

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 14th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, <i>II Class</i> † Mary Carol Flynn - <i>Aronica Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 15th 7:45 a.m.	Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother, <i>II Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>D. A. Valentino</i>
Tues. Sep. 16th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> Fiana Shanahan - <i>Sica Family</i>
Wed. Sep. 17th 7:45 p.m.	Stigmata of St. Francis, <i>IV Class</i> Intns: Confraternity of St. Peter - <i>Emig Family</i>
Thu. Sep. 18th 7:45 a.m.	St. Joseph of Cupertino, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Jenn Cilia - <i>Mom and Dad</i>
Fri. Sep. 19th 6:00 p.m.	St. Januarius & Companions, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> † Scott Harp - <i>Trish and Jack McGovern</i>
Sat. Sep. 20th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i> † Martin Channon - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Sun. Sep. 21st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Rocco Mecca - <i>M/M Charles Aronica Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday — After Mass

Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

INTROIT

Gal. 6, 14

But it behooves us to glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection; by Whom we are saved and delivered. *Ps. 64, 2.* May God have mercy on us, and bless us; may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us. *V.* Glory be to the Father...

COLLECT

O God, Who dost gladden us this day by the annual solemnity of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known it's mystery on earth, we may deserve in heaven the reward which it had purchased. Through the same.

EPISTLE

Phil. 2, 5-11

Brethren, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself as nothing, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above all names (*here all kneel*); that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL

Philipp. 2, 8, 9

Christ became obedient for us unto death: even the death of the cross. *V.* For which cause also God hath exalted Him and hath given Him a name which is above all names.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

V. Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs thereon: to bear up the King and Lord of heaven nought was worthy save thou, O holy cross. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 12, 3-36

At that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews, Now is the judgment of the world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. (Now this He said,

signifying what death He should die.) The multitude answered Him, We have heard out of the law, that Christ abideth forever: and how sayest Thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of man? Jesus therefore said to them, Yet a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not. And he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Whilst you have the light, believe in the light; that you may be the children of light.

OFFERTORY

Through the sign of the holy cross, protect Thy people, O Lord, from the snares of all enemies, that we may pay Thee a pleasing service, and our sacrifice be acceptable, alleluia.

SECRET

Being about to be fed with the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom the banner of the cross was sanctified, we beseech Thee O Lord, our God, that, as we have had the grace to adore it, so we may forever enjoy the effect of its salutary glory. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Through the sign of the cross deliver us from our enemies, O our God.

POSTCOMMUNION

Be Thou with us, O Lord, our God, and as Thou dost make us rejoice in honor of the holy cross, defend us also by its perpetual assistance. Through our Lord.



The King of Love made Himself the Victim of his own Sacrifice

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

O Jesus Crucified, help me, by the merits of Your Cross, to carry my cross daily.

“He that taketh not up his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me.” By these words, the divine Master expressly declares that one of the indispensable conditions for being His disciple is to carry the cross. The word cross, however, should not make us think only of special sufferings, which, while not excluded, are not generally our portion. First of all, we must think of those common daily disagreeable things which are part of everyone’s life and which we must try to accept as so many means to progress and spiritual fruitfulness.

It is often easier to accept, in a burst of generosity, the great sacrifices and sufferings of singular occurrence, than the little, insignificant sufferings, closely connected with our state of life and the fulfillment of our duty: sufferings which occur daily under the same form, with the same intensity and insistence, among endless and unchanging circumstances. These may include physical ailments caused by poor health, economic restrictions, the fatigue attendant upon overwork or anxiety; they may be moral sufferings resulting from differences of opinion, clash of temperaments, or misunderstandings. Herein lies the genuine cross that Jesus offers us daily, inviting us to carry it after Him—an unpretentious cross, which does not require great heroism, but which does demand that we repeat our *Fiat* every day, meekly bowing our shoulders to carry its weight with generosity and love. The value, the fruitfulness of our daily sacrifices comes from this unreserved acceptance, which makes us receive them just as God offers them to us, without trying to avoid them or to lessen their weight. “Yea, Father, for so hath it seemed good in Thy sight.”

Jesus calls our sufferings a cross because the word cross signifies instrument of salvation; and He does not want our sorrows to be sterile, but to become a cross, that is, a means of elevating and

sanctifying our souls. In fact, all suffering is transformed, changed into a cross as soon as we accept it from the hands of the Savior, and cling to His will which transforms it for our spiritual advantage. If this is true for great sufferings, it is equally true for the small ones; all are part of the divine plan, all, even the tiniest, have been predisposed by God from all eternity for our sanctification. Therefore, let us accept them with calmness, and not allow ourselves to be submerged by things which are unpleasant; let us leave them where they belong, in the place they really occupy in the divine plan, that is, among the instruments by means of which we can attain our ideal of sanctity and union with God. If these annoyances are an evil because they make us suffer, they are also a good, because they give us an opportunity of practicing virtue; they purify us and bring us near to the Lord. However, to understand the value of the cross is not equivalent to bearing it; we need fortitude as well. If we let ourselves be guided by Jesus, He will certainly give it to us and will support us in our daily struggles and sufferings, leading us by the path He Himself has chosen, and to the degree of sanctity He has determined for each one of us. We must have an immense confidence, advance with our eyes closed, and forget ourselves completely. We must accept the cross which Our Lord offers us and carry it with love. If, with the help of grace, we succeed in sanctifying all our daily sufferings, great and small, without losing our serenity and confidence, we shall become saints. Many souls are discouraged at the thought of suffering, and try in every way to avoid it because they do not have enough confidence in the Lord, and are not fully convinced that all is planned by Him, down to the last detail, for their real good. Every suffering, whatever its dimensions, always conceals a redemptive, a sanctifying grace; and this grace becomes ours from the moment we accept the suffering in a spirit of faith, for love of God.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

KOC 50/50 Raffle: the Knights of Columbus are now having a monthly 50/50 drawing to support the Knights activities in the parish. Tickets are \$1.00 and available after the 10:15 Mass; drawings are the first Sunday after Mass. The first drawing will be October 5th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of September 27-28, 2014 to support our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East, most specifically in areas of Iraq, Gaza and Syria. God bless you for your continued generosity.

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS are now available in the vestibule of the Church. These should be completed by parents whose children are to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Classes will begin in **October**. Please submit the registration form by Monday September 29th. The age for First Communion is **seven** and for Confirmation **twelve** and up.

COLLECTION: September 7 - \$2,184.00

WE ARE NOW TAKING MASS INTENTIONS for the 2015 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request.

VACATION LEAVE: Fr. Zepeda will be on vacation leave from September 27th to October 7th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th there will be a pot luck in honor of our Patron Saint Michael after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Mass of St. Michael will be September 29th at 7:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th we are planning to have our Annual Rosary Procession for the month of the Holy Rosary. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th**, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please make a special effort to join in these processions as they are a public witness to our faith.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an opportunity for members of our parish to join with our fellow parishioners throughout our Diocese to give back to God a portion of the many blessings we have received, sharing our gifts with others in thanksgiving. In the words of Bishop Bambera, "The gifts that so many provide for the Annual Appeal give us a wonderful opportunity to participate in the work of the Gospel." Please prayerfully consider your response...

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Ian McQuirk
S4

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday Robert Seeley
7:45 a.m. Patrick Seeley

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21st
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Brian LaFata
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata