

Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12:10 PM Wednesday & Friday 6:30 AM Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 10:00 AM

Rosary Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 11:30 AM Wednesday & Friday 5:55 AM Saturday: 3:15 PM

Sunday: 5:55 AM, 7:15 AM, & 9:15 AM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 PM or By appointment

Adoration

Mon: 8AM-5PM Wed: 7AM-7PM Fri:7AM-5PM

Mailing Address:

1110 Old Spanish Trail Scott, LA 70583

Email:

st<mark>speterandpaulscot</mark>t@

hotmail.com

School:

337-504-3400 **CCD**:

337-232-6167

Sts. Peter & Paul Staff

<u>In Residence:</u> Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

Secretary: Mary Beth Ardizone & Ursula Gouner

Bulletin Editor: Anne-Claire Viator

<u>Trustees:</u> Abby Aucoin & Brian Schlesinger

Music Coordinator: Jacqueline Savoie

School Principal: Danielle Babineaux

Religious Education: Bethany Duplechin,

Janet Hebert, James Franke

Weekly Readings Mass Intentions Saturday, September 13th-Sunday: First Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9 4:00 PM-Lougnne St. Julien (D) / Mary Ann Dugas (D) / Mitchel Dugas (D) / Responsorial Psalm: Psalms Michel Dugas, Jr. (D) / Sheilah Resweber (D) / Francis Segura (D) (HBD) / 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 M/M Adley Scrantz (D) / M/M Loney Hebert, Sr. (D) / Alberie & Inez Barras (D) / Second Reading: Philippians Kenny Beaugh (D) / M/M Don Montoucet (D) / M/M Bud Boudreaux (D) / 2: 6-11 Gospel: John 3: 13-17 Perjice Boudreaux, Jr. (D) / Jennifer Pillaro (D) / Dupre & Teresa Hebert (D) / Monday: Charles "Cooney Boy" Comeaux (D) / Winnie Theriot (D) / Lee & Ida Bergeron (D) / First Reading: First Timothy 2: 1-8 Marie Falcon Hebert (D) / John Bourque (D) / Duc Hoang / Dang Tran (D) / Responsorial Psalm: Psalms Rebecca Walters (D) / Cole/Joe Primeaux (D) / Neva Young Veron (D) / 28: 2, 7, 8-9 Debbie Pruitt (D) / Thomas Sinitiere (D) / George Trautman (D) / Gospel: John 19: 25-27 or Luke 2: 33-35 Verlie & Walter Boudreaux (D) / Viola & Forest Blanchard (D) / Mary Meche (D) / Tuesday: Delmon McNabb (D) / Ray/Mable Brasseaux (D) / David/Marlene Arnaud (D) / First Reading: First Timothy 3: 1-John M. Verzwyvelt (D) **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Sunday, September 14th-Alleluia: Luke 7: 16 6:30 AM-For the People Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17 Wednesday: 8:00 AM-Joan Firmin (D) / Dustin Wiltz/Ryan Guidry (D) / Spiritual Healing (D) / First Reading: First Timothy 3: 14-Leana Suire (D) / Michelle Brown (L) / Ky Nguyen (D) / Brian Fontenot (D)(HBD) Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 10:00 AM-Michael Allain (D) / Jerry D. Guidry (D) / Louella / Buck Ransonet (D) / Alleluia: John 6: 63c, 68c John B. Sonnier Family (D) / Rayford Domingue (D) / Deanna Sonnier (D) / Gospel: Luke 7: 31-35 Rosamaria Reyes-Silva (D) / J. L. & Claire Courville Raggio (D) / Thursday: First Reading: First Timothy 4: 12-Paul /Myrtle Breaux (D) / Ms. Belinda Thibodeaux (D) / Poochie Frederick (D) / M/M Harold Brashear (D) / Elmo & Bernida Hebert (D) / M/M Errol Robichaux (D) Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 111: 7-8, 9, 10 Monday, September 15th-Alleluia: Matthew 11: 28 12:10 PM-Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot (D) / Whitney Guillot (D) / **Gospel:** Luke 7: 36-50 Friday: Anna Lou Guillot (D) / Vinh Nguyen (D) First Reading: First Timothy 6: 2c-Tuesday, September 16th-Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 49: 6 12:10 PM-Michael O'Neil Mouton (D) / Martha B. Wimberly (D) / -7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 M/M Norris Holloway (D) / Ronald Clayton Hollier (D) / Tu Nguyen (D) Alleluia: Matthew 11:25 Gospel: Luke 8: 1-3 Saturday: Wednesday, September 17th-First Reading: First Timothy 6: 13-6:30 AM-Lauren Menard (L)(HBD) / Tien Nguyen (D) **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms Thursday, September 18th-100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Alleluia: Luke 8: 15 12:10 PM-Catherine Duhon (D)(ANN) / Hien Nguyen (D) / Brooke Kidder (D) Gospel: Luke 8: 4-15 Collection for 09/07/2025 Friday, September 19th-6:30 AM-Hector N. Sonnier (D)(HBD) / Gerald / Louella Savoy (D) / Barbara Ella "Bobbie" Cormier (D) / Paul & Leatrice Brown (D) / Regular Offertory: Robert Lee Savoy (D) / Ryan Ford (L) / Cheryl Ford (L) / For Special Intentions (L) / \$ 13,937.00 Building Fund: Joseph Tien Pham (D) \$3,690.00 Envelopes used this weekend:

