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The Month of

THE HOLY FAMILY

The Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Family is given to us as the perfect example of the family. But more than that it is also a reminder to us of the incarnation of God—that God was made man and was born into a family.

The family has been the will of God since the beginning of the world. With Adam and Eve we have

the first family—our first parents and from whom all families flow, even the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke gives the family line of Jesus and traces His ancestry to Adam.

So important is the family in the will of God that although our Lord was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Blessed Virgin Mary He desired that His Son be given a father on earth and so gave to Him St. Joseph.

And from this the Church holds the family to be a domestic Church, living in service of one another.

So in this the month of the Holy Family, when the very idea of family is threatened in our world, let us pray that Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph will intercede for our families and guard them and protect them from the assaults of the Devil and bind us to one another.

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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

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

Church Cleaning Group 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Raphaella Chidiac, Mary
Georges, Wadzi Mushininga

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, 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

Sr. Mary Stella Tran, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap, Lorenza
Attwill, Victor Azzopardi, Claudio Basamez, Maria Tran Thi
Bay, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Kathleen
Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill,
Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, John Lawrence Denmeade,
Christine Derwin, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John
Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Salim
Karaki, Nouhad Khoury, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Mounir
Mattar, Jack McIntyre, Crising Mendoza, Magdalena
Mendoza, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Edward
Pidgion, Boutros Rahme, Mitzi Rowe, Anna Saunig, Sergio
Sudiro, Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Vicente, Dib Zaiter.



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

Requiescat in Pace **The Late June Cheeseman**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of June Cheeseman, a former parishioner well known to many generations of those in Granville.

The funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of June Cheeseman will be said on Monday, 6 February at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Church, 2 Burke Street, Concord West.

Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.



*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*



Palms to Be Burned For Ash Wednesday

On Shrove Tuesday we will hold the traditional Burning of the Palms and Burial of the Alleluia in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday.

If you have palms to be burned, please bring these to the church in the next two weeks and leave these by the doors. These will be collected and burned to prepare the ashes.

On Shrove Tuesday, 21 February, the Burning of the Palms and the Burial of the Alleluia will be held at Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pancake supper at 7:00 p.m. If you can prepare some pancakes to bring along for this supper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Do You Want to Help Fellow Parishioners Attend Mass Each Week?

We are asking again for parishioners to volunteer to drive senior parishioners to Mass each week. There are a number of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass as they are unable to drive or have no one to drive them.

All that is asked is if you can buddy with one of these parishioners and pick them up from their home for Mass and take them home each week.

It would only mean going a few minutes out of the way each week but would be an act of charity and kindness to those who otherwise may be unable to attend Mass.

At the moment, there are around ten parishioners who could do with your help in this way so we are looking for ten people to offer their help.

If you would like to be a part of this and help out fellow parishioners, please speak with Fr. Andrew after Mass.

Please consider helping out in this way. It would mean a great deal to those who, without your help, will not be able to attend Mass.

How Can I Help?

**Speak with Fr. Andrew
or call the parish office
during office hours**



**Let us know your street
and we will find someone
who lives close by to you**



**We will put you in touch
with one of our parishioners
who needs a lift**

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Wanted

After the two years of public health restrictions, we are looking to return the children's liturgy each Sunday during the Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

To make this happen, we are calling on volunteers to help with the children's liturgy.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for this, there will be a meeting next Sunday in MacKillop Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Important Notice Regarding Holy Mass and Confessions This Wednesday

Holy Mass will not be said this Wednesday at either Holy Trinity Church or Holy Family Church. This also means that the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) will not be available that evening at Holy Family Church.

The usual schedule of Mass and confessions for Wednesdays will resume the following week.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Enrolment Forms Are Now Available

Enrolments are now open for those who would like their children to make their first confession and first Holy Communion (year 3 and above) and to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (year 5 and above).

The Masses for first Holy Communion will be said on Saturday, 3 June at Holy Trinity Church and on Saturday, 17 June at Holy Family Church, and the Mass for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be said on Thursday, 11 May at Holy Trinity Church.

Enrolment forms are available from Fr. Andrew after Mass.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday 21st February 2023

6:30 PM Burning of Palms &
Burial of the *'Alleluia'*

7 PM Pancake Supper

Holy Family Church, East Granville



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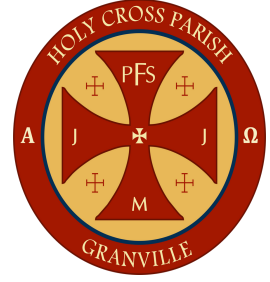
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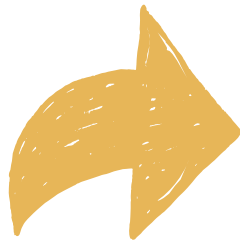


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Saints & STUFF

St. JUDE

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was the brother of St. James the Less, and one of the twelve Apostles. He is often depicted with the attributes of a flame above his head, meaning that he was present at Pentecost, and holding an image of Christ. Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. He preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Most scholars agree St. Jude was martyred either in Armenia or Beirut. His bones are interred now in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is devoutly honoured by Catholics as the patron of difficult cases, because of his encouragement to perseverance in his epistle (the Letter of St. Jude). Moreover, both St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "the Patron Saint of the Impossible." So let us honour St. Jude and his generous intercession before the throne of almighty God, that he may pray for us and help us in our needs, and that, by the grace of God, we will persevere in faith in all difficulties.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ways of Coming to Know God

33 The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

34 The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

35 Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Protestant Preacher Admits Catholics Have Most Miracles

A video is being shared around on social media (<https://youtu.be/VvYeXh3JHco>) of Pentecostal preacher Benny Hinn telling a Pentecostal audience that Catholics experience more miracles than Pentecostals.

Amazingly, he credits this to the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which Hinn says he also affirms (at least a version of it). He also credits the fact that Catholics don't "church hop" (or jump from church to church) as much as Pentecostals.

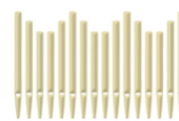
Hinn tells his audience, "They just released a study that more people are healed in a Catholic church than in Pentecostal churches... Because Catholic people revere the Eucharist."

And he adds, "There's healing in the Catholic churches because these people are devoted and show up every Sunday. They don't church hop. We hop, they don't. That's why we're sick, and many of them are healed."

Maybe we should appreciate a little more the fullness of truth given to us by the Catholic Church...

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10)

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 111:4-9. R. v. 4)

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. R.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-5)

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I

gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 106:8-9)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.



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Help our Senior Parishioners attend Mass each Sunday by offering a ride in your car.

The illustration features a yellow car on the left and a group of five elderly people (three women and two men) standing together on the right. The background is blue with white dotted lines. A circular logo for Holy Cross Parish, Granville, is in the top right corner.