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The Month of *the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Church dedicates the month of December to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the

Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall of mankind.

Scripture points to this truth. In the book of Genesis, in which the parallel between Mary and Eve: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (3:15). The early Church saw this passage as referring to the struggle between Christ and Satan, and so the Church sees in "the woman" a prophetic foreshadowing of Mary.

If there is to be enmity between the woman and the serpent, then she was never in any way subject to him at all. This implies an immaculate conception.

The dignity of being Mother of God is of infinite dignity. Yet Christ taught that the holiness coming from hearing the word of God and keeping it is something greater still. Mary's holiness is great: "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

Even though Mary was full of grace at the start of her life, yet she could still grow, for, as it were, her capacity for grace could increase.

A soul will grow in proportion to these things: firstly, the greater the dignity of the person, the greater the merit. In Mary's case, the dignity of Mother of God is the highest possible. Secondly, the greater the work, the greater the merit: Mary's cooperation in the redemption was the greatest work possible to a creature. Thirdly, the greater the love, the greater the merit. Love of God means the attachment of our will to His. Mary's will adhered supremely, with no obstacle at all, so that even ordinary household duties, which she saw as the will of the Father for her, were supremely valuable.

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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

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 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Raphaella Chidiac,
Reanne Chidiac

Children's Liturgy Wanda Krasinski and
Chloe Zaiter

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, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan,
Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, 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

Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown,
Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria
Dinh, Akosita Fetuuaho, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria
Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech,
George Hatem, John Hatem, Mariam Hatem, Melissa Irons,
Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam,
Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob
Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, John McGrath,
Iris McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mary McIntyre, Thomas
McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell,
Tony Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Laura Pestano, Rogelio Pestano,
Rolando Pestano, Guise Pham, Jack Pickering, Lorna Pickering,
Edward Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Geoff Senior, Noel So, Alex
Taktak, Darren Thornton, John Timbs, John Toye, Savina Vailahi,
John Vella, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe,
Yesmine Wehbe, Phyllis Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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



The Zaiter family have generously arranged a raffle in support of the parish with four prizes to be won of a large assortment of children's toys. These would make a wonderful gift for Christmas.

Raffle tickets are available for \$2 or for three tickets for \$5. The winning tickets will be drawn after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 22 December.

Tickets will be on sale after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. or you can contact the parish office and request tickets.

Thank you very much to the Zaiter family for their generosity and their support of the parish. All the prizes were arranged and donated by the Zaiter family and we are very grateful to them for their tremendous kindness.



Important Notice
Holy Mass
Holy Trinity Church
This Tuesday Evening

The regularly scheduled Tuesday evening Mass at Holy Trinity Church will be said at 6:30 p.m. but please note that at this Mass Holy Trinity Primary School will be celebrating their year 6 farewell followed by presentations to the year 6 students.

“Prepare a Way”
A Holy Cross Parish Resource
for a Spiritually Nourishing
Advent Season



“Prepare a Way” is a book written specially for Holy Cross Parish for parishioners to pray each day the prayers of Advent and to faithfully look forward to the proper celebration of Christmas.

This book of devotions has been prepared by John Portelli to assist individuals and families to use this holy season as a way to draw closer to almighty God so that we can truly and faithfully celebrate the birth of Our Lord and look to His coming again.

The book includes devotions for every day of Advent including:

- Beautiful images for each day**
- Introit from the Mass of the Day**
- Gospel of the Day**
- Daily Prayer**
- The Litany of St. Joseph**
- Ancient Hymns**
- Traditional “O Antiphons”**
- 15 Tips to Make Advent Meaningful**

Printed editions are available at the doors and a digital edition is available for download by visiting our parish webpage or our Facebook page.

Parish Volunteers’
Appreciation Dinner
This Thursday Evening

To thank all our Holy Cross Parish volunteers we will be holding a Parish Volunteers’ Appreciation Dinner this Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 outside of Holy Trinity Church.

For all those who volunteer across the parish at both of our churches, whether it be as altar servers, in cleaning the churches, as catechists, as collectors, with children’s liturgy, as readers, in music, in the piety shops, or in many other ways, we invite you attend this evening as a show of gratitude for your service to the parish.

Those who volunteer contribute a great deal to the parish and to the Church and make so much of what we do possible. Much of their work goes unseen and this is a way for us to thank you for the work you do week after week, month after month throughout the year.

May God bless you and thank you for your service to the Church and to the parish.

Important Notice
Holy Mass and Confessions
Holy Family Church
This Wednesday Evening

The regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Mass at Holy Family Church will be said at 6:00 p.m. but please note that at this Mass Holy Family Primary School will be celebrating their year 6 farewell followed by presentations to the year 6 students.

As such, the regularly scheduled Sacrament of Penance (confessions) at 6:30 p.m. will not be available. The next scheduled confessions will be on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church and on Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

HOLY CROSS PARISH

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION

Dinner

**THIS
THURSDAY**

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

OUTSIDE
HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH



Prepare a Way!



