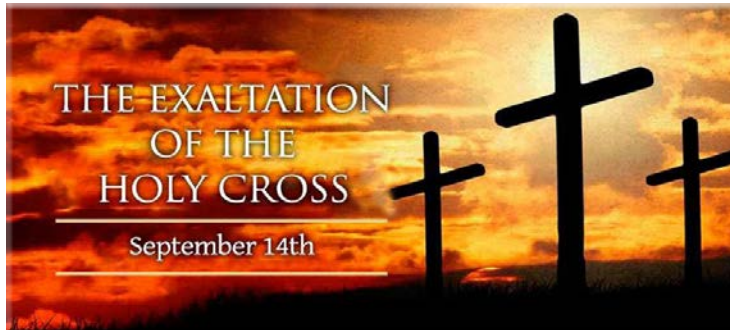




TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

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



Monday, Sept. 14th is the day we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – a symbol of Christ's unconditional love for us. The Newman Connection provides us with a summarized explanation of the importance of the celebration:

"In Latin it was called "Exaltatio Sanctae Crucis" which means "Raising Aloft of the Holy Cross". According to tradition the True Cross was discovered in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great while on a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. Immediately the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the site of the discovery. The church was dedicated nine years later with a portion of the Cross placed inside it. St. Helena found three crosses at the time, and not knowing which one was the Cross of Christ, she summoned a dying woman. The first and second cross did nothing, but the third cross healed the sick woman immediately.

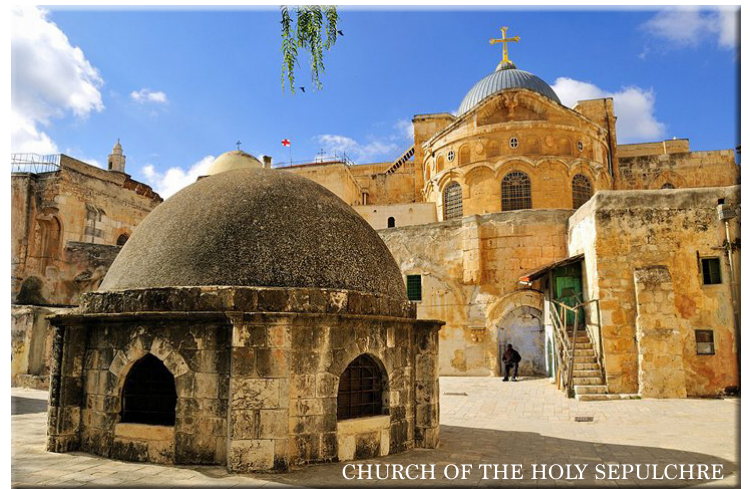


"The date of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross marks the date of the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. The actual consecration of the church was on September 13th, with a two-day festival, but the actual

True Cross was brought inside the Church on September 14th. The Clergy and faithful then came before the True Cross in prayer and to venerate it."

As Catholics we venerate the cross, to show respect of what it represents. On this day, let us be reverently mindful of Christ's triumph, mercy, love, forgiveness, and gift of eternal life.

In honor of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we can show our devotion praying and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. There are many online resources for this. Laudate provides an app for your smart devices, where you can access the Stations of the Cross among other things like daily prayers,



rosary and chaplets, Latin prayers, and Liturgy of the Hours. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops presents several versions of the Stations on their website. We especially like the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross at:

WWW.USCCB.ORG/PRAYER-AND-WORSHIP/PRAYERS-AND-DEVOTIONS/STATIONS-OF-THE-CROSS/STATIONS-OF-THE-CROSS-FOR-LIFE

For young families the Catholic Icing website has printable Stations of the Cross as a craft for kids to print, color, and display at:

WWW.CATHOLICICING.COM/PRINTABLE-STATIONS-OF-THE-CROSS-CRAFT-FOR-KIDS/

God bless all the faithful, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Happy Grandparent's Day

A dear friend and veteran Catholic school teacher encourages her students if they have a sincere need to pray that Saint Anne intercedes for them, "because I doubt Jesus would say 'no' to his grandmother."



The reference makes you stop and think, imagining Jesus just for a moment with his maternal grandmother. We can only imagine the immeasurable love and respect they have for one another – humbling and breathtaking. We celebrated the Feast of the Grandparents honoring Saints Anne and Joachim on July 26. While we don't know much about them from the bible, it

is safe to say their love and trust in God must have been wonderfully strong and pure.

On Sunday, Sept. 13th we celebrate our own grandparents with National Grandparents Day in the United States.

"God has a large population of grandparents throughout the world.... They are the indispensable link to educating children and young people in the faith," Pope Francis said in an address to the international congress earlier this year.

Grandparents play a critical role in exemplify Catholic identity and family value. Pope Francis said it is the elders in the Church who have great gifts to offer us all.

In Chapter Six (Young People with Roots) of Pope Francis' *Christ Is Alive* apostolic exhortation, he encourages young people to cherish the "long stories" and wisdom of their grandparents and the elderly. He also reminds his fellow elders that it is just as important to show "there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and that love is not only shown in words, but also in actions."

Take time on Grandparents Day to appreciate and connect with the grandparents in your life and church community to let them know they are loved and treasured.



Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents
and those in our lives
who we love like our grandparents,
with long life, happiness, and health,
especially during this pandemic.
May they remain constant in your love,
and be living signs of your presence
to their children, grandchildren,
and all those around them.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



THE LATEST AND UPCOMING NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC *Spirit*

CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER HOSTS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Catholic Charities West Virginia Marketing Communications Specialist

To support child care providers operating during the coronavirus pandemic, the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Child Care Resource Center has hosted multiple Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Drive-Through distributions for child care providers.

"In response to COVID-19, the Child Care Resource Center decided to assist the child care providers in our region by purchasing PPE and cleaning supplies for them to use in their programs," said Brittany Lucci, CCWVa Child Care Resource Center Director, Region 1.

Child Care Resource Center is a state funded program that assists families who are working or going to school with the cost of child care.

"Child care is an enormous need for working families. Without child care, businesses could not operate, hospitals could not function, and we would face economic downfalls," said Lucci. The CCWVa Child Care Resource Center Region 1 serves eight counties: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Tyler, Wetzel, Monongalia, and Marion Counties.

The recent contact-less drive-through events distributed PPE to providers in these counties. Child care providers received a kit including disposable face masks, disposable nitrile gloves, bottles of Clorox, Green Clean cleaning tablets, a spray bottle, a touchless thermometer, Purell hand wipes and other items.

Read more in the Sept. 11 issue of The Catholic Spirit.



Catholic Charities Child Care Resource Center distributed over 8,000 gloves, 4,000 face masks and numerous other items to child care providers during PPE distribution events throughout northern West Virginia.



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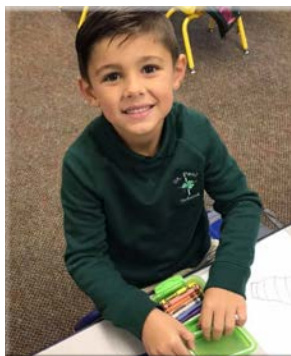
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MASS READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading SIRACH 27:30–28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial PSALMS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading ROMANS 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Alleluia JOHN 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MATTHEW 18:15-20

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be a model of forgiveness and mercy in world often filled with vengeance and retribution, we pray . . .

As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, let us pray for an end to violence and terror in our world, we pray . . .

For all those who work in public safety, police officers, firefighters, EMT's, and those who serve in the armed forces, may they be protected from harm, we pray . . .

For an end to the Coronavirus, for those affected by it, and for scientists and researchers that they may discover a safe and viable vaccine soon, we pray . . .

Lord hear our prayer



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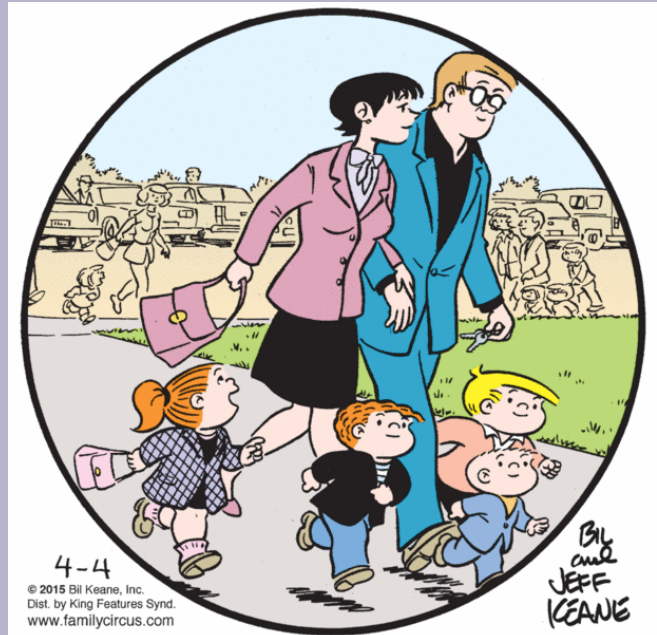
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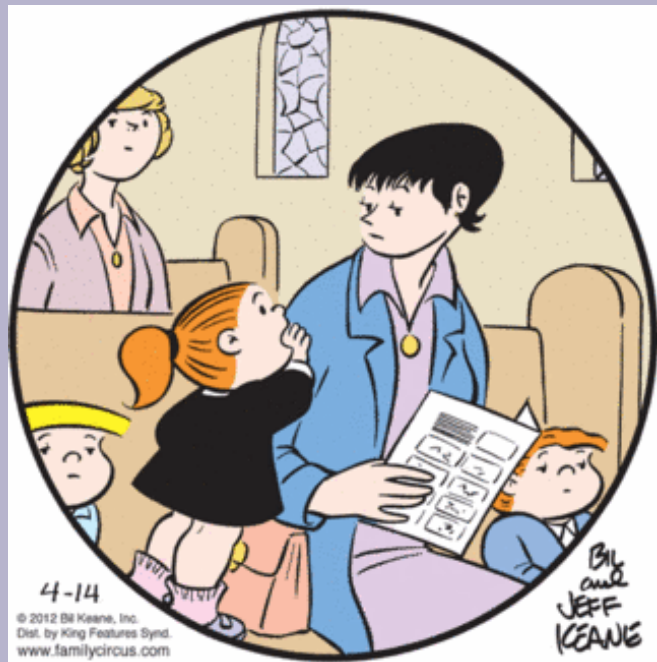
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"I need to goeth to the bathroom."

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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm:
[HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday:
[HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)