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Exaltation of the Cross

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am

Weekdays (Monday through
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Daily (Mon.-Fri.):..... 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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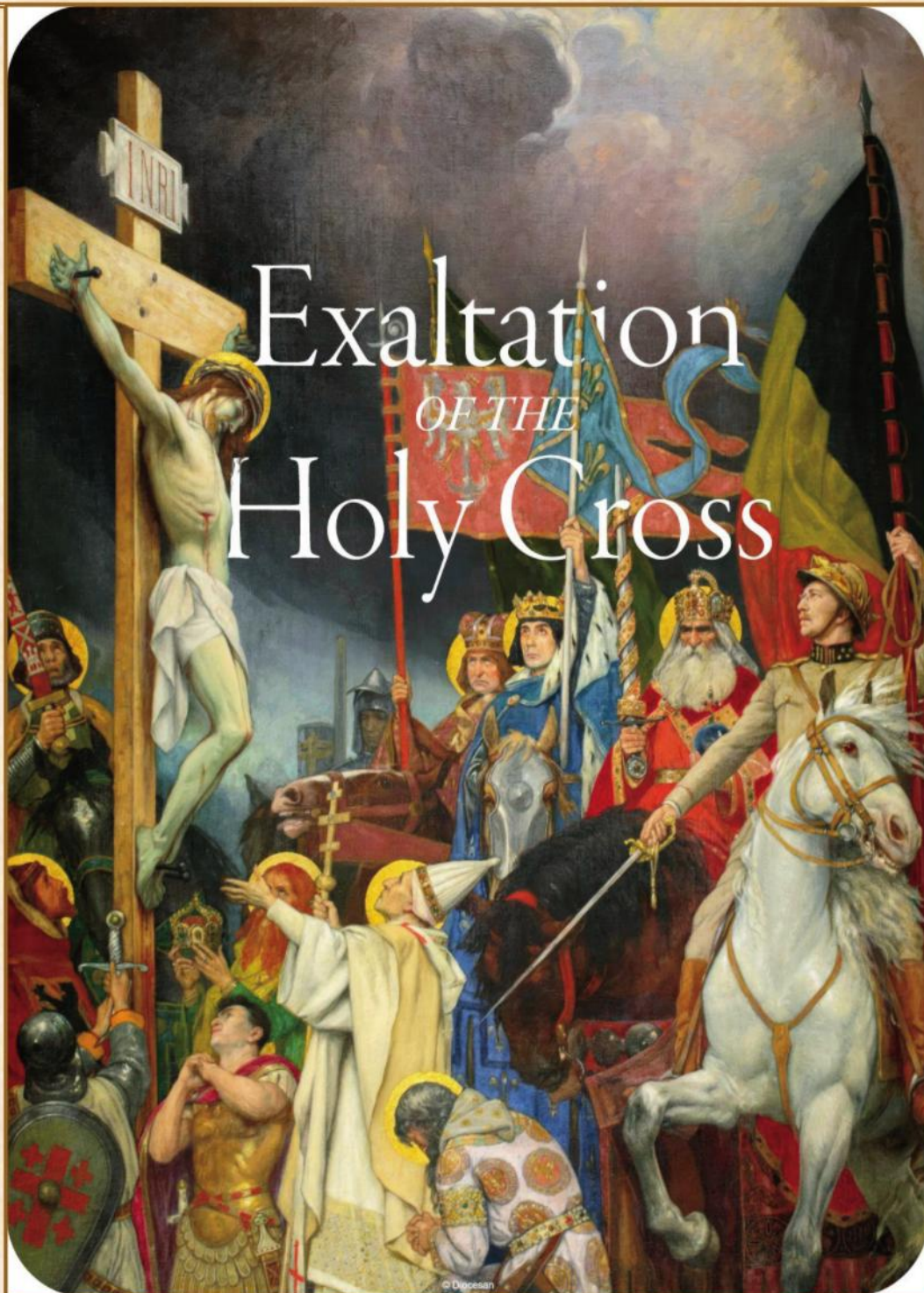
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 14th to September 21st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Barbara Gullickson †	7:00 AM Terry James † by a friend	7:00 AM Barbara Gullickson †	7:00 AM Jessie Kirk † by Jim & Kathleen Tulley
9:30 AM Marilyn Falusi † by the Wheir family	8:30 AM Buries Dean † by Donald Boland	8:30 AM Patricia Morrell † by Bill	8:30 AM Special Intentions for teachers and parents
11:30 AM Rosalie Ericson † by Phil & Claudette Ericson	God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thinking about the Readings

1. How do I use the worldly goods I have? How do I look at those that have less?
2. How do I look at those that have less?
3. When has someone trusted me with something of value? Ho of my friends and family has shown extraordinary faithfulness

Readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

God cannot forget the sin of those who chest the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for everyone, not just your own.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of Money.

