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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el Hijo del hombre, que bajó del cielo y está en el cielo. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él". - Jn 3, 13, 17

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WEEKEND SCHEDULES

ENGLISH MASS

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M. ANTICIPATED HOLY MASS

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

DOMINGO: 7:30 AM Y 12:00 PM



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 En la Iglesia

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

SATURDAY		September 13	MONDAY		September 15
5:00 pm	†	Richard “Richie” Ureste † Josefina Ureste † Raul Ureste † Petra Rodriguez † Romeo Ureste † Isidora Sanchez † Geronimo & Lydia Vasquez † Ninfia M. Plata † Benny Plata, Jr.	7:00 am	†	Roel Pena For the Healing of Andy Carranza
SUNDAY		September 14	TUESDAY		September 16
7:30 am	†	Paula Alvarado † Noe Garza † Diana Trevino † Mike & Mario Romero † Mr. & Mrs. Candelario Saenz † Timmy Cantu † Arturo Martinez Garcia † Maria del Socorro Alvarez M.	7:00 am	†	Matilde Gomez † Sergio Dominguez † Richard Clark † Porfirio Casas † Elodia de Diaz † Jesus Coronado Matamoros
10:00 am	†	Roel O. Gracia † Ysabel Botello † Burno Munoz † Aurora Munoz † Gloria Rojas † Alexander Monzon † Fr. Celso Godilano SSP For the Faithful of the Parish	WEDNESDAY		September 17
12:00 pm	†	Oralia Ramirez † Maria Ester Rios † Arturo Lopez Salinas † Alicia Zuniga de Martinez † Adolfo Lara † Rogelio Cruz † Felipe Tijerina	7:00 am	†	Elodia de Diaz † Noie Hebrook † Felipe Roqueno † Jesus Coronado Matamoros Accion de Gracias por Francisca Garces & Family
5:30 pm	†	Andres Cantu † Rosalinda Gonzalez	THURSDAY		September 18
			7:00 am	†	Elodia de Diaz † Jesus Coronado Matamoros
			FRIDAY		September 19
			7:00 am	†	Fr. Patricio Dominguez, OMI † Rollie Mejia, Jr. † Rosendo Mejia

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.

Oración de Amor

Dios mío,
Expande mi corazón de nuevas maneras hoy, para
entender el amor que tienes por mí, para llevar ese
amor profundamente dentro de mí y para actuar

ATTENTION/ ATENCION

The **raffle results, booth results, and event pictures** will be published in the **September 21 edition** of the bulletin. Stay tuned!

Los **resultados de la rifa, los resultados del puesto y las fotos del evento** se publicarán en la edición del 21 de septiembre del boletín. ¡Estén atentos!

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

Father John Muir

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

14 de septiembre de 2025

Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

"La Cruz es el camino que conduce de la tierra al cielo. Quien se abraza a ella con fe, amor y esperanza se siente transportado a lo alto, hasta el seno de la Trinidad" (Santa Benedicta de la Cruz). También decía en sus escritos: "La Cruz es el símbolo de la transformación de la debilidad en la fuerza". Muchas personas llevan en su pecho una cruz y, muchas veces, la lucen tan solo porque es de oro y luce bonita. Pero, ¿sabes lo que significa? ¿Qué respeto tienes por ella?

"Hoy, 14 de septiembre, la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Alguna persona podría preguntarnos: ¿Por qué exaltar la cruz? Podemos responder que no exaltamos una cruz cualquiera, o todas las cruces; exaltamos la cruz de Jesús, porque en ella se reveló al máximo el amor de Dios por la humanidad. Es lo que nos recuerda el evangelio de Juan en la liturgia de hoy: 'Tanto amó Dios al mundo que entregó a su Unigénito' (3:16). El Padre dio al Hijo para salvarnos, y esto implicó la muerte de Jesús, y la muerte en la cruz. ¿Por qué? ¿Por qué fue necesaria la cruz? A causa de la gravedad del mal que nos esclavizaba. La cruz de Jesús expresa ambas cosas: toda la fuerza negativa del mal y toda la omnipotencia mansa de la misericordia de Dios" (Papa Francisco). Por la señal de la santa cruz...

Pro Life Ministry

Please join us in prayer devoted to the unborn at our monthly rosary and brownsville diocesan events.

Rosary Dates

2025

*September 13th

October 5th

November 16th

December 21st

2026

January 18th

February 15th

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th

June 21st

July 19th

August 16th

*September 13th rosary will be held at the ProLife Memorial Headstone on the north side of the parish hall at 10 am

Additional Events

Walk for Life in Brownsville, TX - October 11, 2025
March for Life in Washington, DC - January 23rd, 2026
March for Life in Austin, TX - January 24th, 2026
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Reúnase con nosotros para recibir **inspiración, apoyo y oración comunitaria** en la fe.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

The Cross is Not Negotiable. "Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation. But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be. And none of it is negotiable.

PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflexión: Cuando los infieles de los israelitas fueron mordidos por las serpientes, fueron sanados mirando el instrumento de su sufrimiento: la serpiente misma, montada en la vara de Moisés. Para sanarnos, Dios nos invita a mirar la cruz.

La Cruz No Es Negociable. "La santidad no es para cobardes", dijo la Madre Angélica. "Y la cruz no es negociable, cariño, es un requisito".

Amo a la Madre Angélica, y me encanta esta cita. Seguir a Dios es difícil, y para hacerlo tienes que tomar la decisión de ser fuerte, de soportar las cosas difíciles y, en última instancia, de amar la dureza de todo, porque dentro de esa lucha Dios nos encuentra con misericordia y salvación. Pero a la luz de las lecturas de hoy, creo que la Madre Angélica me perdonaría por modificar un poco sus palabras. La santidad sí es para los débiles, porque la cruz no es negociable.

Cuando los infieles entre los israelitas fueron mordidos por las serpientes, fueron sanados al contemplar el instrumento de su sufrimiento: la serpiente misma, montada en la vara de Moisés. Con una floritura literaria que avergüenza a Homero y a Shakespeare, Dios invierte ese símbolo primitivo. Para curarnos, nos invita a mirar la cruz, el sacrificio que logró nuestra redención.

Jesús vino aquí para morir en esa cruz por nosotros. Por los débiles. Porque no podríamos hacerlo nosotros mismos, aunque lo intentáramos. No podríamos corregir todos nuestros errores, ni aun si tuviéramos un millón de años para hacerlo. Seguiríamos metiendo la pata. Seguiríamos fracasando. Somos unos cobardes; Eso es lo que hacemos.

Pero la cruz, la cruz, es una magnífica invitación a algo más. La Divinidad misma, asumiendo el manto de la carne y el peso del pecado, para que cuando miremos la cruz nos reconozcamos. Para que podamos ver lo que hemos sido, lo que somos, lo que podríamos ser. Y nada de eso es negociable.

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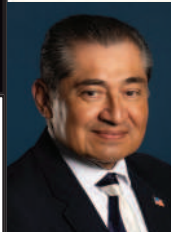
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