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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, 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, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 1: C. Takchi
and M. Wehbe

Readers

4:30 p.m. readers needed


8:30 a.m. Claudette Takchi

5:00 p.m. Claudette Takchi

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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: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac and C. Bultjens

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Rozsa Kazmer, Sisters,
Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy *no children's liturgy
during school holidays*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Attard family, Najibeh
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Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

**First Thursday
Holy Mass in Latin**

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also offered as day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

**First Friday Devotions
in Honour of
the Sacred Heart**

This Friday, being the first Friday of the month, we continue our devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord at Holy Trinity Church, beginning with confessions at 6:15 p.m., followed by the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

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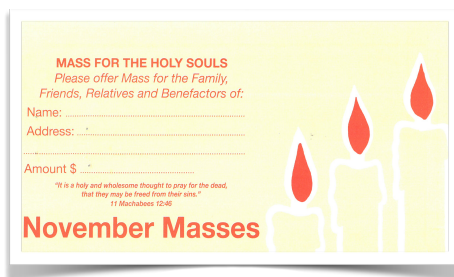
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**November Mass Intentions
for the Faithful Departed**

As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Throughout November Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls, beseeching the mercy of God that they may be forgiven their sins and receive eternal life in heaven with all the Angels and Saints.

If you would like to have your family and friends remembered in these Masses and their names written in the Book of Remembrance please fill in one of the envelopes by the doors of the church and leave this in the box provided.



Those whose names are given will be remembered in the Masses said throughout November and will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

**Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament
Every Sunday Evening
at Holy Family Church**

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which was introduced as a part of the Holy Cross Parish Year of the Blessed Sacrament, continues each Sunday evening at Holy Family Church, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us as we pray before the real presence of Our Lord—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—seeking the abundant graces that flow from the Blessed Sacrament and in reparation for the many sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Holy Cross Parish
Catechism Project**

Last year we launched the first Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project which made copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* freely available to all those who sought to participate and support this pastoral work of the parish.

This year we continue with the Catechism Project and encourage even more people to come forward and to be a part of this important work by asking for a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and committing to reading at least one paragraph the *Catechism* each day, to praying for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Church, and to pray for Holy Cross Parish.

With this year, however, we have expanded the reach of this project and are offering copies of *YouCat*, the catechism for adolescents and young people which summarises the most important elements of the faith in a question-and-answer format so making the truths of the faith accessible to a younger generation.

These books have been donated by Fr. Andrew and are made available to all those who seek to know and to love the Catholic faith ever more deeply. In a world which abhors truth and seeks to destroy Christianity, at a time when the teachings of the Church are questioned and formation in the faith is sorely lacking, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and education in the faith is needed more than ever.

The Church needs men and women ready to make a stand in defence of the faith so that the freedom that comes from believing in and following Our Lord will be made known.

For a copy for yourself or for someone in your family, please speak with Fr. Andrew.



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.”



*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.*

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

Of the joyful mysteries of the holy Rosary Pope St. John Paul II said: “[these] are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. To meditate upon the joyful mysteries is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, evangelisation, ‘good news’, which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world.”

Meditating on the joyful mysteries demands that we meditate on our own lives and hold them against the lives and faith of our Lord and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and His earthly father, St. Joseph.

The mystery of the annunciation inspires us to put our faith in God, who wants good for His children (*Mt. 7:11*), rather than succumbing to temptation, as Eve did, that God is in some way holding out on us.

The mystery of the visitation demands humble service. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary, now the mother of God, did not consider herself too important to serve, so we too should be willing to serve, magnifying the Lord (*Lk. 1:46*) as Mary did.

The mystery of the nativity calls us to great confidence; for just as the God of the universe chose to be born in a stable, so too does He choose to be born in the heart of anyone who will accept Him, regardless of the state of their soul.

The mystery of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple encourages us to strive and pray to look upon the material poor, such as Joseph and Mary were, with kindness and respect.

The mystery of the finding of the boy Jesus in the Temple demands that we evaluate our earthly relationships to see whether we are guilty of placing them before the will of God. Our Lord warns us, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (*Mt. 10:37*).



The Annunciation



The Visitation



The Nativity



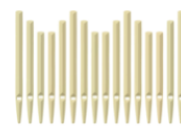
The Presentation in the Temple



The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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*Saint Louis-Marie
Grignon de Montfort*



St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort (1673-1716) was a French Priest renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the praying of the holy Rosary.

He is one of the founders of the theology of Mary, known as Mariology, writing two books: "The Secret of Mary" and "True Devotion to Mary." He saw Jesus and Mary as inseparable from one another. He said consecration to Jesus in Mary was a special path to being conformed to, united and consecrated to Christ, because "the more a soul is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ."

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Rosary

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.

971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs... This very special devotion... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

Since Pope Pius V in the 16th century there have been fifteen mysteries of the holy Rosary grouped into three sets: the joyful mysteries, the sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious mysteries.

Then, in 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added five new mysteries to the Rosary. These he called the luminous mysteries, or the mysteries of light. These mysteries, he said, are a meditation on the public life of Christ and of the revelation of the kingdom of God in Him.

The luminous mysteries are:
1. the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan; 2. Christ's first miracle at the Wedding at Cana; 3. Christ's proclamation of the kingdom of God and His call to conversion; 4. the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor; 5. the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Each day of the week is dedicated to one of the groups of mysteries. The joyful mysteries are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays, the sorrowful mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, the glorious mysteries on Wednesdays and Sundays, and the luminous mysteries on Thursdays.



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The Readings

Introit (Dn. 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

The Prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you
House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do
that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his
integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies
because of the evil that he himself has committed. When
the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and
honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce
all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not
die.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 24:4-9. R.v. 6)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24, 27)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can
persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or
any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your
convictions and united in your love, with a common
purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which
would make me completely happy. There must be no
competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to
be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be
better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own
interests first but everybody thinks of other people's

interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as
Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth
and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the
people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He
went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in
the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but
afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then
went and said the same thing to the second who
answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the
two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to
them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes
are making their way into the kingdom of God before
you. For John came to you, a pattern of true
righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the
tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that,
you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.