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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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Following our reflection last week on the great spiritual family of the Church, we now turn to the most certain moment in every life: Death. The ancient Christian maxim, *Memento Mori*, which means, "Remember your death," is not meant to frighten us, but to guide us toward a life of purpose and peace.

The truth is simple: our time here on earth is a precious, fleeting opportunity. Everything we see, touch, and own is temporary. The only thing that truly lasts is the state of our soul when we draw our final breath. In that single, irrevocable moment, our earthly journey ends, and our eternal destiny is sealed. After death, there is no more time for repentance or for earning grace; there is only immediate meeting with Christ the Judge.

Because of this truth, the Christian life is fundamentally a preparation for a Holy Death - that is, the grace of dying reconciled to God. To die in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, is the ultimate goal of our faith. To achieve this, we must maintain

vigilance. We should examine our conscience daily, make sincere Acts of Contrition, and resolve to seek the Sacrament of Confession promptly whenever we fall into serious sin.

When a loved one is nearing the end of their life, the Church offers powerful help. The Sacrament of the Last Rites is the full complement of Sacraments given to the dying intended to strengthen the soul for its final journey. This includes receiving the Anointing of the Sick (which offers comfort, strength, and the forgiveness of sins), and Viaticum, which is Holy Communion received as "food for the journey." These Sacraments are profound acts of God's mercy, enveloping the soul in grace as it faces its final trial.

We are also encouraged to develop a daily devotion to Saint Joseph, the foster father of Our Lord. Because he had the unique privilege of dying peacefully with Jesus and Mary at his side, he is rightly known as the Patron of a

Happy Death. Calling upon St. Joseph, along with Jesus and Mary, is a beautiful and simple way to prepare our hearts every day.

Memento Mori is an invitation to choose life. If we remember today that our life is brief, we will be less tempted by the distractions of this world and more focused on the eternal treasures of God's Kingdom. Let us pray daily for the grace of final perseverance, that when Christ calls us home, we may be ready to meet Him with joy.

Do not postpone your reconciliation with the Lord; His mercy is endless for those who ask. May we deepen our sense of urgency and hope, knowing that the eternal reward prepared for the faithful is worth every sacrifice we make now. We must strive always to remain in the love of God, and may our Blessed Mother Mary, and St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, be near us in that critical moment. For those who live well, death is not an ending, but the beginning of true and everlasting life.

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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

Volunteers Needed

Flower Arranging

Patricia Robertson and Sharon Minns

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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 3: Vietnamese
Community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Gerry Pinto,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges, Reanne
Chidiac, Sisters

Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski and Chloe Zaiter

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

We prayerfully remember throughout November in a
special way, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in
particular, all those listed in the parish's Book of
Remembrance.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

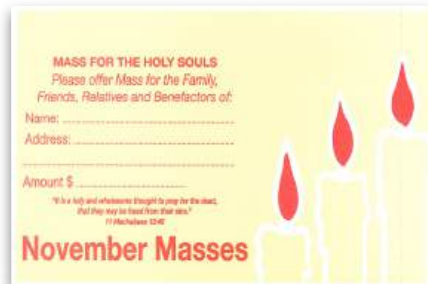
November Mass Intentions for the Souls in Purgatory

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



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.

Volunteer Cleaners Needed for Holy Family Church

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

Volunteers are needed 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.

This is a true act of service, and ask you to give time with others who already generously serve the parish. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist.

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.





FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The date is November 9th, and on the universal calendar of the Church, it marks a celebration not of a saint or a mystery of faith, but of a sacred building: the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. This might seem unusual to those unfamiliar with the ancient traditions of the Church, but this feast is one of the most important, acting as a yearly reminder of the history, unity, and triumph of the entire Catholic world. Inscribed on its grand facade are the unforgettable words: *Omnium Urbis et Orbis Ecclesiarum Mater et Caput* - the "Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and of the World." This title explains everything: it is the oldest and highest-ranking church on earth, the original home church for every Catholic believer.

To understand its significance, we must go back to the beginning of the fourth century. For three-hundred years, the early Christians had endured wave after wave of brutal persecution. They worshipped in hiding, in homes, and in the dark tunnels of the catacombs. Everything changed in A.D. 313, when the Emperor Constantine the Great legalised Christianity. As a sign of this dramatic shift and as an act of piety, Constantine gave the Bishop of Rome, Pope Miltiades, the magnificent Lateran Palace. Next to this palace, construction began on the first public Christian basilica,

officially dedicated by Pope Sylvester I in A.D. 324. The age of secrecy was over; the Faith was now free to be practiced openly in a consecrated space fit for the King of Kings. The adjacent Lateran Palace served as the official residence of the Popes for nearly a thousand years, making it the central hub of Christian governance before the move to Avignon and eventually the Vatican.

