KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

Eighteenth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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X	I	I	W	O	R	L	D	G	A

BELIEVES	LOVED
CONDEMN	MOSES
DESERT	NICODEMUS
ETERNAL	PERISH
EVERYONE	SAVED
HEAVEN	SERPENT
JESUS	SON
LIFTED	WORLD

Catechizing Corner!

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated each year on September 14, is a solemn Catholic feast that honors the Cross of Christ as the sacred instrument of our salvation. It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in the fourth century, as well as the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which was built to enshrine the sites of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection. The feast reminds Christians that what once was a sign of shame and suffering has become a sign of glory and victory, for through the Cross, Jesus triumphed over sin and death. On this day, the Church lifts high the Cross, not simply as a historical object, but as a profound mystery of faith—one that calls the faithful to embrace the love, self-sacrifice, and hope that it represents. In venerating the Cross, Catholics are invited to reflect on the saving power of Christ's Passion, to unite their own sufferings with His, and to find in the Cross both strength for daily life and the promise of eternal life with God.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God John 3:13-17

Faith Sharing Questions of the week

Closing Prayer

HOLY FAMILY

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who has come down
from heaven, the Son of Man.
And just as Moses lifted up the serpent
in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him
may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through
him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Glossary

The word **condemn** means to declare something or someone as wrong, evil, or unacceptable, often with strong disapproval.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:
Choose one

Jesus came not to condemn the world, but to save it. How does that shape the way we view people who struggle or fall short in faith?

God gave His Son so that we may have eternal life. What does "eternal life" mean to you right now, in your everyday life?

God loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. How do you know that God loves you?

God's love is generous and self-giving. As a family, what are some ways we can share God's love with each other and with others in our community?

Closing Prayer

God of everlasting goodness,
our origin and guide,
be close to us
and hear the prayers
of all who praise you.
Forgive our sins
and restore us to life.
Keep us safe in your love.
Grant through, Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross