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T H E M O N T H O F

THE HOLY NAME

JESUS

*At the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven
and on earth
and under the earth.*

O Good Jesus!
O most tender Jesus!
O most sweet Jesus!
O Jesus, Son of Mary the Virgin,
full of mercy and kindness!
O sweet Jesus,
according to Thy great mercy,
have pity on me!
O most merciful Jesus,
I entreat Thee by that Precious Blood of Thine,
which Thou didst will to pour forth for sinners,
to wash away all my iniquities,
and to look upon me, poor and unworthy as I am,
humbly asking pardon of Thee,
and invoking this Holy Name of Jesus.
O Name of Jesus, sweet Name!
Name of Jesus, Name of joy!
Name of Jesus, Name of strength!
Nay, what meaneth the Name of Jesus but Saviour?
Wherefore, O Jesus, by Thine own holy Name,
be to me Jesus, and save me.
Suffer me not to be lost — me,
whom Thou didst create out of nothing.
O good Jesus, let not my iniquity destroy
what Thy almighty goodness made.
O sweet Jesus, recognise what is Thine own,
and wipe away from me what is not of Thee!
O most kind Jesus, have pity on me
while it is the time of pity, and condemn me not
when it is the time of judgment.
The dead shall not praise Thee, Lord Jesus,
nor all those who go down into hell.
O most loving Jesus!
O Jesus, most longed for by Thine own!
O most gentle Jesus! Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
let me enter into the number of Thine elect.
O Jesus, salvation of those who believe in Thee;
Jesus, Son of Mary the Virgin, pour into me grace,
wisdom, charity, chastity, and humility
that I may be able perfectly to love Thee,
to enjoy Thee, to serve Thee,
and make my boast in Thee,
together with all those who invoke Thy name,
which is Jesus.
Amen

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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 3: C. Boatswain
and C. Tiller

Readers

4:30 p.m. Rosemary Wehbe


8:30 a.m. Julie Vu

5:00 p.m. Narelle Khoury

SOCIAL MEDIA

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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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Raphaella Chidiac,
Jasmine Miranda

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, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, 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, Victor Azzopardi, Betty Borg, Kathleen
Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Lazarus
Camilleri, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Marcus El-
Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita Futu'u, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin,
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Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
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Pidgeon, Garry Smith, Noel So, Emanuel Tabone, Joseph Vella,
Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dib Zaiter.



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

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (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 to the parish.



Holy Mass on Thursday

The annual Granville Train Disaster Memorial will be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Granville Train Disaster Memorial Park on the corner of Railway Parade and Carlton Street. All are invited to attend this memorial to pray for those who died in this terrible accident. Fr. Andrew has been invited to attend and so to allow him and others who wish to attend, Holy Mass at Holy Family Church on Thursday will be said at the earlier time of 9:00 a.m.

Poinsettias Available for Sale

The poinsettias used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas at Holy Trinity Church are available for sale should anyone wish to take these and to plant them in your own garden. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Andrew after Mass this weekend.

The Sanctity and Reverence Due to the Blessed Sacrament when Receiving Holy Communion

There has been a rise in the number of instances where people present themselves for Holy Communion but walk away without consuming the Sacred Host. To profane the Blessed Sacrament in this way is one of the most heinous crimes that can be committed. So much so that the Church declares that anyone who does so incurs an automatic excommunication (*latae sententiae*).

For those of us who are Catholic and desire to be faithful to Our Lord and to His Most Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, which we receive in Holy Communion, please ensure that, being in a state of grace, when you receive the Sacred Host that you consume the Host whilst facing the altar. It is the altar which is the place of the sacrifice of Our Lord and so it is to the altar that we should face, recognising that it is from there that we receive such abundant graces.

Never walk away carrying the Sacred Host. Should you see someone who does this, remember that it is all of our duty before almighty God to protect the Blessed Sacrament and so please stop this person immediately and let the Priest know straight away.

