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A Simple Act of Consecration

My Queen, my Mother,
I give myself entirely to you;
and to show my devotion to you,
I consecrate to you this day,
my eyes, my ears, my mouth,
my heart, my whole being
without reserve.

Wherefore, O loving Mother,
as I am your own, keep me
and guard me as your property
and possession.
Amen

SEALING OUR DEVOTION: A CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

As the month of August, dedicated in a special way to honour the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draws to a close, we arrive at a moment for a new beginning. This final weekend, we are presented with a unique opportunity to crown our reflections with a personal act of love and trust: Filial Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Over the past 4 weeks, we have contemplated Mary's sublime dignity as the Mother of God and our spiritual Mother, a gift bestowed upon us by Christ from the Cross. We have also explored the power of timeless devotions, found inspiration in the exemplary piety of the saints, and reflected on her glorious roles as Queen and Mediatrix. Now, in a culminating act, we are invited to put our faith into action by giving ourselves entirely to her loving care.

Consecration is our profound "yes" to Mary's motherhood. It is a conscious decision to live under her maternal mantle, seeking her guidance and intercession in all things. It is a proven path to holiness, as demonstrated by saints like St. Louis de Montfort and St. Maximilian Kolbe, who recognised that Mary, being perfectly united to God's will, is the surest and quickest way to union with her Son. By following their example, we align

ourselves with a powerful tradition of seeking holiness through her.

In this final weekend of August, make a resolution to offer yourself completely to the one who is both your spiritual Mother and your Queen. By entrusting ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, we place ourselves under her royal protection and open ourselves to the abundant graces that flow from her Son. Take time this weekend for prayerful reflection, considering all that you wish to surrender to her care: your past, your future, your hopes, your worries, and your family.

Lastly, commit yourself this weekend to make an Act of Consecration (shown on left) with a sincere heart, perhaps after receiving Holy Communion. It is a simple yet profound prayer that marks a beautiful new beginning of a deeper relationship with Our Lady. By making this Act of Consecration, we do not conclude our devotion to Mary, but rather deepen it.

May this weekend of August mark a beautiful beginning of a more profound relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, one that guides you on a continual path of grace, all the way to her Son, Jesus Christ.



Ad Iesum per Mariam.
(To Jesus through Mary)

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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,
Moona 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, 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

Church Cleaning Group 1: D.Portelli,
A.Quinlan, L.Toman, N.Begley,
W.Krasinski, J.Galea

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Sisters, Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac, Wadzi
Mushininga, Jasmine Miranda

Children's Liturgy

Elmo and Shanthi Xavier

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Lorraine 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, Agnes Le,
Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia, Jacob Lee,
Josephine Magro, Sid Morgan, 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, Joseph Baini, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les
Camilleri, Tessie Camilleri, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Maria Dinh,
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Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary
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Graham Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe,
Yesmine Wehbe, Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila
Zaiter.



First Thursday Holy Mass in Latin

This Thursday, being the first Thursday of the month, Holy Mass in Latin will be said at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month is traditionally offered as an act of reparation to the wounds of Our Lord and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament and as a day to pray for Priests in honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ, High and Eternal Priest.

First Friday Mass and Adoration

Join us this Friday at 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.

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. Completion of safeguarding training is also required, and assistance will be available if required.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer, contact the parish office, or visit the parish website's 'ministries' section.

Important Notice about parking cars at Holy Family Church

This notice is a friendly, but important, reminder about parking at Holy Family Church. We have noticed that some cars have been parking directly in the presbytery driveway and blocking the garages. This creates a serious problem, and we ask for your help in resolving it.

Our priests often have to leave the church property at a moment's notice to attend to important parish duties or appointments. When the driveway is blocked, it causes unnecessary delays and can make it difficult for them to carry out their ministry.

We ask that you show consideration and respect for our priests and their work by parking sensibly, and not blocking the presbytery driveway or garages.

Please allow the upper end of the driveway, opposite the statue of the Pieta, for those who are bringing elderly or those unable to walk long distances to Mass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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

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.

**PLEASE OFFER
HOLY MASS**



DATE _____

NAME OF PERSON/S _____

INTENTION _____

(ILL HEALTH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED etc.)

