

Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.

Source: Mt. 16

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, September 7

9:00am † *Ramon Coronado*

4:30pm † *Magdalena Punla*

Sunday, September 8

7:30am † *Simeon Pili*

9:30am † *Charlene Haught Johnson*

11:00am *Bill Elsbernd (bdy)*

12:30pm *St. Jude (Thanksgvng)*

Monday, September 9

9:00am † *Marie Hong Tran*

Tuesday, September 10

9:00am † *Adela Bumanglag*

Wednesday, September 11

9:00am † *George Matranga*

Thursday, September 12

9:00am

Friday, September 13

9:00am † *Neil Snyder*

Saturday, September 14

9:00am † *Claribel Tonel*

4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

THE EXALTATION
OF THE
HOLY CROSS
September 14th



From the Desk of the Pastor

While today's readings do not convey specific images of banqueting, the Gospel explains the explicit consequence of our participation in the Eucharist. To share in the Lord's Body and Blood is to share in the Cross: To share in the life of Christ.

The Gospel of St. Luke presents Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, and is followed by a huge crowd. They have great many expectations of some major changes in their lives when Jesus would restore Jerusalem. They expected him to spearhead resistance against the Roman oppressors, drive the Roman army out of Israel and take control of the land of Israel, restore them their land.

However, Jesus is only too aware of such unsustainable expectations. Jesus attempts to tweak their awareness. He tells them that there is a price to be paid by all those who wish to follow Him, a high price at that. He said that one should sit down, reckon it up, and see if one was ready to pay it. Following Jesus is a serious business and something one undertakes with both eyes open. Many of us want to obtain a thing of inestimable value dirt-cheap and in twice-quick time. In some circumstances, to follow Christ might mean sacrificing the dearest things in life. To seek reconciliation with another person might mean losing face and sacrificing one's pride.

However the goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile. It is the only one which, in the long run, does full justice to us – the goal of authentic way of life with one's eyes set on the eternal life to come.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council prayerfully discerns on how to harness resources and coordinate God's Blessings upon us. Among other considerations, given the fact that we have only one Priest now serving in our Parish, the immediate plan is to invite you, to reflect together as a Parish Family on how to address and assimilate our Sunday schedule of four Masses. We will soon have a survey going out and invite you as Parish stewards to give us your valuable input in this endeavor.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a year-round process available to any adult who wishes to inquire into Catholicism. It is also an invitation for adults who have not received and would wish to receive all the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. R.C.I.A. is a journey of faith, filled with Hope and fired by love. This time is spent in discovering Jesus, to listen to his call as he says: "Have Courage, It is I, do not be afraid". If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in sponsoring someone who is in the process of being initiated into the Church, please call the Parish office at 415-334-4646.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is conducted during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level. If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession. The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

To sign up please talk to Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.

Save the date for the "San Lorenzo Ruiz dinner and dance"

The FPC (Filipino Pastoral Council) of St. John the Evangelist will have their annual dinner and dance to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The 'dinner and dance' is scheduled for September 28, 2019 in the school gymnasium from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Dinner will be served, followed by a raffle and dancing. Tickets are \$25 per person, and will be sold after each Mass.

FORMED Highlights

At the end of Mass, the priest says, "Go forth, the Mass has ended." Do you ever wonder what that means? Our mission as Catholics is to share the Good News through Evangelization, but sometimes we can get overwhelmed with the state of our world and how to truly bring Christ into it. Catholics are challenged to carry their faith after the celebration of the Holy Eucharist from the Church building out into the world: outside the parish doors. With our real stories from real Catholics sharing the beauty of the Church in their communities, inspire you to be the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world' to take our Catholic Faith and live it out beyond Sundays.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**.

Parish Assessment \$	40,216.31
YTD we paid: \$	26,805.38
Balance we owe: \$	13,410.93

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 26th - September 1st, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$	98.00
Tues. On-line giving	\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering.....	\$ 2,693.75
Weekend On-line giving.\$	400.00
Reserve Offering.....	\$1,738.80
Reserve On-line giving...\$	100.00

August 2019 Collection Data

August 4.....	\$ 3,689.78
August 11.....	\$ 2,748.92
August 18.....	\$ 3,415.70
August 25.....	\$ 2,648.80

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The feast, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.