Nota Bene: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that

God has accepted the intention in heaven. God of Canon Law, 945.

Regular:

Building:

216

158

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~Galatians 6:14

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

The Edict of Milan, issued in 313, granted religious freedom across the Roman Empire. This was a mutual agreement between Roman Emperors Constantine I in the West and Licinius in the East. Before this edict, Christians had endured various state-sponsored persecutions over the prior two and a half centuries.

After the Edict was signed, from 314 to 324, Constantine and Licinius were in continual conflict. The tension escalated when Constantine accused Licinius of plotting against him. In 324, Constantine defeated Licinius in battle and subsequently executed him on charges of conspiracy. This made Constantine the sole ruler of the Roman Empire, including Jerusalem, which had previously been under Licinius's control.

In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish churches at those locations. In Jerusalem, she aimed to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three discarded and buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

Following the discovery of the True Cross, Mount Calvary, and Christ's tomb, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church to encompass these sites and house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected and dedicated on September 13, 335. As the legend goes, the following day, Christ's Cross was brought outside the newly built church for the faithful to venerate. Thus, the first showing, or Exaltation of the Holy Cross, might have occurred on September 14, 335. Over the next three centuries, because liturgical celebrations were not widely centralized, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was likely celebrated annually in Jerusalem and varied in other ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

In 614, the Persians invaded Jerusalem and took the True Cross as a trophy. The Persians, primarily followers of the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism, were not Christians. Allowing the Holy Cross to remain in their possession was seen as sacrilegious. Eight years later, in 622, Eastern Roman Emperor Heraclius initiated military campaigns to recapture Jerusalem and the True Cross. Finally, in 628, he triumphed, and the following year, Emperor Heraclius entered Jerusalem with the True Cross, restoring it to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After that, the Feast of the Holy Cross became a universal celebration within the Church, starting in Rome and subsequently spreading throughout the entire empire, and has been celebrated annually on September 14 ever since.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world. The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "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 will find it" (Matthew 16:24–25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Prayer: Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.

ATTENTION!!!!

Baptismal Information *YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED & PRACTICING PARISHIONER*

Parents must fill out a Baptismal Registration Form and Godparents must be fill out a Baptismal Godparent Form. They can be found on the church website (www.stspeterandpaulscott.org) under sacraments.

You must bring the forms to the Church Office.

