

# Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SOLEMNITY – BROTHERLY LOVE

Sunday, September 13, 2009  
11:00 am

Holy Cross Church  
3690 Armstrong Road, PO Box 318  
Syracuse, NY 13209-0318

Intention: +Stephany and Joseph Jackowski Requested by Pat Hiltbrand

Intention: for healing of Mary Ann Cartner Lu Luch  
Rose Kolonko Michelle Mallory  
Judy Pazdzierski Diane Spina  
Martha Shuman  
and  
all others in need of healing in our parish community

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading I

Isaiah 50: 4-9

#### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.**

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the nether world seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save my life!"**

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.**

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the lands of the living.**

R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

## **Reading II**

James 2: 14-18

### **A reading from the letter of James**

Faith without good works is dead.

My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has it? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to them, "Good-bye and good luck! Keep warm and well fed," but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless.

To such a person one might say, "You have faith and I have works – is that it?" Show me your faith without good works, and I will show you the faith that underlies my works!

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

## **Gospel**

Mark 8: 27-35

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark**

You are the Christ...the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples this question: *"Who do people say that I am?"* They replied, "Some, John the Baptizer, others, Elijah, still others, one of the prophets." *"And you,"* he went on to ask, *"who do you say that I am?"* Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah!" Then he strictly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be put to death, and rise three days later. He said this quite openly. Peter then took him aside and began to remonstrate with him. At this he turned around and, eyeing the disciples, reprimanded Peter in turn: *"Get out of my sight, you satan! You are not judging by God's standards but by man's!"*

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them: *"If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."*

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit:**

[Mark 8: 27-35]

### **Faith Leads to Peace**

Reflection:

A watch may have a gold chain,  
But if it doesn't tell the time, it is useless.  
A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms and healthy leaves,  
But if it doesn't produce fruit it is failing.  
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,  
But if it doesn't give light it is useless.  
And a faith that doesn't result in good works is dead.  
The fruit of prayer is faith.  
The fruit of faith is love.  
The fruit of love is service.  
And the fruit of service is peace.

"It is so easy to be proud and harsh and selfish – so easy. But we have been created for greater things."  
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

All those who wish to save their life with their own means will lose it, Jesus said, but all who lose their life for Jesus' sake and the Gospel will save it.

History is full of examples of people who, by spending their life for others in service, saved it, and whose death was more useful to the human race than their life.

People, when they think first of their own selfishness, are losing the direction to happiness.

Faith and good work leads to the fullness of human life.

### **The Communion**

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

## **Announcements for September 13, 2009**

Today is our fall picnic. Please join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and growth. As we reach out to our neighbors and friends in the greater community, let's do all we can to make them feel welcome and at home.

The cash raffle tickets that were distributed last Sunday will NOT be part of a drawing today. This raffle will be held later in the fall. If you would like to turn in your tickets at this time, you are welcome to do so. They will be held until the raffle drawing occurs. If you wish to wait, that is fine, too. Thank you for your understanding.

Next Sunday, coffee hours will resume. After coffee, the parish committee will meet. Agenda items include setting the schedule of events for the remainder of 2009, the question of sealing the driveway before winter, and more. Please mark your calendars.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Monday, September 14                      SOLEMNITY – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Tuesday, September 15                    6:00    Choir practice

Sunday, September 20                    25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Intention: +Helen and Louis Adamski, Requested by the Beebe family

11:00 am                      Holy Mass  
12:00 pm                      Coffee Hour  
12:45                            Parish Committee Meeting

### **Monthly Financial Summary**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
September 6	\$463	\$642	-\$179
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$463</b>	<b>\$642</b>	<b>-\$179</b>