



# *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

## *September 14, 2025*

### Weekend & Weekday Mass Schedule:

#### Saturday, September 13

11:00 am – Bill Hankel Funeral (Reception to follow)

4:00 pm, Hammond – Vince Tadei (Dan & Linda Sitkowski)

#### Sunday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am – † Fr. Ben Innes, OFM (Amy Russell)

10:30 am – Our Parish Family

Noon – † Kitchell Gregory Cox (Adam & Liza Cox Family)

#### Tuesday, September 16

8:00 am - † Tim Wilker (Ralph & Kathleen Mansfield)

#### Wednesday, September 17

8:00 am – † Joan Swartz (Ralph & Kathleen Mansfield)

8:40 am – 6:00 pm – Adoration

5:00 pm – Confessions

#### Thursday, September 18

3:00 pm, Hammond - † Frances Farris (Your Family)

#### Friday, September 19

8:00 am – † Gloria Dini (YolieTurner)

#### Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm, Hammond – † Donna Van Velzer  
(Patti & Jim Carlin)

#### Sunday, September 21 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am – † Tim Wilker (Dan & Linda Sitkowski)

10:30 am – † Ed Chase (Dan & Linda Sitkowski)

Noon – † Lois Miguel Mandujano

### ♦ Parish Offertory ♦

#### Sunday, September 7, 2025

Hammond:	\$1,184.00
Astoria:	4,294.00
Mail:	695.00
Online Giving:	3,029.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,202.50</b>

*Thank you / Gracias!*

### †Liturgy: The Work of the Church†

**September 14, 2025**

We will use the 2<sup>nd</sup> week's schedule:

#### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

4:00 pm, Hammond – Joyce Hill

8:30 am – S. Croos

10:30 am – Volunteer needed

#### Lectors:

4:00 pm, Hammond – Dolores Sharp

8:30 am – Cindy Van Arsdall

10:30 am – Alice Bell

#### Altar Servers:

Noon – Diana Alejo, Aaron Pérez Garcia,  
Ángel Merino Lucas, Ruth Perez Garcia

### †Liturgy: The Work of the Church†

**September 21, 2025**

We will use the 3<sup>rd</sup> week's schedule:

#### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

4:00 pm, Hammond – Riley Keown

8:30 am – Fergus Loughran

10:30 am – Volunteer needed

#### Lectors:

4:00 pm, Hammond – Carol Farris

8:30 am – Tammy Loughran

10:30 am – Matthew Burgher

#### Altar Servers:

Noon – Ana Alejo, Alex Alejo, Gabriel Ortuno-Bermudez  
Ángel Velasco - Uribe

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**September 21, 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 1-13



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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Friends,

The pantry shelves have been looking a bit fuller thanks to your generosity, the donations are greatly appreciated. This month we are in need of the following:

Chicken noodle soup with dipping crackers  
Pancake mix with syrup  
Canned fruit, jams and jellies

Warmly,  
SVDP Team

HOURS: T 1-3 pm, F 10-12 pm

*St Vincent de Paul Society is an equal opportunity provider*

### 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

Lord, when I look at the golden sunrise or the vibrant colors of the sunset, please help me to realize this is actually a revelation of your beauty that I see. That the laughter of children that I hear is the audible expression of your happiness that I am yours. And when I experience the warmth of the touch of another's hand, it is your desire for me to be with you that I feel. You gave me senses so that I would know you. Let my words also praise you and give you glory forever.



Please join us for an 8 week class:  
**Lectio: Mary w/ Dr. Grant Pitre**

Classes begin on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held at 5:30pm on Sundays & 10:00am on Fridays. Workbooks will be

available for purchase for \$25. For further info call or text Linda Sitkowski @ 440-479-8616



Religious education registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available in the rear of the church. Forms are also available in the parish office, or by contacting [marty@stmaryastoria.com](mailto:marty@stmaryastoria.com) Classes begin on September 21st. Tuition for this year will be \$20 per student. Please register by September 19<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



There will be a religious education parent orientation meeting on Sept. 16th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.



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The parish will be hosting a potluck dinner on Sept. 19 @ 6:00. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church so that we can have an approximate head count.

