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**Confesión el Sábado:**  
Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

**Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia**  
(privadamente) 3:20pm

**Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm**  
**Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la**  
**Santisima Virgen María— 9:40am**  
**Misa el Domingo: Español - 11:30am**

### **Liturgia en los Días de la Semana**

**Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus**

**Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes:**  
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

**Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones:**  
**Soltero Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio,**  
**Sacerdocio**

**Viernes: A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la**  
**Paz con Adoración**

**Sábado: Adoración a las 7:30am y a las 8am.**  
**Misa en honor a la Virgen María**

**Rev. Chris Axline, Pastor**

**Rev. Sylvester Modebei, Parochial Vicar**

**Confession on Saturday:**  
By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm**

**Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm**

**Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed**  
**Virgin Mary—9:40am**

**Sunday Mass: Spanish - 11:30am**

### **Liturgy of the Weekdays**

**Every day at Noon: The Angelus**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:**  
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

**Thursday: Mass 6:00pm for Vocations: Single**  
**consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood**

**Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration**

**Saturday: Adoration at 7:30am & at 8am. The Mass in**  
**honor of the Virgin Mary**

## **Sunday, September 14th, 2025**



### **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

### **LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ**

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el Hijo del hombre, que bajó del cielo y está en el cielo. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él". - Jn 3, 13, 17

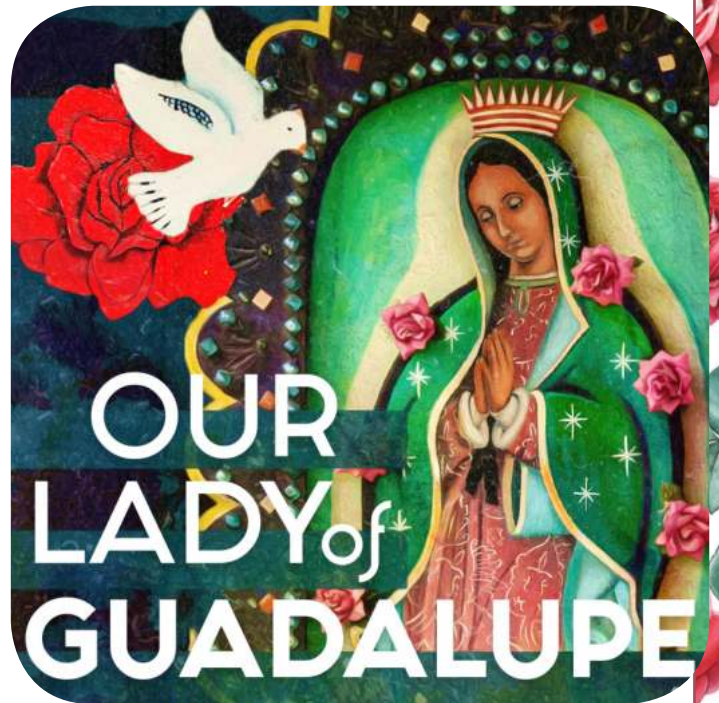
### The Silver Rose

In 1960 the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop The Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion to pray for respect for life, spiritual renewal of each nation and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose will be at St Mary's following the mass on Sep 27th.

Special services will be held Sep 28th following the 9am and 2pm masses.



### La Rosa de Plata

En 1960, los Escuderos Colombinos, una organización juvenil de los Caballeros de Colón, idearon llevar una rosa a la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Monterrey, México, para honrar a Nuestra Señora. La rosa fue elegida para conmemorar a San Juan Diego y el milagro de las rosas.

Hoy, ocho rosas recorren diferentes rutas norteamericanas, incluyendo Canadá, Estados Unidos y México. Cada parada de la Rosa de Plata durante la peregrinación es una ocasión dedicada al rosario para orar por el respeto a la vida, la renovación espiritual de cada nación y la difusión del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

La Rosa de Plata estará en Santa María después de la misa del 27 de septiembre.

Se celebrarán servicios especiales el 28 de septiembre después de las misas de las 9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m.





## Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

### 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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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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 breakthrough "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

## 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)

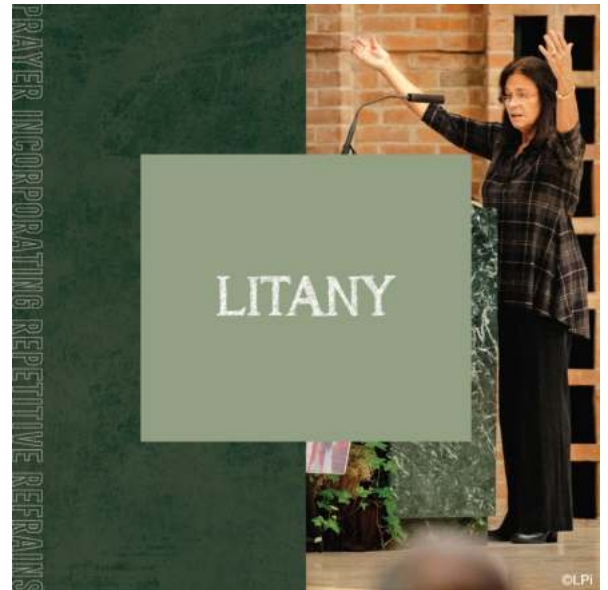
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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

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

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**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.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