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass,
 Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Not a day passes but our merciful Father sends out and calls to us His erring children to return to our Father's household. Today, one of those calls is in the very words of the parables you have heard. There may be another call for the sinners amongst us. There may not. Heed this one and the other call will not be necessary. Turn to God today with a truly contrite heart. God will do the rest.



Today's good news

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14. During the forty days that Moses spent on top of Mt. Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments the people melted their gold and made a small effigy of the Egyptian bull, a golden calf. They declared this to be their god who brought them out of Egypt. They had returned to paganism and idolatry. God decided to punish them, but because of the intercession of Moses He stayed His hand and forgave them.

The **second reading** is from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 1:12-17. The Apostle wrote two letters to Timothy, advising and encouraging him to continue his great work for Christ. This First Epistle was written in 65 or 66 A.D. from Macedonia. St. Paul spent his Christian life regretting his sinful past and wondering at the infinite mercy of Christ, the Son of God, who not only forgave all his past sins but showered His graces on him so abundantly. He realized that his past crimes against Christ, whom he judged as an impostor who was perverting the Chosen People of God, and also his persecution of the Jewish converts to Christ, were caused by his own pride. Yet he blames himself for the ignorance which caused this pharisaical pride in him, while Christ on the other hand excused him because of this ignorance. The conclusion he rightly draws from this is that there is no sinner so wicked but can be forgiven, and will be forgiven, if only he listens to the call of Christ.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 15:1-32. The lesson that these stories, made up by our Lord himself, has for us is clearly a lesson of hope and confidence in the infinite mercy of God in His dealings with us. We are all sinners in one way or another. We have all gone astray, got lost like the sheep and the coin in those stories, sometime or other. What is worse, we are all capable of going astray from God again at any moment. If we had only the justice of God to deal with we might well despair, our chances of reaching heaven would be slight indeed.

We are dealing, however, with a God of infinite mercy, who loves us with a love we cannot grasp or understand. All this infinite mercy of God is there for our benefit as long as we have the breath of life in us in this world. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. With this knowledge and conviction, which any true Christian must have, of the infinite mercy of God, no sinner need ever, and should never, despair. No sinner was ever lost and no sinner will ever be lost, because of his sins. Sinners are lost only because they will not trust and believe in God's mercy and turn to Him to ask for pardon.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Special Intention of Alex Klingelberger by Jim & Kathleen	7:00 AM Moose Garand † by the family	8:30 AM Barbara Gullickson †	7:30 AM Laura Silva, Sr † by Laura Silva & Steven Torres
8:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	8:30 AM Marie Rodolfo † by Sandra & family	5:00 PM For the Confirmandi	9:30 AM John Kenda † by his wife
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the Anniversary of Mickey † & Edwina Tutolo (special intentions) by Edwin Tutolo			11:30 AM Jessie Kirk † by Joan McMeela

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering)
In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and School collection amounted to \$5,640.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Is the parish a welcoming community?
How does it express this attitude?

Fatima Sunday

Our next Fatima Sunday is today,
September 14th at 3 PM in the Church.

Kindly join us for the anointing of the sick, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Marian litany reading, and praying of the Rosary together.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **September 18th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm**.

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (C)

SCHOOL NEWS



At the end of the 2024-2025 school year, our 7th and 8th grade classes participated in the Daughters of the American Revolution - Indian River Chapter's Essay Contest about the Constitution.

Huge congratulations to the winners:
Sirus L., Natalie P., Ayrabella H., and Jorge M.



St. Teresa Catholic School's enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open. St. Teresa Catholic School's enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open.

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), please call our school office to arrange a tour, 321-267-1643. We accept a variety of state scholarships.



September 15th
Happy Birthday Ina

Happy Birthday to Ina Smith,
St Teresa Music Director

Thanks fore all you do to make not just our weekly services special but for all the special events too!