You will then have to make an appointment with Fr. Mark. After approval by Fr. Mark, parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

Criteria for Godparents: Must be at least 16 years old, confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. They must be able to receive communion & in good standing.

Non-Catholic godparents are highly discouraged. They will NOT appear on the baptismal certificate!

Baptismal Class Schedule:

2nd Tuesday of every other month, from 6 PM to 7 PM
September 16th*

*Changed from September 9th
November 11th

Question of the Week:

How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as he helps me carry mine?

In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.



Visit our ACTS Retreat page on the Sts. Peter & Paul Church Website—

stspeterandpaulscott.org—for more information on ACTS, upcoming retreat dates & the applications to apply. The information can be found under

The Women's ACTS 2025 Retreat registration is now open!



Deadline to sign up is October 12th!

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



The Sanctuary Candle this week is lit for:

8th Graders of SPPS

The Adoration Candle this week is lit for:

The Souls in Purgatory



We're Growing at Teurlings Catholic High School! As we strategically plan for the future and prepare for exciting growth opportunities ahead,

TCHS is seeking a dynamic and visionary Director of Advancement to join our leadership team. Please visit our website TCHS.NET

(About Us/Employment Opportunities) for more information.





An invitation to join other Catholic men that desire to be better husbands, fathers, friends, and authentic men of God - Join Us

We are in need of dedicated adorers on Wednesdays for:

2-3 PM

3-4 PM

4-5 PM

Fridays for:

9-10 AM 12-1 PM

Please prayerfully consider joining in Adoration for our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf; Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your material care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Vocation Prayer

O God, we earnestly ask You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children, choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons. Obtain for us many more. *Amen.*

parish News:

Keep up with the Parish at our Facebook Page or Church Website!

alter flowers:

We'd love to honor your special day(s), person, and/or memory with a beautiful flower arrangement in the Sanctuary for the Weekend masses.

New Adress, name, and/or phone number?

If you have any change in your membership information, please notify us at the office by calling 337-235-2433 or by emailing us at stspeterandpaulscott@hotmail.com or sppreception@outlook.com

Church Website

Church Facebook



LET US PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, AND DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

September 14th	Rev. Gary Schexnayder	Brąden Scąlisi	Dcn. Thomas Sommers
September 15th	Rev. Andrew Schumacher	Zachary Schnaars	Dcn. Glynn Martin Stutes
September 16th	Rev. Clinton Sensat	Thor Stewart	Dcn. Clifford Tanner
September 17th	Rev. Bryce Sibley, STL	Augustin Tarazona	Dcn. Coby Thomas
September 18th	Rev. Gregory Simien	Mica Thomas	Dcn. Michael Thompson
September 19th	Very Rev. Brent Smith, VF	Matthew Vidrine	Dcn. Tam Tran
September 20th	Rev. William Snyders, SJ	Eli Weil	Dcn. Jeff Trumps

The Transforming Power of the Cross

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. **John 3:16–17**

If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in "exultation." A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It's also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object. We hang crosses in our homes, wear them around our neck, keep them in our pocket on the end of the rosary, and spend time in prayer before them. The Cross is now an exalted image by which we turn to God in prayer and surrender. But that is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life.

If you step back and consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it should be awe inspiring. Comprehending this fact should lead us to the realization that God can do anything and everything. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. He can use death to bring forth life.

Though our celebration today, the "Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross," is first and foremost a feast by which we give glory to the Father for what He did in the Person of His divine Son, it is also a feast by which we must humbly understand that God can "exalt" every cross we endure in life and bring forth much grace through them.

What is your heaviest cross? What is the source of your greatest suffering? Most likely, as you call this to mind, it is painful to you. Most often, our crosses and sufferings are things we seek to rid ourselves of. We easily point to crosses in life and blame them for a lack of happiness. We can easily think that if only this or that were to change or be removed, then our life would be better. So what is that cross in your life?

