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The Sacred Encounter:

Rediscovering the Holy Mass with Heart and Soul

The Holy Mass is the centre of our Catholic faith. It is not merely a community gathering, but our participation in the one, perfect, and eternal sacrifice of Christ on the Cross at Calvary, made present on the altar. Every gesture, posture, and moment is rich with theological meaning, designed to draw our hearts and minds into this profound mystery. By understanding the “why” behind our actions, we transform our Sunday obligation into a truly sacred encounter.

Our preparation for Mass begins before the Entrance Hymn. St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are “temples of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19). The thought we give to how we present ourselves for Mass is an outward sign of this interior truth, ensuring that we are honouring the solemnity of the occasion to help focus on God as we enter His house. The silence we cultivate upon arrival is equally essential. In a world full of noise,

we need silence to open our hearts. As the prophet Elijah found God in a “still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12), we must quiet our minds to receive his grace. When we genuflect toward the Tabernacle, we make a profound statement of faith: we believe that Jesus Christ is truly and substantially present there, waiting for us.

Throughout the Mass, our physical postures are a form of prayer that unites us, body and soul, to the sacred action on the altar. We stand at the reading of the Gospel, not just to stretch, but as the posture of respect and readiness, honouring Christ as the living Word of God. We also practice the beautiful custom of bowing our heads reverently whenever the most Holy Name of Jesus is spoken, reflecting our deep personal respect for our Saviour. We sit during the readings and the homily, adopting the posture of a humble disciple, attentively listening to the teachings

of the Lord. And we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the posture of profound adoration. As the priest consecrates the elements, we are mystically present at the foot of the Cross. Our posture acknowledges the infinite miracle occurring: we are in the presence of God Himself, fulfilling St. Paul’s injunction that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow” (Philippians 2:10).

The most intimate moment is receiving Holy Communion. St. Paul’s warning to “examine” ourselves underscores the necessity of being in a state of grace. Our approach to the altar must be one of deep reverence, reflecting the incredible reality that we are receiving God Himself. The moments of silent prayer which follow are among the most powerful we have; Christ is physically present within us. We honour Him and are strengthened by His grace to carry His light with us into the world.

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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

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, 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, 6:00 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 4: G. Pinto, M. Moses, S. Martin, M. Magpayo, C. Elegado, N. Begley, J. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj, S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Katherine Jenner, Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges, Jasmine Miranda, Merlin Sandhiya

Children's Liturgy

Sr. Susanne and Claudette Takchi

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, 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, Doris Casha, Joseph Cunmao Chen, Jamil Chidiac, Maria Dinh, Maria Vu Thi Duyen, John Dover, Joe Paul Fehir, Estrella Francisco, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Chini Maya Kc, Nouhad Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Peter Michael, Karime Michael, Tony Michael, Madalena Michael, Nancy McIntyre, Santo Mondello, Kudzai Gerald Mutongerwa, Anthony Newell, Jessica Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Michael O'Brien, Zackary Orenshaw, Samuel Pickering, Robert Pidgeon, Anna Pham, Flory Pinto, Peter Robertson, Saliba family, Geoff Senior, Garry Smith, Carlito So, 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.



Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion

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.



Holy Cross Apparel Limited Stock for Sale

Limited stock available of the Marian-themed Holy Cross Apparel being sold in the Piety Shop at Holy Family Church.

This beautiful apparel, honouring the Mother of God, was initially offered in August in the spiritual preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since demand has been high, these final items are available only while current stocks last so visit the Piety Shop soon to secure these special pieces for yourself or as a gift. By supporting the Piety Shop, you help support the continued work of the parish.

November Mass Intentions for the Souls in Purgatory

Envelopes for the parish's Book of Remembrance are now available at the doors of the church.

The Book of Remembrance is a special way to honour and pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead throughout the month of November.

If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones inscribed in the book, please take an envelope, clearly write the names, and place the sealed envelope in the clearly marked boxes located near the church doors.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family, Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount \$ _____

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins."
11 Macchabees 12:46

November Masses

Volunteer Cleaners Needed for Holy Family Church

Our parish churches are more than a building; they are sacred places where we gather as a family to worship God and receive the Sacraments. It is our spiritual home, and like any home, it needs to be cared for.

We are seeking volunteers to form new cleaning groups that will assist with the care of our church once a month. This is a chance to give back to God and our community by helping to keep His house clean all who enter.

This is a true act of service, and we ask you to consider sharing your time and talent with others who already generously serve the parish.

If you are in a position to assist, please contact the parish office.

2026 Columban Calendars on Sale Now

The 2026 Columban Calendars are now on sale in the Piety Shops at both churches for \$11.00.

This Calendar is well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

Funds raised help the St. Columbans Mission Society continue their work in the fifteen countries they serve. Through education, pastoral care and essential aid, your continued support transforms lives and brings Christ's love to the most vulnerable.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (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.





The Glorious Mysteries

The Triumph of Christ: Our Eternal Hope

The Rosary is a cycle that leads us from cradle to the Cross, and finally, to the magnificent splendour of Heaven. Having passed through the necessary shadows of the Sorrowful Mysteries, we are now lifted by the dazzling light of the Glorious Mysteries. These are the Mysteries of Triumph, the bedrock of all Christian belief and the surest source of our Hope. These are the Mysteries of Triumph, evidence that Christ has won the battle, and that for the faithful, death is not an end, but a passageway to eternal life. They redirect our gaze from the temporary trials of earth to the imperishable prize of the life to come.

Our meditation begins with the event that validates our entire faith: the glorious **Resurrection of Our Lord**. Christ bursts forth from the tomb, conquering sin, death, and the power of the devil in one definitive action. This is the undeniable fact that proves His divinity and confirms the truth of every promise He made. This mystery demands of us a deep, living faith - a conviction that is not shaken by worldly doubts or scientific arrogance. It must infuse our lives with joy and spiritual vigour, knowing that we serve a living, conquering God.

