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The Holy Mass: Our Highest Form of Prayer

In the treasury of the Catholic Faith, we find many jewels of devotion: the Holy Rosary, litanies, mental prayer, and hours of adoration. Yet, one act of worship stands infinitely above all others: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. it is not merely a prayer; it is *the* prayer. As the Second Vatican Council reiterated, it is the “source and summit of Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium*, 11)

Why does it hold supreme status? Because the profound dignity of the Mass does not come from us, but from who is offering it and what is offered. It is the un-bloody re-presentation of Christ’s one, perfect, and eternal sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary. The Council of Trent defined infallibly that the Mass is a “true and proper sacrifice” offered to God, the very same sacrifice as the Cross, differing only in the manner of offering.

In every other prayer, we offer God our own fallible works, thoughts, and petitions. But in the Mass, we unite ourselves to the

High Priest, Jesus Christ, who offers Himself - the perfect Victim - to the Father. The saints, who understood this mystery deeply, found that even the highest forms of praise (superlatives) were insufficient to describe its true worth.

St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, taught: “All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Since the Mass is the work of God, its value is infinite, Its power is limitless. As the Church’s perfect offering, the Mass fulfils the four primary ends of prayer more perfectly than any human devotion ever could. It is our greatest act of Adoration to the Holy Trinity, our most profound Thanksgiving for all graces received, our most effective plea for petition, and the only true sufficient Reparation for the sins of the living and the dead.

St. Padre Pio, the great mystic, insisted, “It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” It is the Mass that holds back divine justice and unleashes a torrent of grace upon the world.

Understanding this reality dictates our response. We are not spectators at a performance; we are participants at the foot of the Cross, standing with Our Lady. This truth demands our complete attention. Our preparation for Mass should not begin when we enter the pew, but in our hearts before we even leave home.

This reverence is manifested externally: in the profound genuflection toward the tabernacle, in the silence we maintain within the holy space, and in our posture of kneeling during the Consecration acknowledging that we are before the living God. As St. Alphonsus Liguori advised, we must “attend Mass as if it were the only Mass you were ever to hear...” Let us therefore approach the altar with renewed awe, recognising the Mass as the most powerful prayer on earth.

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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

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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

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Readers

Vigil Sisters, Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La
Rosa

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda, Armani
Barakat, Mary Georges

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,
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Khalil, Kay King, Fortunato La Macchia, Silvio La Macchia,
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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

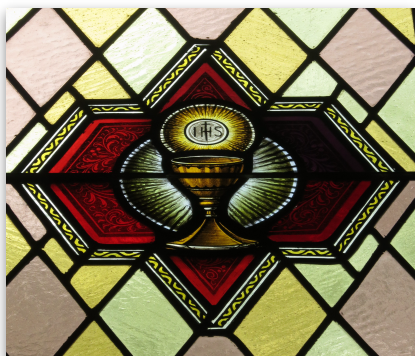
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Dennis Wilson, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

Blessing of the Graves at Rookwood Cemetery

Save the date and join us on Saturday 8th November at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, where we will visit the graves of the past Parish Priests of Granville to bless the graves and to pray for the repose of their souls.

For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or to arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery. For those who would like a spot on the bus, please contact the parish office for further details.

Please be aware that there are limited places available on the bus and we may not be able to accommodate all requests for transport.

Holy Mass for All Saints Day and All Souls Day

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Saturday, 1st November, and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) falls on Sunday, 2nd November.

The Masses for All Saints Day will be celebrated at the usual Saturday morning times.

Masses for All Souls Day will then be offered at the Saturday evening Vigil Masses and at all Sunday Masses.

Join us in honouring the Saints and in praying for the Faithful Departed.

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 Luminous Mysteries

The Light of Christ: Sacraments and Mission

As we conclude our meditative journey through the Holy Rosary, we turn our gaze to the Luminous Mysteries, or the Mysteries of Light. These mysteries focus specifically on Our Lord's public life, the period in which He most fully revealed Himself as the Divine Son of God and established the necessary Sacraments of grace for His Church. Though a later addition to the traditional fifteen mysteries, they are a powerful complement that illuminates Christ's active ministry, focusing our minds on the true nature of discipleship and the centrality of the Eucharist.

The first light shines in the wilderness at the **Baptism in the Jordan**. Here, Our Lord initiates His saving mission. The voice of the Eternal Father is heard, "This is My Beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descends. This perfect manifestation of the Trinity is a powerful reminder of the dignity of our own Baptism, which made us adopted children of God and consecrated us for service. This mystery calls us to a firm resolve to be faithful to our Baptismal Vows and to live a life open to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to guide every choice we make.

The light next illuminates the **Wedding at Cana**. At the quiet insistence of His Mother, Our Lord performs His first public miracle, changing water into wine. This is a

profound testament to the power of Marian intercession. Our Lady's simple but absolute instruction to the servant, "Do whatever He tells you," is the most perfect summary of Christian spirituality. This mystery teaches us trust in the intercession of Mary and encourages us to have faith in God's will, bringing our human needs and limitations before Christ through her, knowing He can turn the ordinary into the miraculous.