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ's Cross. Though this is a profoundly deep mystery of faith, it is also a profoundly deep truth of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realize the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ's Cross. Say "Yes" to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ's Cross. As you do, have hope that God's glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these "burdens" will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God.

My exalted Lord, I turn to You in my need and with the utmost faith in Your divine power to save. Please give me the grace I need to fully embrace every cross in my life with hope and faith in You. Please transform my crosses so that You will be exalted through them and so that they will become an instrument of Your glory and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.



Maternity Home Fundraiser

Date: Friday, Sept. 26, 2025

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm Location: The Linden 530 W. Pinhook Rd.Lafayette, LA

Tickets: \$150.00/person

Includes: Food, wine, beer, music and dancing.

Sponsorships: \$1500

Includes: 6 tickets, Social & Event promotion of sponsor's brand & message.







BROTHERHOOD & BREAKFAST ADMISSION TO EVENT \$40.00 PER PERSON

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH Lafayette, LA

OPENING MASS AT 8:00 AM WITH REV. ANDREW SCHUMACHER BREAKFAST & KEYNOTE FOLLOWS

Featuring National Catholic Speaker

John Heinen to our local community for a powerful reflection on living as Catholic men called to serve Christ, our families, our neighbors, and the Church. We anticipate over 100 Catholic gentlemen in attendance for this inspiring morning of brotherhood and faith.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



LEROY ALBARADO, OWNER

337-319-7532

A/C • HEATING

SALES - SERVICE - INSTALLATIONS

214 CRESWELL AVE. SCOTT, LA

We are pleased to recognize this week's Sponsor of the Week: $J \notin J$ Cooling \notin Heating.

Their generous support helps our parish thrive and continue our mission.

Please consider supporting their business as a token of appreciation for their contribution to our church community.

Thank you, J & J Cooling & Heating, for your dedication and support!





337.232.4592 1410 St Mary St Scott, LA Serving Barbéque on Sundays





PHOTOBOOTH RENTAL SERVICE

337.231.3100

WEDDINGS • PARTIES • EVENTS



Services, LLC



coramouton@cox.net Office/Cell: (337) 654-5324 Office Fax: (337) 232-4004







Get the Cashway app!

5900 Cameron St Scott, LA 233-3382



A/C · HEATING SALES - SERVICE - INSTALLATIONS







214 CRESWELL AVE. SCOTT, LA

Parish owned by

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

Modern Facility built in 2008 Addition of Gym in 2023

Accredited School Certified Teaching Staff Small Class Sizes

#BeAKnight

1301 Old Spanish Trail Scott, LA 70583 337-504-3400 sts-peter-paul.org











COMPASS







© 2011 Allstate Insurance Company



Serving Acadiana with professional parking lot sweeping, pressure washing, lot restriping, and trash & debris removal

Darren & Shelly Harris, Owners/managers 337.269.9755 shelly@ladybugssweeping.com







COME REST IN THE

PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Spend some time with

Jesus, present in the Eucharist, in the **Adoration Chapel**

Chapel Hours:

Monday: 8AM - 5PM

Friday: 7AM - 5PM

Wednesday: 7AM - 7PM

COME ADORE HIS

WONDROUS PRESENCE

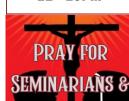


SCOTT, LOUISIANA

337.504.2285

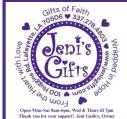
MON - THURS 11-9PM

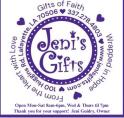
> FRI & SAT 11 - 10PM











We now offer online giving through Venmo! Use your smartphone to scan the code or find us in the app @StsPeterandPaulScott



The businesses listed <mark>above make this bulletin possible</mark> PLEASE SUPPORT THEM WHEN YOU CAN!

Want to see your ad here? Contact 337-235-2433

or sppreception@outlook.com