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Nourishing the Soul

A Call to Deeper Devotion

In our busy lives, it's easy to let our spiritual practices become routine, or even to them slip away. Yet, our Catholic faith offers incredible pathways to grow closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and experience His boundless grace. Each of us are invited to prayerfully consider three powerful ways we can deepen our relationship with Our Lord; by adding an additional Mass to our week, making regular confession a priority, and spending time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We know that attending Sunday Mass is a sacred obligation, the pinnacle of our week where we encounter Christ truly present in the Eucharist. As Jesus himself tells us "Whoever eats my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." But have you ever considered attending an extra Mass during the week? Our parish offers many opportunities throughout the week to attend Holy

Mass. This is a beautiful opportunity to receive Our Lord, hear His Word, and offer the Holy Sacrifice for our intentions. It's a quiet moment in the midst of our days to reconnect with the divine, to nourish our souls, and to deepen our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Even one additional Mass a week can transform your spiritual life, offering a deeper wellspring of grace.

The Sacrament of Penance, or confession, is a profound gift from God, a place where His mercy pours out upon us, washing away our sins and healing our souls. We might sometimes feel apprehensive about going to confession, but it's truly an encounter with Christ's boundless love and forgiveness. Regular confession helps us to honestly examine our consciences, to humble ourselves before God, and to receive the grace we need to grow in holiness. It frees us from the burdens of sin and allows us to

experience the peace that only God can give. Let's not neglect this incredible source of spiritual renewal and healing.

Finally, let's consider the immense blessing of spending time before our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Through adoration, we have the opportunity to sit in the true presence of Jesus Christ, exposed in the monstrance. Remember Jesus' words to His disciples: "So, could you not watch with me one hour?" It is a time for quiet prayer, reflection, simply being with Our Lord. Spending time in Adoration allows us to open our hearts to Christ in a unique way, to lay our burdens at His feet, and to receive His consoling presence.

By prayerfully embracing these practices we can truly deepen our faith and experience the transforming power of God's grace in our lives. Let us strive to draw ever closer to Him, trusting in His love and mercy.

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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

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

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

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Narelle Khoury, Claudette Takchi,
Moonan Wehbe

Flower Arranging

Ana Brown, Latu Manu

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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, 6:00p.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:

Vietnamese Community

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Sisters, Jasmine Miranda,
Sony Joseph Raj

Children's Liturgy

Sr. Susanne and Claudette Takchi

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,
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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, Maria Vu Thi
Duyen, John Dover, Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea,
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Wehbe, Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

Parish Altar Servers

For many years, our parish has been blessed with reverent, well-trained altar servers, a legacy we must urgently continue. We have an immediate need for more people to come forward and serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please prayerfully consider this profound privilege and vital duty to Our Lord.

Altar servers play a role of profound importance that extends far beyond practical assistance. Their active participation in the liturgy holds deep historical, theological, and spiritual significance.

A brief meeting for all current servers and any interested new candidates will be held on Sunday, 27th July, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Your presence is appreciated.

Mass Offering Envelopes

Requests for Masses to be offered for various intentions can be sought by completing the Mass Offering envelopes which are located near the doors of the churches. Please clearly write the details of your intention on the envelope, and hand it directly to the priest before or after a Mass.

This will ensure your intention is not missed and will allow the priest to confirm your request.

Weekly Adoration at Holy Family Church

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

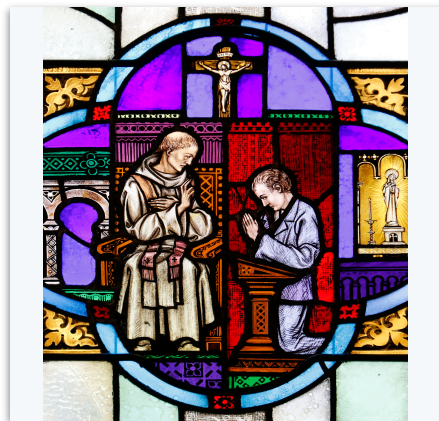
Please take some time out of day and spend some time with Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and join others in praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

Saturday Confessions at Holy Trinity Church

From Saturday, 3rd August, confession time at Holy Trinity Church will be available before the Vigil Mass between 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. each week. This new time will replace the current confession time on Saturday mornings.

