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The Catholic year is divided in many ways. From the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Eastertide, and Ordinary Time to the many solemnities, feasts, and memorials. But the year is also divided by months and days, each of which is dedicated to a particular aspect of our faith.

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January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, February is the month of the Holy Family, March is the month of St. Joseph, April is the month of the Blessed Sacrament, May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, July is the month of the Precious Blood, August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, October is the month of the Holy Rosary, November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and December is the month of the Immaculate Conception.

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And then there are the days of the week. Sunday is dedicated to the Resurrection and the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Monday is dedicated to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, Tuesday is the day of the Holy Angels, Wednesday the day of St. Joseph, Thursday is given in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday honours Our Lord's Passion and His Sacred Heart, and Saturday is the day of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart, for just as Saturday is the gateway to Sunday, so the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to her Son, our Lord.



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## THE DEDICATION OF THE YEAR

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Shauna Nash

## 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.

## DONATIONS

**BSB:** 067-950

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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

### Church Cleaning Group 3: Mary Dao

and the Vietnamese community

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Racquel La Rosa,

Rosette Chidiac

**10:00 a.m.** Jasmine Miranda,

Raphaella Chidiac, Rosza Kazmer

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



*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.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Wajiha Alwan, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap, Lorenza Attwill, Victor Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Simon Haddad, George Hatem, Georgette Hatem, John Hatem, Mariam Hatem, Wadih Hatem, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Jacob Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Magdalena Mendoza, Santo Mondello, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Anna Saunig, Raffaele Scaturchio, Andrea So, Mary Sultana, Tony Sultana, Emmanuel Tabone, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



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

## **Candlelight Procession for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, 15 August Volunteers Needed**

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In honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates on Monday, 15 August, we will be holding a candlelight procession from Holy Family Church to MacKillop Hall. Following the evening Mass at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m., the procession will leave the church and move through the streets of Granville to MacKillop Hall.

We are asking for parishioners to help carry the platform which will hold the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Four people are needed to carry this stand and we are looking to form a few groups of four people to help carry the statue along the way. If you would like to help carry the statue or if you can form a group of four people, please speak with Fr. Andrew. Without your help, we will be unable to carry out the procession.

We are also asking for parishioners to volunteer as marshals. These marshals will assist us along the way and help us to cross roads safely and to guide us along the route of the procession. If you can help out as a marshal, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

The parish bus will be available to drive parishioners before Mass from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church and to drive parishioners back from MacKillop Hall to Holy Family Church at the end of the procession.

This candlelight procession will be a way in which we can give due honour to the Blessed Virgin Mary on this most glorious solemnity and give witness to the world of our love and devotion. So please offer your help where you can to make this procession possible.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility.

For those who are part of the parish's planned giving programme, your contributions can be made through the website. Just select "Planned Giving" in the dropdown box and include your envelope number.



## **B P O I N T®**

Donations can also be made for the Sacraments (such as for Baptism, first Holy Communion and Confirmation), as well as general donations in support of the works of the parish.

As well as this, if you happen to see something that you would like to buy in one of our piety shops, you can easily make payment online using our website. Just select "Piety Store Purchase" in the dropdown box to make payment by debit card or credit card.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.

May almighty God bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity and for your support of the Church and of the parish.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday Evenings at Holy Family Church 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.**

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As we begin this Year of the Blessed Sacrament, give some of your time in adoration of Our Lord each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church as we pray before Our Lord, truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Sacrifice some of your time in adoration of Our Lord who sacrificed His life for your salvation and so that you may have eternal life and pray for His most abundant graces.

Pray, also, in reparation for the many grievous sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament by those who receive Holy Communion unworthily and those who blaspheme against the truth of the Blessed Sacrament by their sacrilege and irreverence.

So join the parish in our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Holy Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday Evening**

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This Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Holy Mass will be celebrated for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for our young parishioners who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and receive His seven gifts.

Pray to God the almighty Father, that on these, His adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, He will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with His abundant gifts, and through His anointing, conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.



