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The Month of THE HOLY ROSARY



The Church honours the month of October by dedicating it in a special way to the Holy Rosary.

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word "rosarium" which means a "crown of roses" or a "garland of roses" and so whenever we devoutly pray the Rosary it is as though we are giving roses to our heavenly mother.

Tradition says that the Rosary was given by the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Dominic in the year A.D. 1214 at the Monastery of Notre-Dame-de-Prouille in France. At a time when many people could not read, the 150 Hail, Mary's of the Rosary became a way for them to pray in their own way the 150 psalms of the Bible.

From the 16th to the early 20th century, the structure of the Rosary remained unchanged. There were 15 mysteries, one for each of the 15 decades divided into the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. In the 20th century, following the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal a new prayer was added to the end of each decade beseeching Our Lord to save us from the fires of hell. Then in A.D. 2002 Pope St. John Paul II instituted the five luminous mysteries.

The Rosary is one of the great spiritual treasures of our faith. By meditating on the 20 mysteries of the Rosary, praying on the life of Our Lord and our holy Mother, we are drawn into the depths of the mystery of our salvation.

Our Lady promised St. Dominic that those who pray the Rosary will receive her special protection and the greatest graces, it will be a powerful armour against hell, and will become worthy of eternal life.

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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

Bus Driver

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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 Friends & Families!

SEND US YOUR VIDEO **MESSAGES!**

SEND A VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR FAMILY WITH A SHORT MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR THE PARISH

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SEND THEM THROUGH FACEBOOK MESSENGER OR EMAIL TO GRANVILLE@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG



THE MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

"No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways" (Ps 91:10-11).

It is a truth of faith that Our Lord has given to each of us a guardian angel. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (18:10).

Founded on Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "from infancy to death human life is surrounded by their [angels'] watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God" (n. 336).

In the twelfth century, the theologian Honorius of Autun said that every soul was assigned a guardian angel the moment it was put into a body. Later, in the thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas taught, "On this road man is threatened by many dangers both from within and without, and therefore as guardians are appointed for men who have to pass by an unsafe road, so an angel is assigned to each man as long as he is a wayfarer." By the fifteenth century, the Feast of the Guardian Angels had been added to the official calendar of Catholic holidays.

Speaking during the early years of his Pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II affirmed that "the angels, as pure spirits, not only participate in the holiness of God himself, in the manner proper to them, but in the key moments they surround Christ and accompany him in the fulfillment of his salvific mission in regard to mankind" (General Audience, 30 July 1986).

Angels, created by God according to the importance and necessity of each situation, therefore "accompany" and "surround" the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. In this way the mission is complete, embracing the whole Christ, Head and Body. And not only to the Church herself, but also the members of the Church, travelling side-by-side with us as guardian angels to guard, protect and enlighten us.

Pope Francis urged that this "doctrine on the angels" not be considered "a little imaginative". He said, it is, rather one of "truth". It is "what Jesus, what God said: 'I send an angel before you, to guard you, to accompany you on the way, so you will not make a mistake'".

In his 2014 homily for the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels on 2 October, Pope Francis told those gathered for daily Mass to be like children who pay attention to their "traveling companion." "He added, "no one journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone." During the morning meditation in the chapel of Santa Marta, the Pope noted that oftentimes, we have the feeling that "I should do this, this is not right, be careful." This, he said, "is the voice of" our guardian angel. The Pope said that "according to Church tradition we all have an angel with us, who guards us... [so] do not rebel, follow his advice!"

The Pope concluded with a series of questions so that each one can examine his or her own conscience: "How is my relationship with my guardian angel? Do I listen to him? Do I bid him good day in the morning? Do I tell him: 'guard me while I sleep?' Do I speak with him? Do I ask his advice? Each one of us can do so in order to evaluate the relationship with this angel that the Lord has sent to guard me and to accompany me on the path, and who always beholds the face of the Father who is in heaven."

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Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love entrusts me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

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 a comment, photo or message saying: "I will Walk 4 Mary"

As we begin the month of October, which the Church honours as the month of the Holy Rosary, we are encouraging you all to continue to take part in the Holy Cross Parish "Walk 4 Mary" initiative.

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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 (Cf. Est 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading The Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,

and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,

for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 127. R. v. 5)

 $\mathbf{\tilde{R}}$. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R**.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. \mathbb{R} .

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! Ř.

Second Reading The Letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11)

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. 1 Jn 4:12)

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (10:2-16)

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communio (Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.