

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue

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Rectory Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary

Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry

Cathy McFee

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be
held at Our Lady of Fatima.

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ment of healing may call the Cathedral Par-
ish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-
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One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
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Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

This Sunday, September 12, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Robert Simanski (Bob & Ginny Prosser)

Next Sunday, September 19, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bebe Milliron (John & Beth)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

September 12, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Gary Doyle (John, Paul, & Friends)

10:00 AM +Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

Noon PM +Mary Snowberger (Ruth Novack Family)

2:00 PM Married Couples

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

September 13, Monday, St. John Chrysostom, Bp. & Dr.

6:45 AM +Gloria Jean Weiland (Ed & Lois Simanski)

12:00 PM +Bobby Homan (Pat Byrne Family)

September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45 AM +Msgr. Paul Panza, Anniv. (Bell & Breinick Families)

12:00 PM +Ted Beam (Bear & Patty McCloskey)

September 15, Wednesday, Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 AM +Eleanor Fischer (McNelis All Stars)

12:00 PM +Bill Clemens, Anniv. (Carole Clemens)

September 16, Thursday, Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bp., Martyrs

6:45 AM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)

12:00 PM +Donna Pagliara, Anniv. (Mom, Sons & Brother)

September 17, Friday, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bp. & Dr.

6:45 AM +Kitty Bell, Anniv. (Mary Ann Bell)

12:00 PM +Cheryl Consalvo (Linda Consalvo)

September 18, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Rita Beck (Kathy & Bob Ford)

Noon PM +Ronald Sheehan (Kerry & Cathy Hallinan)

Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Clara Mae "Sis" Tomlinson (Steph & Jim Kilkoyn)

September 19, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +CW04-Todd Talasky (Mark Talasky)

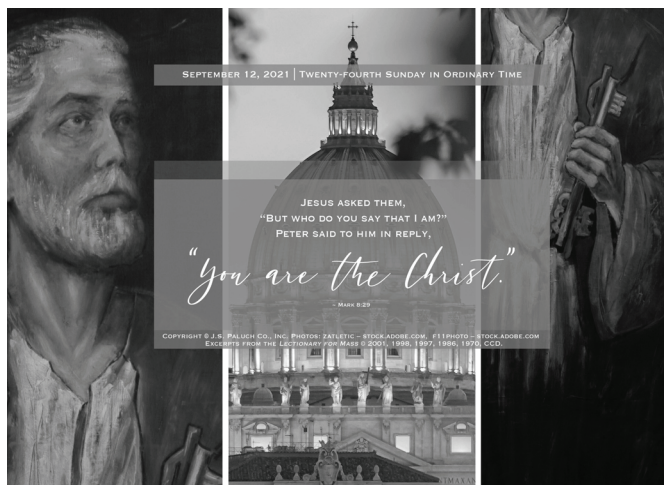
10:00 AM +Fran Moses (Kay Audia & Family)

12:00 PM +Orvita Knott (Colleen Douglas)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For The People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the month of September, the Sanctuary Candle has been donated by Noel Villadolid. Thank you.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



Twenty-eight pledges have resulted in our parish reaching 71.5% of this year's target...\$6,560 of our \$9,168 goal. Thank you. If you haven't contributed, there are extra envelopes in the back of the church.

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sunday, September 5, were \$1,068.



Our Lady Of Fatima

Say the
Rosary
every day
to obtain
peace for
the world.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

Today's Readings: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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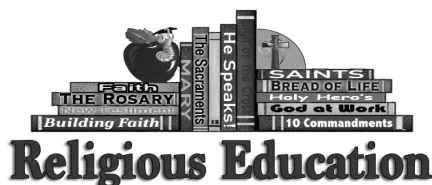
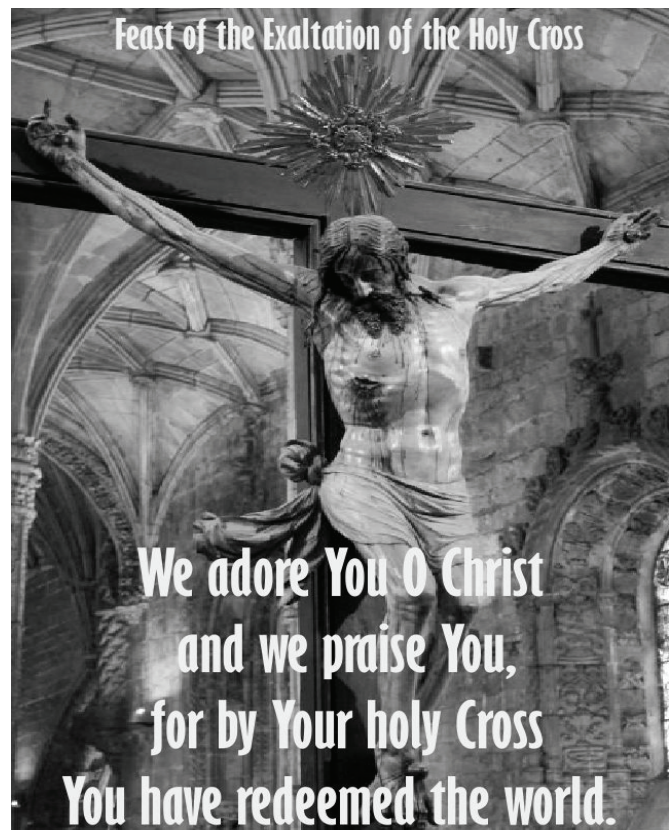
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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