

# Church of the Crucifixion Catholic Church

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 14, 2025

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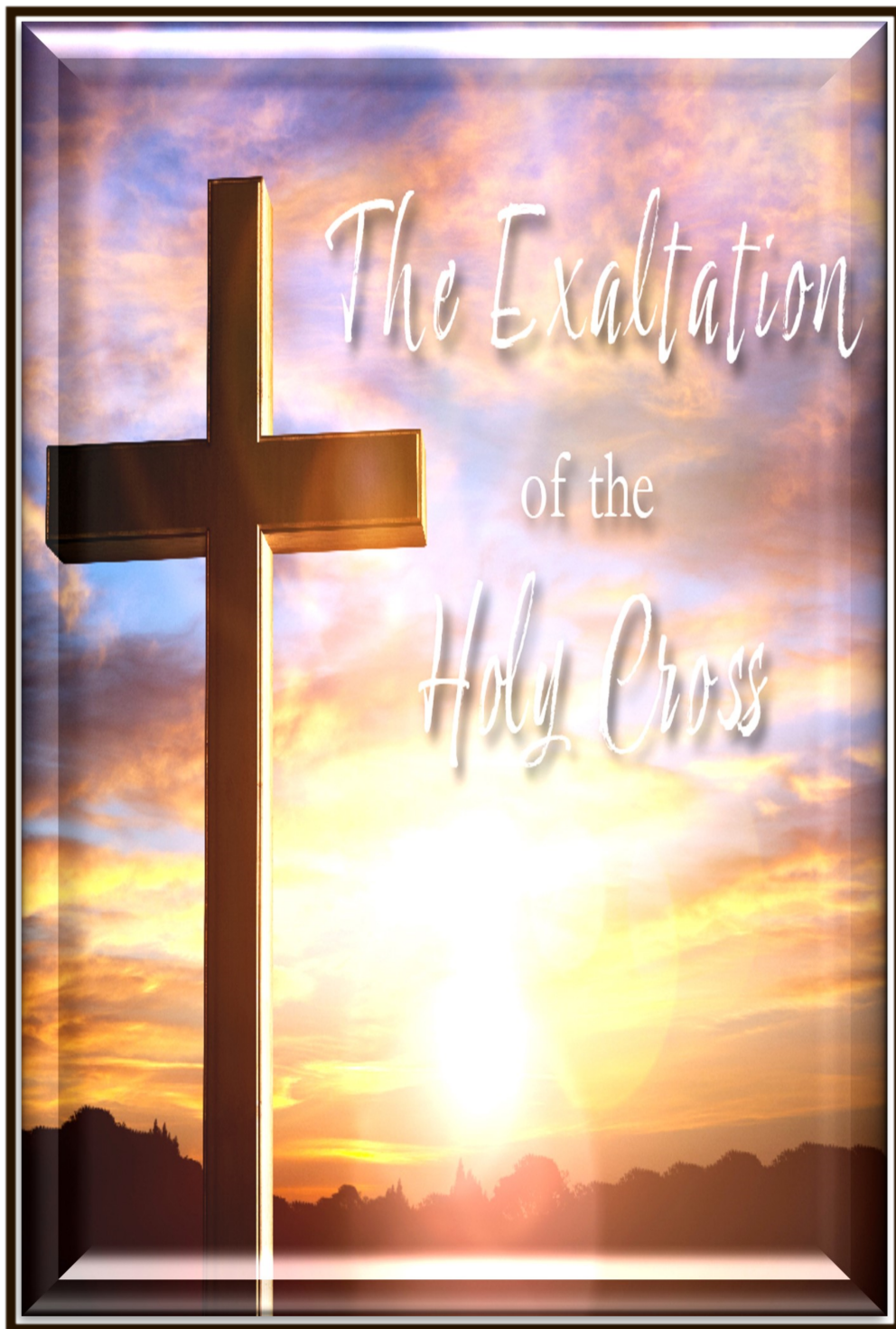
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**Mass Schedule**  
Sunday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM

**Reconciliation**  
Sunday: 8:00 AM  
or by appointment

## Parish Ministries

<b>Bereavement</b>	
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<b>Commentators</b>	
Jynearl Bodie	235-7501
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	
Maurice Grant	764-3048
<b>Finance Council</b>	
Michael Kyle	703-304-2157
<b>Knights of Peter Claver</b>	
Amadeus Amador	206-683-5075
<b>KPC Ladies Auxiliary</b>	
Janice Hice	751-0956
<b>Lectors</b>	
James Mosley	751-5623
<b>Musician</b>	
Douglas Chrosniak	535-6807
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<b>Religious Education</b>	
Erskerline Favors	768-9934
<b>Religious Articles</b>	
Mattie Myers	766-2122
<b>Respect Life</b>	
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<b>4R Committee</b>	
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<b>Ushers</b>	
Robert Myers	766-2122



## Mission Statement

The members of the Church of the Crucifixion share our time, talents, and treasure to recruit, revive, retain and renew, our community, always seeking to follow the word of God, our Father. We embrace the liturgy which inspires us to evangelize and perform acts of mercy for all whom we encounter.

