

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Week in Our Parish – September 14, 2025

Website: [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

MONDAY, September 15, Fr. Michael's Personal Day

TUESDAY, September 16, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Marion & Annette Graham

- Grief Share @ 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 17, Noon Mass

- Young Adults @ 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, September 18, 10:00 am School Mass

- OCIA @ 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, September 19, Noon Mass

SATURDAY, September 20, 5:00 pm Mass

Vietnamese Mass @ 8:00 pm

† Denotes deceased.

### MASS INTENTIONS September 13-14, 2025

5:00 pm – People of the Parish

9:00 am – Pearl Bartley

11:30 am – † Carolyn Johnson

### MASS ATTENDANCE September 7, 2025

Adults – 236 Children – 41

### FINANCIAL MATTERS September 7, 2025

Regular Collection	\$9,440.00
Catholic Appeal	\$210.00
Parish Charity	\$340.00
MAP Bicentennial	\$25.00
Religious Education	\$80.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$10.00
Catholic Miscellany	\$25.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Parish Family Life Center	\$508.00
Bank Fees	\$68.45
	\$10,731.45

Thank you for your continued support for our parish!



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Abundant Giving or Text: SMDP to  
73256, click the link & follow the  
Browser prompts:

<https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give>

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sept. 14 – Catholic University

Sept. 21 – Catholic Miscellany

Sept. 28 – Bicentennial Campaign

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY, September 20, 2025 — 5:00 pm**

Lector: Bernetha Henry

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Holloway/Hank MacDonald

sacristan: Bernetha Henry

**SUNDAY, September 21, 2025 – 9:00 am**

Lector: Ashlyn McClary

Altar Servers: Adonis McClary/Gloria Esherick

Eucharistic Ministers: Juanita Henry/Vern Garcia

Sacristan: Vern Garcia

**SUNDAY, September 21, 2025 – 11:30 am**

Lectors: Sheri Felder

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheri Felder/Ashley Nichols

Sacristan: Pheobe Malloy

**\*\*If you are unavailable to serve, please find a substitute or call the parish office before Tuesday between 10:00 am – 1:00 pm\*\***

### “Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list  
(hospitalizations, sick and homebound).

**For the healing of:** Libba Anderson, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Jerry Brown, Arthur Caldwell, Mary Beth Callais, Rodney Crockett, Cheryl Dorris, Damon Frazier, Lillian Green, Frank Graham, Robin Green, Dierdre Harris, Laura Hathaway (Paula Baylis), Bolivar Hebert (Jezell Hebert), Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Deacon Carl Johnson, Dr. Ronald Johnson, Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, John Kelly, Maxine Lloyd, Leeroy Lobban, Dawn Lance, Barry Lynn, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.), Robert Pearson, Andrea Perry, Jake Potts, Edward Robinson, Juanita Robinson, Judith Scott, Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, John Spells, Aiden Shipp, Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Grovetta White, and Christine Wright



**For the Souls of** All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**\*Also, please let the office know when a person can be removed from the prayer list\***

Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or email  
[stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org)

**Thank you to Delores Gilliard & Juanita Henry for this week's Altar Flowers in Memory of Marion Alexander.**

If you wish to sponsor flowers in memory of your beloved dead or for a special occasion in your life, please sign up on the board in the vestibule.



### Save the date:

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**Jubilee Pilgrimage from 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 5:7-9 Psalms 31:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20

John 19:25-27

Tuesday: 1st Timothy 3:1-13 Psalms 101:1-2, 2-3, 5, 6

Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1st Timothy 1:14-16 Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1st Timothy 12-16, Psalms 111:7-8, 9, 10

Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1st Timothy 6:2-12 Psalms 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,

19-20 Luke: 8:1-3

Saturday: Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalms 125:1-5 Luke 9:23-26

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7 Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

1st Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

[https://www.catholic.org/bible/daily\\_reading/](https://www.catholic.org/bible/daily_reading/)

### SPIRITUAL READING

You will not see anyone who is truly striving for spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

~St. Athanasius

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Thursday: St. Joseph of Cupertino

Friday: St. Januarius St. Francis of St. Bonaventure

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/sofd.php>

### FROM FR. MICHAEL

**We are finally making a new church directory. All families will receive a free 8 x 10 photo.**

**Dates are Thursday – Saturday, October 2, 3, 4 & Monday-Tuesday October 27-28.**

**Register at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Church code: sc314, and password: photos. You can also stop by the parish office to sign up. Need volunteers to assist, please contact the office if you can help.**



**Thank you to the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary for their generous gift of \$500.**

**Thank you to our seminarian, Vien, for our new and improved website. Please take a moment to review at [stmartincolumbia.org](http://stmartincolumbia.org).**

**Thank you to Delores Gilliard for helping in the office. She is a gem! Also, to her and Juanita Henry for helping to plan the picnic!**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

#### The Holy Cross

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is for those exploring Catholicism, those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church, Catholics wanting to complete their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Catholics who want to learn more about the riches of the Catholic faith! **Classes are held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Topic: Revelation and Faith - Use the QR Code to register!**



**Bethlehem Olive Wood** will be at our parish September 20 -21 selling olive wood figures & crafts. They are all made by Catholic hands right in Israel the Holy Land. Please support the Christian Catholic presence in the Holy Land. We do accept cash & credit/ debit cards.

### YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is Back! High School Youth resume Sunday, September 21 at 12:30 pm and Junior High & High School will meet Thursday September 25 at 6:30 pm - use the QR code to register, volunteer, or donate!