

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



PASTOR'S CORNER

By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be holy, and we need to take this responsibility seriously. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this of holiness: *"All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. In other words, we are all called to holiness. In order to reach this perfection, the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus, the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints."* (2013) So to achieve holiness, we need to go back to basics. Here are six steps you can take to achieve this goal:

- 1. You must desire holiness.** If you do not have your heart set on this burning desire, your plans will fall through. In general, this long process of spiritual growth is mysterious. But when you see God at work, whether in big or small ways, your love will grow, and so will your faith and hope.
- 2. You must surrender your life to Jesus.** When you seek God with all your heart, hunger and thirst for Him, you will receive the grace for holiness.
- 3. You must repent of your weakness and sins on an ongoing basis.** You need to get into the habit of examining your conscience at the end of each day and go to confession on a regular basis in order to "avoid the near occasion of sin."
- 4. You must learn how to pray fervently.** It is critical you learn how to pray from your heart in order to praise God for who He is. With daily practice, you will become better at noticing the ways the Spirit is moving in your life.
- 5. You must love fervently.** It is the most important act you will perform if you can love unconditionally. Moreover, the Holy Spirit will give you the grace to say a deeper "yes" to the Lord, because the third Person of the Blessed Trinity has the power to get inside your life and stir things up.
- 6. You must live a sacramental life.** This requires leading a life in which you hunger and thirst, first and foremost, for the Eucharist so that you have the grace and courage not to compromise your desire for holiness.

P.S. If you still have second thoughts about whether to be or not to be holy, remember this: The warning is clear. The urgency is obvious. The time is short, for as someone rightly noted, *"Our popular culture is a place where flattery is called love, propaganda is called knowledge, tension is called peace, gossip is called news and auto-tune is called singing."* So, if you want to be healthy, then you must live a healthy lifestyle. And this thought is well worth pondering while you are still a work in progress.

Fr. Slawek

FRIDAY MASS CHANGING TO COLLECTIVE MASS 2026

Starting in January 2026, we will be accepting multiple intentions (up to 5) at the Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may request to have your intention included in the Friday Mass until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday in the parish office providing available intentions. The suggested donation for each intention is \$20. This new practice is meant to help those of you who may have an urgent need to pray for your loved one who has just died, or you may have a special intention for a person who has serious health problems. This collective Mass will aid in helping upkeep the parish.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025 -2026

Parents and/or Guardians, if you have a young person who will be in grades 2 thru 7 who have not made their sacraments for the school year 2025-2026, and they wish the reception of either First Holy Communion, Confirmation or both, please be advised that a letter will be given out in our parish schools Holy Spirit and St. Gerald next week. Also, much of our notices/communications about Sacramental prep is posted in the parish bulletins so please be vigilant and pick up weekly bulletins. Peace of Christ!

- Info Session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, September, 28th after the 9 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.
- Info Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

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The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

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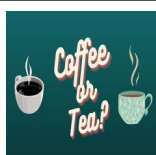
ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday
For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Everyone welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 15

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Noel Valerio req. by Maria Valerio

Wednesday, September 16

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Thursday, September 17

9 a.m.. Repose of the soul of Gary Kyle req. by the Johns family.

Friday, September 19

9a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, September 20

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Lois Larocque req. by the Larocque family.

Sunday, September 21

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Francisco Sr. & Francisco Anchuelo req. by Lourdes Anchuelo.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

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our top priority,
good surprises
happen!**

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