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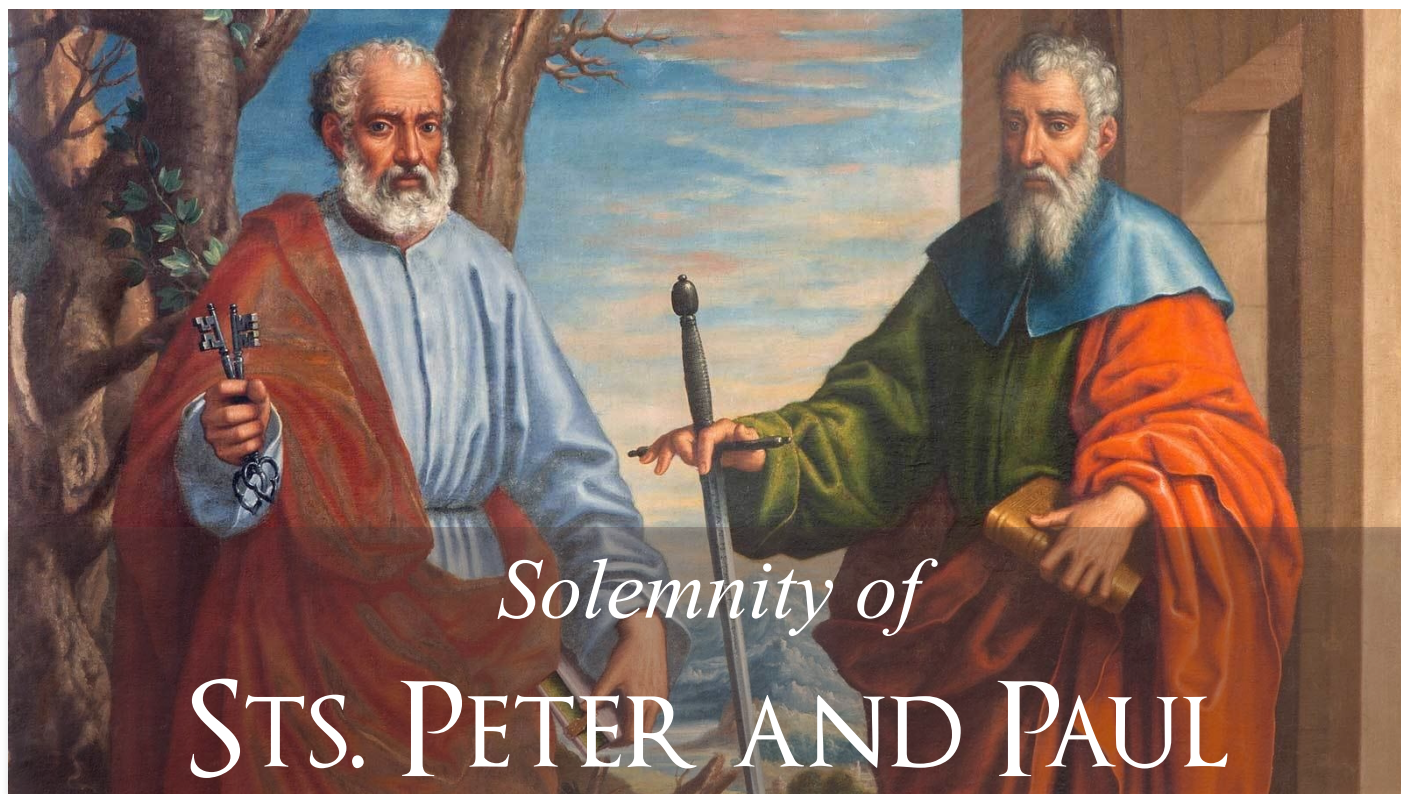
June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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The Official Bulletin of Holy Cross Parish

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The Church joyfully celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on the 29th June. This day calls us to reflect on the immense gifts these two pillars of our faith have given us and how their lives can serve as an example to us as we live a life of faith. Saint Peter, chosen by Our Lord to be the rock of His Church, shows us that God often uses unlikely instruments. His denial of Christ, followed by deep repentance, teaches us about God's boundless mercy and the power of true sorrow for our sins. Even in our failings, God's grace is always there to lift us up.

Then we have Saint Paul, formerly Saul, a persecutor transformed by Christ on the road to Damascus. He became the tireless Apostle to the Gentiles, spreading the Gospel far

and wide. Paul's life powerfully demonstrates the transforming power of God's grace. He reminds us that no one is beyond redemption, and even great sinners can become fervent saints. His profound theological writings continue to guide our understanding of the Catholic faith.

These two great saints, though very different, were united in their fervent love for Christ and their unwavering commitment to spreading His Gospel. They both ultimately gave their lives as martyrs in Rome, sealing their witness with their blood. Their lives, ministries and deaths are a powerful testament to the truth of the Catholic Church, founded by Christ Himself.

As we celebrate their Solemnity, let us reflect on their enduring

legacy. We are called, like Peter, to be firm in our faith, proclaiming Christ and courageously defending the truths of our Holy Mother Church. Similarly, we are called, like Paul, to be zealous in spreading the Good News, becoming instruments of conversion, and living lives totally dedicated to Christ. May their intercession strengthen us, guide us, and help us be ever more faithful disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.



*Saint Peter and Saint Paul,  
Pillars of Holy Mother Church,  
Pray for us and Intercede for us.*

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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** N. Khoury,  
C. Takchi and M. Wehbe

### Flower Arranging

*Volunteers Needed*

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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.