### Coffee An'

September 21st after all Masses.  
Sponsored by KofC Council 1307



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## **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Gospel Reading - John 3: 13-17**

### **Family Connection**

As a family, sit down together and brainstorm a list of family highlights, moments in the lives of family members that are to be celebrated, such as achievements, accomplishments, and awards. Spend some time reminiscing about these various events or moments. Remind your children of how proud you are of them. Point out that often achievements and accomplishments are signified by the presentation of trophies, medals, ribbons, or certificates. Show some examples of such awards in your family's possession. Say, **We have one other symbol in our home that celebrates a victory that we all can share in.** Show a cross or crucifix that you keep on display in your home. Say: **This is a symbol of God's victory over death. Jesus died on the cross, but because of his Resurrection, the cross has become for us, not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of victory.** Explain that the following Gospel is from the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Have a family member read aloud John 3:13-17. Talk about what the word exaltation means—to raise high, to lift up, to sing praise to. Remind your family that whenever they see the cross displayed in your home, it is a reminder to exalt, to praise, God for loving us so much that he gave us his only Son, Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross, a prayer that exalts God's love.

From **Sunday Connection.**

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***If you have an item that you would like to have posted in a Sunday bulletin, please submit your info to the parish office by noon on Wednesday of that week. Submissions can be dropped off in person during office hours from 9:00 - 4:00 pm, Tues thru Fri or emailed to [marty@stmaryastoria.com](mailto:marty@stmaryastoria.com)***



### ***~ Lector Books ~***

***\$15.00 each: English or Spanish***

If you would like a Lector Book for the next Liturgical year, please call or email Amy to secure your copy! 503.325.3671 or [amyr@stmaryastoria.com](mailto:amyr@stmaryastoria.com)

### ***Are you new in the Parish?***

### ***¿Eres nuevo en la parroquia?***

Welcome! Parish registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church or the Parish Office. Please let us know about you and your family. *¡Bienvenidos! Las formas de registro de la parroquia están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la oficina de la parroquia. Por favor familiaricémonos con usted y su familia.*





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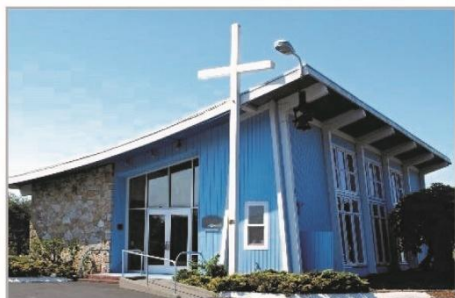
8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Noon Spanish

### WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 am Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Friday

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8:40 am—6:00 pm Wednesday  
First Fri 8:00 pm to Sat 8:00 am



## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES MISSION

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### SATURDAY VIGIL

3:30 pm Confession  
4:00 pm Mass

### WEEKDAY MASS

3:00 pm Thursday

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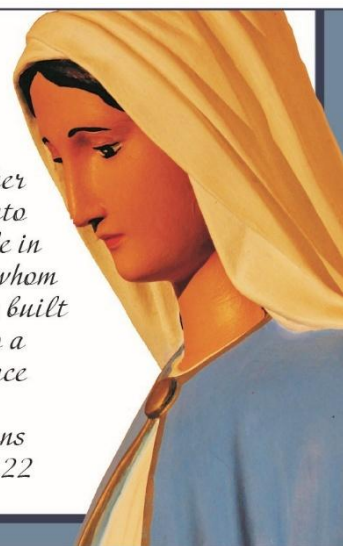
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and attend to the social needs  
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*"In him  
the whole  
building is  
joined together  
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the Lord; in whom  
you also are built  
together into a  
dwelling place  
for God."*

*~Ephesians  
2:21-22*



## SUSTAINING THE PARISH

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### SACRAMENTS

**PENANCE/  
RECONCILIATION:**

**St. Mary:**

Wednesday 5:00 pm

First Tuesday 8:40 am

or by appt.

**St. Francis:**

Saturday 3:30 pm

### CALL THE PARISH

### FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**Baptism:** You must be registered and active members in the parish for a minimum of 6 months and a Baptism preparation class is required.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Any Catholic can receive this Sacrament. If you or someone you know is hospitalized, homebound, or having a major medical procedure, please call the parish office.

**Marriage:** Notification is needed at least 6 months prior to your prospective wedding date. Also, to receive information about the marriage prep process and engaged weekends.

### EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**OCIA:** Have you ever been interested in learning the Catholic faith, prayer life, and liturgical celebrations? Or, are you Catholic (active or inactive) and thinking about strengthening your faith? Please join Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call the parish office for more information.

### ORGANIZATIONS

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