We all have a duty to almighty God to show reverence to Him above all others and all other things. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Our Lord has made Himself vulnerable by allowing Himself to be placed into human and sinful hands and so we, in turn, have a responsibility to care for and to protect Him and to defend Him from all blasphemy, sacrilege and profanity. To do so shows our love and our faith and our commitment to He is who is our only hope.

Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder

A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed.

Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew to make your request. Without doing this there is no guarantee that the Mass can be offered at that time but instead will be offered at the next available opportunity. Also note that it is not the custom of the Roman rite to announce the intention of the Mass. If you want the name said aloud, you will need to speak with Fr. Andrew in regard to this.

2024 Columban Art Calendars for Sale in our Piety Shops

The 2024 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for \$10 from our piety shops and the sale of these supports the work of the Columban Missionaries and the parish.





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\$100

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\$200

Can help provide **chaplaincy support for patients' and inmates' families**.



\$250

Can enable chaplains to **support people to nurture their spirituality**.



\$500

Can help provide **weekly Mass services in prisons**.



\$1,250

Can help chaplains **support health professionals** through distressing times.



\$2,500

Can provide **spiritual and emotional care and the sacraments** for those coping with life-threatening illness, grief, and loss.



\$5,000

Can help **train more chaplains and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to serve in hospitals and prisons**.

Your Christmas gift will provide comfort, faith, and hope to those facing traumatic times.

Please give generously to the Catholic Foundation Christmas Appeal
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How to Receive Holy Communion Worthily

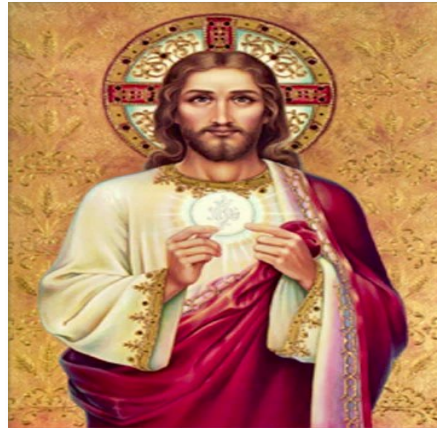
If we approach the Eucharist unworthily, we not only offend God but also harm ourselves.

In the Eucharist, we possess the greatest gift. Within it, Jesus gives us his entire self—body, blood, soul, and divinity—to be consumed under the appearance of bread and wine. But, as the saying goes, with great gifts comes great responsibility. To receive the fruits of this gift, we need to prepare ourselves and then live our lives in accord with it. If we approach the Eucharist unworthily, we not only offend God but also harm ourselves. Even Hollywood can see that on occasion, as the knight in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade explains, “For the unrighteous, the Cup of Life holds everlasting damnation.

Let’s think of some other examples. What if you arrived at your first day of work in your pajamas? How about going to a fancy restaurant and putting your food on a paper plate? More seriously, imagine a general revealing your country’s plans to the enemy. The most important things in life require commitment, comportment, dignity, and fidelity. Therefore, we need commitment to Christ and cannot be attached to anything above him. We must be clothed in his grace and preserve the purity of our baptism. When we come to eat the Lord’s body, we need to come prepared as a worthy vessel that can hold the gift, rather than a leaky container. And we can’t take the gift and turn it over to the enemy by falling into sin.

St. Paul warns us of the consequences of receiving the Lord unworthily in his first letter to the Corinthians: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats

and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died” (1 Cor 11:27-30). Paul foresees serious consequences for profaning the Eucharist. How, then, should we receive the Eucharist worthily?



First, we need faith in Jesus’s true presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a symbol. It is the body and blood of Jesus that he offers us to enter into communion with him. In John 6, Jesus explains how he gives us his very self to eat as our new Passover lamb: “For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (Jn 6:55). Without faith in this true presence, we approach the Eucharist as if we were eating a regular piece of bread, dishonouring Jesus’s gift of himself in the sacrament. Faith enables us to discern his body, as Paul says, opening our hearts to Jesus’s love and grace.

