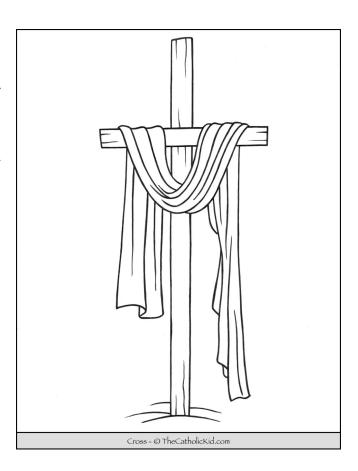


Sunday, September 10, 2023

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: On Thursday, September 14th, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. While Good Friday is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is for celebrating the cross itself, as the sign of salvation. In the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, traveled to the Holy Land and found what is believed to be the True Cross, which has been venerated by Christians ever since. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher was built over where the True Cross was found. (Ref. Franciscan Media.org)

"Bless us who find salvation in the cross of Christ; May we always recognize his glory in the weak, suffering, and condemned of the world. We ask this through Christ, crucified and exalted, who is Lord forever and ever."

Amen.



Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

FAMILY TIME

At the dinner table, in the car, we talk about our faith, wherever we are!



In today's Gospel, we hear that there may be times we need to confront a person who wronged us. This passage comes shortly after the parable of the lost sheep, where we see how the Lord will leave his flock to save even one soul. So we are called to show the Lord's mercy to others. When someone wrongs us, we should not retaliate or walk away or complain to others about the person. However, there might be circumstances where it's better to get help from an adult. Discuss with your family:

- In what circumstances could I talk directly to someone who wronged me? How would I show the Lord's mercy to them?
- In what circumstances should I seek help from an adult who can show me a merciful way to handle the situation?

Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

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Let us learn...

This week's Gospel reminds us of the power of reconciliation. Reconciliation means restoring a relationship to its original state. There are times we need to restore *our* relationship with the Lord by seeking His mercy in the Sacrament of Penance.

Have you gone to confession lately? How did you feel receiving the Lord's mercy? How can you show that mercy to others?

Has it been awhile? Do you need to go to confession? Below are some resources for all ages that might help!



PRAY AND DRAW: Also in today's Gospel, Jesus leaves us with a hopeful message, that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He will be! That means when we gather for Mass or with our families, in the name of the Lord, He is right there with us. Pray about this and draw what comes to mind.