Forty days later, the **Ascension of Our Lord** sees Him return to the Father in Heaven, taking His

resurrected humanity with Him and preparing a place for all His followers. This moment reminds us that we are only pilgrims and temporary residents on this earth; our citizenship is in Heaven. This conviction provides us with the essential virtue of hope, a rock-solid expectation of future glory that enables us to face present difficulties with courage and patience. We are encouraged to raise our minds and hearts to heavenly things, rather than clinging to the passing comforts of this world.

The third mystery brings the power of God directly into the Church: **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**. At Pentecost, the Advocate descends upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary, transforming the fearful into heroes and establishing the Church's universal mission. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Mystical Body of Christ and the divine Sanctifier of our own souls. We pray for His seven gifts, especially the gifts of wisdom to judge all things by the light of God, and a courageous zeal for His honour, that we may fulfil our Catholic mission and defend the Truth in a confused world.

We then turn our eyes to the ultimate reward of Our Lady in **The Assumption**. Her earthly life complete, Mary's body and soul were taken up into Heaven. She is

the first fruit of her Son's victory, a magnificent prophecy of our own final destiny. She, a mere creature, is now with Christ in His full glory, serving as our model and encouragement. This calls us to cultivate a true and active devotion to Mary, trusting in her maternal care and seeking the grace to live a life worthy of receiving the favour of a holy death, that we may join her.

The series culminates in the breathtaking splendour of the **Coronation of Our Lady**. The Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth by the Most Holy Trinity. She is exalted above all creatures and made Queen of all Angels and Saints. She is our powerful Queen and Mediatrix, whose intercession before her Son is infallible. We pray to her for the essential, final grace of perseverance in all the trials that may come, that we may remain faithful to the end. Her royalty is a guarantee that fidelity to Christ leads to eternal glory.

Let the light of these Glorious Mysteries dispel all doubt and fill your soul with triumphant joy. The victory is won. We have only to follow the King and His Queen with steadfast faith and unwavering hope. May the Queen of Heaven inspire us always to seek the glories of the life that is to come.

*Blessed Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Pray for us!*



HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE HOLY CROSS PARISH APP?

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!

A religious painting depicting the Holy Family. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wears a red tunic and a blue cloak. He is holding the infant Jesus on his chest. Mary, with long brown hair and a yellow headscarf, looks on. A young John the Baptist, with a halo, is in the foreground, looking up at Jesus. Another child is visible on the right, looking up. The background is a soft, neutral tone.

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**CHILDREN'S
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During 10:00am Mass every Sunday
of school terms at Holy Trinity Church.

Saints & STUFF

Bl. Bartolo Longo

Born in 1841, Bartolo Longo's youth took a dangerous turn, leading him deep into involvement with a Satanic cult and spiritualism. Lost and despairing, he found himself intellectually and morally troubled, often contemplating suicide. Providence intervened through the wise counsel of a Dominican priest, Father Radente, who urged him to embrace the Rosary. "If you wish to be saved," the priest advised, "propagate the Rosary. It is a promise of Mary."

Bartolo took this advice to heart, experiencing a profound conversion and finding peace in the Catholic faith. He became a Third Order Dominican, taking the name Brother Rosario (Brother Rosary), signifying his complete dedication to the devotion.

His life's mission became the active promotion of the prayer. In the once-desolate Valle di Pompei, he established the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii and founded numerous orphanages and charitable works.

Blessed Bartolo Longo, the "Apostle of the Rosary," stands as a powerful witness to how this simple prayer can conquer darkness and lead souls to Christ through Mary. His feast day is October 5th.

Blessed Bartolo Longo, Pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Church's Treasury

1476 We also call these spiritual goods of the communion of saints the Church's treasury, which is not the sum total of the material good which have accumulated during the course of the centuries. On the contrary the treasury of the Church is the infinite value, which can never be exhausted, which Christ's merits have before God. They were offered so that the whole of mankind could be set free from sin and attain communion with the Father. In Christ, the Redeemer Himself, the satisfactions and merits of His Redemption exist and find their efficacy.

1477 This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by His grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them. In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the Mystical Body.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Pope Who Laughed

Pope St. John XXIII, born Angelo Roncalli, was universally loved not just for his holiness and for convening the historic Second Vatican Council, but for his famously warm and utterly self-deprecating sense of humour. His wit was a key part of his pastoral style, often disarming people and immediately earning their affection.

When a journalist asked how many people actually worked at the Vatican, he famously quipped, "About half." Another time, when asked about his intentions for a sensitive trip, he simply replied, "To return." These short, practical remarks highlighted his down-to-earth nature and lack of pretension.

His humility often manifested in jokes about his own appearance. Upon meeting a prominent woman who gushed, "Holy Father, you look so well!" he replied with a smile, "Thank you, but I do not diet, and they do not starve me."

Perhaps his most celebrated anecdote concerns handling the stress of the papacy. When asked if he ever had trouble sleeping, he revealed his mental trick: "Oh, no. When I worry, I just tell myself, 'Angelo, don't take yourself so seriously. After all, the Pope is only the Vicar of Christ... not Christ himself!' And then I sleep." His joyful, accessible spirit remains a central part of his enduring legacy.

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The Readings

Introit
(Cf Psalm 16:6,8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading
The Book of Exodus
(Exodus 17:8-13)

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 120. R. v.2

℟. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. ℟.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. ℟.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. ℟.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. ℟.

Second Reading
Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy
(2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2)

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation
(Hebrews 4:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke
(Luke 17:11-19)

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communio
(Cf Psalm 33:11)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.