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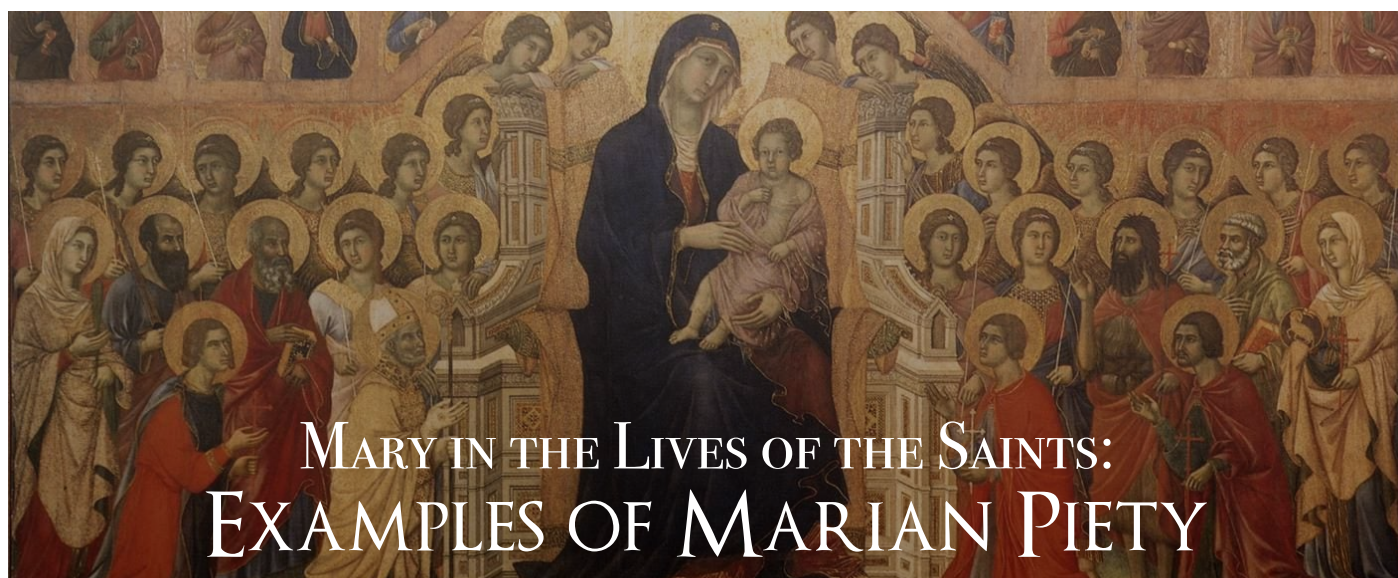
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Having explored the foundational truths of Mary's identity and the devotions that draw us closer to her, we now turn to the saints. Their lives offer us powerful examples of how a profound love for the Blessed Mother can lead to extraordinary holiness and apostolic zeal.

St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort is perhaps the most well-known proponent of Marian devotion. His writing, *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, has inspired countless souls, including popes, to consecrate themselves entirely to Jesus through Mary. He taught that Jesus chose Mary as the perfect channel to come to us, and therefore, we should go to Him through her. This radical devotion, which sees Mary not as an end but as the surest means to a deeper relationship with Christ, transformed his spiritual life and ministry.

Another towering figure of Marian piety is St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Known for his eloquent sermons and

writings, St. Bernard often spoke of Mary as the "Mediatrice of all graces," a title that highlights her essential role in the distribution of God's blessings. He famously taught that "it was the will of God that we should have everything through Mary." His teachings remind us that we should confidently approach our Mother, for her intercession is powerful and always turned toward our good.

More recently, St. Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated a heroic love for the Immaculata. A Franciscan friar and martyr, he founded the Militia Immaculata to bring souls to Christ through Mary. For him, Mary was the perfect model of Christian life and the key to spiritual combat. His willingness to sacrifice his life for a fellow prisoner at Auschwitz, a final act of heroic charity, was a testament to his total consecration to Our Lady. He saw Mary as the ultimate expression of God's love and mercy in the world.

