

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

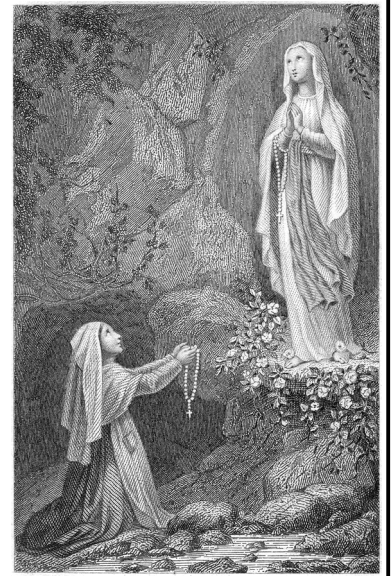
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

Dear Parishioners, Praised be Jesus Christ!

YESTERDAY WAS THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. It commemorates the return of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius in the 600s. In the 600s, the King of Persia, overran the walls of Jerusalem. He and his army destroyed 300 churches. They found something precious to all Christians, the True Cross. They transported it back to Persia. Fourteen years later, the True Cross was recovered in Persia by the Emperor Heraclius. He carried it back to Jerusalem. Upon arriving at the gate which lead to Calvary, he could go no further. He tried, but he was mysteriously hindered from going any further. At that point, someone turned to him, and said, "Consider Emperor, you are wearing rich and gaudy clothes. Christ was poorly clad. You, Emperor, are wearing a beautiful crown. Christ wore a crown of thorns. You, Emperor, are wearing fancy footwear. Christ was barefooted". The Emperor got the hint. He stripped off all kingly-ware and was able to go forward once again. He transported the True Cross to Calvary and placed It in its rightful place. At this event, the dead were raised, paralytics were cured, the blind was able to see, and the possessed were freed. That is the power of the Cross. It is only through the Cross of Christ that we are saved. There is no other way. Our Lord Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. *"We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world"* (St. Alphonsus' Way of the Cross). And on this September 15th, we recall Our Lady of Sorrows. In her Sorrows, we see no one loved the Blessed Lord as she loved Him, enduring the pain and agony of the 7 swords with complete trust and devotion. Pray for her powerful intercession, this



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	September 15: 17th Sunday after Pentecost
7:00 AM	(+) Emma Haacke
(Union) 7:00 AM	Rick & Patti Brueggemann
9:00 AM	Aileen Adams
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	September 16: Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs
6:30 AM	Conversion of my children & grandchildren
12:10 PM	Our benefactors
TUESDAY	September 17: Stigmata of St. Francis
6:30 AM	Intentions of Michael Butkewicz
12:10 PM	John Ingram
WEDNESDAY	September 18: Ember Wednesday
12:10 PM	Susan Davis
THURSDAY	September 19: St. Januarius & Companions, Martyrs
6:30 AM	The Szostak family
12:10 PM	(+) Emma Haacke
FRIDAY	September 20: Ember Friday
6:30 AM	David Mangin
12:10 PM	(+) Donald Oliver
SATURDAY	September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
9:00 AM	Poor & Holy Souls in Purgatory



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15th, 2024

Queen of Martyrs, that we may always persevere in carrying our cross(es) the Blessed Lord has given us. As we recall, there is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday, without the Cross. May we heed our Blessed Lord's words, "...take up your cross, and follow me..." (Mt 16:24). Carry it with love! Carry it to victory! God bless you, Fr. Matt

Weekly Financial Report	
Week of Sunday September 8, 2024	
Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$2695.00
Cash & Coin	\$560.00
Online & Other Donations	\$60.00
Candles	\$79.00
TOTAL	\$3394.00
<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,395</i>

† Classes are being held by Fr. Cushing on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the OLOL undercroft for anyone interested in the Catholic Church.

† The St. Bernadette Ladies' Guild will be meeting Saturday morning, September 21st, following Holy Mass and Devotions. Please join us!

† Please vote 'Yes' on Amendment 2. "Amendment 2 does not establish any educational choice program. What Amendment 2 does is open the door for Kentucky's governor and General Assembly to include in their discussions on state educational funding the possibility of directing funds to non-public schools". Kentucky is one of the states that do not have any version of school choice. Amendment 2 will allow discussions on the topic to commence.

† The League of St Martin will be meeting the **2nd Saturday of the month** to make reparation to The Holy Face at **1:00 pm**. Contact jesse.levi.evans@gmail.com for more details.

MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us & keep us. *Amen.*

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.

Regina Martyrum

"To what shall I compare thee? To what shall I liken thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? To what shall I equal thee, that I may comfort thee, O Virgin daughter of Sion?"



WHO IS THIS VIRGIN of whom the prophet speaks in such mournful accents? Why is her sorrow so deep, that it can be compared to no other sorrow? Certainly we should hesitate to believe that it is of the Immaculate Mother of Jesus that Jeremias spoke, were it not for the Gospel narrative, which portrays her standing by the cross of her dying Son. Yes, it is indeed Mary, the peerless Virgin of Juda, whose pure soul was never sullied with the slightest stain of sin, upon whose head, however, sufferings without number were heaped. In predestining her to be Mother of the Word, God had also decreed that she should become Queen of Martyrs, for it behooved her to share all the pains which her Divine Son endured during the thirty-three years of His mortal life, and to unite her own sufferings with those of the Incarnate Word, for the salvation of the human race.

With Jesus, Mary tasted the sorrows of exile, and with Him she quaffed the last dregs of that bitter cup prepared by the malice of men for the world's Redeemer. The outrages leveled at the God-Man recoiled upon her and she became in truth the most afflicted of mothers. She offered to God on Calvary the Holy Victim, and endured without flinching the bitterness of death. Finally, her last and supreme sorrow was to accompany the adorable body of her Son to the tomb: then her desolation reached its climax: *'He hath made me desolate, wasted with sorrow all the day long...'*

When we pause to consider the things of this world, we perceive that this earth is a place of toil and trouble, not of joy and rest. The afflicted form the greater part of mankind, and the rare consolations which come to us are not without their dash of bitterness. For the worldly-minded man, bent only on pleasure and enjoyment, the law of pain appears exceedingly hard; he cannot bow to it, it irritates him, and he is forever in pursuit of the fleeting image of happiness which evades his grasp. The man of faith, on the other hand, accustomed to regard all things by the light of God's grace, recognizes an admirable disposition of Providence in the law of suffering. Far from rebelling against this law, he submits to it, adores it and humbles himself beneath the chastening hand. He blesses this fatherly hand no less when it strikes, than when it bestows favors and graces. The man of faith understands that God smites only to heal, that this earth is not our true country, and that suffering is necessary to expiate sin. Now, are we not all sinners? Let us not, then, wonder if we are called to suffer.



O Mary, inseparable companion of Jesus Crucified, teach me the secret of this divine law of pain, that, in thy school, I may learn, by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ and thine own, to submit with a willing heart to the dispositions of Providence in my regard. — *The Fairest Flower of Paradise*