The light spreads forth with the **Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**. Our Lord preaches the Gospel, calling humanity to immediate repentance and conversion. He lays out the law of the Kingdom in the Beatitudes, a radical spiritual code that entirely contradicts the values of the world. This is a perpetual call to conversion; we are challenged to constantly examine our consciences and change our hearts, ensuring our lives truly reflect the values of the Kingdom. The call is urgent: we must be actively engaged in furthering God's reign on earth through prayer and good works.

We are given a spectacular glimpse of Heaven in **The Transfiguration**. On Mount Tabor, Jesus reveals His Divine Glory to Sts. Peter, James and John. This dazzling event confirms the absolute truth of His divinity and fortifies the Apostles for the events

they would soon face on Calvary. This moment is a powerful image of what happens to the soul in contemplation and prayer. It inspires us to seek interior holiness, to go up the mountain through deeper prayer, so that we too may be transfigured by grace and reflect Christ's light into the world's darkness.

The final and most brilliant light is the **Institution of the Eucharist**. At the Last Supper, Our Lord performed the greatest miracle of all, gifting us the Sacrament of Sacraments: His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. This is the source and summit of our entire Catholic life, the continuation of the Sacrifice of Calvary. This mystery demands of us a profound reverence, an ardent love for the Eucharist, and a constant spirit of adoration. It reminds us that our spirituality must centre entirely on the Altar, and that the greatest encounter we can have with Christ this side of Heaven is in Holy Communion.

As this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary concludes, let us renew our commitment to this powerful devotion. May the twenty mysteries form a complete picture of Christ in our minds, leading us into a deeper love for Him through the guidance of His Immaculate Mother.



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!



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
AFTER 6:00PM MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
AFTER 7:00PM MASS

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more!*

Saints & STUFF

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) was a vibrant Italian Catholic activist and a member of a prominent Turin family. Despite his privileged background, he dedicated his short life to serving the poor and marginalised, joining groups like the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Third Order of Saint Dominic. He was renowned for his radiant joy, passion for social justice, and deep spiritual life centred on the Holy Eucharist.

An avid athlete and mountaineer, his personal motto was "Verso l'alto" ("To the heights"), reflecting his constant pursuit of holiness. He studied mining engineering, intending "to serve Christ better among the miners." He was a vocal opponent of Fascism and was arrested during a demonstration. Frassati died suddenly at age 24 from poliomyelitis, which doctors suspected he contracted while tirelessly assisting the sick.

His family was astonished when thousands of the city's poor and needy attended his funeral, revealing the profound impact of his hidden charity. Beatified in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, who called him the "Man of the Beatitudes," Frassati was canonised by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025, and is now a global patron for youth and athletes.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Life of Prayer

2697 Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment. But we tend to forget him who is our life and our all. This is why the Fathers of the spiritual life in the Deuteronomic and prophetic traditions insist that prayer is a remembrance of God often awakened by the memory of the heart: We must remember God more often than we draw breath. But we cannot pray at all times if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it. These are the special times of Christian prayer, both in intensity and duration.

2698 The Tradition of the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer. Some are daily, such as morning and evening prayer, grace before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours. Sundays, centred on the Eucharist are kept holy primarily by prayer. The cycle of the liturgical year and its great feasts are also basic rhythms of the Christian's life of prayer.

2699 The Lord leads all persons by path and in ways pleasing to him, and each believer responds according to his heart's resolve and the personal expressions of his prayer. However, Christian Tradition has retained three major expressions of prayer: vocal, meditative, and contemplative.

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Cat-holic Pontiff

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the noted theologian and intellectual, possessed a deeply human and relatable trait: an enduring love for cats. Long before he was Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was known as a true "cat-person" throughout his life in Bavaria and Rome.

During his time as a Cardinal, he often fed and befriended the numerous stray cats that roamed the streets near his Vatican office. Witnesses recounted seeing the future Pope stop and converse with the Roman street cats, sometimes in German, as the felines "greeted" him.

In his retirement, living within the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, Benedict XVI was finally in a "kitty haven" in the Vatican gardens. He grew close to the resident cats, including a pair named Contessina and Zorro, who frequently came to say hello. Photographs of him relaxed and smiling while stroking the cats' fur became beloved images, offering a glimpse into the gentle soul behind the scholarly demeanour.

Archbishop Georg Gänswein, his personal secretary, confirmed the Pope's affection, stating that he loved all animals "because they are creatures of God." This simple affinity for felines remains one of the most endearing facts about the retired Late Pontiff, and his kindness was a quiet testament to his belief in the dignity of all creation.

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The Readings

Introit
(Cf Psalm 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading
The Book of Ecclesiasticus
(Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18)

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God
will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice
of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

℟. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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. ℟.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. ℟.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. ℟.

Second Reading
Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy
(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

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 first time I had to present my defence, there
was not a single witness to support me. Every one of
them deserted me – may they not be held accountable
for it. But 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.

Gospel Acclamation
(2 Corinthians 5:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of St. Luke
(Luke 18:9-14)

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to
pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I
thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly
that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a
week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes
to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went
home again at rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communio
(Cf Psalm 19:6)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Please take a copy of this bulletin home with you
for important parish information.