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WHO WINS THE CROSS WINS A TREASURE

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognise it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross.

And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

*Saint Andrew of Crete, Bishop
Office of Readings of the Feast The Exaltation of The Holy Cross*

Bishop Crosby's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

LA MISA MULTICULTURAL DIOCESANA EN EL JUBILEO DE LA ESPERANZA se celebrará el domingo **5 de octubre a las 3pm**, en la Iglesia **St. Thomas the Apostle** (715 Centre Rd, Waterdown). Después de la Misa disfrutaremos de comida, musica y bailes de diversas culturas presentes en nuestra Diocesis. Es un evento de oración y lleno de alegría. Quienes lo deseen pueden ir vestidos con trajes típicos de sus países de origen. ¡Todos son bienvenidos, los esperamos!

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

<u>Saturday, September 13</u>	5:00 PM
+Tom Kelly +Dorothy Lutz	
<u>Sunday, September 14</u>	9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	
<u>Tuesday, September 16</u>	11:00 AM
+Maria Rebelo	
<u>Wednesday, September 17</u>	11:00 AM
+Tom Kelly	
<u>Thursday, September 18</u>	11:00 AM
+Tom Kelly	
<u>Friday, September 19</u>	11:00 AM
+Dorothy Lutz	

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday, September 20</u>	5:00 PM
+Tom Kelly + Marie & Leo Fortney	
<u>Sunday, September 21</u>	9:00 AM
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

<u>Sabado 13 de Septiembre</u>	7:00 PM
+Efraín Figueroa +Pedro Antonio Molina	
<u>Domingo 14 de Septiembre</u>	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial	
<u>Martes 16 de Septiembre</u>	12:00 PM
+Alejandro Palomino Rodriguez	
<u>Miercoles 17 de Septiembre</u>	12:00 PM
<u>Jueves 18 de Septiembre</u>	12:00 PM
<u>Viernes 19 de Septiembre</u>	12:00 PM

XXV Domingo Ordinario

<u>Sabado 20 de Septiembre</u>	7:00 PM
+Pedro Fernandez	
<u>Domingo 21 de Septiembre</u>	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Por la Comunidad Parroquial	

Take a Seat – Parish Hall New Chairs Project!

Our parish hall is a space where we gather in faith, friendship and community. To make it more comfortable and welcoming for all, we are launching a project to purchase **new chairs** for the hall. Our goal is to purchase 300 chairs at \$50.00 per chair plus tax and the dollies to store them on. The project will run from September 5 to October 5. You are invited to purchase one chair or more. Every donation brings us closer to our goal. To donate, use the special "Take a Seat" envelopes at the front entrance of the church. Let's come together and take a seat! Thank you for your generosity and support. Your donation is tax Deductible.

¡Regala una silla a tu Iglesia!

Nuestro salón parroquial es un espacio donde nos reunimos para acrecentar la fe, amistad y comunidad. Para hacerlo más cómodo y acogedor, invitamos a todos los que participan en nuestra comunidad a colaborar en la compra de nuevas sillas adecuadas para nuestras necesidades. El objetivo es comprar 300 sillas, a \$50.00 cada una más impuestos, y los carros para almacenarlas. La campaña se llevará a cabo del 5 de septiembre al 5 de octubre. Te invitamos a donar una silla o más de una. Cada donación nos lleva más cerca de la meta. Para donar, utiliza los sobres especiales de "Regala una silla a tu Iglesia" en la entrada principal de la iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad y apoyo. Recuerda que tu donación es deducible de impuestos.