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the CATECHISM PROJECT

The duty of each and every Catholic is to conform themselves to timeless truth. That truth is the truth revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and entrusted to the holy Catholic Church to be made known through Scripture and Tradition. Only through the revelation of Christ do we find what is good and true. It is not to be found in the world; it is found in the deposit of faith.

As St. James wrote in his epistle: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (4:4).

Our Lord prayed to His heavenly Father and said of His disciples: "They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world... [but] as you have sent me into the

world, so I have sent them into the world" (Jn 17:16,18).

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote that the Church is "Divinely sent to the nations of the world to be unto them 'a universal sacrament of salvation,'... driven by the inner necessity of her own catholicity, and obeying the mandate of her Founder... ever to proclaim the Gospel to all men" (*Ad gentes*, n. 1). They went on to say that the role of the laity, of those who "have been incorporated into Christ and live in the world... [is] to be a leaven working on the temporal order from within, to dispose it always in accordance with Christ" (n. 15).

It is inspired by the mission of Our Lord and given to the Church as made known in Scripture and Tradition, that we launch, again, this

pastoral work of the parish, which we call "The Catechism Project".

We encourage all those of the parish to begin to read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and to become imbued with the unchanging truth of Our Lord as taught by the Church through the ages. In this way, we will participate in the hopes of the Second Vatican Council, "that the laity should be prepared, in more immediate cooperation with the hierarchy, to fulfill a special mission of proclaiming the Gospel and communicating Christian teachings, so that they may add vigour to the nascent Church" (*Ad gentes*, n. 21).

It was Pope St. John Paul II who, in 1992, decreed that a catechism of the Catholic Church should be prepared and promulgated throughout the Church. Of this he

"My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me"

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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

Readers

4:30 p.m. readers needed

8:30 a.m. Claudia Tiller

5:00 p.m. Samar Karaki

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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 1: L. Hale,
D. Portelli, L. Toman, W. Krasinski,
J. Galea, A. Quinlan, L. Franco

Readers

Vigil Sisters, Gerry Pinto,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Raphaella Chidiac, Reanne Chidiac

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy
Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, 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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Nieves Arribas, Attard family, Najibeh
Malkoun Assaad, Axiak family, Victor Azzopardi, Mr. and Mrs.
Benjamin, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Alice
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Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Michael
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Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
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Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee
Nursoo, Clair O'Sullivan, Herbert Pidgeon, Saliva family,
Raffaele Scaturchio, Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, Joseph
Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

the CATECHISM PROJECT

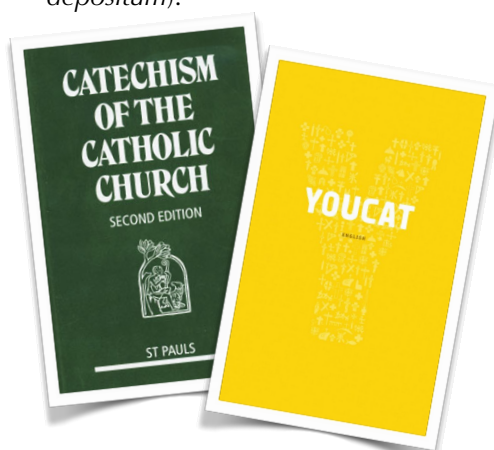
said: "Guarding the deposit of the faith is the mission which the Lord entrusted to His Church, and which she fulfils in every age" (*Fidei depositum*). He was encouraged in this task by the call of Bishops from around the world who said of the laity: "Very many have expressed the desire that a catechism or compendium of all catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed... biblical and liturgical... suited to the present life of Christians" (*Fidei depositum*).

Pope St. John Paul II offered the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to "every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. 1 *Pet* 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes" (*Fidei depositum*). Because of this, the parish offers to all parishioners who will dedicate themselves to participating in the work and the life of the parish and who will commit to reading a paragraph of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* every day and praying for our holy mother, the Church, and our parish dedicated to the Holy Cross, a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Fr. Andrew has personally donated copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and copies of *YouCat* (the Catechism written for teenagers) and offers them to those who will join in "The Catechism Project".

To be a part of this pastoral work of the parish, speak with Fr. Andrew

and commit yourself to this project so that by the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and the Seat of Wisdom, the deposit of faith entrusted for all time to the holy Catholic Church may be known and made known ever more widely, so that "the light of true faith [may] free humanity from the ignorance and slavery of sin in order to lead it to the only freedom worthy of the name (cf. *Jn*. 8:32): that of life in Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (John Paul II, *Fidei depositum*).



As we face times of great difficulty and of confusion amidst ever-changing claims, we must remember, as Our Lord said, "My teaching is not mine but His who sent me (*Jn* 7:16). The Church has been entrusted with the deposit of faith handed on since the time of the Apostles by way of sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture, "both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring, in a certain

way merge into a unity and tend toward the same end... [to] form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church" (*Dei verbum*, n. 9,10). As St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy, we must, each of us: "avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (1 *Tim*. 6:20) and "guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us" (2 *Tim*. 1:14).