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)



No Religious Education Classes (CCD) this Wednesday, classes will resume Wednesday **September 24, 2025** in the school at 6:15 pm.

OCIA

Our OCIA program meeting will be this **Sunday at 1:30pm** in the Faith Formation room of Avila Hall. If you would like further information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

"O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Thomas Aquinas "To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them."

Adult Bible Study

Fall Bible study, "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled": **Monday September 15th at 9:30am** in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Tuesday September 16th at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Wednesday September 17th at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

If you have any questions contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.



Confirmation 2025 Class

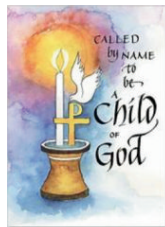
Schedule of Events:

Saturday, Sep 20, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism and Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.



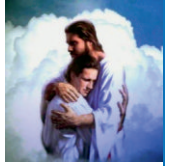
Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM.**

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441



Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner after the rosary in Avila Hall



Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church



Food Pantry Cor Jesu

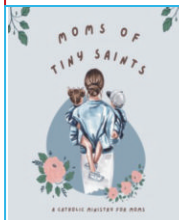
Food Pantry is in need of cookies, coffee and juice.



Start thinking ahead—the year is flying by and the Pantry will soon be in need of **Gift cards** to use for turkeys for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints.



Join us at one of our upcoming events.

Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Sept. 18	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night
October 11th	10:00 a.m.	Fay Lake Wilderness Park	Family Picnic Pot-luck

Exaltation of the Cross

September 15th Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on **September 15**.

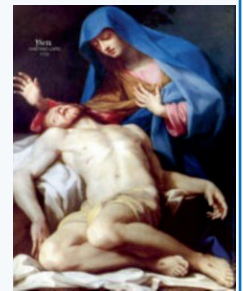
Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church.

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)

In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.



The Power of Prayer

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



Blue Mass September 29th

Bishop John Noonan invites the community to join their voices in prayer on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, for the safety of our dedicated first responders who put their lives in harm's way for the protection of people. The Blue Mass is Monday, **Sept. 29, 12:10 p.m.-1:10 p.m.**, at St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave., Orlando. A reception will follow in the Parish Center adjacent to St. James Cathedral.

