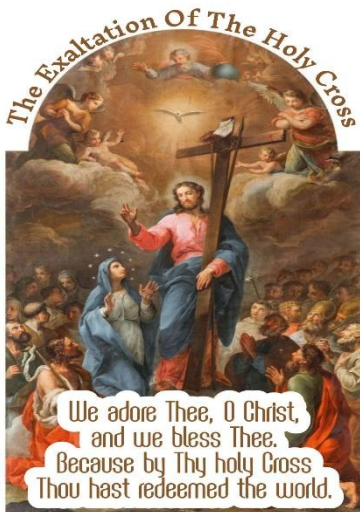




The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—September 14

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. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and,

after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September 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.

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" (Mt. 16:24-25).

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation

(August 31, 2026)

Total Income—\$106,942.71

Total Expense—\$125,318.06

NET LOSS—(-\$18,375.35)



We are richly blessed and we encourage you to remember that the Shaunavon Food Bank is always in need of donations. Please continue to give generously!



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September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK
St. Patrick - Eastend, SK

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Pastor

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½ hour before daily Mass and
Saturdays 11 a.m. to Noon

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Masses This Week

Mon, Sept 14, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Bernie Deobald by Donald/Penny Banford

Tues, Sept 15, 9:00 a.m.

+Leo Tinant by Norbert Gabriel

Wed, Sept 16, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Chris Bengert by Bertha Tinant

Thurs, Sept 17, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Maurille/Alice Hammond by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Fri, Sept 18, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of priests by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Sat, Sept 19

Eastend—5:00 p.m.

+Bernie Larose by Daryl/Bea Meyer/Family

Admiral—7:00 p.m.

Ints. of Gilberte Ruest by Dan/Gina Ruest

Sun, Sept 20

Climax—9:00 a.m.—Pro populo

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving by Philip/Linda Lewans



MEETINGS

LECTORS

SEPTEMBER 13

Matt Nelson
Margarita Villanueva
Joan Girodat

SEPTEMBER 20

Barry Thienes
Bernie Deobald
Estrella Guillet

ALTAR SERVERS

SEPTEMBER 13

Kamilah
Micah
Reggie

SEPTEMBER 20

Levi
Hieu
Joshua

USHERS/ GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 13

Brent/Penny

SEPTEMBER 20

Roger/Gerald

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will resume in a couple
of weeks!

- Pastoral/Finance Council
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

- Knights of Columbus
Thursday, September 24, Mass/meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sacramental Preparation 2026-2027



Penance/First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Parents, you are invited to register your child (Gr. 2 and older) for the 2026-2027 Sacramental Preparation season! You will receive resources to help you guide your child in their faith formation and understanding of the sacraments as gifts of God's grace. Children will be prepared for the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession), First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We will begin with a Parent/Child meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2026 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Welcome! May your families be richly blessed!

Peace, Fr. Ron Andree

Notice of some weekday Mass time variations—Now that school has resumed, various classes will come to church for Mass during the week, usually on Mondays. On those days, Mass will be at 9:10 a.m. to accommodate their attendance. Take note of the times in the bulletin and know that it is not an error. All parishioners are always welcome to attend and please pray for our school, its students and staff!



Children's Liturgy Starting Soon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays will resume soon. This program is coordinated with the Sunday Mass. The children with their leaders celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading and the teachings of the Catholic faith. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. Children aged 3-8 years are encouraged to attend. We are looking for individuals who would like to serve in this ministry. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Nelson by texting/calling 306-297-7911.**



Fellowship Sunday Lunch —September 27

Parish Council will host a fellowship lunch following Mass on Sun, Sept. 27. It is also our intention to have a little discussion with everyone about the renewal of our council, and we invite the sharing your ideas and hopes for spiritual/pastoral/educational initiatives this coming year.

Your suggestions are greatly appreciated!

Altar Servers Reunion—our servers are also invited this day to stay for a little gathering/activity after lunch. See you all there!



Altar Servers

