

Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Jesus Makes *Everything* Holy!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Today we are celebrating a special Feast Day that has unusually fallen on a Sunday – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. What Cross do you think we are talking about? It's the Cross that Jesus died on, of course! But why are we celebrating that Cross?

Well, the first reason is because the Cross was where Jesus died, and everything Jesus touched became Holy. Jesus, as the only Son of God, IS Holy! And when his Holy blood spilt all over the wood of the Cross he died on, he made that Cross Holy too. But that's not all. As human beings, we always make mistakes and bad choices, and we often forget to love one another. The truth is, unlike Jesus, we are not very good at being (and staying) Holy. And unless we are Holy, we cannot be reunited with God in Heaven. But God had an amazing Plan to address that problem.

Today's Gospel tells us, "*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him*". Jesus came to save the world – He came to save you and me! And He does that joining us to Him, so that – through Him – we can become properly Holy. Joined to the Holiness of Jesus, we can then receive the most incredible gift: the gift of Eternal Life, spent with God, in Heaven. Because we all come from God, and whether we remember it or not, we are all trying to find our way back to God. And all that is possible because of what Holy Jesus did for us on that simple wooden Cross, all those years ago. Wow!

Word Search

"God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give eternal life to those who believe in Him".

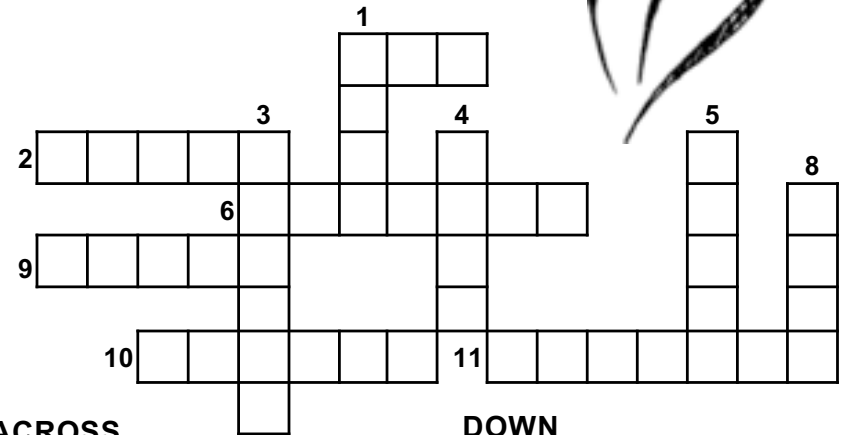
This week's word search is based on John 3: 14-21



M J C V B G O D U O W T R H P
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WORLD	THROUGH	GAVE
BELIEVES	SEND	SON
ETERNAL	GOD	PERISH
LIFE	ONLY	LOVED
CONDEMN	DESERT	SAVE
SNAKE	MOSES	LIFTED

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A male child
- The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
- Lasting forever, without end
- The person who received the ten commandments from God
- To die or be destroyed
- To accept something as true, genuine, or real

DOWN

- To rescue from danger or harm
- Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
- Alone in its kind, nothing like it
- A serpent, a type of reptile
- To care very deeply for someone
- The period of time from birth to death

Believe	Son	Only	World	Eternal
Desert	Perish	Save	Love	Snake
	Moses		Life	

Children's Prayer



Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the greatest gift of all: Your Son Jesus, who loved us so much that he chose to die on the Cross for us, to personally pay the price for all our sins. With this incredible gift, he gives us eternal life!