



St. Helen Catholic School

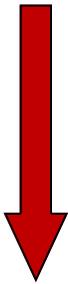
...is committed to educating the whole person to see with Christ's eyes.



September 10, 2020

**Spirit Day
Monday, September 14th**

**Wear your House t-shirt with
jeans. If you placed an order
for a new shirt, they will be
coming home tomorrow.**



**Join us for the 1st
Spirit Night of the
2020 - 2021
School Year!**

When: Monday, September 14th
5-8pm

Where Double Dave's Pizzaworks
610 N Austin Ave
Georgetown, TX 78686
512-864-3283

Order Out or Dine In? Both! Just call your order in or dine in from 5-8pm and let them know that your order is to support St. Helen Catholic School!

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

(<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross/>)



The Exaltation of the Cross is always celebrated on September 14th which this year falls on Monday. Students in Grades 3-8 will attend Mass at 8:15 and the Primary grades will watch the live stream.

What uniform to wear? It's Spirit Day, see note above.



Grandparents' Day is this Sunday the 13th. Please be on the lookout in your email tomorrow for a special blessing that you can pass on to your children's Grandparents or Grandfriends!

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