

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

HAPPY FEAST OF OUR PATRONESS ST. HELEN



Dear Brothers and Sisters, this week on August 18th, 2025, we celebrate the feast day of our beloved patroness, St. Helen - the mother of the Roman Emperor, Constantine who promoted the Christian faith through her own life by embracing tolerance of different religions including Christianity in the Roman Empire in 313 A.D. through the Edict of Milan. **We have been praying and meditating on the theme “Saint Helen Missionary woman who reveals the beauty of our Christian faith in God & endless love for humanity” for the novena.** Her valuable contribution in the life of the church reflects the love and passion she had for Christ. She was a Christian even before she professed Christ in her lip because the cross was deeply her profound spiritual object to be in

communion with Christ. **She passionately admired the cross, the tree of life, upon which Jesus saved humanity.**

This week we gather around the theme the beauty of her faith to publicly worship that bring the magnificent buildings of churches and communities. We as a parish community continue to offer the Sacrifice of Jesus in the Eucharist as atonement for sins and as spiritual food meant to transform us. The same way St, Helen mingled with the people of God with a sense of respect and humility. **St. Helen saw the cross not just a symbol but a victorious cross over death and darkness. She cherishes the Eucharist by attending daily Mass among God people with humility. This was the source of her profound transformation.** St. Helen's life was a symbol of faith and peace. She fostered tolerance and peace and justice in his child kingdom.

She is the patron saint of archaeologists, converts, and difficult marriages. She lived a life of humility despite her royal status and is remembered as a model of Christian motherhood and devotion.

Let us pray: Helena, seeker of the Holy Cross, pray for us that we may always cling to the Cross of Christ in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Happy Feast Day. May the blessings of this feast day shower upon you and fill your heart with joy, peace, and gratitude.

In the love of Jesus,

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