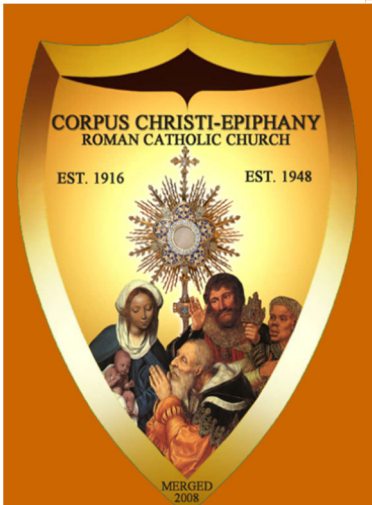




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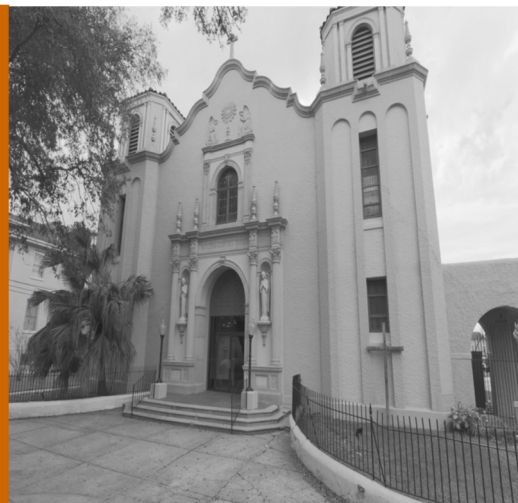
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT



September 14,
2025

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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.

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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 break-through "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 ©LPi



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

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. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it.
The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is
what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we
bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we
live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

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.

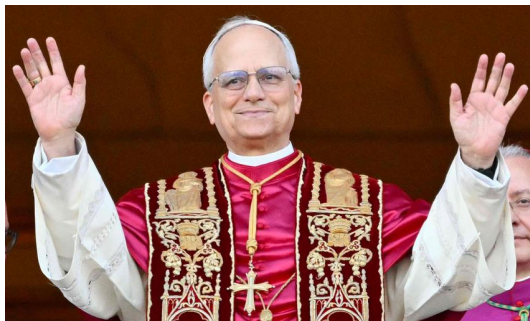


Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

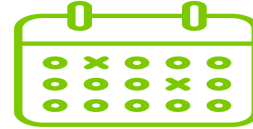
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil van-
quished,
your glory will shine eternally.

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

Franciscus



Save the dates



- Sunday, September 14, 2025
CCD Classes begin
- September 18, 2025
TNO Citywide Convocation
Xavier University Convocation Center
- Sunday, September 28, 2025
Children * Young Adult Mass
10:00 a.m.
- 50/50 Raffle drawing**
- September 30, 2025
Catholic Youth Conference at
Jesuit High School



Get your ticket(s) from your trusty
seller at each mass



- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
Diane Yost
Visitation-9-10 a.m.
Mass: 10:00 a.m.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
Donald Ganier
Visitation: 8-10 a.m.
Mass: 10 a.m.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
Yvette L. Gilyot
Visitation: 8-10 a.m.
Mass: 10:00 a.m.



Corpus Christi –Epiphany Catholic Church • Religious Education Registration • 2025-2026

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ City, State: _____

School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Does the child have any allergies, academic, behavioral, or physical disabilities that we should be made aware of? _____

_____ My child was enrolled in religious education classes last year at Corpus Christi-Epiphany.

_____ My child was enrolled at _____ last year.

_____ My child was not enrolled in religious education classes last year.

Sacramental Information:

Month/Year Baptism: _____ Church: _____

Month/Year First Communion: _____ Church: _____

Family Information:

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

Email Address: _____ **Contact #s:** _____

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Email Address: _____ **Contact #s:** _____

Student lives with: _____ Both Parents _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Other _____

**In loving of memory of our loving husband, father,
& grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss
you,
Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and**