# *Eucharistic Miracle of*

## SAINT-ANDRÉ DE LA RÉUNION

*On January 26, 1902,  
at the parish church  
of Saint-André,  
a city on the island of  
La Réunion near Mauritius  
off the coast of Africa,  
Abbot Henry Lacombe,  
Parish Priest of the church,  
was witness to the miracle  
that he would recount to  
thousands of people during  
the Eucharistic Congress  
of Angouleme in 1904,  
as well as to the group  
of priests gathered  
for a spiritual retreat  
in the town of Perigueux.  
The face of Jesus appeared  
in the Host which was  
for many hours witnessed  
by thousands of people.*

In the words of Abbot Lacombe: "It was January 26, 1902. We were celebrating perpetual adoration (the Forty hours devotion). The Most Holy Sacrament was exposed in the tabernacle. I began to celebrate the Mass. After the elevation, at the moment of the Our Father, my eyes were lifted toward the Host and I saw a bright halo around the rays of the monstrance. I continued to recite the prayers of the Mass with great agitation in my soul but which I tried to overcome. We came to the moment for Communion and again I looked toward the monstrance. This time I saw a human face, with lowered eyes and a crown of thorns on the forehead. What moved me the most was the dolorous expression painted on the face. The eyelashes were long and thick.



An image painted by an artist present at the time of the miracle showing the head of Our Lord with the crown of thorns, which later disappeared.



Réunion Island



I tried not to let on to the presence of the turmoil agitating inside of me. After Mass I went to the sacristy and summoned the older children from the choir to go to the altar and closely observe the monstrance.

"The children raced back and told me: 'Father, we see the head of a man in the Host. It is the good Lord revealing Himself!' I understood then that the vision was authentic. A young man of 16, Adam de Villiers, who had studied in a college in France, also arrived. I said to him as well: 'Go in the church and see if you notice something strange in the tabernacle'. The young student went to the sacristy and returned



immediately, saying: 'Father, it is the good Lord who appears in the Host. I see His divine face'. Since then, all my doubts disappeared. Slowly the entire town went to the church to see the miracle. Journalists and people from the capital of Saint Denis also arrived. The face on the host suddenly became animated and the crown of thorns disappeared. I used every possible precaution, and fearing the effects from the rays of light, I had all the candles extinguished and the shutters closed. The phenomenon became even more clear. Later, the vision changed again and a crucifix appeared which covered the entire host."



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church  
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.



### FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church  
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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CANDLELIGHT  
PROCESSION  
*in Honour of the*  
ASSUMPTION  
*of the*  
BLESSED  
VIRGIN  
MARY

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Monday, 15 August

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Holy Mass at 6:00 *p.m.*  
at Holy Family Church  
followed by procession  
to MacKillop Hall

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Join us on the evening of Monday, 15 August as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a candlelight procession from Holy Family Church to MacKillop Hall.

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The parish bus will be available to carry parishioners from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church before Mass and from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church following the procession.

*We are inviting parishioners to assist with this procession by forming groups of four people to help carry the platform on which will stand the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*If you would like to be a part of this,  
please speak with Fr. Andrew.*

# Saints & STUFF

## ST. BENEDICT MEDAL



The St. Benedict medal is one of the oldest and most honoured medals used by Christians and due to the belief in its power against evil is also known as the “devil-chasing medal”.

The front of the medal is marked by Saint Benedict’s cross. The reverse side of the medal bears the words *Vade retro satana* (“Step back, Satan”), a phrase which has been used by Christians to ward off evil since the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

Tradition holds that as a young Benedictine, the future Pope Leo IX attributed his recovery from a snake bite to that cross. After becoming pope in 1049, Leo IX enriched the St. Benedict cross to the form of a medal, and gave it blessings and indulgences.

It became increasingly popular in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, after its formal approval by Pope Benedict XIV, to ward off spiritual and physical dangers, especially those related to evil, poison, and temptation.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Desire for Happiness*

**1718** The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it: We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated. How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. God alone satisfies.

**1719** The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.

**1720** The New Testament uses several expressions to characterise the beatitude to which God calls man: the coming of the Kingdom of God; the vision of God: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”; entering into the joy of the Lord.

## CATHOLIC Trivia

### *Bleeding Host in Poland Confirmed to be the True Body and Blood of Christ*

In Poland a consecrated host fell on the floor and picked up and placed in a container with water, according to the report by the Bishop of Legnica. The falling of the host and its preservation occurred on Christmas day of 2013. After the host was conserved in a container with water by the Parish Priest, it gradually began to turn to change colour, possessing red-bloody stains.



The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that “in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress.”

In 2017 the Vatican approved the findings and reports of the case.

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Cf. Ps. 67:6-7, 36)

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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**First Reading**

**The Book of Genesis (18:20-32)**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3)

R. Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. R.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. R.

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (2:12-14)**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Rom. 8:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

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**Gospel of Luke (11:1-13)**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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**Communio** (Ps. 102:2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.