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THE MONTH of

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of CHRIST

PRECIOUS BLOOD



There is a moment that is particularly upsetting in the film "The Passion of the Christ" when Claudia, the wife of Pontius Pilate, who was deeply troubled by dreams of Christ's innocence, silently brings fresh linens to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has just seen her Son scourged to the brink of death by the impious and drunken legionaries charged with carrying out His punishment. A look passes between the noblewoman in her elegant clothes and the future Queen of Heaven, whose garments are woven of coarse, earth-toned cloth. The intensity of their gaze at last breaks, and Mary turns at once to the task not of cleansing the blood-soaked stones of the square, but of retrieving from them as much as possible of the infinitely precious blood that poured out of her Son's sacred veins, the very Blood of God spilled so carelessly onto the earth.

It is the long tradition of the Church, which traditionally celebrates the July 1 as the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, that Christ was entirely drained of His blood during His torture, crucifixion, and death, drinking the

It is written. "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (*I Peter 1:16-19*)

chalice of suffering "to the dregs" by shedding every last drop of His most Precious Blood.

St. Thomas Aquinas famously said that just one drop of Christ's blood would have been enough to save the whole world, but instead Our Lord spared nothing in His suffering to show us that "God so loved the world..." (John 1).

One of the best means of participating in the graces of the Precious Blood is to offer it to God our Father. St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi once said: "Every time a creature offers up the Blood by which he was redeemed, he offers a gift of infinite worth." God revealed the practice of making this offering to her when He complained that so little effort is made in this world to disarm His Divine justice against sinners. Acting upon this warning, she daily offered the Precious Blood fifty times for the living and the dead. Because of her devotion God showed her on different occasions the many souls who had been converted or delivered from Purgatory.

Let us honour the most Precious Blood of Christ which we receive in Holy Communion, for when we receive the sacred Host we receive not only His Body but also His most Precious Blood, Soul, and Divinity. And always pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in satisfaction for my sins, in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory and for the needs of Holy Church".

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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.

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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. Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning *waiting for volunteers*

Flower Arranging requesting volunteers to form groups of at least 2 people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary

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 2: P. Zaiter, N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens

Readers Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Reanne Chidiac, Armani Barakat

Children's Liturgy school holidays

IN MEMORIAM

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

N O T I C E S

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.

The Catholic Foundation "Good Samaritan Appeal" for Catholic Care

The Catholic Foundation is holding its annual "Good Samaritan Appeal". This year's appeal is in support of Catholic Care's "Project Elizabeth" which provides support to women facing difficulties during pregnancy and motherhood.

You can donate by making a contribution to this appeal by using the envelopes on the pews and placing these in either of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or scan the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this appeal for your kindness and support which is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times for many people.





Make *frequent* visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be *powerless* against you.

-St. John Bosco

SUNDAYS Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. ♥ FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

"Marist Camino" in Honour of the Marist Fourviere Pledge Sunday, 21 July

Marist Laity Australia will be commemorating the first Marist Fourviere Pledge which was made in France in 1816 with a "Marist Camino" on Sunday, 21 July from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beginning at Milsons Point, the procession will cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge followed by lunch at St. Patrick's Church Hill. Following lunch pilgrims will travel by bus to Hunters Hill for prayers at Holy Name of Mary Church.

The event is free and for further details and to register, visit maristlaityaustralia.com/fourviere.

Planned Giving Envelopes Available Now

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the doors of the church.

Thank you to all those who are already a part of this programme and give to the parish each week. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and is a tremendous source of support for the parish.

Whether you prefer to use cash and use the envelopes or whether you prefer to set up a direct debit your regular contribution in support of the running costs of the parish is greatly appreciated. Your regular donations help the parish to meet its expenses and to undertake a number of works in support of the faith.

If you would like to be a part of this programme please speak with Fr. Andrew or contact the parish office during the week and we can arrange this for you.

Flower Arrangement Groups for Holy Family Church

Parishioners are asked to volunteer to form groups of at least two people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church. The groups will be rostered for Saturday mornings after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and will be responsible for buying and donating the flowers, arranging the flowers for the sanctuary and removing the flowers from the previous week.

Thank you to the eight people who have already volunteered for this work. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This means there are four groups but it also means that flowers can only be arranged every two or three weeks.

