

BULLETIN 09-14-2025
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
CROSS

Pastor's Message

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we especially celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. This feast goes back to the seventh century when the Cross was recovered from the Persians and exposed for veneration in Jerusalem. It is more than this historic event; the Triumph of the Cross is the triumph of Jesus Christ our Lord whose love for us and obedience to his Heavenly Father climaxed with his death on the cross. Just like Moses lifted up the serpent on the cross in the desert for people's healing, Jesus would be lifted up so that all who see him and believe in him would have eternal life.

The cross is the symbol of the Christian. It is a sign of our personal relationship with our Savior. Jesus died not just for people in general but for me and for you. He calls us to join him on his cross not just as a people but as individuals, because the way of the cross is the way towards salvation. If we want to follow Jesus we have to deny ourselves, to take up our daily cross and follow him. The ideal for this is that we recognize the goal of our lives; out of love we sacrifice ourselves for others.

The deeper meaning of the Cross is presented in today's second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself completely, not just becoming a human being but also accepting a horrible death on the cross in order to demonstrate the amazing love of God for us. We are saved from the horrors of evil, from meaningless lives due to the love of the Lord.

This Sunday we are to recognize the most significant symbol of the Cross. It is on the Cross, our Savior has died for our sins. It is on the Cross, our Savior has set us free from the power of darkness so that we are able to journey to our destiny. It is on the Cross, our Savior has opened the gate to heaven where we hope to join with our brothers and sisters when time comes.

May God bless us always!

-Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our parish picnic is this Sunday, September 14. There is only one Mass at 11:00am, followed by a reception at Washington Terrace park, High Point. Please bring a covered dish to share with your brothers and sisters.

2. Faith Formation classes will start next Sunday, September 21. Please register your children for Faith Formation.

3. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or understanding more your Catholic faith, the OCIA class is for you. Please call the church office for more information.

4. There will be a Memorial Mass for Bobby Thekkekandam on Saturday September 20 at 12:00pm, and also a Memorial Mass for Karen Myers on Friday September 26 at 11:00am. Please come to pray for their souls. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace!

MASS INTENTIONS

09/13 Saturday 5:00 pm + Eugene Rosensky
09/14 Sunday 11:00 am + Patricia Shively (Parish Picnic)

09/15 Monday NO MASS
09/16 Tuesday 7:00am (SI) For the Healing of Maksymilian
09/17 Wednesday 7:00 am + Karen Myers
09/18 Thursday 7:00 am + Giuse An Tran
09/19 Friday 7:00 am (SI) For the Hoyne Family

NEXT WEEKEND

09/20 Saturday 5:00 pm + Tylese McAdoo
09/21 Sunday 7:00 am + Mary Gora
9:30 am + Karen Myers
12:00 pm + Rubiela & Leon Dominguez

PARISH PICNIC

This Sunday,
September 14th

Only one Mass
at 11:00am

Washington Terrace Park

Thanks to all those making this event possible!

Parish Food Pantry Donations

We are preparing to reopen the Food Pantry for the 2025/26 year, with monthly distributions starting in September. Our goal is to serve 25 families each month. Below is a list of the usual items provided:

*Canned Fruit *Peanut Butter *1 lb boxes of pasta
*Canned Beans *Canned Soup *Canned Vegetables
*Cookies *Saltines (or other crackers)

Please drop off your donations

COME AND SEE ✝

Are you: Interested in becoming Catholic?
Meetings start soon!

Until then, sink your teeth into:

Cooking for Crowds: Leg of Lamb Feast & Bible Study Thursday, Sept. 18th at 8:00pm.
InstituteOfCatholicCulture.org

OCIA — Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...

Johnny Apodaca
Tracy Barber
Gilbert Carter
Angel M. Cuellas
Marie Forbert
Theresa French-R.
Amanda Garcia
Mario Garcia
Willa Graham
Myles Harris
Maria Hdz.
Aber Johnson
Jorge Lagueruel
Deacon Larry Lisk
Daysi Martinez
Rosario Martinez
Linda McKinney
Felicia Murphy
Nancy Nkwokolo
Gladys Ozor
Rosemary Peterson
Hector Sanchez
Maria G.Sanchez A.
Paula Rodriguez
Andrew Royster
Mariane Smith
Venuste Tuyikunde

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,747.00

Food Pantry: \$ 500.00

Votive Candle: \$ 70.00

Total: \$ 4,317.00

THANK YOU!

A PRIEST FOREVER +

Your contribution to the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection provides for the future pension and retiree health benefits of our beloved priests. The collection serves not only priests from our diocese, but also priests from elsewhere and from religious orders who are currently involved in active ministry and serving the faithful of the Diocese of Charlotte. The dedicated priests who served us in the past, now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Please be generous in this special collection, which will take place the weekend of September 20/21.

Women's Spiritual Exercises Retreats

St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, Stoneville
+Young Women's Retreat, ages 18-35—Oct. 10-12
+Women's Retreat, ages 18 & over—Nov 21-23
Daily Mass, Adoration, confession, direction
www.rcnorthcarolina.org/women for information and registration.

"Marrried" AGAIN

— Have you grown apart? Is your marriage in crisis?
— Do you argue without reaching a resolution?

Experience the joy of rediscovering your love

— Forgive and rebuild trust
— COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

**Next weekend Oct. 3-5th in Hickory.
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Take time for your marriage by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Experiences, Sept. 26 to 28 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. WWME focuses on strengthening communication, renewing commitment, and rekindling romance in good marriages. The program provides tools and techniques to help couples connect more deeply, listen to each other, and work through common relationship themes.

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Classes Start SEPTEMBER 21st

Is your child registered for this year's Faith Formation classes?

Don't wait! Help them grow in their Catholic Faith, prepare for the Sacraments, and build lasting friendships rooted in Christ.

BIBLE STUDY with

DEACON FRANCIS SKINNER

Tuesdays starting Sept. 9th

7:00pm

in the Parish Center

**"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
- St. Jerome**

Room at the Inn ANNUAL BANQUET

Save the Date! October 2, 2025

Registration is now open. Sponsorship and Table Host opportunities available. Our keynote speaker is Luke Kuechly, record-holding linebacker for the Carolina Panthers. roominn.org/events