

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today, September 14th:** *Blessing Sunday.* Blessings of religious articles will be given after Holy Mass.
- **Friday, October 3rd:** *First Friday of the Month.* Confessions at 6:00 pm and Holy Mass at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville.

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

BY DOM GUERANGER

Mary's great sorrows began at the prediction of Simeon that a sword would transpierce Her heart. Soon afterwards, She was obliged to flee with the newborn Infant, already object of a fatal search. She lost Him in the temple for three inexpressibly painful days; She met Him on the road to Calvary, and the sight indeed pierced Her heart. She saw Him die, heard His final cry, and witnessed the opening of His side with the effusion of His last drops of blood, mingled with water; She received in Her arms the inert body of the most beautiful of the sons of men. Finally, She was obliged to depose Him in a tomb, leave Him there and return with Her adopted son, John, to a deicidal Jerusalem.

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



“Do not desire crosses unless you have borne those already laid upon you well. It does no good to long after martyrdom while unable to bear an insult patiently.”



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Sunday, September 14th, 2025 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Introit

But it behooves us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life and resurrection: by Whom we are saved, and delivered. May God have mercy on us and bless us: may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and may He have mercy on us. Glory be to the Father . . .

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Collect

O God, Who this day dost gladden us by the yearly feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who on earth acknowledge the Mystery of Redemption wrought upon it, may be worthy to enjoy the rewards of that same redemption in Heaven. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Brethren: let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name which is above all names: (here all genu-

flect) that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

Gradual & Alleluia

Christ became obedient for us unto death: even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name which is above every name. Alleluia, alleluia. Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs on thee: thou alone was worthy to bear the King and Lord of heaven. Alleluia

Gospel

John 12:31-36

At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Now is the judgment of the world; now will the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself. Now He said this signifying by what death He was to die. The crowd answered Him: We have heard from the Law that the Christ abides forever. And how can You say, "The son of Man must be lifted up"? Who is this Son of Man? Jesus therefore said to them: Yet a little while and the light is among you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.

Offertory

By the sign of the holy Cross, O Lord, protect Thy people from the wiles of all our enemies that we may be able to do Thee worthy service, and that our sacrifice may be well pleasing in Thy sight.

Secret

We who are about to take as nourishment the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom the Cross became a holy emblem, beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that since we have been found worthy to venerate that holy sign, we may enjoy for evermore the salvation secured for us by its triumph. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

By the sign of the Cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Thou our God.

Post Communion

Stand by us, O Lord our God, and do Thou, who makest us rejoice in honor of the holy Cross, defend us evermore by its help. Through our Lord . . .

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WRITTEN BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

I give thanks to Thee, O Lord, Most Holy, Father almighty, eternal God, that Thou hast vouchsafed, for no merit of mine own, but out of Thy pure mercy, to appease the hunger of my soul with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Humbly I implore Thee, let not this Holy Communion be to me an increase of guilt unto my punishment, but an availing plea unto pardon and salvation. Let it be to me the armor of faith and the shield of good will. May it root out from my heart all vice; may it utterly subdue my evil passions and all my unruly desires. May it perfect me in charity and patience; in humility and obedience; and in all other virtues. May it be my sure defense against the snares laid for me by my enemies, visible and invisible. May it restrain and quiet all my evil impulses, and make me ever cleave to Thee Who art the one true God. May I owe to it a happy ending of my life. And do Thou, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe one day to call me, a sinner, to that ineffable banquet, where Thou, together with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy saints true light, complete fulfillment, eternal joy, consummate delight, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



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