**In memory of my
dear friend, Nadine
Laurent, Love, Angela**

**In Memory of
Alvarez and Onelia
RODRIQUEZ**

**DECAY
REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory
of Granny & Papa,
Love Kelly & Kids**

**Mr. & Mrs. Selma &
Donald Nicholl by
their children**

**Mrs. Monica Reeves,
Nicole & Larry, Jr. by
Husband & Father,
Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.**

**Terrance & Osborne
"Mike" Demas by
their family**

**Brian DeCuir,
In loving memory,
By Abbie Fazande**

**Victor Duvernay, Jr.
Memorial by lifelong
friend, Abbie**

**In Memory of Paul, Jr.
& Patricia Johnson
By the Family(825)**

**In Loving Memory of
My best Friend,
Dina M. Lemus
(Ms. Mike)
Missing and lov-
ing you,
Thais**

**IN MEMORY OF
THE FAYRE FAMILY**

**In Loving Memory
of our ancestors; Sev-
erin, Demas, Washing-
ton, Nicholl & Grant
Families**

**In Memory of
Patricia Boyd-Hebert
1934-2000
Philip H. Hebert, Sr.
1932-2022**

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**In Loving Remembrance of our
parents; Henry Butler & Del-
phine Butler, and sisters; Mad-
el Butler & Patricia Butler
"Eternal rest grant unto their
souls, O Lord, and let the per-
petual light shine upon them."
Missing & Loving you, Paul,
Matthew, Robert, Frederick &
Wanda**



**In Loving Memory of
Our Mother & Grandmother,
Marjorie Rouzan Gabriel
Missing You,
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III & Paul IV**

**In loving memory of
MURRAY ANCAR
We remember you with love
& appreciation. Your
memory lives on in our
hearts.
YOUR FAMILY**



**Protection and Prayers for
Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ
by Mom, Ms. D and Sis**

**Louis "Big
Lou" Cerre,
Jr.,
by Demas
Families**

**In Loving Memory of
Our Father & Grandfather
Missing you 45 years,
Paul Gabriel, II
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III
& Paul IV**

**In Memory of
Earl &
Catherine
Raymond**

By family(325)

**In loving memory of
DUNTEZ SHAWN DAWSON
"Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day."
Missing and Loving you,
Mother, daughter and sister**



Readings for the week of

September 14, 2025

**WEEKLY READINGS AND
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35,
36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn
19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-
3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9,
10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-
18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7
-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Alma Miller, **memorial**, by family, Stanley Cuillier, Sr., by family, Madeline Morris, by cousin Lorraine Smith, People of the parish

Sunday, September 14, 2025
7:30 a.m.

Karen Mercadal, **memorial**, by Mr/Mrs. J. Gutter, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

People of the parish
Paul F. Johnson, Jr., Helen Firmin, **memorial**, by Wanda Dugue' Pouncy

Monday, September 15, 2025
Stephen Miller, **memorial**, by Cuillier Family

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Christopher Merritt, **memorial**, by Alvin & MaryLynn Merritt

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Veronica Braxton, B'Day, by family

Thursday, September 18, 2025
Sick and Shut-ins of the parish

Friday, September 19, 2025
George Millon, memorial, by Donna Dunn



***SICK & SHUT-INS** **PRAY FOR THEM**

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Ernest Baptiste, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, , Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers, Charlotte Butler, Joseph Butler, Sr., Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ**, Kim Davis, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Darrell Frazier, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, Elaine Gutter, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Lynn Honore', Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Rosemary Menzies, Armand Mercadel, Jr., Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Florence Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Marguerite Ragas Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, , Michelle Robair, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Joseph Triggs, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield
Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.

GOD BLESS



***PRAY THE
ROSARY
DAILY***



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
IN HONOR OF
OUR MOTHER OF
SORROWS**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Jewel Hunter, Joseph Howard, Joycelon Dupart, Richon Saunders
- 2) Gerard Willis
- 3) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 4) Robert Burns, Jennifer Thompson
- 5) Myrna Keys, Elois Hines
- 6) Una Millet
- 7) Louis Henderson, Barry Bechet
- 8) Justine Perriatt, Darrell Frazier
- 9) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 10) Lester Perriatt, Lisa Triplett
- 11) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 12) Jalynn Perry,
- 13) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 14) Demetric Mercadel, Sharon Thomas
- 15) Mark Brooks
- 16) Joyce Lafonta.
- 17) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 18) Shannon Glapion
- 19) Warren Atkins, Gilbert Knight
- 20) Nolan Millet
- 21) Gerard Lee
- 22) Donald Lewis, Johnell Thomas, Issac Bolden
- 23) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 24) Cheryl Turner, Jasmin Beverly
- 25) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 26) Dana Butler, Sydney Mason
- 27) Donald Peters, Oleta Pratts
- 28) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 29) Sheila McCorkle
- 30) ***Happy Birthday to you...***

**GOD BLESS YOU ON
YOUR BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**



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Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

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♦ MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY-FRIDAY
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- ♦ **NOVENAS(before or after 7 a.m. Mass)**
Tuesdays– Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays– St. Joseph Novena
Fridays-Sacred Heart Novena, Stations of
the Cross
Saturdays-Adoration of the Blesses
Sacrament
In the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel
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