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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Jon Keith (483.6489) work
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

12 SUN Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

✠ 9:00 AM **Cleo Alexander** by Family

13 Mon Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

14 Tue The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

15 Wed Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

16 Thu Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

17 Fri Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

18 Sat 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

19 SUN Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

✠ 9:00 AM **Deceased Hale/Bovey Family** by the Family

September 15

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

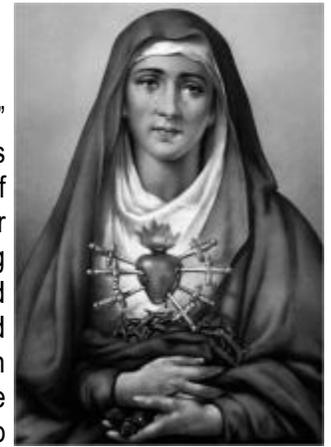
The title, "Our Lady of Sorrows," given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised "the seven dolors" or "seven sorrows" of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, "This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed— and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Luke 2:34-35).

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the prophecy of Simeon; the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events.

The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows).

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful, "Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!" (1980).

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: "Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life." Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust. (Catholic Education: Saunders, Rev. William. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. *Arlington Catholic Herald*).



40 Days for Life Autumn Prayer Vigil

Keep your calendar open for hours of faithful prayer during our community's Autumn Prayer Vigil against abortion! From September 22 through October 31, '21 the coordinated Prayer Vigil, 40 Days For Life, will be across the street from Rutland's Planned Parenthood location—the final battleground for Life for many innocent children. Help save the holy innocent lives of unborn children in our community during the Peaceful Vigil of Prayer and Fasting, and Community Outreach to end abortion.

Fall Baby Bottle Drive
September 12th—October 10th



HOW IT WORKS:

Collect coins, cash, or checks (make out to First Step) & put in baby bottle, jar, or ziplock bag. Bring your filled bottles to church, drop them off at First Step, or call for pick-up. (802-775-5611).

Or, give ONLINE at www.FriendsofFirstStep.com/give - Designate to Baby Bottle Drive

Or, mail a CHECK to First Step at PO Box 6535, Rutland, VT. 05701

Or, TEXT-TO-GIVE by texting 802-392-0111 and following the prompts

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!

First Step
PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Joint Parish Picnic



TODAY!!!!

**Sunday September 12, 2021
4:00—6:00 PM**

In the pavilion at the Pittsford Recreational Center
Furnace Road, Pittsford

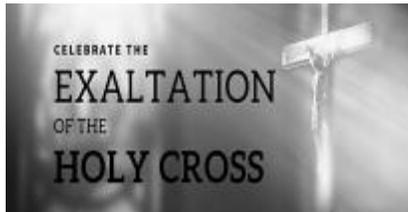
Please join us for an afternoon filled with great food and fellowship. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish (salad, dessert, fruit, chips, etc.)



Religious Education Family Catechesis

Our first session for religious education will be held on September 19th. Each child is to be accompanied by a parent.

Grades 1-5 will meet for class from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm followed by a pot luck dinner. Grades 6 & 7 are asked to join at 5:00 pm for the Pot luck dinner, and will meet for class from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.



The feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated to honour the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified.

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration.

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th, the anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPI

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

Church Offertory

**Sunday Sept. 12th 2nd Collection
Catholic University of America**

Sunday Sept. 12th will appear in the next bulletin.

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 (email: stalphonus@vermontcatholic.org) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

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