - 4 pm.

Closed on Holy Days

## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 09-14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	2/R	no comm. of 14th Sunday
Mon 09-15	Seven Sorrows of BVM	2/W	St Nicomedes
Tues 09-16	Ss Cornelius, <i>Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	3/R 4/G	Ss Euphemia, Lucy, & Geminian
Wed 09-17	Feria (14th Sunday after Pentecost)	3/W	Stigmata of St Francis
Thu 09-18	St Joseph Cupertino, <i>Confessor</i>	3/R	
Fri 09-19	St Januarius, <i>Bishop &amp; Comp., Martyrs</i>	4/R 2/G	
Sat 09-20	St Eustache & Comp., <i>Martyrs</i>		
Sun 09-21	15th Sunday after Pentecost		

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 09-14	(8 am) <i>Pro-populo (frh)</i> (10:30 am) Fr Austin's intention ( <i>fra</i> ) (1 pm) Kelsey Crawford (frh)		rb J Showalter
Mon 09-15	(6:30 am) John & Claire Reichard++ (9 am) Souls in Purgatory	( <i>not at SFdS</i> )	rb L Marks rb C Elliott
Tues 09-16	(6:30 am) Ann Binggeli (12 noon) Jan Tate	( <i>not at SFdS</i> )	rb S Binggeli rb E Tate
Wed 09-17	(6:30 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Fr K Marsolle	( <i>not at SFdS</i> )	rb P Anderson rb W Hartlein
Thu 09-18	(6:30 am) Randy Chancey+ (12 noon) Kadence Harroun, Michael Colina & child	( <i>not at SFdS</i> )	rb L Chancey rb Anonymous
Fri 09-19	(6:30 am) Confraternity of St Peter (7 pm) Frank J Stillwell III+	( <i>not at SFdS</i> )	rb E Shryock rb M Stillwell
Sat 09-20	(7 am) David Robb+ (frf) (9 am) CCM (frh)		rb S Robb
Sun 09-21	(8 am) <i>Pro-populo (frh)</i> (10:30 am) <i>Mary Winegate</i> (frf) (1 pm) Fr Austin intention (fra)		rb H Winegate

**Last week's collection:** cash \$5,497.00; online \$8,935.00 total: \$14,432.00

**Attendance:** 8 am-228; 10:30 am-323; 1 pm-167; total 718 souls.

**Today & through October, Catechism classes will meet from 9:15 am to 10:10 am.**

**FYI. Fr Austin is unable to offer weekday Masses the rest of September. So, when Fr Favole is not here, there will only be one Mass at SFdS.**

**This week, [Fr Favole away until 9/19,** he takes the posted bulletin intentions with him], Monday, 6:30 am Mass (frh), ***no 9 am Mass at SFdS***, staff meeting (1 pm); Tuesday, ***no 6:30 am Mass at SFdS***, 12 noon Mass (frh); Wednesday, 6:30 am Mass (frh), ***no 9 am Mass at SFdS***; Thursday, ***no 6:30 am Mass at SFdS***, 12 noon Mass (frh); Friday, ***no 6:30 am Mass at SFdS***, 7 pm Mass & Holy Hour (frh); Saturday, 7 am Mass (frf), 9 am Mass (frh), Confraternity of Christian Mothers (10 am).

**Next Sunday, September 21st, the Knights of Columbus** will host a pancake breakfast after the 8 am & 10:30 am Masses. During these breakfasts we will be collecting donations for the Coats for Kids charity. Please help the Knights keep less fortunate children warm this winter by donating whatever you are able. Thank you.

**St Catherine of Siena Catholic School invites you** to an open house on September 17. Come and learn what this school promises namely “an outstanding Catholic education” in a safe and Christ-centered environment. Visit [www.scsiena.org](http://www.scsiena.org) or call 770-419-8601 to register.

**As mentioned here last week,** Fr Hathaway is planning to return the Sunday Mass to the church after he returns from his October trip (see September calendar). After hearing from some of you, he is considering a 7 am Mass, 8:30 am Mass, 11:30 am Mass, and a 1 pm Mass. This will allow Youth Catechism to meet from 10 am to 11 am without difficulty. Also, he is considering returning the 7 am Mass & 1 pm Mass to the church, but the 8:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass would remain at the gym as the numbers attending these Masses is expected to exceed the capacity of the church, this will also allow for socials to continue in the hall which would otherwise be used for overflow. He welcomes hearing from you on this plan! Meanwhile, to facilitate the scheduling of servers, this plan will not begin until November. Father thanks you for your patience!

**Please pray for:** Frederick's family (9/7); Jo Miller, Caroline Elliot (8/24); Dennis Shamblin, Cait Taylor, Kelsie Jean Smeby, Julianne Laura Klaren, Olivia Pierson, Paige Tillman, Tia Christofi, Cindy Kimberly, Olivia Swearingen, Olivia Boski, Shelby Hunstad, Anastasia Tailakova, Gracey Alexandria, Holly Hawkins Smith, Karic Irena, Carolina Marie Robertson & family & friends, & Josue Emmanuel Ruiz (8/17).

### Maxim of St Francis de Sales

*Make your little efforts sweetly, peacefully, & amiably to please the Sovereign Goodness, and do not be astonished at difficulties.*