FROM _____

FOR PUBLICATION YES ☐ NO ☐

Clergy Support Foundation Father's Day Appeal

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

"The priest is not a priest for himself. He is a priest for you."

- St. John Vianney





ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY
4:15PM TO 4:45PM

WEDNESDAY
6:30PM TO 7:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SATURDAY
5:00PM TO 5:45PM
FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
6:15PM TO 6:45PM

*Confession heals, confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin,
all hope consists in confession;
in confession there is a chance for mercy.*

- St. Isidore of Seville





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The Holy Cross Parish app is just another way of keeping updated on everything that takes place in the parish!

In addition to finding available Mass, Confession and Adoration times available in the parish, the app also has some great tools such as prayers, daily reflections, audio bible, news feeds, and homilies which are published weekly.

You can also find links to popular catholic podcasts, such as Dr. Taylor Marshall, Fr. Mike Schmitz and updated news from outlets such as the Catholic Weekly.

Once you have downloaded the app to your phone or device, simply click on the 'myparishapp' button, click on "find a parish" and type in "Holy Cross Parish"

Search for 'myparish' on the App Store or Google Play to download the app today!

Saints & STUFF

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young Italian who died at the age of 15 from Leukaemia, offers a compelling model of holiness for the modern world. Despite living a life that mirrored his peers, complete with video games and a love for the internet, Carlo's spiritual life was profoundly deep. He used his computer skills not for personal gain, but to build a website that documented Eucharistic miracles around the globe, aiming to help people realise the real presence of Jesus. This act of tech evangelism earned him the title of patron saint of the internet.

His intensive love for the Eucharist was deeply intertwined with a tender and constant devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Blessed Carlo affectionately called Mary "the only woman in my life" and he prayed the Rosary daily, seeing it as a powerful means to grow closer to both her and her Son. He understood that Mary, as a mother, would guide him and protect him on his journey toward holiness. His life is a testament that sanctity is achievable in the digital age, a simple and attainable goal through devotion to the Sacraments and a childlike love for the Blessed Mother.

Bl. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mary, Mother of the Church

964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death", it is made manifest above all at the hour of His Passion: Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering...

965 After her Son's Ascension, "Mary aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

CATHOLIC Trivia

Unsung Moments of the Mass

Every Mass is filled with rich symbolism, even in moments we might overlook. Beyond the familiar readings and communion, several subtle actions hold profound meaning, drawing us deeper in the sacred mystery.

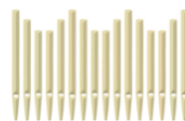
Consider the Incensing: This ancient practice is a powerful sensory experience. The rising smoke symbolises our prayers ascending to God, while the fragrance represents the presence of the Holy Spirit and the sanctification of what is censed - the altar, the Gospel book, and even the people. It is a profound sign of honour and reverence.

Another often-missed moment is the preparation of the gifts, where the priest pours a tiny drop of water into the wine. He quietly prays, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This beautiful ritual symbolises the very heart of the Incarnation - the union of Christ's divine nature with our human one, which we are invited to share.

Finally, during the "Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God), a small particle of the consecrated Host is dropped into the chalice. The commingling symbolises the reunification of Christ's body and blood, a reminder that we are wholly receiving the living, and resurrected Christ. By noticing these actions, we can better understand the sacred drama unfolding before us.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf Psalm 85:3,5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29)

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11)

℟. God, in your goodness, you have made a home
for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. ℟.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. ℟.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. ℟.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24)

What you have come to is nothing known to the
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total
darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great
voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg
that no more should be said to them. But what you have
come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which
everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You
have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been
placed with spirits of the saints who have been made
perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new
covenant.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 11:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched
him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because
he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He
said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast,
do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more
distinguished person than you may have been invited,
and the person who invited you both may come and say,
"Give up your place to this man." And then, to your
embarrassment, you would have to go and take the
lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way
to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host
comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that
way, everyone with you at the table will see you
honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich
neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting
you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay
you back means that you are fortunate, because
repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise
again.'

Communio (Psalm 30:20)

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

