Granville Catholic Church Record



YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit cure the weaknesses of your servants, and mercifully restore them to full health. St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

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 Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass Second and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Readers

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

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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.

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

Holy Mass in Latin 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.

Rosters

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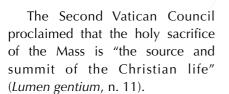
10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Raphaella Chidiac, Mary Georges

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



It is in this sacrifice that we behold the sacrifice of Our Lord on the Holy Cross on Calvary, and what was given then is made present to us now on the very altars of our churches. On these sacred altars the bread and wine offered becomes truly the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and from these sacred altars we receive in the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Sacraments.

So profound is this truth that we are beholden to honour and revere, body and soul, this Most Blessed Sacrament from which pours forth grace upon grace.

So that we as Holy Cross Parish may grow in our devotion to this most precious Sacrament, and so that we may be a witness to the truth amongst our neighbours and to the world, the year from this *Corpus Christi* to the next is declared to be the Year of the Blessed Sacrament.

In a world that has forsaken the truth and has given so much of itself over to the pride of humanity against the will of almighty God, and which has forsaken the Blessed Sacrament, we are moved to make known ever more boldly the enduring love of Our Lord who came so that we "may have life, and have it to the full" (*Jn*. 10:10).

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As human beings we are used to valuing those things which we must pay for, those things which are expensive, those things which are rare, but the Blessed Sacrament is none of these things. None of us is asked to pay to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and the Blessed Sacrament is not expensive nor is it rare. Instead, it is free, it is readily available and is given without question. And this is the great risk that Our Lord took in instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist; that He would give of Himself so easily that we would easily forget Him. As He did in His life and at His death, Christ is vulnerable and is vulnerable in the Blessed Sacrament because He places Himself again in the hands of sinful men and women. Yet He asks us to still come to Him, to seek His divine mercy, so that we will know His grace, and in knowing His grace receive eternal life, which is Christ Himself.

Our world has lost a sense of the transcendent, of the things beyond for which we were created and to which we are called, and has abandoned itself to that which is only ever immediate. We are, each of us, created in the image and likeness of God, and have been created to live in communion with God—that is the meaning of life. Separated from God, however, we suffer the pains and struggles that come with being fallen creatures and look for that which can give us meaning and fulfillment.

In the Sacraments of the Church, most especially the Blessed Sacrament, is the pledge of meaning and fulfilment for which each of us longs. For only when we turn our eyes away from the gutter and look upward to the altars of the Church do we see the beauty of all that we were created to be. That we, who have abandoned Our Lord time and time again, are still held by Him to be worth the sacrifice of His life. For even if only one man were to have sinned, God would still have given His life for that man's salvation.

Through this Year of the Blessed Sacrament, may the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Eucharist, carry us to her Son, Our Lord and Saviour, so that we may honour Him really and truly present —Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Relic of the wine which

as transformed into Blood

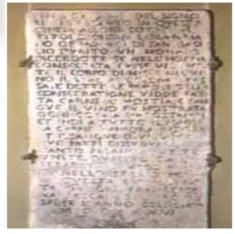
Eucharistic Miracle of LANCIANO

An inscription in marble from the 17th century describes this Eucharistic miracle which occurred at Lanciano in A.D. 750 at the Church of St. Francis. "A monastic priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. He celebrated Mass and when he said the words of consecration, he saw the host turn into Flesh and the wine turn into Blood. Everything was visible to those in attendance. The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight as each one does separately."

In 1970, the Archbishop of Lanciano and the Provincial Superior of the Conventual Franciscans at Abruzzo, with Rome's approval, requested Dr. Edward Linoli, director of the hospital in Arezzo and professor of anatomy, histology, chemistry, and clinical microscopy, to perform a thorough scientific examination on the relics of the miracle which had occurred twelve centuries earlier. On March 4, 1971, the professor presented a detailed report of the various studies carried out. Here are the basic results: the "miraculous Flesh" is authentic flesh consisting of muscular striated tissue of the myocardium (heart); the "miraculous Blood" is truly blood. The chromatographic analysis indicated this with absolute and indisputable certainty; the immunological study shows with certitude that the flesh and the



Monstrance containing the Holy Relics



Stone tablet from A.D. 1631 which describes the miracle

blood are human, and the immuno-hematological test allows us to affirm with complete objectivity and certitude that both belong to the same blood type AB -the same blood type as that of the man of the Shroud [of Turin] and the type most characteristic of Middle Eastern populations; the proteins contained in the blood have the normal distribution, in the identical percentage as that of the serous-proteic chart for normal fresh blood; and no histological dissection has revealed any trace of salt infiltrations or preservative substances used in antiquity for the purpose of embalming. Professor Linoli also discarded the hypothesis of a hoax carried out in past centuries.

in 1973, the chief Advisory Board of the World Health Organisation appointed a scientific commission to corroborate Professor Linoli's findings.

Painting located in the Valsecca chapel which depicts the miracle

Their work lasted fifteen months and included 500 tests. It was verified that the fragments taken from Lanciano could in no way be likened to embalmed tissue. As to the nature of the fragment of flesh, the commission declared it to be living tissue because it responded rapidly to all the clinical reactions distinctive of living beings.

Their reply fully corroborated Professor Linoli's conclusions.