Finally, we look to the gentle yet profound piety of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Though she did not write extensive theological works on Mary, her "Little Way" of spiritual childhood was a living imitation of Mary's humility and trust. St. Thérèse saw Mary not as a distant queen, but as a loving Mother and a perfect model of simple, daily faithfulness to God's will.

These saints are but a few examples from the Church's vast history. They teach us that Marian devotion is not a single practice but a way of life - a continuous act of trust in the Mother of God that leads us ever closer to the heart of her Son. Next week, in our final instalment, we will reflect on Mary's role as Queen and Mediatrice and find hope in her maternal intercession for the Church and the world. Let us look to their shining examples and find the courage to follow their path of trusting devotion to our Blessed Mother.

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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,
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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, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.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

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Readers

Vigil Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,
Ingrid Bifulco

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

Children's Liturgy

Sr. Susanne, Claudette Takchi

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
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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.*

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Baine, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
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Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Maria Dinh,
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Zaiter.



Thank you

Last Sunday, the parish held a BBQ to welcome Fr. Galbert and Fr. Joseph to Holy Cross Parish. Much time and preparation was put in preparing logistic in the days and weeks leading up to last Sunday.

We extend our thanks to the those who assisted in setting up, many of whom began early in the morning, those who assisted with cooking the BBQ, serving food, setting up and cleaning up.

We also extend our gratitude to the staff from all our parish schools, for joining us on the day, and assisting with set up, food service and donations of items for the BBQ. Our parish has been fortunate for many years to have a relationship of mutual support and respect with our parish schools and we look forward to continuing that into the future.

Thanks also goes to all those who kindly and generously brought along additional food, drinks, cakes and monetary donations. It is through your generosity and support that we were able to have a great day.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who braved the wet weather, and to those who have made our new priests feel welcome in the parish since commencing their time with us. Please continue to pray for them, and for all priests, that they may be strengthened in their faith and love of Our Lord and that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, will protect them and draw them ever closer her Son.



Grant, O Lord, to all your priests the grace to be holy, strong, and filled with your love. Strengthen them in their ministry, protect them from evil, and fill them with a burning zeal for souls. May their hands, which consecrate the Eucharist, be ever pure, and their hearts, which serve you, be ever faithful. Amen.

Thank you

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Last Thursday evening we celebrated the vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church. Thank you to all those who assisted that evening.

On Friday, we continued our celebrations with Holy Mass at Holy Family Church with Holy Family Primary School, Holy Mass with the staff and students from Holy Trinity Primary and Delany College, and then later that evening at Holy Trinity Church, followed by a candlelight procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church. Thank you to all those who made these celebrations possible, in particular, those who arranged the music and lead the singing, to all our altar servers that served the Mass and the procession, to Joe Chidiac for driving the parish bus both before the Mass and after the procession, to Rosette Chidiac and Claudette Takchi for leading the procession, to Richard Zaiter for organising safety marshals and securing the route, to all those who volunteered as marshals and all those who helped carry the statue of Our Lady.

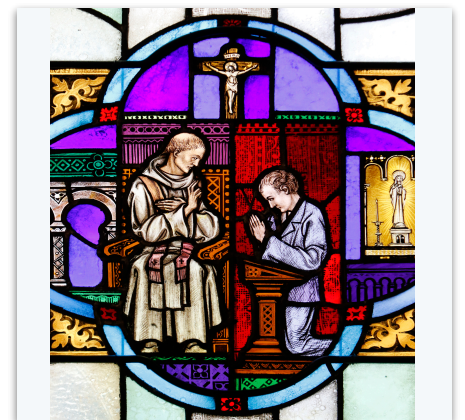
Thank you to those who made the beautiful arrangements of flowers for both our churches and the arrangement that decorated the bier that carried the statue of Our Lady, and to all who devotedly joined us in the procession to give witness to the love of Our Lady to the world.

It is because of those who generously give their time and talents to the parish that we are able to make these events possible and for that we are truly grateful. And finally, thank you to all those that joined us and took part in the procession and honouring Our Blessed Mother in this special way.