### 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: D. Portelli,  
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,  
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

### Readers

**Vigil** Sisters, Gerry Pinto, and  
Rosette Chidiac

**10:00 a.m.** Armani Barakat, Rosza  
Kazmer and Raphaella Chidiac

### Children's Liturgy

*No Children's Liturgy during Schools  
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,  
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Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,  
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Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don  
Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella,  
Sam Wardan, Gerard Watts.



*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, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie  
Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Maria Dinh, John Dover,  
Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin,  
John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons,  
Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Salim Karaki, Chini Maya Kc, Nouhad  
Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine  
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,  
Marie McDonald, Nancy McIntyre, Joseph Nammour, Anthony  
Newell, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw,  
Samuel Pickering, Robert Pidgeon, Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter  
Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Noel So,  
Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, John Toye, John Vella, Peter Van  
Duc Vu, Graham Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed  
Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe, Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib  
Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

## **Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion**

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There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts being dropped when receiving Holy Communion. Whilst these are accidents, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Sacred Host—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ—is guarded and protected.

When receiving Holy Communion, please do not step to the side to consume the Sacred Host, and under no circumstances, turn away from facing the altar before you consume the Sacred Host. Please ensure that you consume the Sacred Host whilst still facing the altar and the Priest or the Extraordinary Minister.

## **First Friday Mass and Adoration**

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Join us this Friday Holy Trinity Church for our regular First Friday of the month devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in reparation for the sins of humanity. Confessions will be heard from 6:15 p.m., the Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

## **Weekly Adoration at Holy Family Church**

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Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Wednesday evening, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

This change in time will commence from Wednesday 6 July, and will replace the current adoration time offered on Sunday evenings.

Opportunities for confessions will still be available every Wednesday evening between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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

—St. John Bosco

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### **WEDNESDAYS**

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



### **FIRST FRIDAYS**

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

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## **Peter's Pence Appeal**

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This weekend, the churches throughout the world take part in the Peter's Pence appeal. This is an ancient custom in our Church, where the faithful throughout the world offer their support to the Holy Father. The funds gathered through Peter's Pence allow the Pope to carry out his many charitable works and provide assistance to those in need, wherever they may be.

It helps him respond to humanitarian crises, and continue the good works of the Holy See that serve all of God's people.

Donations for Peter's Pence can be made in the labelled donations boxes at both parish churches.

## **Weekday Mass Readers at Holy Trinity Church**

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Volunteers are requested to assist with reading (Lector) at the Weekday Masses at Holy Trinity Church.

The Lector's ministry in Holy Mass is profoundly sacred. They proclaim God's living Word, through whom Christ Himself speaks to us. This vital service nourishes souls with divine truth, preparing hearts for the Eucharist.

Please contact the parish office if you can assist, or alternatively, speak a priest at Mass.

## **Online Donations in Support of the Parish**

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.







## ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.





# 2025

## *Peter's Pence* Appeal

Your contribution can help Pope Leo XIV carry out his vital work of evangelisation, promote peace, and extend a hand of charity to those most in need around the world. From supporting communities impacted by conflict and natural disasters to aiding essential Church activities, your generosity makes a real difference.

Thank you for your support!



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# Saints & STUFF

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was a humble French Visitation nun who became the primary instrument for spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in its modern form.

From 1673 to 1675, Christ appeared to her, revealing His Heart "inflamed with love for mankind." He expressed sorrow at human indifference and ingratitude, desiring a special devotion as an act of reparation and a source of immense grace.

Through these visions, Jesus conveyed specific practices:

- \* Receiving Holy Communion on the First Friday of each month.
- \* Observing a Holy Hour of adoration.
- \* Establishing a feast day in honour of His Sacred Heart.

Despite initial scepticism from her community, Margaret Mary persevered, supported by her spiritual director, St. Claude de la Colombière. Her profound experiences ignited a widespread movement, leading to the official recognition of the Feast of the Sacred Heart by the Church and its enduring popularity today. St. Margaret Mary truly became the voice of the Sacred Heart, drawing the faithful ever closer to His boundless love and mercy.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Sacred Heart*

**478** Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God...loved me and gave himself for me." He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, "is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that...love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception.

**2563** The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden centre, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully...It is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives, It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death.

**2669** The prayer of the Church venerates and honours the *Heart of Jesus* just as it invoked his most holy name. It adores the incarnate Word and his Heart, which, out of love for men, he allowed to be pierced by our sins.

## CATHOLIC Trivia

ST. PETER and ST. PAUL

### A "Twin Martyrdom" Celebration:

While Peter and Paul are often portrayed as dying on the same day, historical accounts suggest Peter was martyred around AD 64 and Paul in AD 67. The tradition of celebrating them together on June 29th dates back to at least 258 AD. This joint celebration isn't necessarily about the exact day of their deaths, but rather their "twin martyrdom" in Rome, signifying their unity in faith and sacrifice. As St. Augustine of Hippo put it in 395 AD, "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one."

### The Significance of the Pallium:

On this Solemnity, newly appointed metropolitan archbishops traditionally receive the *pallium* from the Pope. The *pallium* is a woollen vestment worn around the neck, signifying their authority and their connection to the See of Peter. It's a powerful visual reminder of the continuity of the Church's leadership, stemming directly from Peter.

### Replacing Pagan Founders of Rome:

The choice of June 29th for this Solemnity is believed to have deliberately replaced a pagan festival that celebrated Romulus and Remus, the mythical founders of Rome.

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## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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### The Readings

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#### Introit

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.

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#### First Reading

**Acts of the Apostles (12:1-11)**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

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#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 33:2-9. R. v.5)

℟. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. ℟.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. ℟.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. ℟.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ℟.

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#### Second Reading

**The Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy**  
(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 16:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel

**The Gospel of St. Matthew (16:13-19)**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'