**Happy Birthday Fr. Dilip and Pope Leo XIV!!!**



## **PEACE WITH CREATION**

**SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

***Celebrate the Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct 4***

### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM** Mass, Church

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM** Mass, Church

**Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM** Mass, Church

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 AM** Confession, Church

**8:30 AM** Mass, Church

**Reserving the Hall:** Please contact the business office manager at least two weeks in advance, prior to scheduling your event. You may contact Jynearl Bodie at (904) 765-5284 or [churchofcrucifixion@outlook.com](mailto:churchofcrucifixion@outlook.com).

**Bulletin Announcements:** All items for the Church Bulletin are due to the business office by 10 AM, on Wednesday. Bulletin announcements must be brief and written by the submitting ministry or entity. Please email announcements or inserts to:

[crucifixionsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:crucifixionsecretary@outlook.com) or drop them off at the business office Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM.

**New Parishioners:** The Church of Crucifixion Catholic Church would like to extend a warm welcome to our church family. We are happy to have you as a member and look forward to worshipping with you. If you are transferring from another parish, please fill out a registration form located on the religious display table in the back of the church.

**Visitors:** Thank you for visiting the Church of the Crucifixion. Please fill out a visitor's card, located in the back of the church. We look forward to worshipping with you again.

## ***The Transforming Power of the Cross***



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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. ~ John 3:16-17

If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in "exultation." A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It's also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object. We hang crosses in our homes, wear them around our neck, keep them in our pocket on the end of the rosary, and spend time in prayer before them. The Cross is now an exalted image by which we turn to God in prayer and surrender. But that is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life.

If you step back and consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it should be awe inspiring. Comprehending this fact should lead us to the realization that God can do anything and everything. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. He can use death to bring forth life.

Though our celebration today, the "Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross," is first and foremost a feast by which we give glory to the Father for what He did in the Person of His divine Son, it is also a feast by which we must humbly understand that God can "exalt" every cross we endure in life and bring forth much grace through them.

What is your heaviest cross? What is the source of your greatest suffering? Most likely, as you call this to mind, it is painful to you. Most often, our crosses and sufferings are things we seek to rid ourselves of. We easily point to crosses in life and blame them for a lack of happiness. We can easily think that if only this or that were to change or be removed, then our life would be better. So, what is that cross in your life?

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ's Cross. Though this is a profoundly deep mystery of faith, it is also a profoundly deep truth of our faith.

*My exalted Lord, I turn to You in my need and with the utmost faith in Your divine power to save. Please give me the grace I need to fully embrace every cross in my life with hope and faith in You. Please transform my crosses so that You will be exalted through them and so that they will become an instrument of Your glory and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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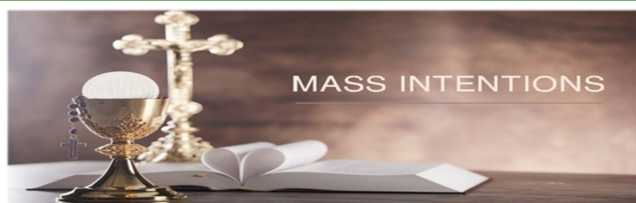
### **Tithes & Offerings**

September 7, 2025: \$1,773.00

*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." ~ Luke 6:38*

Parishsoft online giving is a covenant and easy way to schedule your donations. Just text **"Donate"** to (904) 593-3354. Thanks for giving generously!





**September 14th 8:30 AM** Parishioners of the Church of the Crucifixion

**September 16th 8:00 AM** +Fran LiPira (Debbie LiPira)

If you are interested in having someone remembered in a Mass intention, please contact the church secretary for availability at (904)765-5284. Envelopes are located on the religious articles table. The suggested Mass stipend is \$10 or more.



### **Pray for the Sick and Homebound**

Betty Gisentanner, Jacqueline Jones, Fred Myers, Lerosé Rucker, Doris Rutledge, and Angela Schrader

Please contact the Church of the Crucifixion at (904) 765-5284 if a loved one is in the hospital or nursing home. Please contact Fr. Dilip Pally for Medical Emergency Only at (904) 994-8463.