Saturday Confessions at Holy Trinity Church

From Saturday, 2nd 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.



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 your 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.

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." - St. Pio of Pietrelcina



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GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



Saints & STUFF

St. Gemma Galgani

In the late 19th century, a young Italian mystic named Gemma Galgani endured a life marked by intense physical suffering and profound spiritual experiences, including the stigmata. Known as the "Gem of Christ", St. Gemma's deep love for Jesus was inseparable from her tender devotion to His Mother, Mary.

St. Gemma saw the Blessed Virgin not just as a heavenly queen, but as her personal, loving Mother. She often felt Mary's presence and sought her guidance, particularly during her periods of suffering. St. Gemma found immense solace and strength in the Rosary, which was a constant prayer in her life. She believed that Mary was her great protector and advocate, a maternal figure who comforted her and let her closer to the heart of her Son. Her devotion to the Sorrowful Mother was especially profound; St. Gemma united her own suffering with those of Mary at the foot of the cross. St. Gemma's life remind us that in times of trial, we can, like her, find refuge in the maternal embrace of Our Lady, who draws us ever closer to Our Lord and Saviour. Her story is a beautiful testament to the power of a child-like trust in Mary's care.

St. Gemma Galgani, Pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mary, Full of Grace

721 Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit has prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." In her, the "wonders of God" that the Spirit was to fulfill in Christ and the Church began to be manifested.

722 The Holy Spirit, prepared Mary by his grace. It was fitting that the mother of him in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" should herself be "full of grace." She was, by sheer grace, conceived without sin as the most humble of creatures, the most capable of welcoming the inexpressible gift of the Almighty. It was quite correct for the angel Gabriel to greet her as the "Daughter of Zion": "Rejoice."

723 In Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the plan of the Father's loving goodness...By the Holy Spirit's power and her faith, her virginity became uniquely fruitful.

CATHOLIC Trivia

Catholic Symbolism

Have you ever noticed the symbols around a church and wondered what they mean? These images are not just for decoration; they are a visual language, rich with theological meaning that tells the story of our faith and connects us to centuries of tradition.

The fish (Ichthys) is one of the oldest and most recognisable Christians symbols. During the time of Roman persecution, early Christians used it as a secret sign to identify one another, as the Greek letters for "fish" from an acrostic for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour." It was a powerful and discreet way to affirm their faith.

The lamb is another profound symbol, representing Jesus as the "Lamb of God" who was sacrificed for the sins of the world.

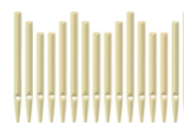
The dove symbolises the Holy Spirit, often depicted descending upon Jesus at His baptism or appearing during Pentecost.

The anchor, a lesser-known but significant symbol, represents hope, signifying our secure and steadfast faith in Christ amidst the storms of life.

Finally, the 'IHS' monogram is a shortened version of Jesus' name in Greek, a powerful reminder of His presence. These symbols serve as a constant, silent catechism, enriching our understanding of the faith. They stand as reminders of the sacred story that began long before us and continues to unfold.

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The Readings

Introit (Psalm 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

The Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10)

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14)

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. R.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. R.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. R.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! R.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:1-4)

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that

hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

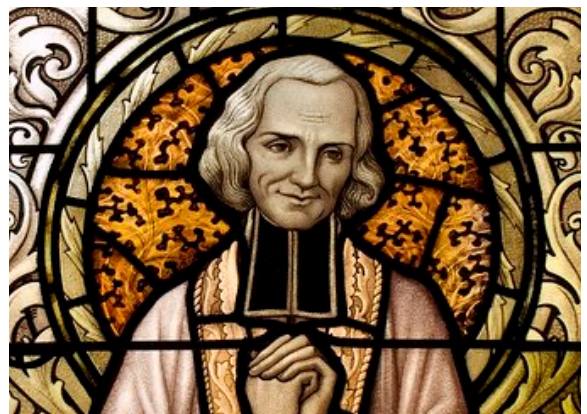
The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 12:49-53)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Communio (Psalm 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



"Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: "Behold your Mother!" How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!"
- St. John Vianney