

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Gal 6: 14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9
A reading from the book of Numbers
On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.’

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.’ Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, ‘Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.’ So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: Do not forget the works

of the Lord!

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. R/

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. R/

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. R/

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. R/

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus

Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:13-17
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



14 September 2025

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Parish Calendar

<p>Sunday, 14th September 2025 St Albert of Jerusalem 8:00am Mass <i>Morning Tea after the Mass</i> 9:30am Mass *Arlene Dagman for Healing and recovery *Ferdinand Scali RIP 36 yrs *Teresa Scali RIP 19 yrs *Antonio Trivilini Cupello (died in Italy) *Pamela Rodrigues RIP 3 Aug 2025 11:30 am Baptism - Emily Lindner 6:00pm Mass *Sol Sibayan RIP 13 yrs</p> <p>Monday, 15th Sept 2025 Our Lady of Sorrows- Memorial 8:00am Mass</p> <p>Tuesday, 16th Sept 2025 Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr 8:00am Mass</p>	<p>Mass Schedule</p> <p>Wednesday 17th Sept 2025 St Robert Bellarmine 9:30am Mass *Jeany Penfold - Thanksgiving (Birthday) 11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass 1:00pm Service Funeral Rocco Schiavello</p> <p>Thursday, 18th Sept 2025 8:00am Mass</p> <p>Friday, 19th Sept 2025 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion</p>	<p>Saturday, 20th Sept 2025 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, martyr, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs 8:00am Mass 11:00am Confessions 5:00pm Confessions 6:30pm Mass 8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall <i>Neocatechumenal Way</i></p> <p>Sacramental Date 2025 Sacramental Ceremony at St Brigid's Church Confirmation 21st September, Sunday at 11:00am</p>
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THE CROSS IS CHRIST'S GLORY AND TRIUMPH

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom,

we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be.* And once more: *"Father, glorify your name."* Then a voice came from heaven: *"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."* Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

From a discourse by Saint Andrew of Crete

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Mary Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion Fridays 6 PM Benediction 1st Friday of the Month	Legion of Mary Wednesdays 10:30 AM	Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited) Saturdays 8:00 PM

Next Sunday Readings: 21 September 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 8:4-7 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 112:1-2, 4-8 **2nd Reading** 1 Tim 2:1-8 **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia! *Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.* Alleluia! **Gospel** Luke 16:1-13

PARISH NEWS



IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

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COME and LISTEN on Mondays and Thursdays starting on September 22, Monday, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM at St Brigid's parish hall. Baby sitting and transport provided on request. Contact Matthew 0413793679/ Fr Rodrigo 9274 1495

St Michael's News

October is Rosary Month You are warmly invited to join other parishioners and friends to pray the Rosary in homes on Fridays in October.

Our month of rosaries will commence on Friday October 3rd at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's with Rosary first then Mass.

If you would like to offer your home for us to pray the rosary together please write your name on the list at the back of church. Dates are Friday 10th/17th/24th/31st. October.

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