In the extract summarising the scientific work of the Medical Commission of the World Health Organisation and the United Nations, published in December 1976 in New York and Geneva, declared that science, aware of its limits, has come to a halt, face to face with the impossibility of giving an explanation.

"For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (*John* 6:55)

SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

INAUGURATION of the YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PROCESSION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT Following Holy Mass in Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

MacKillop Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the Divine Office of None at 2:30 p.m.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Family Church, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the Divine Office of Vespers

The Holy Mass schedule, including the temporary Mass times, will be as usual.

Important Notice Regarding Masses This Thursday

This Thursday there will not be Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. or at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. Masses will be as usual on Friday.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year (from July) are now available by the doors of the churches for collection.

Thank you to all those who are a part of this programme for your generosity and your constant care and support of the parish. Your regular donations to the second collection through these envelopes or by direct debit are a tremendous support in helping the parish to meet its costs and to help us to continue to build on our good works.

If you would like to support the parish and to be a part of the planned giving programme, please speak with Fr. Andrew as we would be very grateful to you for your care and support.

First Confession and First Holy Communion Enrolments Closing Next Week

Enrolments are closing next week for the Sacrament of Penance (first Confession) and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (first Holy Communion). The Masses for the first Holy Communions will be said on Saturday, 15 October and Saturday, 22 October. Enrolments are open to those in year 3 and above who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church. Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after Mass and must be completed and returned by Sunday, 26 June. CORPUS CHRISTI

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Today, the Church honours the Most Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

To honour the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, the parish will mark the hours of the day with Holy Masses, a procession, and devotions.

At the close of Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be move from the church around the neighbouring streets and to MacKillop Hall. In MacKillop Hall lauds (morning prayer) will be prayed and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until 2:30 p.m., when none (prayer after midday) will be prayed followed by Holy Mass at 3:00 p.m.

In the evening, at the close of Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration.

Join us on this most solemn day to honour and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, to deepen your own devotion to the Eucharist and to receive the tremendous graces that flow from the altar, and to pray in reparation for the terrible sins committed daily against the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.



It's that time of the year again when we hold our annual volunteer drive!

With last week's Solemnity of Pentecost and the birth of the Church, we are reminded of our duty of service to almighty God in the Church. By volunteering in the parish, we recognise our duty to God and to the Church.

The skills, the talents, the resources we have are all a gift from God. By using those skills, talents and resources in the service of the Church we give back to God in thanksgiving what He has given to us.

We are looking for men and women, boys and girls, to join us in the life of the parish as volunteers.

Maybe you would like to volunteer to read at Mass, or to serve at the altar, or to help clean the churches, or to teach as a catechist in the public schools in the parish, or to help with children's liturgy. In which ever of these ways you would like to volunteer, the parish will continue to grow because of your service.

By the doors of the churches you will find volunteer drive forms. Just complete one of these forms and leave it in the box.

If you are unsure about any of these ways of volunteering and you want to know more about them, or if you are unsure about training, we will be happy to speak with you and to help you. The most important thing is to get involved and to participate in the life of the parish.





St. Juliana of Liège

We owe to St. Juliana of Liège the privilege of being able to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

St. Juliana lived in the first half of the thirteenth century in Belgium. An orphan, she was taken care of by the Norbertine Sisters of Liège, and at the age of 13 she entered the order.

St. Juliana had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She began having dreams in which she saw a full moon that had a black line running through it. She later interpreted the moon as the Church-reflecting the light of Christ, as the moon reflects the sun, and the black line as the lack of a celebration of the sacramental Body of Christ.

She told her confessor of her dreams. He took her seriously and spoke of the dreams to several highranking clergy, including the Archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Pantaleon.

Three years after St. Juliana's death that archdeacon became Pope Urban IV. Remembering St. Juliana, he established the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264-the first time that any Pope instituted a feast to be celebrated by the entire Church.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Real Presence

1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real'-by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

1378 In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord.

1381 That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that cannot be apprehended by the senses, but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.

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SCIENCE and the REAL PRESENCE

Since 1970, scientific analysis of particles of the Blessed Sacrament have been undertaken around the world. Some of these tests included Hosts that miraculously transformed including those from Lanciano in A.D. 750 to two from Argentina in 1992 and 1996, one from Mexico in 2006, and two from Poland in 2008 and 2013. The results of the various tests conducted around the world have all given the same results:

The blood is human, AB blood type; human DNA was found; white blood cells, red blood cells, haemoglobin, and mycrophages were found, indicating fresh blood.

The flesh is human myocardium tissue of the left ventricle of an inflamed heart; in the miracles from Argentina and Poland, there was evidence of trauma from the presence of thrombi, indicating repeated lack of oxygen; lesions present showed rapid cardiac spasms typical in the final phases of death.

In the Sokolka miracle, the remaining host is tightly interconnected with the fibres of human tissue, penetrating each other inseparably-as if the bread were transforming into flesh.





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The Readings

Introit (cf. Ps. 80:17)

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading The Book of Genesis (14:18-20)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 109:1-4. R. v. 4)

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' R.

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **R**.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R**.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' R.

Second Reading The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn.6:51-52)

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke (9:11-17)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communio (Jn. 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

O SACRAMENT Most Holy & O SACRAMENT Divine