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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL

The Church celebrates the feast day of the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Wednesday.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "[T]he existence of the spiritual, noncorporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith" (n. 328).

The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings, and have no bodies and do not depend on anything physical for their existence or activity. They have intellect and will, and are immortal. While each is an individual person, there are a multitude of angels with each belonging to one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible: Angels, Archangels, Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim.

Each of the names of the three Archangels bears a meaning. St. Michael means "Who is like God", St. Gabriel means "Strength of God," and St. Raphael means "Medicine of God."

The Archangel St. Michael is also known as the "Prince of the Heavenly Host" and is often pictured as a warrior, dressed in armour and slaying the Devil. It is St. Michael that we invoke in our battles against Satan and to rescue souls, especially at the hour of death. It is also he that the Church traditionally prays to to defend and guard her.

The Archangel St. Gabriel is the angel that appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce the birth of Christ, her Son. It is from this annunciation of this angel that we get the name of the prayer "Angelus."

The Archangel St. Raphael is known for his mission as a healer, as read in the Book of Tobit. It is also believed that it was St. Raphael who was the angel who stirred the waters waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda (see Jn 5:9). So it is St. Raphael to whom we pray for intercession for those who are sick.

So let us honour with true devotion the angelic ministers of God's grace and protection and pray that they who watch over us by the command of almighty God will remain with us, to guard and to defend us in all things. May they carry our prayers before the throne of God so that we may trust in their intercession and have faith in the divine aid we seek.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Thursday, 9:15 a.m. Friday, 9:15 a.m. Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Counters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8:15 a.m. Thursday, 8:15 a.m. Friday, 8:15 a.m. Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. First Friday of the month, 6:15 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Latin Mass First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass Second and last Sunday of the month, 11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers Vigil 10:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy

Counters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Ann Blesson, Betty Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Ruth La Rosa, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Anna Saunig, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Miriam Welangoda, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

IN MEMORIAM

Sr. Maria Chau, Mary Alby, Norma Armstrong, Lorenza Attwill, George Azzi, Miklina Azzopardi, Vic Azzopardi, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Jim Devlin, Betty Dickson, Maria Gambin, Maureen Gardiner, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Maria Kim Hoang, John Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Betty McGrath, Des Miller, Dennis O'Brien, June Ollerenshaw, Neville O'Sullivan, Jack Pickering, Herbert Pidgeon, Felicitas Pronoble, Badir Raffoul, Hamid Raffoul, Hanna Saade, Kerry Savvas, Emmanuel Tabone, Phil Thompson, John Toye, Francis Tran, Bernadette Ulbrich, Phyllis Webb, Noeleen Yott, Dib Zaiter.

Holy Cross Parish YouTube Channel

With the churches closed under public health orders, we are, again, unable to celebrate Mass publicly. So Mass is being filmed each day and is available to hear on our dedicated Holy Cross Parish Granville YouTube Channel. Or you can click the link on our Facebook page to view Mass daily.

In this way, we can still pray the the Mass and have a connection with our parish churches.

Father's Day Appeal for Sick and Retired Clergy

The Clergy Support Foundation is holding its annual "Father's Day Appeal" in support of sick and retired clergy.

Your thoughtful gift to the appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves.

With the current stay-at-home orders, the appeal is being held online. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a donation, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal.

Thank you, from the Clergy Support Foundation Committee.

Compulsory Child Protection Training for Volunteers

The Diocese of Parramatta has mandated that all volunteers in parishes must undertake child protection and vulnerable adult training. Training is available online by Zoom on various days in September and October. Each of the three compulsory modules takes from 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

Requests to join the Zoom sessions can be made by email either to the parish office at granville@parracatholic.org or safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



The Church has always entrusted herself to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in times of pandemics. In A.D. 590, as Rome suffered a plague, Pope Gregory the Great processed through the streets in prayer, carrying an image of Our Lady. And so today, 1,400 years later, we continue this noble tradition with our parish's "Perimeter of Prayer". We are asking all households to download from our Facebook page the image of Our Lady of Divine Love and to place that image in a window of your home and each day to pray the prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady of Divine Love to protect the world during the coronavirus pandemic. Or, if you are unable to print the image, to place any image you have of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your window.

