

St. John Neumann Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2023



God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am** Public & Livestream*
10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:15 pm***

Monday—Saturday: 8:00 am Public & Livestream* Mass

* www.sjnparish.org/livestream

** **Little Church School** every week; **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

*** **Youth Mass** every 3rd Sunday of the month

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm—in the Gathering Room.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Rosary — Daily at 8:30 am

— Mondays at 7:00 pm (in church)

Adoration — Thursdays 8:30 — 9:30 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet —Fridays at 8:30 am

THE SACRAMENTS— ANOINTING OF THE SICK; BAPTISM OF CHILDREN; MARRIAGE; RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Please contact the Parish Office to speak with Msgr. Matz or Deacon Kevin. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:15pm.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:15 pm Frank Damato, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am Patrick Logan

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Peter Cabrelli

12:00 pm Tom and Helen Connors

5:15 pm Eileen Dwyer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 am Jack Carroll

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 am Catherine Ann Hayden

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:00 am Linda McCabe Lewis

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Emanuel Ciminello

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 am Walter Taylor

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 am William Cordivari

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CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS

AT 6:00 PM

IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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I'd like to share a thought with you about the Necessity of the Cross. But first, let's contemplate once again Jesus' words to us from Matthew's Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

And now here's that thought that I mentioned when I started:

What matters most is not the beginning or the middle of a process but the end to which it leads, and if initial losing leads to final finding while saving now leads to losing in the end, then we must bravely undertake the road of present loss.

This is a tricky statement and requires going over again, more slowly. But when we read it carefully it contains great wisdom and gets to the very heart of the cross and how a person can find fullness of life. From the perspective of faith what Jesus is asking for is self-denial, embracing the Cross, and the throwing away of one's life like a seed for his sake. This is pretty heady stuff!!

Let me clarify right away the idea of throwing away one's life. Jesus isn't asking to waste your life by making bad decisions or getting caught up in harmful things. Notice he says "like a seed"—throw your life away *like a seed for his sake*. That's quite a different thing.

What Jesus is offering in all of this is a strategy for "saving" one's life. And these words can apply to any circumstance in life a person might be going through. These words help us to understand the "freeing power" that the cross can have for us, as strange as this may sound.

What we have to do is give up being self-willed and find our "God-willed self". It's only in embracing God's will and abandoning self-will that we can be saved. To stay locked in self-will, insisting on our way or the highway is to become stagnant. Sometimes the Lord allows things to be broken apart so that he can start to change us and free us from earthly "straightjacket" that we have made for ourselves. So, just as Jesus did with his Father, we are asked to abandon our lives into Jesus' hands. What a risky business this seems at first.

So, when we become angry at difficult circumstances that we are forced to deal with, or if we are mourning our sense of loss whether for a loved one or because our life is no longer what it used to be; when we insist on clinging to the past or can never deal with being told "no", we are probably feeding the "self-willed self" instead of the "God-willed self".

Notice what happened when Peter, in a very authoritative way, denied what Jesus just said about the cross and how he had to suffer and die. Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan." In other words, don't allow yourself to get ahead of God. And we often do the same thing, suggesting that we know better than God and that we understand our circumstances better than the Almighty. Yet God is quite capable of structuring every minute of our lives the best way. In other words, our lack of trust makes us want to play the mature adult before God's omniscience, and we easily forget that the Kingdom of God belongs to the childlike!

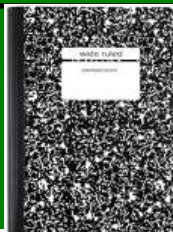
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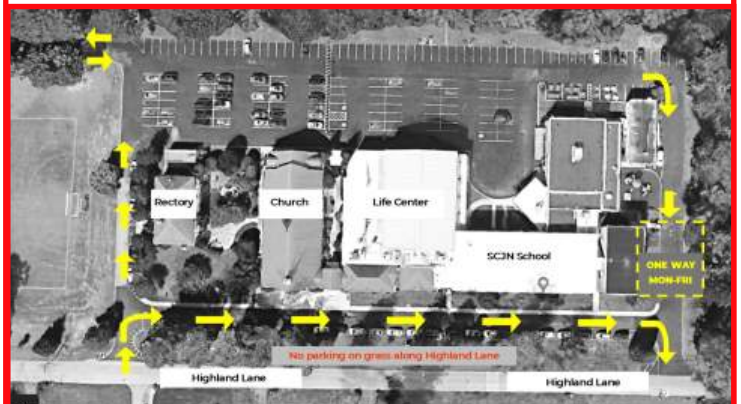
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September 5, 2023**

The direction of traffic in front of the church (parallel to Highland Lane) will move in the opposite direction: from the rectory towards the school. Parking will remain next to the trees.



The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast Day Sept. 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.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross/>

A Prayer to Admonish the Sinner



Lord, give me the courage and humility to admonish sinners and the grace to do it in love.

As well, help me to have the courage and humility to accept correction myself, and grant me the grace to see it as an act of love, even if it is not always artfully done.

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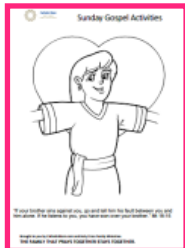
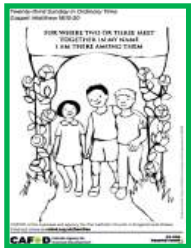
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Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year with Kendra Tierney



In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about... talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer



Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by turning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious

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If you would like to add your name or the name of your loved ones to the Prayers List, please call the Parish Office

Family Faith Weekend

Be Formed In the Image of Christ

September 16th—17th
after all Masses

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Children's faith-based coloring books, prayers, books, and Bibles ...



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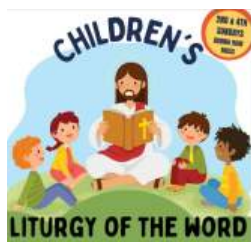
Something for all ages!

LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL (LCS) — Offered for youth from 3 years old thru Kindergarten at the 9:00 am Mass.



STARTS SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 DURING THE 9:00 AM MASS. LCS offers faith-based activities, songs and crafts with a child-friendly Scripture reflection. This helps them begin to understand Christ's message and prepare for attending Mass as they become older. Children may be dropped off at the Life Center before Mass and will stay with us until the end of Mass. [For more information, contact Jan at lcs@sjnparish.org](mailto:lcs@sjnparish.org)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) — Offered for youth in 1st and 2nd grade (until First Communion) at BOTH the 9am and 10:30 Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (posters will be out in church on these weekends as a friendly reminder).



STARTS SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH AT THE 9:00 & 10:30 AM MASSES. CLOW offers a child-friendly sense of the readings and Gospel, making it a more relevant Liturgical experience for them and a way to introduce young ones to Mass! Children begin Mass in church with their parents. After the opening rite, the priest invites them to join together for a special Children's Liturgy of the Word (the readings, homily, Universal Prayer and Creed) in the Gathering Room. After this they rejoin their parents for Liturgy of the Eucharist and the remainder of Mass.

[For more information, contact Katie at Katie.keating59@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.keating59@gmail.com)

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