

HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 14TH
9a.m-4p.m

Faith, Family and Fun!



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Sunday 31 Aug 2025- Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

A month marked by
Faith, Community, and Joy

05-13 SEPTEMBER

Novena in Preparation
for the Feast
of the Holy Cross

07 SEPTEMBER

Canonisation of
Blessed Carlo Acutis
and Father's day

- 9:00 AM – Solemn Mass
- Blessing of the new Carlo Acutis Chapel
 - Morning Tea
- Launch of Carlo Acutis Balloons

10 AM – 1 PM VR CARLO ACUTIS EXPERIENCE

Encounter the faith of Blessed Carlo Acutis— the first millennial saint —through the world's first virtual reality experience dedicated to his life and legacy.

Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday - 5:30 PM Mass
First Reading: Emma Milum (year6)
Second Reading: Philip Au
Prayers of the Faithful: TBA
Sunday - 9:00 AM Mass
First Reading: Wilfred Pangan
Second Reading: Angelina Gomez
Prayers of the Faithful: Mary
Sunday - 6:00 PM Mass
First Reading: Fiona
Second Reading: Loreta Speranza
Prayers of the Faithful: Rosemary Tan

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11
(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.(R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant. C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29
Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'
C: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Priest: God is a lavish giver. With confidence, then, let us bring our prayers before him.

Reader: That the Church will respond to Christ's self-sacrifice by serving with humility and kindness. (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations with abundant resources will generously assist countries in need. (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That organisations working with the poor and suffering such as St Vincent de Paul will be given support and assistance in their work. (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are preparing for the sacraments will be made holy in the sight of the living God. (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this gathered community will rejoice in God's abundant gifts by giving without counting the cost. (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will see the heavenly Jerusalem, (pause) In your goodness: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God most gracious and kind, your Son came among us not for the exalted but for the lowly. Hear our prayers and help us to serve you with humility and generosity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

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