Pope St. John XXIII said that the major interest of the Second Vatican Council was "that the sacred heritage of Christian truth be safeguarded and expounded with greater efficacy... What is needed, and what everyone imbued with a truly Christian, Catholic and apostolic spirit craves today, is that this doctrine shall be more widely known, more deeply understood, and more penetrating in its effects on men's moral lives".

With this, the Holy Cross Parish "Catechism Project", we hope to make known the beauty of the unchanging truths of God made known through His Church for the salvation of all. It is our hope that all parishioners will join the parish in this work of the Holy Spirit to know and to make known the faith so that we may be drawn ever deeper into the wisdom of God and to understand how He seeks to raise us to the fulfillment of our humanity and to make known He who is the light of truth to all the world.



If you want to be a part of the Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project and would like a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for yourself or a copy of *YouCat* for your son or daughter, speak with Fr. Andrew.



We ask only that you commit to reading one paragraph each day, to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Church, and to pray for Holy Cross Parish.

**Thank You
to Dan and Pat Hale
for the Donation of the
Piano at Holy Trinity Church**

We owe our thanks to Dan and Pat Hale for their donation of the new piano at Holy Trinity Church. We are very grateful to them for their kindness and their generous support in donating this to the church for the dignity of the Holy Mass and for the beauty of the music in our worship of God.

We also thank Principal Organs (principalorgans.com.au) for their kind assistance and their support of the parish in arranging this piano.



The old piano had served the church well over many years and had helped to provide beautiful music throughout those years. Over time, as it aged, it had come to fulfil its noble purpose.

With this new piano, we look forward to many years now of sacred music to add to the dignity of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

As Pope St. John Paul II said: "As a manifestation of the human spirit, music performs a function which is noble, unique, and irreplaceable. When it is truly beautiful and inspired, it speaks to us more than all the other arts of goodness, virtue, peace, of matters holy and divine. For good reason it has always been, and it will always be, an essential part of the liturgy" (December 23, 1988).

**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.

**Altar Crucifix of Holy Family
Church to be Repaired
and Restored**

As we continue our work of restoration at Holy Family Church, the corpus of the altar crucifix has now been removed so that it can be repaired and restored.



Over time the wood of the corpus has deteriorated and one of the arms had become detached from the cross. The corpus of Our Lord will now be repaired and the wood sealed to help to prevent further deterioration and the corpus will be painted to bring colour to the crucifix. Just as we did with the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, so now the crucifix will be repaired and restored to the glory of almighty God and for the devotion of His people.

As with all the work which we have carried out at both Holy Family Church and at Holy Trinity Church, it is a means, firstly, of giving due honour to almighty God and for the glory of His holy name and for the salvation of His people. It is, also, a way in which we show our respect for those who came before and through their work provided generations to follow with noble churches and sacred art to help us in our worship of God.

May God bless all those who through their financial support of the parish and their donations make these works possible.



THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL *and* RAPHAEL

The Church celebrates the feast day of the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Friday.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, “[T]he existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (n. 328).

The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings, and have no bodies and do not depend on anything physical for their existence or activity. They have intellect and will, and are immortal. While each is an individual person, there are a multitude of angels with each belonging to one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible: Angels, Archangels, Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim.

Each of the names of the three Archangels bears a meaning. St. Michael means “Who is like God”, St. Gabriel means “Strength of God,” and St. Raphael means “Medicine of God.”

The Archangel St. Michael is also known as the “Prince of the Heavenly Host” and is often pictured as a warrior, dressed in armour and slaying the Devil. It is St. Michael that we invoke in our battles against Satan and to rescue souls, especially at the hour of death. It is also he to whom the Church traditionally prays to defend and guard her. He is also the patron saint of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness

The Archangel St. Gabriel is the angel that appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce the birth of Christ, her Son. It is from his annunciation that we get the name of the prayer “Angelus.” It is also

why St. Gabriel is the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers and postal workers

The Archangel St. Raphael is known for his mission as a healer, as read in the Book of Tobit. It is also believed that it was St. Raphael who was the angel who stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda (see *Jn.* 5:9). So it is St. Raphael to whom we pray for intercession for those who are sick. We honour St. Raphael, also, as the patron saint of travellers, the blind and bodily ill.

So let us honour with true devotion the angelic ministers of God’s grace and protection and pray that they who watch over us by the command of almighty God will remain with us, to guard and to defend us in all things. May they carry our prayers before the throne of God so that we may trust in their intercession and have faith in the divine aid we seek.

“ O God, who dispose in marvellous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. ”

— from the collect of the Holy Mass of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels



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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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 94:1-2, 6-9. R.v. 8)

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results—I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (see Acts 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (20:1-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communio (Ps. 118:4-5)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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