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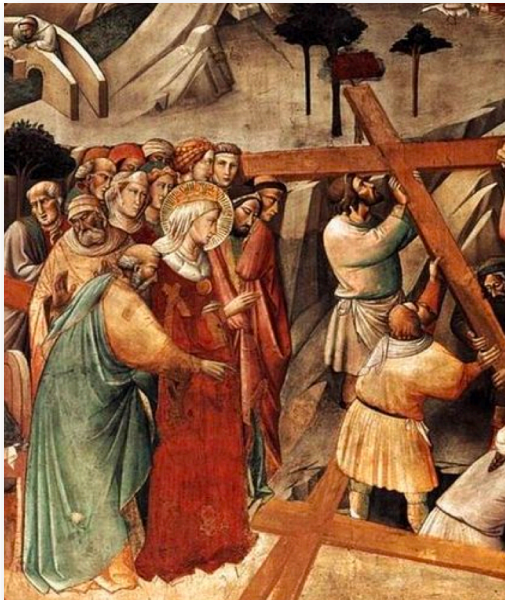
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The Finding of the Holy Cross

EASTER IV - May 3rd, 2026

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The finding of the True Cross

by Saint Helena (326 AD)

* **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** *

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| Sunday, May 3 rd | FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS (EASTER IV) ☩Sandra Ockuly -death anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Boyer</i>) | 5:30 P.M. |
| Monday, May 4 th | St. Monica , W My guardian angel (<i>Mrs. Joan Pang</i>) | |
| Tuesday, May 5 th | St. Pius V , PC Seminarians (<i>The Aguirre family</i>) | |
| Wednesday, May 6 th | St. John before the Latin Gate , ApE Father Ercoli (<i>The Aguirre family</i>) | |
| Thursday, May 7 th | St. Stanislaus , BpM ☩Alfred Treder (<i>Mr. Michael Treder</i>) | |
| Friday, May 8 th | Apparition of St. Michael , Archangel Katharina Stromberg (<i>Mrs. Lisa Ammon</i>) | |
| Saturday, May 9 th | St. Gregory Nazianzen , BpCD Mr. Gary Brumbaugh II -birthday (<i>The Brumbaugh family</i>) | |
| Sunday, May 10 th | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day Remembrance | 5:30 P.M. |

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *

- **MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:** are available in the vestibule to remember your mothers & grandmothers during Mass. Please turn them in by Mother's Day Sunday.
- **SPRING CLEANING** was very nice yesterday. Thank you so much for you generous help.
- **EASTER DUTY:** all parishioners are reminded of this serious obligation to be performed between the *First Sunday of Lent* and *Trinity Sunday*. Negligence of this precept constitutes a mortal sin.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Diligence

• *"Doing our work well consists in a very pure intention and strong purpose of pleasing God alone. This may be called the principle or the soul of our actions, and it gives them all their value and renders them easy and pleasing to us."*—*St. Francis de Sales*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **JUNE 15** ⇒ 19 Spiritual Retreat for Priests (Minor Orders)
- ☐ **JUNE 28** ⇒ First Communions & Confirmations
- ☐ **JUNE 30** ⇒ **JULY 3** Boys' Camp

from The Catholic Encyclopedia, Imprimatur 1908

In the year 326 the mother of Constantine, Helena, then about 80 years old, having journeyed to Jerusalem, undertook to rid the Holy Sepulchre of the mound of earth heaped upon and around it, and to destroy the pagan buildings that profaned its site. Some revelations which she had received gave her confidence that she would discover the Saviour's Tomb and His Cross. The work was carried on diligently, with the co-operation of St. Macarius, bishop of the city. The Jews had hidden the Cross in a ditch or well, and covered it over with stones, so that the faithful might not come and venerate it. Only a chosen few among the Jews knew the exact spot where it had been hidden, and one of them, named Judas, touched by Divine inspiration, pointed it out to the excavators, for which act he was highly praised by St. Helena. Judas afterwards became a Christian saint, and is honoured under the name of Cyriacus.

During the excavation three crosses were found, but because the *titulus* was detached from the Cross of Christ, there was no means of identifying it. Following an inspiration from on high, Macarius caused the three crosses to be carried, one after the other, to the bedside of a worthy woman who was at the point of death. The touch of the other two was of no avail; but on touching that upon which Christ had died the woman got suddenly well again. From a letter of St. Paulinus to Severus inserted in the Breviary of Paris it would appear that St. Helena herself had sought by means of a miracle to discover which was the True Cross and that she caused a man already dead and buried to be carried to the spot, whereupon, by contact with the third cross, he came to life. From yet another tradition, related by St. Ambrose, it would seem that the *titulus*, or inscription, had remained fastened to the Cross.

After the happy discovery, St. Helena and Constantine erected a magnificent basilica over the Holy Sepulchre, and that is the reason why the church bore the name of St. Constantinus. The precise spot of the finding was covered by the atrium of the basilica, and there the Cross was set up in an oratory, as appears in the restoration executed by de Vogüé. When this noble basilica had been destroyed by the infidels, Arculfus, in the seventh century, enumerated four buildings upon the Holy Places around Golgotha, and one of them was the "*Church of the Invention*" or "*of the Finding*". This church was attributed by him and by topographers of later times to Constantine. The Frankish monks of Mount Olivet, writing to Leo III, style it St. Constantinus. Perhaps the oratory built by Constantine suffered less at the hands of the Persians than the other buildings, and so could still retain the name and style of *Martyrium Constantinianum*.

PRAYER OF THE FEAST

O God, Who didst cause that the Cross of our salvation should in most honourable wise be found again, and Who didst manifest thereby the marvellous efficacy of thy sufferings, mercifully grant that by the Ransom which Thou didst pay upon that tree of life we may finally attain unto life eternal. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



Welcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

* PLEASE, OBSERVE OUR DRESS CODE *

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

* APPOINTMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION *



If you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at (206) 299-1522. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at (586) 215-3251.

- **Confession Schedule:** Sundays & Holydays, 30 minutes before Mass. Saturdays after Mass.
- **Blessing of Religious Articles:** Every First Sunday of the month at the communion rail.
- **Mass Intentions:** For your Mass requests there are Mass Intention envelopes available in vestibule.
- **Building Fund:** A 2nd Collection is taken on the *First Sunday* of each month. This Special Collection will go toward remodeling and building expenses.
- **St. Lawrence Poor Box:** Donations will help the poor and needy. *“He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them shall suffer indigence.”* (Prov. 28:27)
- **Purgatory League:** Holy Mass & Prayers for our deceased parishioners are offered on the First Sunday of each month. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Registration at Holy Redeemer Chapel:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.