### **Stewardship Awareness Sunday**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." JOHN 3:16*

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

### **Did You Know?**

"Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must and Love says, 'Let it be!'" ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



### **2025 National Recovery Month: F.R.E.E. Campaign**

The Diocesan Office of Family Life, in partnership with the Grace and Recovery Foundation, will observe National Recovery Month this September through the F.R.E.E. Campaign—Faith, Recovery, Education and Empowerment. The initiative supports individuals and families affected by addiction, offering hope, healing and connection through God's love. Events and resources are provided to help individuals and families affected by addiction find connection, learn more about the healing process, and experience the compassionate presence of Christ in their journey. For more information, visit [graceandrecovery.org](http://graceandrecovery.org).

### **Meals in a Bag**

Please start bringing canned or bagged non-perishables food items to the social hall for our Thanksgiving community outreach, "Meals-in-a-Bag Project. Every year we donate sixty (60) grocery bags to the Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center, to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Please donate!

### **Attention**

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner.

### **To Report Abuse, Call:**

The police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email [inquiries@dosafll.com](mailto:inquiries@dosafll.com).

To report abuse by a bishop, call: (800)276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

## **Parish Information**

### **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**



The 2025 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Campaign has begun! This year we are seeking to raise \$2,500. However, we will always try to exceed our goal. Each year Team Crucifixion has been one of the top 10 fundraisers. This year's 5k walk is October 18th and will begin at the VyStar

Ballpark. Please make check donations payable to the American Cancer Society and complete necessary information on the form before mailing. Include the word Crucifixion in the memo space on the check. You can also donate online to:

Making Strides of the First Coast presented by Florida Blue. <https://secure.acsevents.org>. Please donate to Team: "Crucifixion"

### **Raffle**

Please help support Team Crucifixion fundraiser by purchasing raffle tickets for the Big Basket, beginning next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets on sale after Mass. Thank you for supporting those in need.



### **Bible Study**

The next study session of "The Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, immediately after Mass, at Hogan's Hall. The topics of discussion will be envy and admiration. The committee welcomes all to join the discussion and share individual perspectives. Also, the 4R Committee will meet following bible study.

### **Emergency Collection for Gaza**

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier has asked every parish to take up a special collection by September 30 to aid families suffering in Gaza. Our parish will take up this collection on Sunday, September 21, 2025. The Holy Father has warned with sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS)—working closely with local Church leadership and Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem—are already on the ground providing food, shelter, medical care, hygiene supplies, and emotional support. Your gift will be directed through these trusted Catholic agencies, ensuring it reaches those most in need. Please join us in prayer and generosity as we respond with Christ's compassion to our brothers and sisters.

### **Diocesan Planning Study**

If you haven't already completed the online survey, review the Campaign Planning Study Fact Sheet by clicking the link <http://bit.ly/3JsBt66>, and then complete the online survey here <http://bit.ly/4fK3an0> or scan the QR code. If you don't have computer access, simply email [development@dosafll.com](mailto:development@dosafll.com) or call (904) 208-6976 to request a printed survey by mail (a reply envelope will be provided). In addition, Bishop Pohlmeier has scheduled more listening sessions to hear directly from his flock:

**North Jax Deanery** St. Patrick, Jacksonville (Parish Hall)  
601 Airport Center Dr. E., Jax, Monday, Sept. 22 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)  
**Gainesville Deanery** St. Patrick, Gainesville (Parish Hall)  
500 NE 16th Avenue, Gainesville, Tuesday, Sept. 23 (6:30-8 p.m.)  
**St. Augustine Deanery** St. Anastasia, St. Augustine (Parish Hall)  
5205 A1A S., St. Augustine, Thursday, Sept. 25 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

### **Basa Summary Report Update**

Below is the update for the parish on the 2025 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through September 7, 2025.



2025 Goal: 24 Donors  
Current Donors: 18  
Percent of Family Participation: 33.96%  
Amount Pledged: \$3,812.00  
Amount Paid: \$3,412.00  
**Balance Due: \$400.00**

*For God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his only Son.*

*John 3:16, NRSV*



**September  
Birthdays**



**September 20, 2025**

Skye Barber

**September 18, 2025**

Lori Ingram

***Ministry Schedule September 21st***

Mass	8:30 AM
Lectors	Gina Kyle
Commentator	TBD
Extra-Ordinary Minister	Mary Grant Michael Rutledge

***Today's Readings and Attendance***

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
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