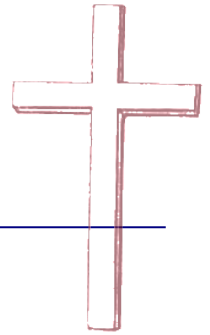




Mater Dei Academy Weekly

September 14th, 2018



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be *Tuesday, September 18th* at 8 AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

The servers for Tuesday's Mass will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari. The readers will be Benjamin Baquedano and Joseph Storck.

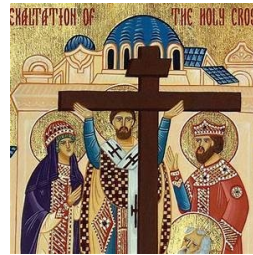
Picture Day will be on Tuesday, September 18th. Order forms were included in last week's Friday Folders; you may also order online.

We are always looking for pictures to put on our website. If you have pictures of the school or students, please send them to school@materdeiacademy.org
Thank you!

Prayer for the new school year

Father,
We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year,
and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and student families
that make our school a great place. We pray that you will guide us in your ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do,
and love others as you love us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



This feast commemorates both the discovery and recovery of the Holy Cross. St. Helena found the True Cross in Jerusalem in 326 A.D., and on the original site of Jesus'

crucifixion, she had a church built, now known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Her son Constantine dedicated it on September 13-14 in the year 335 A.D. In the seventh century, the Cross fell into the hands of the Persian King Chosroas, after the Persians invaded Syria and Palestine. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629. By the year 720, the celebration of this feast day was universal.

In addition to celebrating these historical events, this feast exalts, or glorifies, the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. It also has a more personal meaning: to follow Christ means to take up our crosses and become obedient until death. He Himself said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). He wills that we share in His Cross, uniting ourselves to His Sacrifice.

O God, Who willed that Your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known His mystery on earth, may merit the grace of His redemption in Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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