

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

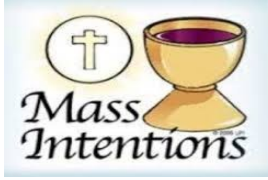
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



- Hal Silva—9/01
- Rose Visali—9/06
- Alvin Estrella—9/13
- Luis Belloso—9/20
- Mark Potter—9/27

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

- James Gonzalez-Wesley
- Debbie Faborito
- Rachel Cravalho
- Robert Robello
- Melissa Prince
- Stanley Lee
- Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
- Winona Martinez
- Rachel Chong Kee
- Clarita Pimentel
- Helen Estrella
- Felicia Gonzalez
- JoAnn Potter
- Rosaline DeMello
- Gosha Jasowicz
- Annette Palamino
- Colette Alexander
- Bob Garza

PRAY WITH US



Join Us to Pray the Litany of St. Rita, Holy Rosary, and Guardian Angel Prayer Tuesday thru Friday after morning mass Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm Sunday at 8:00am



ST. RITA MINISTRIES

- PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL
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- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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- USHERS / GREETERS
- REPAIRS & YARD MAINTENANCE / SAFETY
- PLANNING & BUILDING
- COLLECTION COUNTERS
- THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS
- CHURCH CLEANERS
- HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH

You are created by God to love Him, know Him and to serve Him.



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full.

Reflect

What emptying am I experiencing? Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?

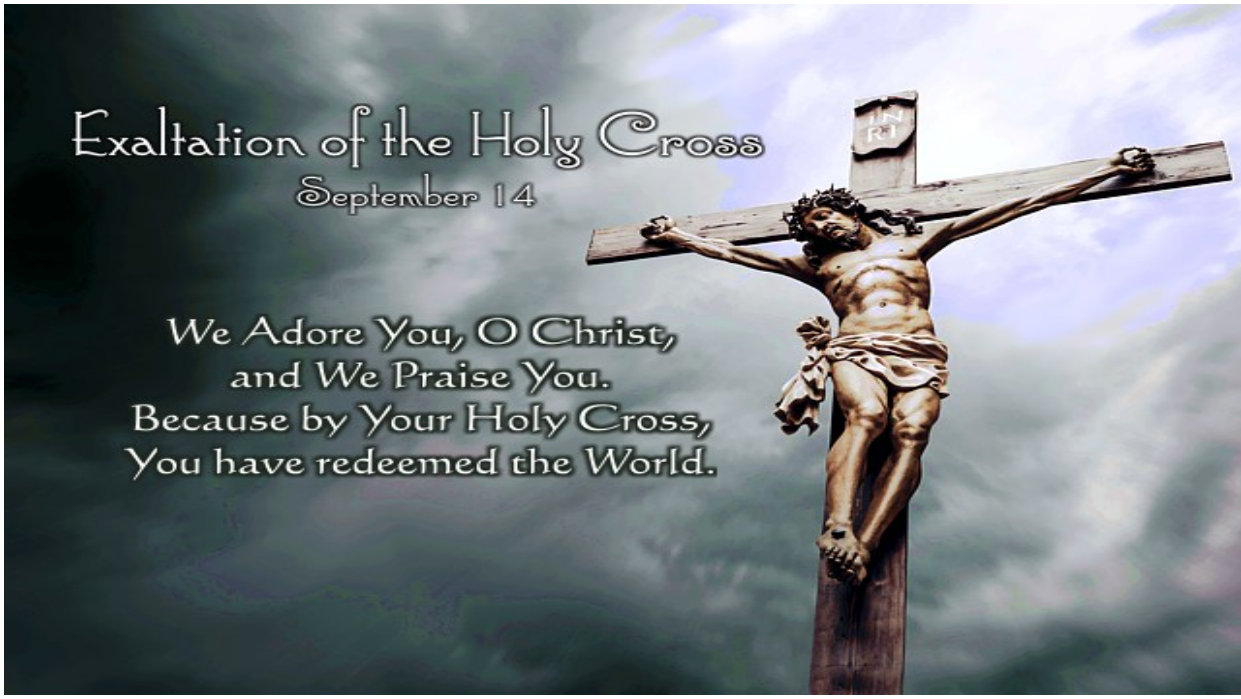


[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

Exaltation of the Cross

celebrated on September 14, is a Christian feast day honoring the Holy Cross as the instrument of salvation. The feast commemorates two key historical events: the discovery of the true cross by Saint Helena in the 4th century and the dedication of the church built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre (the place of both the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus). It also recalls the restoration of the true cross to Jerusalem in 629 AD by Emperor Heraclius, highlighting the cross as a sacred symbol of Christ's sacrifice, victory over death, and a source of hope for believers.



Father Paul will be on vacation starting **Monday, September 8th** and returning on **Saturday, September 20th**. There will be Communion Services on 9/17 & 9/19. Weekend schedule remains the same. The parish office will be open during Fr. Paul's absence 808-575-2601.



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE PER FAMILY AND MAKE SURE ALL THE INFORMATION IS FILLED IN. THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FAMILIES ENROLLING STUDENTS, EVEN IF YOU'VE BEEN ENROLLED IN THE PAST. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9/21/25.**

9/14 FIRST CLASS FOR CHILDREN (PRE-SCHOOL 4YR OLD-6TH GRADE) THIS CLASS IS FOR THOSE WHO NEED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

9/21 FIRST CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP (ALL YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED) ST. CARLO ACUTIS AND EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

9/28 CLASS FOR CHILDREN

If you have any questions, please see Rita Bauldry.

- MONDAY**
September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 2:1-8
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35
- TUESDAY**
September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17
- WEDNESDAY**
September 17
Weekday
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35
- THURSDAY**
September 18
Weekday
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50
- FRIDAY**
September 19
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3
- SATURDAY**
September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15
- SUNDAY**
September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus come to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. This core message is the basis for the **Stewardship** of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

Stewardship
Heart
Work

St. Rita	INCOME September 7, 2025	St. Gabriel
\$1,930.00	Collections Online	
95.00		
\$103.00	Candles	
\$160.00	Repairs & Maint.	
\$130.00	Shephard's Care	
\$449.00	Catholic University	
\$527.25	Thrift Store	
\$3,394.25	Mahalo for your generosity! TOTAL	

SAINT RITA PARISH
STEWARDSHIP

This week's second collection:
Shepherd's Care

Next week's second collection:
Repairs & Maintenance

St. Rita's Thrift Store
Hours of operation
Tuesday 8am—12pm
Sunday 9:45am—12pm
CLOSED SUNDAY 9/14

VARIOUS HOMEMADE JELLY & JAMS

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS ITEMS

OUTREACH MINISTRY VISITED THE HUNGRY AND NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2025

Agnes, Annette, Rosemary, Teresa and Stan delivered 32 plate lunches, 10 gallons of water, can goods, clothes, shoes, blankets, toiletries & hygiene items.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matt. 25:40)

ALOHA & MAHALO

Tamyra, Eli & Don Freeman are moving to Washington state.

A parish family for 30+ years, we will miss you but are excited for your new chapter. A farewell gathering scheduled for this **Sunday, September 14th** after morning Mass.

ST. RITA CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 8AM-1PM & **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 9:45AM - 12PM**

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