A HOLY CROSS PARISH RESOURCE
for a SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING ADVENT SEASON
Available free online or in the piety shop for \$10

CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

*A solemn evening of Carols and the
blessing of the Christmas Crib.*

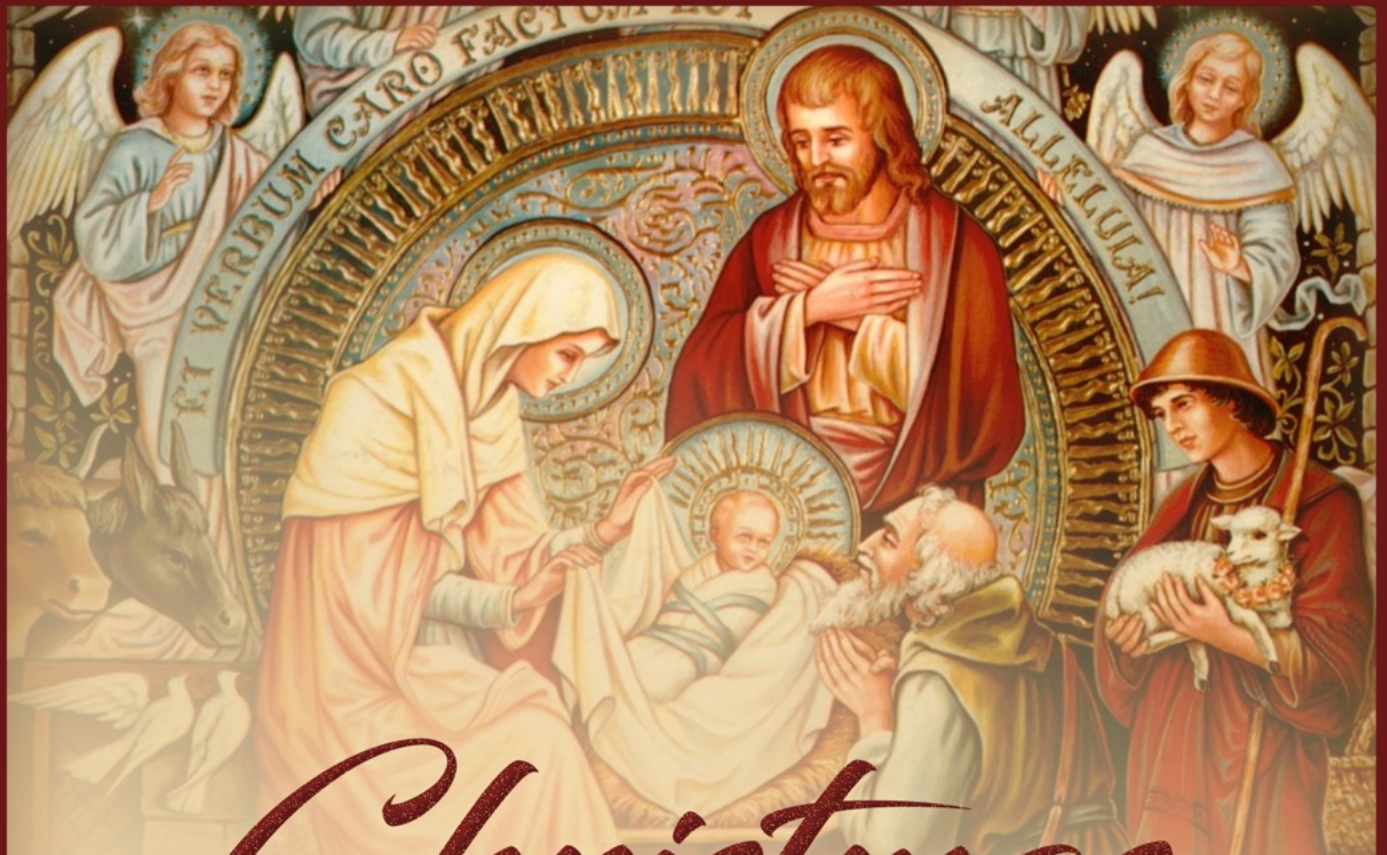
Tuesday 17th December

6 p.m. Parish BBQ

7:30 p.m. Carols Service

Holy Trinity Church, Granville





Christmas

AT HOLY CROSS GRANVILLE

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5 p.m. Holy Family Church
- 7 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

- Midnight Holy Trinity Church
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Church
- 10 a.m. Holy Trinity Church
- 4:30 p.m. Holy Family Church



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The Readings

Introit (Cf. *Is.* 30:19, 30)

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

The Prophet Baruch (5:1-9)

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation
under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity,
and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 125. *R.* v. 3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *R.*

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:3-6, 8-11)

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,
remembering how you have helped to spread the Good
News from the day you first heard it right up to the
present. I am quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day
of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you
all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that
your love for each other may increase more and more
and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening
your perception so that you can always recognise what is
best. This will help you to become pure and blameless,
and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will
reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in
us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Lk.* 3:4, 6)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Luke (3:1-6)

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of
Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea
and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the
pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God
came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He
went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is
written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Communio (5:5; 4:36)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.