

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA (REDVERS)**  
**ST. MAURICE (BELLEGARDE)**  
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**September 10, 2023**  
*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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Coralie Wolensky



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**Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
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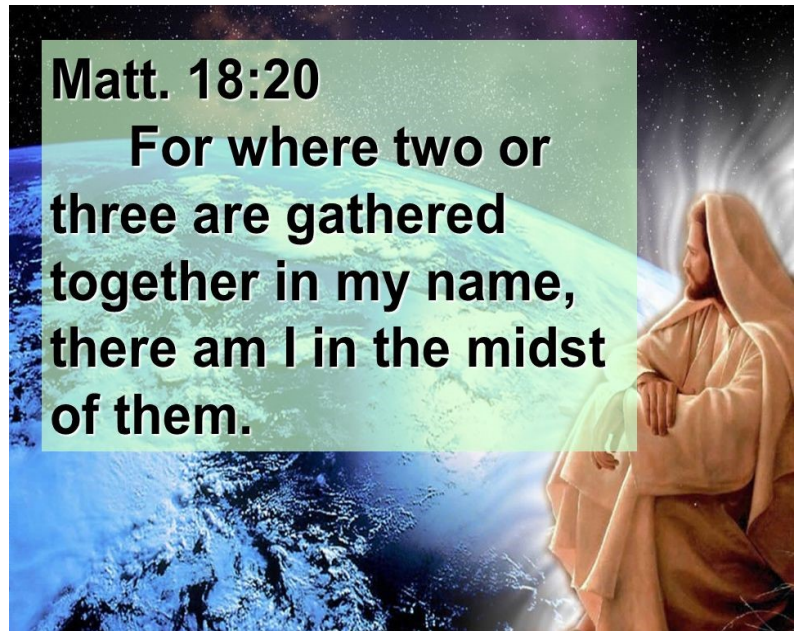


**Storthoaks**

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
Richard Chicoine: 449-2231

**Parish Hall Bookings**  
Monique Dumaine: 449-2237

**Matt. 18:20**  
**For where two or  
three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst  
of them.**



**Mass Schedule**

**Mon, Sept 11, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Fred Laval by Marguerite Boutin

**Tues, Sept 12, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Nancy Bauche by Lynn/Yolande Madsen

**Wed, Sept 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Lucien Garnier by Real/Jeanette Wolensky

**Thurs, Sept 14, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Marguerite Perreux by The Family

**Fri, Sept 15, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)**  
+David Frecon by Rene Rogg

**Sat, Sept 16, 7:00 p.m. (Bellegarde)**  
**Pro Populo**

**Sun, Sept 17, 9:00 a.m. (Storthoaks)**  
Intentions of Jerome/Bev Sanders Family by Chad/Jacqueline Vandaele

**Sun, Sept 17, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)**  
Intentions of Al Zandee by Kourtlin/Brittany Reddick

**Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)**

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

**Sunday, September 17, 10:45 a.m.**

**Hospitality**—Marc/Coralie Wolensky

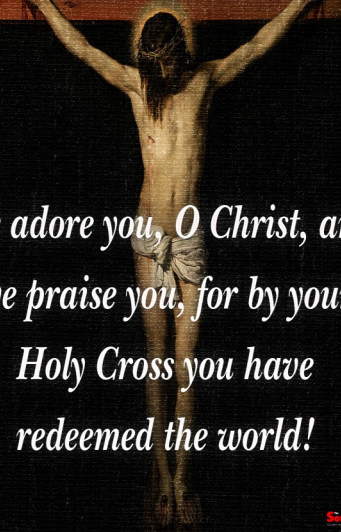
**Lectors**—Anita Colleaux/Todd Garnier

**Collection**—Daniel LeNouail/Emile Magotiaux/Nathan Poirier/Seth Poirier

**Communion**—Denis Quennelle

## This Week...

### EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



*We adore you, O Christ, and  
we praise you, for by your  
Holy Cross you have  
redeemed the world!*

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross —September 14

**Exaltation.** The feast was formerly known as the Triumph of the Cross, but it has been renamed the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. “Exaltation” means “to lift up,” and for centuries Christians have elevated crosses so they can be clearly seen and venerated by genuflection, kneeling, a profound bow, singing, and other expressions of respect and reverence.

**Rich Meaning.** The Cross is the primary symbol of the Christian faith. It represents Jesus himself, his suffering, his immeasurable love for us, his victory over sin and death, and our redemption. ***In Cruce salus.*** In the Cross is our salvation.

**The Tree of Defeat and the Tree of Victory.** The Cross represents a stunning reversal. The tree of defeat, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gn 2:17), was where the evil one conquered (Gn 3:6), sin was introduced to the world, and death arose. The tree of victory is the tree of the Cross, so that where death arose, life might again spring forth, and that the evil one who once conquered with a tree, might likewise on a tree be conquered. On this great feast and always, “We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered” (Entrance Antiphon, see Gal 6:14).

**A Glorious Discovery.** Queen St. Helena went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 320, and it was her desire to build churches in the locations associated with the most important events in the life of Jesus and also to find the True Cross. When St. Helena arrived in Jerusalem, there was a pagan temple to the Roman goddess Venus over Calvary which her son, the Emperor Constantine, ordered destroyed. As the workers dismantled the structure and reached the foundation, they broke into a cistern which contained three crosses, one which was determined to be the True Cross. Subsequently, two churches were built, the Basilica of the *Anastasis* over the tomb of Jesus to honor his Resurrection and the Basilica of the *Martyrium* over Calvary to honor the crucifixion. Both were dedicated on September 13, 335. On September 14, 335, the True Cross was lifted by Bishop Macarius before the crowd. It was venerated with great devotion and then enshrined in the *Martyrium*.

### Our Lady of Sorrows—September 15

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, 1. **“This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare”** (Luke 2:34-35). The other sorrows of our Blessed Mother include: 2. **the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt;** 3. **the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple;** 4. **Mary’s meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary;** 5. **Mary’s standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified;** 6. **her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross;** 7. **and then our Lord’s burial.** In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother’s heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.



## Meetings...

- ♦ Tues, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- ♦ Thurs, Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- ♦ Tues, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/CWL Meeting
- ♦ Thurs, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/KC Meeting

## On the Web

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