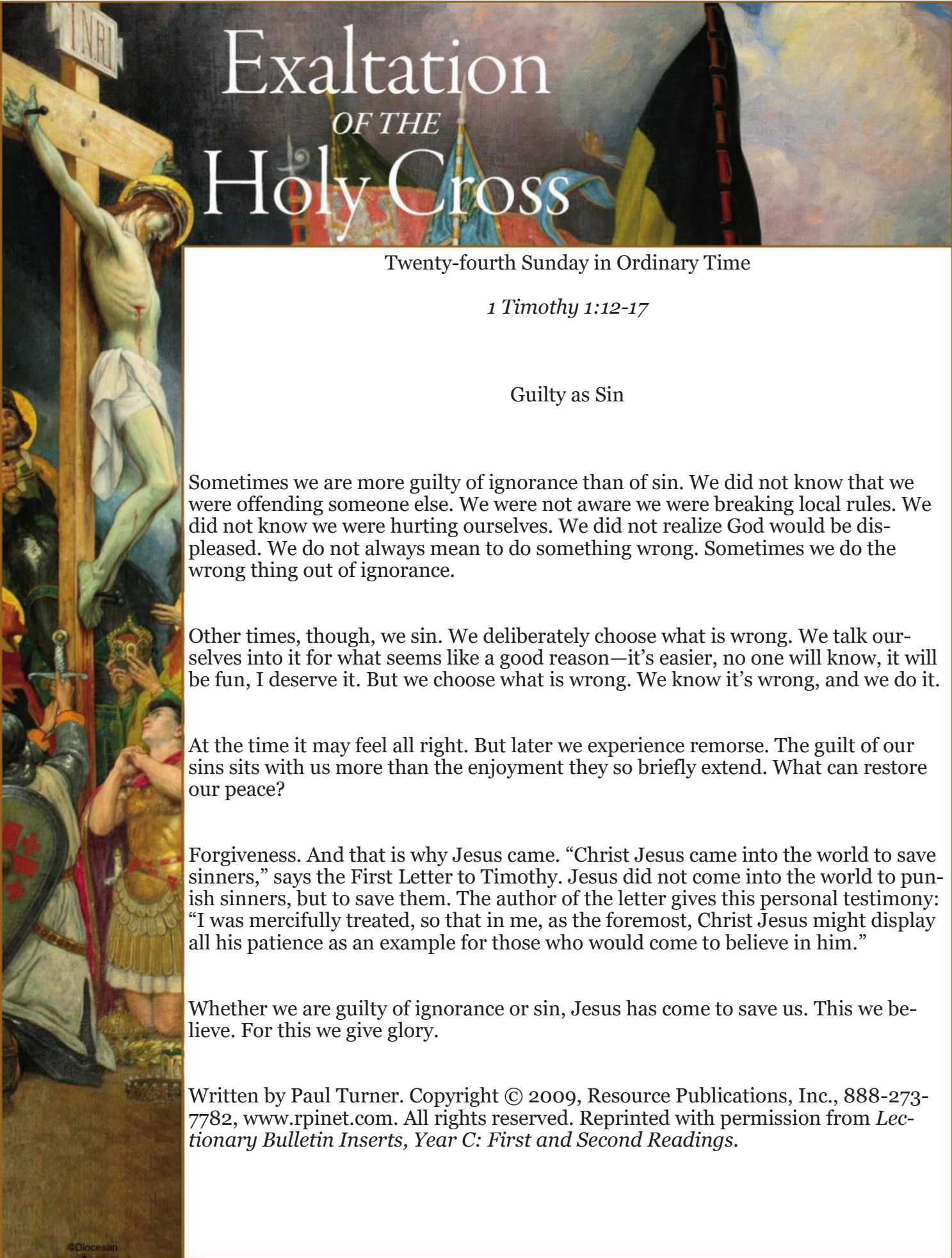


Limited free parking available on the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Robinson St. in the MAA Robinson Parking Garage.

Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance, September 20

The Diocese of Orlando invites all who have been touched by the pain of suicide and all who advocate for suicide prevention to join us for our annual Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance, **Saturday, September 20, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, 8300 Vineland Ave., Orlando.

In this special Mass, we will come together as a compassionate community to lift up our prayers to God. We pray for all individuals and families whose lives have been impacted by suicide, seeking God's comfort and healing in their grief. We will also tenderly remember those beloved souls we have lost to suicide, entrusting them to God's eternal mercy and love. Before Mass, the Diocesan Book of Remembrance will be placed in the narthex of the Basilica. We encourage you to inscribe the names of your loved ones in the book, allowing us to hold them collectively in our prayers during this powerful liturgy.



Exaltation OF THE Holy Cross

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Guilty as Sin

Sometimes we are more guilty of ignorance than of sin. We did not know that we were offending someone else. We were not aware we were breaking local rules. We did not know we were hurting ourselves. We did not realize God would be displeased. We do not always mean to do something wrong. Sometimes we do the wrong thing out of ignorance.

Other times, though, we sin. We deliberately choose what is wrong. We talk ourselves into it for what seems like a good reason—it's easier, no one will know, it will be fun, I deserve it. But we choose what is wrong. We know it's wrong, and we do it.

At the time it may feel all right. But later we experience remorse. The guilt of our sins sits with us more than the enjoyment they so briefly extend. What can restore our peace?

Forgiveness. And that is why Jesus came. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," says the First Letter to Timothy. Jesus did not come into the world to punish sinners, but to save them. The author of the letter gives this personal testimony: "I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him."

Whether we are guilty of ignorance or sin, Jesus has come to save us. This we believe. For this we give glory.

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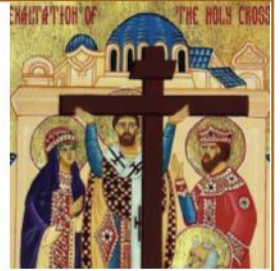


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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th

This Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mount Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629. The Golden Legend describes Emperor Heraclius carrying the Cross back to Jerusalem on his shoulders.



He was clothed with costly garments and with ornaments of precious stones. But at the entrance to Mt. Calvary a strange incident occurred. Try as hard as he would, he could not go forward. Zacharias, the Bishop of Jerusalem, then said to the astonished monarch: "Consider, O Emperor, that with these triumphal ornaments you are far from resembling Jesus carrying His Cross." The Emperor then put on a penitential garb and continued the journey. This day is also called the Triumph of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas.

The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ.

Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. We celebrate today so that all our parishioners may receive the blessings on their own cross.

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