

September 10, 2023 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three

witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. - Matthew 18: 15-20

Exaltation of The Holy Cross - September 14

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Mother Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows Pray For Us- Feast September 15th

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful-

Cont...yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

Consider the following sufferings Mary endured for love of us:

- I. The prophecy of Simeon (strange portents of sorrow)
- II. The Flight to Egypt (as a homeless refugee)
- III. Loss of Child Jesus for 3 days, later found in His Father's House (experience of a missing child)
- IV. Witnessing Jesus carry his Cross (public suffering and humiliation, watching the beloved Son suffer)
- V. The Crucifixion of Jesus (tortured innocent child)
- VI. Taking Jesus Down from the Cross (the immense grief of her son's death).
- VII. The Burial of Jesus (death of a loved one who is the Son Of God.)

Reflection:

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Holy Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary, Jesus and Holy Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history. -Franciscan Media

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 33:7-9

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

FINANCE

1st Collection=\$3,092

This week's 2nd Collection is for Building & Maintenance.

Next week's 2nd Collection is for Mission Co-Op

2023 Religious Education Congress Brochure and Registration Forms In Churches

Full Brochures and Registration forms are now available in the churches for the Religious Education Congress. On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present this day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist". The day will begin at 8:30a.m in the gym with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. We are happy to announce that this year's event is FREE. For information or to register, please contact Carmen Anenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. dre@srdiocese.org 707-566-3366, ask your parish or visit the diocesan website www.srdiocese.org

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, September 9

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Annetta Balderson St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 10

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Pedro DeGuzman Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Lisa & Ernie Domingo St. Bernard Church
12:15pm +Irma Olosagaste Sacred Heart Church

Monday, September 11

12:15 pm +Linda Dudley St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, September 12

7:30 am +Robert Anderson St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, September 13

12:15 pm +Chet Branum St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy

Cross

7:30 am In Thanksgiving for God's Sacrificial Love and our Redemption St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, September 15 Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

12:15 pm + Linda Dudley St. Bernard Church

Saturday, September 16

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Dudley St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 17

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Dudley St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Zipriano & Maria Hernandez St. Bernard Church
12:15pm No intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Lily Ennis & Family, Joyce Marty, Karla Kincade, Caroline Brooks, Santos and Basil Mainus, Josephine Silva, Judy Weber & Family, Dn. Steve Justus, Biesecker Family, Hinton Family, Colleen Huddleston, Caden Naylor, Diane Kerr, Jim Mowery, Sharon P., Stormie C. Myers, Amber, Peter John A., Robert Francis, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, and Monika Rose Cleenewerck

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Lee Berning, Marie Giampaolo, John Conant, Maryanne Elise Biesecker, Marilyn Zibilich, Felipe de Jesus, Manuel Machado, Bettie Albright, Deacon Frank Weber, Deborah Justus, Jon Albert Mitts, John Eyeler, Patricia Kinsella Jurkovich, Jeff Hemsted, Robert Kerr, Merle Myers Jr., Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, and Tom Bronchetti

Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament ...

On Sunday Sept 17th 10:00-3:00PM at Redwood Ballfields at the east end of Fern St. in Cutten come for Music, Italian sausage sandwiches, gelato, raffle with many prizes, bocce, biscotti and more. Tournament begins at 10:00AM sharp, \$15 entry fee. Bocce courts open for lessons and practice at 9AM. Hosted by Sons and Daughters of Italy Eureka Lodge. More for info : <https://www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka/> Phone: Dave Olivieri 444-3407 or Joe Bonino 445-5799.

The Lee Berning Funeral will be Thursday, Sept. 21st at 11 am at St. Bernard Church with Holy Rosary before at 10:45am. A reception will follow in the parish hall. RIP

Registration for the Religious Education Program

for the 2023/2024 year **will end on 9/12/2023**. After this date applications will not be accepted. You may stop by the Sacred Heart Church Rectory on Tuesday and Thursday between 6pm - 7:30pm to register your children. For more information you may call Maria Romo at 707-443-8429.

La inscripción para el programa de educación

religiosa para el año 2023/2024 **finalizará el 09/12/2023**. Después de esta fecha no se aceptarán solicitudes. Puede pasar por la Rectoría de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón los martes y jueves entre las 6 p. m. y las 7:30 p. m. para registrar a sus hijos. Para mas información pueden hablar le a María Romo al 707-443-8429. Gracias.

WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU? Explore your VOCATION with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. See what being a Sister is all about. September 29-October 1, 2023 in Los Altos Hills, CA. Stay with us *Pray with us*Ask questions*Get to know us* Become your best self.*Live your best life. For Single Catholic Women 18-40. More information: www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/

Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

News...This year's ***Woman of the Year Event*** will be held on October 14, 2023 at St. Francis Solano Parish, Sonoma CA. The deadline for nominations is September 8, 2023 (forms are in the church). Registration at the event begins at 9:30am, Rosary at 10:30am, and Mass at 11:00am followed by a luncheon. We will be sending out the luncheon reservation forms on or about September 10, 2023. Depending on the number of participating parishes, the number of luncheon attendees may be limited for each parish. The mission of Santa Rosa DCCW is to support, empower and educate the women of the diocese. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of how you would like us to offer additional support for the women of your parish. Email: SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com or call Gloria Krzyzanowski, 707-763-3354

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, angry, disillusioned, or frustrated, in their marriage. Some experience coldness or conflict in their relationship. Retrouvaille has helped so many couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the September 15-17 Retrouvaille weekend in San Jose, call 408-605-4998 or email: SanJose@RetroCA.com. And please or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Help Request For Mass Attendance

Victoria Harvey would be very grateful for a ride to the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. She lives at Silvercrest and can be ready in the lobby for pick up. She is going blind and would appreciate the comfort of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. If you would be willing to help (even once a month) please call her at (707) 951-2226.