

Pope Leo's Angelus 14 September 2025

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, commemorating the discovery of the Cross by Saint Helen in Jerusalem in the fourth century, and the return of the precious relic to the Holy City by the Emperor Heraclius.

But what does celebrating this feast mean for us today? The Gospel reading that the liturgy places before us (cf. *Jn* 3:13-17) helps us to understand it. The scene unfolds at night: Nicodemus, one of the leaders of the Jews, a righteous and open-minded person (cf. *Jn* 7:50-51), comes to meet Jesus. He needs light and guidance: he seeks God and asks the Teacher of Nazareth for help because he recognizes him as a prophet, a man who performs extraordinary signs.

The Lord welcomes him, listens to him, and eventually reveals to him that the Son of Man must be lifted up, "so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (*Jn* 3:15), adding: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (

Nicodemus, who perhaps does not fully comprehend the meaning of these words in the moment, will certainly do so when he helps to bury the Savior's body after the crucifixion (cf. *Jn* 19:39). It is then that he will understand that God, in order to redeem humanity, became man and died on the cross.

Jesus speaks of this to Nicodemus, recalling an episode in the Old Testament, when the Israelites were bitten by venomous snakes in the desert and were healed by looking upon the bronze serpent that Moses had fashioned and mounted on a pole in obedience to God's command (cf. *Num* 21:4-9).

God saves us by showing himself to us, offering himself as our companion, teacher, doctor, friend, to the point of becoming bread broken for us in the Eucharist. In order to accomplish this task, he used one of the cruelest instruments that human beings have ever invented: the cross.

That is why today we celebrate the "exultation": for the immense love with which God has transformed the means to death into an instrument of life, embracing it for our salvation, teaching us that nothing can separate us from him (cf. *Rom* 8:35-39) and that his love is greater than our own sin (cf. Francis, *Catechesis*, 30 March 2016).

Let us then ask, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother who was present at Calvary near her Son, that the saving love of her Son may take root in us and grow, and that we too may know how to give ourselves to each other, as he gave himself completely to all.

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TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 2025



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: T.B.A.
1st Communions: T.B.A..

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Luke's Gospel contains many of Jesus' famous parables but today's is not so famous. It's about the dishonest steward who gets caught and is to be dismissed. He reasons that he can't work or beg so what does he do? He cuts the size of the debts of his master's debtors. In this he is not cheating his master but it is probably that he is relinquishing his commission on the loans. This means he will be out of pocket now but will get new friends who will take him into their homes and care for him. Jesus in this parable is trying to show us that even worldly people know how to use money more wisely than us. Jesus says, "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends." By this he means that if you give money to the poor they will help you into heaven with their prayers. There is a parallel gospel which says that those who are rich now, in this life, will become poor in the next and the reverse; Those who are poor now will become rich in the next life. If you are generous with the poor they will intercede for you to help you with their prayers. So, you have a choice and that is to use your money just for yourself or those you care about in a selfish way or to be generous with the poor and so make friends with them who will ensure you get taken care of in the next life. In reality, there are only two gods and they are God and money but most of us worship money, if we are sincere, more than the Lord.

Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to begin to put Him first and at the very least to try to earn some friends amongst the poor who will help us on our way to Him.

Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS 4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The marriage course will continue in October as follows

Thursday 2nd October,

Thursday 16th October

Monday 20th October

It will be at 7pm in St. Joseph's room and it will be given by a married couple with one of the priests to assist and answer any questions.

This is open to everyone even those who are married and may want to renew their vows.

CCD CLASSES

BEGINNING Saturday
4 October.

10:00 am to Noon
at the Church

Parish Events Sept.21-28

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am
12:30pm,**

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St. Pio of Pietrelcina

05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Goretti
07:00pm Sixth English, Blessed Sac. Chapel

Wednesday

05:30pm Daily Mass,, SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole, Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

Thursday

05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday St.s Cosmas & Damian

04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday St. Vincent de Paul

05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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This week we had the grace of commencing our weekly Eucharists with our elementary, middle, and high school students. It was a joyful celebration, and the students were very happy and engaged in prayer and song.

Our 11th graders have also begun working on their community service projects, showing great commitment and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to many upcoming events, including All Saints' Day and Heritage Day! Students are already learning about different saints and countries in preparation for these special celebrations.

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We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

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- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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