If there are to be flowers decorating the sanctuary every week, as people want, then we need many more people to volunteer. Where every student is valued for who they are and the gifts they bring

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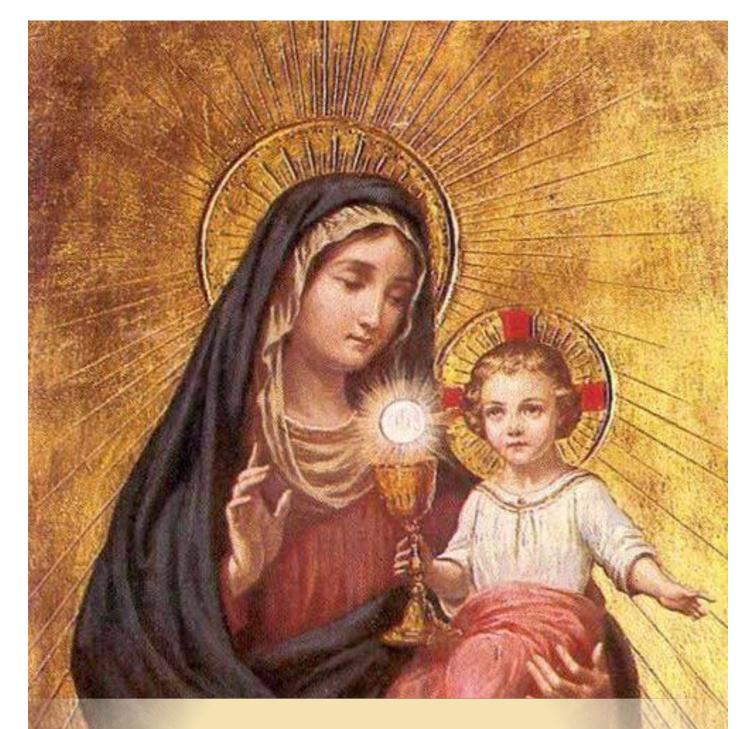
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ADORATION of THE BLESSED SACRAMEN

SUNDAYS Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAYS Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



RELIC OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The 12th century Basilica of the Holy Blood in Bruges, Belgium holds a phial said to contain a cloth with the blood of Christ, brought to the city by Thierry of Alsace after the 12th century Second Crusade.



It is said that the cloth was that used by Joseph of Arimathea to soak up the blood of Christ after he washed His body for burial.

Whether the phial is genuine or not the fact remains that we behold the Precious Blood of Christ at every Mass. Daily on every altar in every Catholic church around the world a miracle takes place when, by the power of the Holy Spirit and at the hands of the priest, the wine and water in the chalice becomes truly the Blood of Christ Himself.

O most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Heal the wounds in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Precious Blood of Christ

602 St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers.. with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake." Man's sins, following on original sin, are punishable by death. By sending his own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of a fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

610 Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve Apostles "on the night he was betrayed". On the eve of his Passion, while still free, Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of men: "This is my body which is given for you." "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

CATHOLIC SAY

The Story of a Young man who saved the Blessed Sacrament from ISIS and became a Priest

Martin Baani was just 24 years old when he risked his life as a seminarian to rescue the Blessed Sacrament from the imminent invasion of Islamic State terrorists in his hometown.

On August 6, 2014, Baani received a call from a friend who warned that a nearby village had fallen into the hands of ISIS, and that his hometown of Karamlesh would be next. Baani promptly headed to the San Addai church and took the Blessed Sacrament, to prevent the jihadists from desecrating it. That day, he fled in a car along with his Parish Priest and three other priests. "I was the last one to leave Karamlesh, with the Blessed Sacrament in my hands," he told Aid to the Church in Need.

Despite threats from ISIS, Baani chose to stay in Iraq instead of fleeing. He continued his studies in Erbil, the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan. In September 2016, Baani was ordained a priest along with six other men.

A few months before his ordination, Baani said: "Every day I go to the refugee camps to accompany the families. We are Christian refugees. ISIS wants to eliminate Christianity from Iraq but I have decided to stay. I love Jesus and I don't want our history to disappear."

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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 47:10-11)

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading The Prophet Ezekiel (2:2-5)

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 122. R. v. 2)

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R**.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. R.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. R.

Second Reading

The Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:7-10)

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation (see Lk. 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel The Gospel of Mark (6:1-6)

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Communio (Ps. 33:9)

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

