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The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Pope Paul VI, *Encyclical on the Month of May*, n. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which took place at that time. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pope Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*) characterised it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops” (n. 182).

In May of 2002 Pope St. John Paul II said that this month is “dedicated to Our Lady” and that “in accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a ‘Marian’ month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!”

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us.

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary—or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

So let us, throughout this holy month of Mary, dedicate ourselves more fervently to her motherly care and pray that she will guard us as her own sons and daughters and lead us to our true home.

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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, 8:30 a.m. and 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

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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.

### 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: Paulette

Zaiter, Nazha Chidiac, Cecilia

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### Readers

**Vigil** Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,  
Rebecca Hanson

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

**Children's Liturgy** Victor Liu and  
Claudette Takchi

## 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

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad,  
Victor Azzopardi, Bonello Family, Nick Bonello, Betty Borg,  
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Darren Thornton, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

## St. Joseph's Table

There was a tremendous response to our last St. Joseph's Table appeal for food and so we ask you to, again, support this parish appeal and make a contribution to St. Joseph's Table.

We are asking for donations of canned foods and other long-lasting foods such as cereals, pasta and rice as well as toiletries.

If you would like to make a contribution to this appeal, please leave your donation on the St. Joseph's Table in the narthex of Holy Trinity Church or on the St. Joseph's Table in front of the altar of St. Joseph at Holy Family Church.

With the generosity of parishioners, our last appeal was able to provide support to various charities including the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Rural Aid as well as families of the parish and of the parish schools.

It was also great to have so many parishioners and families involved in sorting the items and preparing boxes. It shows the great enthusiasm of a thriving and vibrant parish.

## Please Pray for Those Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, fifteen of our young parishioners will be Confirmed and so be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This is an important day in the life of these parishioners and an important day in the life of the parish.

It would be affirming for these young men and women of our parish to know that you are seeking to build up our community by attending this Mass with them and praying for them on this most sacred day.



O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
grant to your servant  
our sovereign Charles  
success in the exercise  
of his high office,  
so that, always revering you  
and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure  
and preserve for the people  
entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes  
from civil peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



Almighty God, we pray,  
that your servant Charles, our King,  
who, by your providence  
has received the governance  
of this realm, may continue to grow  
in every virtue,  
that, imbued with  
your heavenly grace,  
he may be preserved from all  
that is harmful and evil and,  
being blessed with your favour may,  
with his consort  
and the royal family,  
come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is  
the way, the truth and the life  
and who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Prepared by the Catholic Bishops'  
Conference of England and Wales*

## Weekly Illegal Dumping of Rubbish at Holy Family Church

Every week rubbish is illegally dumped at Holy Family Church. As those dedicated to the parish who read the bulletin each week know, this has been going on for over five years. This has not stopped but continues week after week.

Through the efforts of dedicated parishioners like Joe Chidiac, Andrew Takchi, Claudette Takchi, Daniel Takchi, Joshua Zaiter, Richard Zaiter and others, as well as Fr. Andrew who has spent many entire nights outside the church to guard it from this vandalism, the amount of rubbish being dumped has lessened. Nonetheless, it still goes on every week.

It is important that this matter be taken seriously and not continue to be dismissed and disregarded. If the church is to be regarded as sacred it must be protected as sacred.

## Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance.





Holy Cross Parish

# Decade a Day

Join us to pray one decade of the  
Holy Rosary  
every day throughout the month of  
May for a different special intention.



Help us build a spiritual crown  
for Our Lady by praying for  
her assistance.



Throughout the month of May, we honour in a special way the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Mother and the Mother of the Church.

In order to honour Our Lady and seek her guidance and intercession, the parish will be praying a "Decade a Day". Each day there will be a particular intercession by which we can unite as a parish in prayer and so form a spiritual crown for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, beseeching her care and support.

The Church honours the month of May as a Marian month in devotion to Our Lady, given to us as our mother from the Holy Cross.

Inspired by St. Luke who wrote in the the Acts of the Apostles, "The whole Church was fervently praying to God" (12:5), we invite you and with your families to pray one decade of the Rosary (ten Hail Mary's) each day for the special intercession which will be posted daily along with your own personal intentions and the intention of the

Holy Father, seeking Our Lady's help.

Set up a small prayer space in your homes with a statue or image of Our Lady for the month. Send us photos of your prayer spaces so that we can share them for others to view. This is a simple way that you can help us, as a parish and the Church as a whole, during this month, build a spiritual crown for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, praying for her Motherly care and intercession.



Join your prayers with the prayers  
of other parishioners of Holy Cross Parish  
to form a spiritual crown  
for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary





As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker,  
Holy Cross Parish holds it's annual St. Joseph's Table.

We are asking parishioners to donate canned goods  
and other non-perishable foods and toiletries to this table  
which will then be distributed to those in need.

A table will be placed before the altar of St. Joseph in Holy Family Church  
and by the statue of St. Joseph in Holy Trinity Church for your donations.

Please support this good work of Holy Cross Parish  
by donating to the St. Joseph's Table  
through the month of May.





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# Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2024



## HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY

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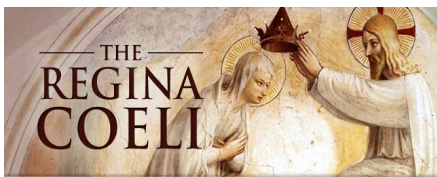
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# Saints & STUFF



During the Easter season the traditional hymn to Mary, "Salve Regina" ("Hail, Queen") is replaced with "Regina Coeli" (Queen of Heaven).

While the authorship of the Regina Coeli is unknown, the hymn has been traced back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. It was in Franciscan use, after Compline (Night Prayer), in the first half of the following century.

According to tradition Pope St. Gregory the Great heard angels chanting the first three lines one Easter morning in Rome, while following barefoot in a great religious procession of the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary painted by St. Luke.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice,  
alleluia.

The Son whom you merited  
to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

✠. Rejoice and be glad,  
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

✠. For the Lord has truly risen,  
alleluia.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

**963** Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. "The Virgin Mary is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ' since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church."

**964** Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion: Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son."

## CATHOLIC Trivia

### Why the Devil Hates Mary

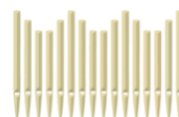
The Italian Priest, Fr. Sante Babolin, a renowned exorcist who has performed more than 2,300 exorcisms, said that "as proof of this hatred" of the devil toward the Mother of God, "while I was insistently invoking the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the devil answered me: 'I can't stand That One (Mary) any more and neither can I stand you any more.'"

Fr. Babolin pointed out the passage in the book of Genesis (3:15) — which is evoked in the Rite of Exorcism — where God says to the serpent that "she will crush your head." In this ritual, he said, the exorcist says to the devil:

"Most cunning serpent,  
you shall no more dare to deceive  
the human race,  
persecute the Church,  
torment God's elect  
and sift them as wheat...  
The sacred Sign of the Cross  
commands you,  
as does also the power of the  
mysteries of the Christian Faith...  
The glorious Mother of God,  
the Virgin Mary, commands you;  
she who by her humility  
and from the first moment  
of her Immaculate Conception  
crushed your proud head."

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The Readings

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**Introit** (Cf. Ps. 97:1-2)

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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**First Reading**

**The Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps. 22:1-6. *R.* v. 1)

*R.* Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *R.*

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. *R.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *R.*

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**Second Reading**

**The First Letter of St. Peter (2:4-9)**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a

spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (Jn. 14:6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of John (14:1-12)**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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**Communio** (Cf. Jn. 15:1, 5)

I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.