

# Novena to the Holy Cross

(September 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>)

## Introduction

*God's Unconditional Love is revealed to humanity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. In reflecting on these verses from Sacred Scripture, may we come to a deeper realization of Jesus' ultimate act of total self-giving, and in turn, give of ourselves for the sake of others.*

## Day 1

Jesus said: "... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10: 37 – 39)



## Day 2

"For the sake of the joy that lay before him [Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12: 1 – 2)

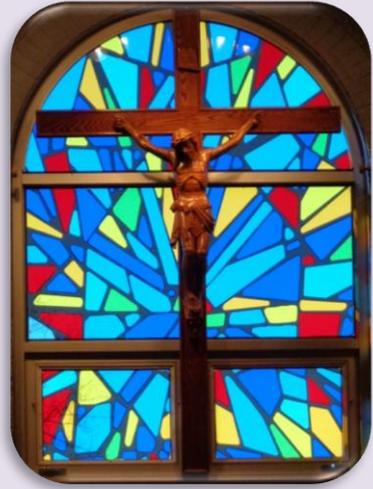


## Day 3

"[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."  
(Philippians 2: 8)

### Day 4

“And even when you were dead [in] transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, Jesus brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross...”  
(Colossians 2: 13 - 14)



### Day 5

Jesus said: “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14: 27)



### Day 6

“For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.”

(Galatians 2: 19 - 20)



## Day 7

“The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”  
(1 Corinthians 1: 18)



## Day 8

“For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit.” (1 Peter 3: 18)



## Day 9

“But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Galatians 6: 14)