Second, we also need to remove obstacles to receiving the grace of Jesus’s presence. If we are in a state of serious, mortal sin, we are not able or ready to enter into the communion that Jesus offers us. The Church offers us the Sacrament of Confession to bring us into right communion with God. In fact, the Church requires us to confess our sins once a year, because we all are in need of mercy and forgiveness. God enables us to lay our burdens aside and to come to him with a clear conscience. Going to

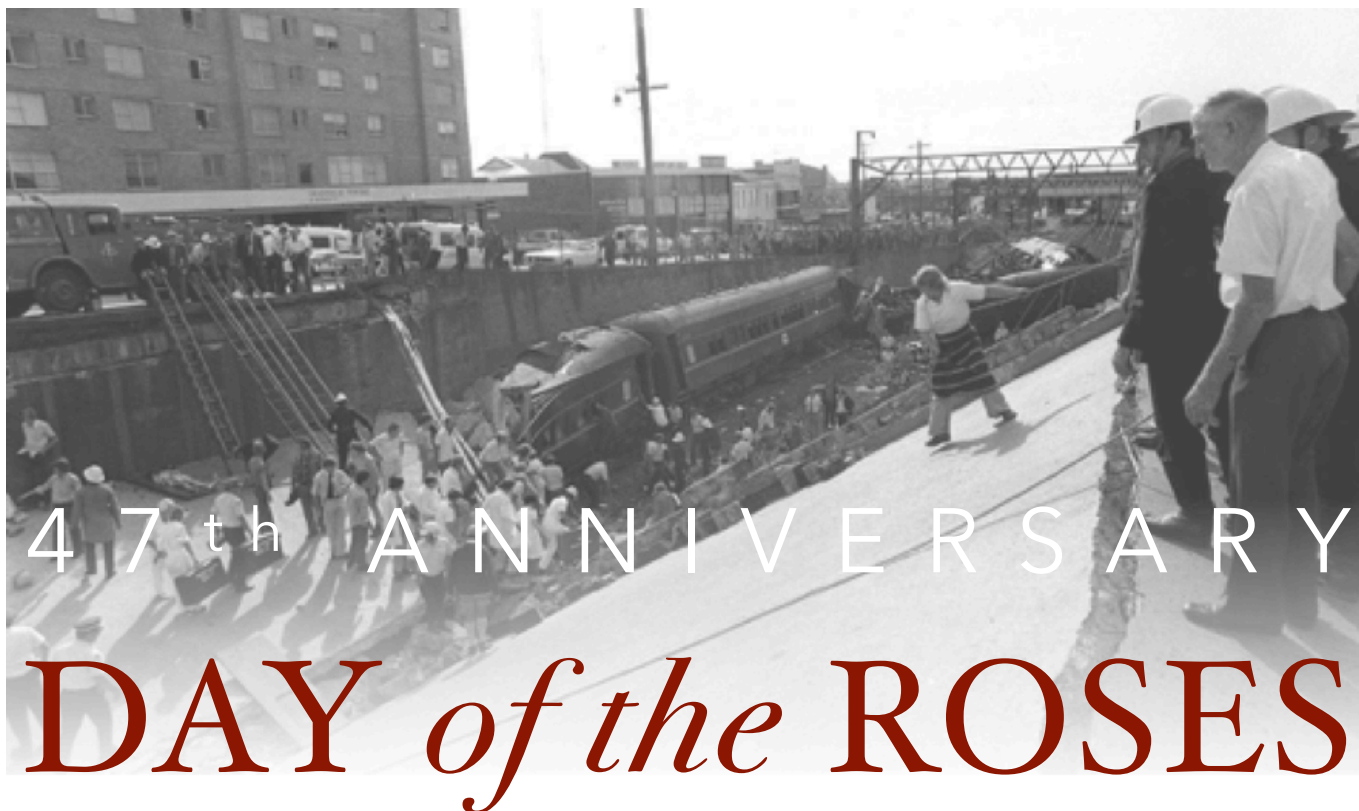
confession creates the right disposition of openness and purity so that we can examine ourselves, as Paul instructs us.