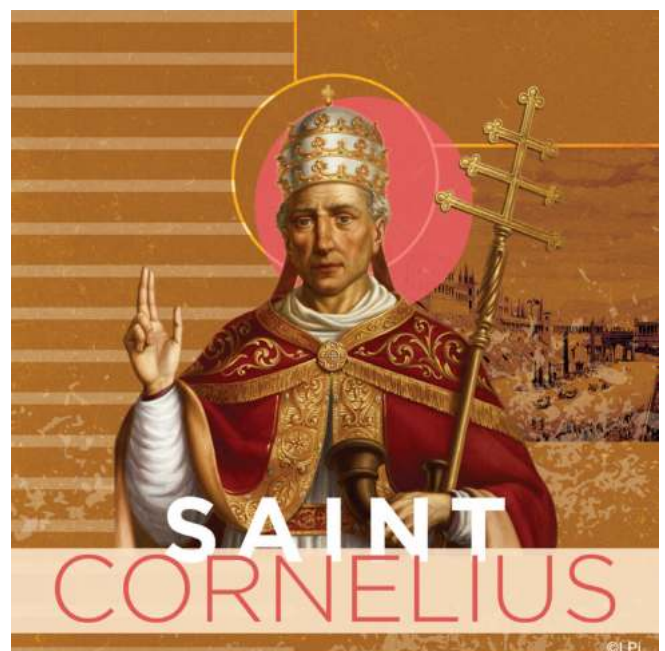
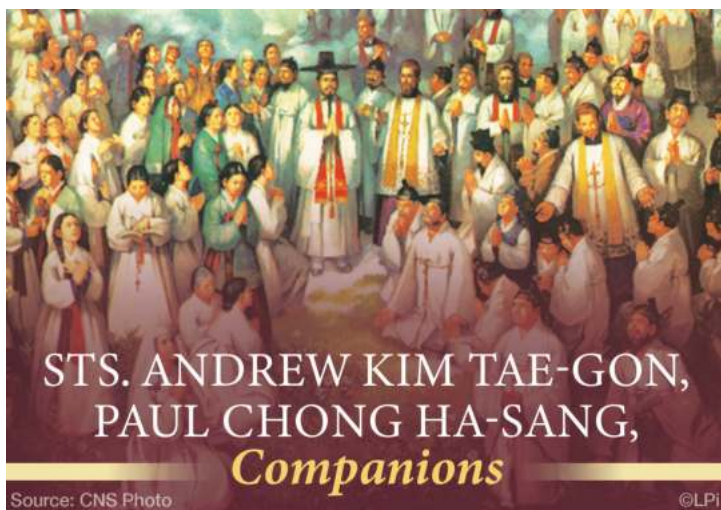
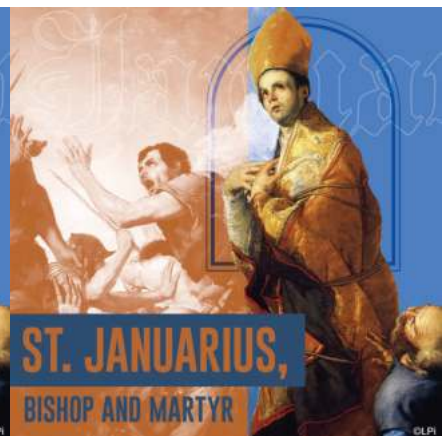
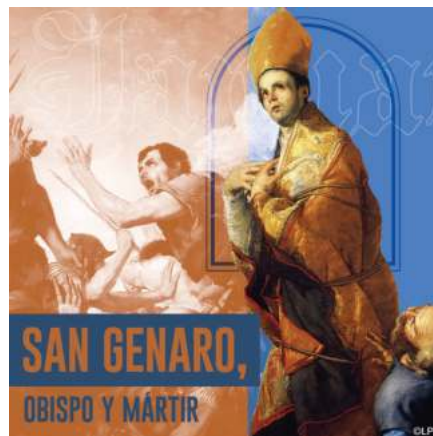
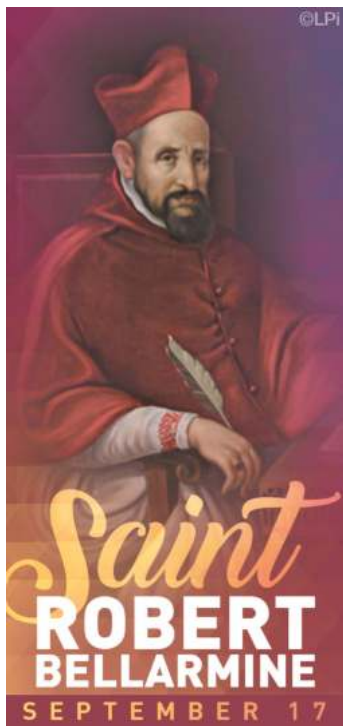
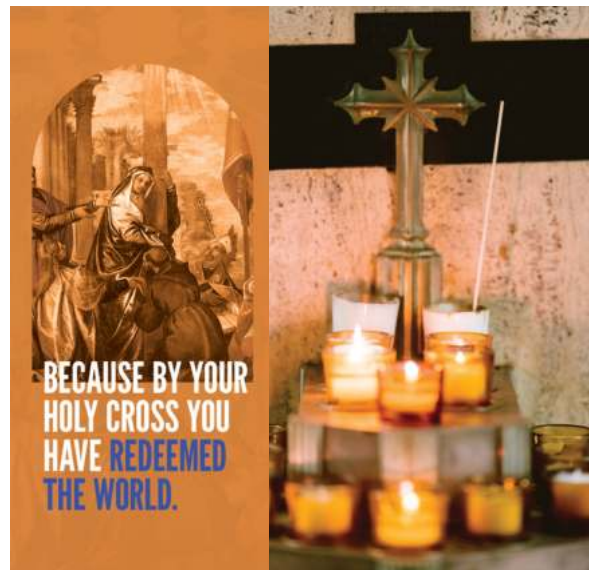
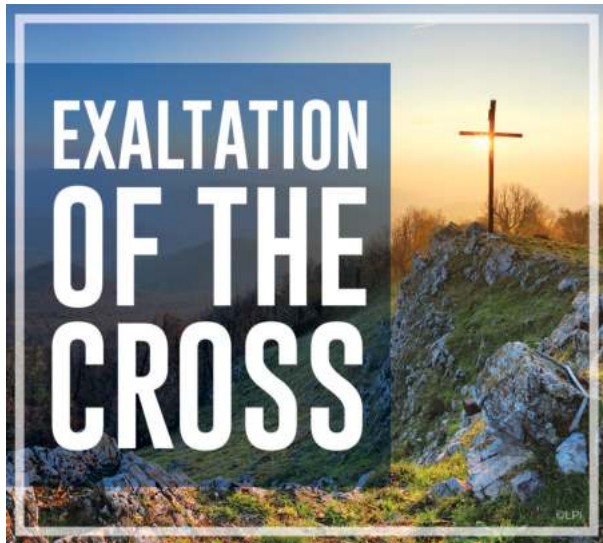
I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

#### Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

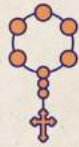
Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?





# Religious Formation and Sacraments

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



**Registration** for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

**Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.**

No payments will be accepted at classes. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



*We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families. See you then!*

## INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE



## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



**Early Childhood** (ages 4-6):

*No sacramental preparation*

**Elementary Catechism, Year 1** (ages 7+):

*1st Reconciliation (if baptized)*

*\*Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion*

**Elementary Catechism, Year 2** (ages 8-12):

*1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)*

**Catecismo en Español, año 1** (7+ años):

*1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)*

*\*Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.*

**Catecismo en Español, año 2** (8-12 años):

*1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)*



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



## Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

**To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.**

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Office: (928) 377-3435.



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