In this way we can build a perimeter of prayer around our parish seeking the protection of Our Lady, and witness to our neighbours and our community the power of prayer and our faith and hope in the grace of almighty God. And when you have placed an image in your window, s e n d us a photograph (www.facebook.com/ HolyCrossGranville or email granville@parracatholic.org) so that we can post pictures of our perimeter of prayer and so be a sign of hope to the broader community, to the diocese, and to the world.

So join with the parishioners around the parish to witness to that faith and place an image of Our Lady in a window of your home.

Regular Devotions During the Lockdown Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Even though the public health stay-at-home orders mean we are unable to visit the church and to pray, we can continue our devotions at home.

Our parish is offering a number of ways to pray and to continue to practice our faith, even away from the church.

Holy Mass is available daily on our YouTube channel. Just visit "Holy Cross Parish Granville" to hear the Mass prayed each day from our parish churches of Holy Family and Holy Trinity.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is streamed live form 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel. Join the parish before the Blessed Sacrament and pray not only for your own needs and the needs of your family, but for the parish, the Church and the whole world.

The Holy Rosary is prayed each day at 6:30 p.m. and you can join in these prayers by visiting our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

On Sundays at 3:00 p.m., the Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed and is available on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Join the parish in these prayers as we continue our "Perimeter of Prayer," beseeching the grace and mercy of almighty God and the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Divine Love, for an end to the pandemic.

Whilst we are encouraged to care for our physical health, we must never forsake our spiritual health, and by these devotions we can ensure that we care for our souls and for the souls of those for whom we care. HOLY CROSS MONTH HOLY CROSS FAMILIES





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Last Tuesday the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. There is little known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a despised profession during the time of Our Lord. According to the Gospel, St. Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Our Lord came to him and said, "Follow me" (*Mt.* 9:9). With this simple call, St. Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Many years following the death and resurrection of Our Lord, around A.D. 41 and A.D. 50, St. Matthew wrote his gospel account—the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. He wrote in Aramaic, the language of the people at that time, in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah.

It is thought he left Judea to escape persecution sometime after A.D. 42. According to various accounts he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of St. Matthew's death, and so it is not known how he died but tradition accords him death as a martyr.

St. Matthew is often depicted as the man of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which says, "The first living creature was like a lion (St. Mark), the second like a bull (St. Luke), the third living creature had a human face (St. Matthew), and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle (St. John)."

As St. Matthew was a tax collector he is held by the Church to be the the patron saint of bankers, as well as accountants, civil servants, and perfumers.

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O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that, sustained by his example and intercession, we may merit to hold firm in following you. Through Christ our Lord.

HOLY CROSS PARISH WALK 4 MARY

Pray a decade of the Rosary while out on your daily walk! If you are housebound, take a stroll in your home or in your garden!

Send us a Video or Message saying: "I Will Walk 4 Mary!"



Whilst many of us are currently confined to our homes, we are still able to go outside to exercise, so we are therefore encouraging you all to continue to take part in the Holy Cross Parish "Walk 4 Mary" initiative.

Through the "Walk 4 Mary" initiative, you are encouraged to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary when you go outside to exercise. This will serve as a personal procession to offer our needs and seek the assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary for ourselves and the world. If you are unable to leave your home, you may wish to pray the decade while walking inside your home or in your garden.

We would love for many more parishioners to get involved in this initiative—simply comment on the Facebook post with the words "I will Walk 4 Mary" to show others of your involvement, or alternatively send us a video while you are out walking saying "I will Walk 4 Mary" and we will share these on our parish social media. Will you take up this physical and spiritual challenge? these on our parish social media. In this way, you will be able to honour Our Holy Mother, Mary, and so join your prayers to the prayers of the parish and of the Church.

As we continue to bear the burden of the pandemic, we never fail to place our trust in divine providence and in the intercession of Our Holy Mother, Mary, who, as Our Lady of Divine Love, cares for us and leads us to her Son, Our Lord.



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The Readings

Introit (Dn 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading The Book of Numbers (11:25-29)

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9)

Ř. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. Ř.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **Ř**.

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. Ř.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. $\mathbf{\tilde{R}}$.

Second Reading The Letter of St. James (5:1-6)

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them—listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 17:17)

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL Pray for us