There are 3 opportunities each and every week to make your confession across the parish, along with an additional time on the First Friday of the month, so take advantage of these opportunities to seek the mercy and forgiveness of Our Lord in the sacrament he instituted to draw us closer to Himself.



Become a Parish Volunteer

We're always grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, and encourage others to come forward and get involved.

If you have a passion for service and some time to offer, consider joining one of our many parish ministries. There are opportunities for all ages to join in and take part in the life of the parish.

Please be aware that some volunteer positions will require a Working With Children Check whilst completion of safeguarding training is also required. Assistance will be available. For more information on how you can become a volunteer, contact the parish office.

Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, 15 August

On Friday, 15 August, as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day.

Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. Please speak with Richard Zaiter, or contact the parish office if you are able to help.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On that day there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a vigil Mass the evening before (which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass) which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



WALK FOR *Mary*

*Candlelight Procession
in honour of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Friday 15th August
A Holy Day of Obligation

6PM - HOLY MASS
Holy Trinity Church

Followed by a candlelight procession
to Holy Family Church.





ASSUMPTION PROCESSION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed for the annual procession
in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary on
Friday 15th of August at 6PM.

In particular, we need;

- Safety Marshalls
- Altar Servers
- Groups of 4 people to carry the bier



SCAN CODE OR CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER



Saints & STUFF

Pope Leo XIII

Born Vincenzo Gioacchino Raffaele Luigi Pecci in 1810, Pope Leo XIII reigned as pontiff from 1878 to 1903, making him the third longest-reigning Pope in history at the time. His papacy was marked by significant intellectual contributions, most notably the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891), which addressed social justice and the rights of workers during the Industrial Revolution, earning him the moniker "Social Pope". He was the first Pope to be filmed and to have his voice recorded, embracing new technologies.

A keen advocate for scholarship, Leo XIII opened the Vatican Secret Archives to researchers in 1881, a groundbreaking move that demonstrated a more open approach to historical inquiry. He also had a particular devotion to the Holy Rosary, writing eleven encyclicals on the subject and earning him the title "Rosary Pope." Pope Leo XIII died on July 20, 1903, at the age of 93, after a remarkable and influential papacy. While he has not been canonised as a saint, his profound intellectual contributions and significant reforms have left an indelible and memorable mark on the Holy Church.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prayer as God's Gift

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

2560 "If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him.

2561 "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." Paradoxically our prayer intention is a response of the plea of the living God...Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Leonine Prayers

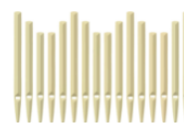
The Leonine Prayers were a set of prayers prescribed by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, intended to be recited by the faithful after Low Mass, that is a Mass was spoken rather than sung and included less ceremonial elements compared to a Sung Mass or High Mass. The prayers were initially introduced as an appeal for the temporal independence of the Holy See - its freedom from the control of any other state or political power in worldly or secular affairs, particularly in matters related to its governance and the exercise of its spiritual authority.

The typical recitation included the Hail Holy Queen, the praying which begins with "O God, our refuge and our strength," and three Hail Mary's. A further addition was made to the prayers in 1904 under Pope Pius X, who mandated the inclusion of the invocation "Most Sacred Heart, have mercy on us" three times. Later, in 1934, Pope Pius XI requested the intention be specifically for the conversion of Russia.

Following the Second Vatican Council, the Leonine prayers largely fell out of widespread use with the reform of the liturgy. While no longer obligatory, some communities continue to include them in their private devotions, preserving a historical practice with a rich spiritual legacy.

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The Readings

Introit (Psalm 53:6,8)

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading
Book of Genesis (18:1-10)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1)

℟. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. ℟.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. ℟.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. ℟.

Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
(Colossians 1:24-28)

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 8:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 10:38-42)

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communio (Psalm 110:4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

*Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our
souls marvellous effects, abundant spiritual and material
graces which we, ourselves, do not know...*

*It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than
without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!*

- S^c Pio Pietrelcina