Third, devotion enables us to honour Jesus’s presence by approaching him with reverence and love. We build devotion through prayer, including before and after Mass, by uniting ourselves to Christ’s offering of himself at Mass, and even by our posture and attitude. Do we act like Jesus is really present at Mass? Do we come to communion like we are approaching the king of the universe? If we come to communion solely out of a routine habit, with a casual or mundane disposition, it would be hard to “discern the body” of Jesus. Rather, we should approach Mass with the greatest expectation as the most important moment of our week when we meet the Lord and become one with him.

Finally, receiving worthily flows from a life lived in conformity to the Eucharistic gift. We should not confine communion with Jesus to an hour a week. It should blossom into a Eucharistic life, with Jesus’s presence abiding in us and reaching out to others. If our life is going a different direction, we need to turn back in the right direction to make a worthy communion. The Eucharist requires continuous conversion, turning away from the world and toward Jesus, allowing his grace to shape everything that we do.

The Eucharist is a source of life, not death. If we approach it worthily, we can profess that for the righteous, for those who receive the Lord’s mercy and approach with faith and devotion, the Cup of Life holds everlasting salvation.

Source: Dr. R. Jared Staudt, “How to receive the Eucharist worthily,” Catholic World Report, 14 October 2021 (catholicworldreport.com)



47th ANNIVERSARY DAY *of the* ROSES

On Tuesday, January 18th, 1977, Granville would be changed forever as a train from Mount Victoria in the Blue Mountains crashed into the Bold Street Bridge bringing down the bridge on two carriages killing 83 men, women and children and injuring another 213.

Fr. Campion was one of the first to the shocking scene and administered the last rites to many of the victims. He was also at times placing his own life on the line by crawling through the wreckage looking for survivors or injured people that he could pray with or simply share a few moments. In countless interviews which were conducted with him over the years since the disaster, he always mentioned the “overwhelming

stillness” he felt upon entering the carriages and how this place had become a place for the dead and he felt that he was an intruder to the silence.

Fr. Campion’s link to the victims, families, friends and all those associated with the disaster continued up to his retirement from Granville. He attended all the memorial ceremonies held on the anniversary of the disaster, blessing the roses which would be thrown onto the tracks to mark those who died.

Mr. John Hennessy, the then President of the Granville Memorial Trust, said of Fr. Campion: “He truly was one of the unsung heroes of the disaster, there’s no doubt about it. He saw some terrible things, awful—and he put his life at

risk. And I can tell you that it affected him for the rest of his life. But he always said it was what anyone would have done—he had a deep sense of mateship.”

Each year at the Granville rail disaster anniversary memorial, it was Father Campion's job to bless the 83 roses laid at the scene to remember the dead.

May this holy Priest of God heard the words of Christ our Saviour: “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (Mt. 25:23)

With thanks to John Portelli for this article (abbreviated here) which he wrote and originally appeared in his book, “Holy Trinity Granville: Celebrating 125 Years 1886-2012”.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.
MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.**

Saints & STUFF

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

In Philippians 2, St. Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honour of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often, but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner, and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive.

This month, why not take a few minutes to memorise the Jesus Prayer, and pray it during those moments of the day when you are between activities, or travelling, or simply taking a rest?

Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of Christ

1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptised by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfil all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."

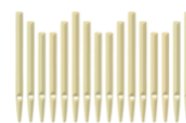
1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptised. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 65:4)

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

The First Book of Samuel (3:3-10, 19)

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 39:2, 4-7, 10. R. see v. 8, 9)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord.

and he stooped down to me;

he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,

praise of our God. R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. R.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(6:13-15, 17-20)

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn. 1:41, 17)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (1:35-42)

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'—which means Teacher—'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah'—which means the Christ—and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas'—meaning Rock.

Communio (Cf. Ps. 22:5)

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

"BLESSED BE THE NAME OF JESUS"

—*The Divine Praises*