The importance of this dedication is so high that it is one of the few celebrations that takes precedence over a Sunday in Ordinary Time, as it does this year. This unique liturgical standing is due to the basilica's original, primary, and most ancient dedication: Christ the Saviour (*Christo Salvatori*). According to the Church's liturgical laws, because the celebration is centred on a title of Our Lord Himself - the dedication of His primary earthly seat of authority - it is considered a Feast of the Lord. Feasts of the Lord, like the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, rank high on the Table of Precedence than a regular Sunday in Ordinary Time, thus replacing the Sunday Mass. This elevation reflects its profound theological role as the visible link to Christ's foundation of the Church on Earth, a symbol of the unity and divine origin of the entire Body of Christ. Though often damaged by fire, earthquake, and invasion over

the centuries, the Basilica was faithfully rebuilt and reconsecrated, standing as an architectural testament to the Church's resilience and permanence.

The Lateran Basilica is the official Cathedral of the Pope in his primary role as the Bishop of Rome, as it contains his Cathedra, or Chair of Authority. The Cathedra symbolises the Pope's teaching office as the successor of St. Peter. Every Bishop has a Cathedral; the Lateran is the Cathedral of the Supreme Pontiff, and thus for the universal Church. Celebrating its dedication worldwide expresses unity and loyalty to the See of Peter and the Holy Father.

Beyond the historical stones, the spiritual teaching of the feast is the most powerful. The Scripture readings for the Mass remind us that Christ is the foundation, and we, the baptised faithful, are the "living stones" built upon Him. The sacred building is a powerful image of the Church's reality: consecrated, set apart for God's glory, and the source of life-giving waters - the grace of God and the Sacraments - that flow out to nourish the world. This Feast of the Dedication is, therefore, a feast of triumph, fidelity and identity, celebrating the Church's unity with the Pope and calling every Christian to ensure their own soul is a holy and worthy temple for God.





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





THURSDAY 11 - SUNDAY 14
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INVITED**

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ACTS 1:8



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Saints & STUFF

St. Homobonus

If you're looking for a saint whose life proves that holiness is achievable in the secular world, look no further than St. Homobonus. His name literally means "good man." Born in 12th-century Cremona, Italy, he was a successful, married tailor-merchant who ran his business with absolute Christian integrity.

Unlike many saints who retreated to monasteries, Homobonus treated his wealth as a tool for charity. He regularly closed his shop to personally deliver clothing and food to the poor, seeing his profits as a resource to be managed for the Kingdom of God. His wife often complained about how much he gave away, but his faith was unwavering.

Homobonus's devotion was as notable as his generosity. He was known for his love of the Mass and prayer. He died a truly remarkable death on November 13, 1197, while prostrated in the form of a cross during the Gloria at Mass.

He reminds us that our workplaces—not just our churches—are the primary arenas for sanctity. He is the fitting patron of businessmen, tailors, and merchants, offering a powerful witness to finding God amidst daily commerce. Let his life inspire you to conduct your work and finances with the same spirit of charity and devotion.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christian Death

1005 "To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must 'be away from the body and at home with the Lord.' In that 'departure' which is death the soul is separated from the body. It will be reunited with the body on the day of resurrection of the dead."

1006 "In a sense bodily death is natural, but for faith it is in fact 'the wages of sin.' For those who die in Christ's grace it is a participation in the death of the Lord, so that they can also share his Resurrection."

1010 "Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning: 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.'... if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this 'dying with Christ' and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act."

1014 "The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the Litany of the Saints, for instance, she has us pray: 'From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord'; to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us 'at the hour of our death' in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death."

CATHOLIC Trivia

The Lateran Basilica

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica honours the true cathedral of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome—not St. Peter's. This church holds the title "Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World."

Lesser-known facts about this ancient site include its origins: the land was originally a barracks for Roman imperial cavalry who fought against Constantine. After Constantine defeated them at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, he demolished the barracks and donated the site to the Church. Substantial remains of this military fort are still visible beneath the nave! Though today it's dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, its original name was the Basilica of the Holy Saviour (*Christo Salvatori*). Furthermore, the high altar is incredibly unique: tradition holds it is the actual wooden altar upon which St. Peter celebrated Mass, carefully preserved throughout the centuries.

It served as the papal residence, between the 4th and 14th centuries, making it the longest-serving seat of the popes, far longer than the Vatican. The massive bronze doors at the main entrance were actually repurposed from the ancient Roman Curia Julia building in the Roman Forum. The Basilica houses the skulls of both St. Peter and St. Paul as revered relics.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf Revelation 21:2)

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading **The Prophet Ezekiel** (Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12)

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

℟. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. ℟.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. ℟.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. ℟.

Second Reading **First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians** (1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17)

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Chronicles 7:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel **The Gospel of St. John** (John 2:13-22)

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communio (Cf 1 Pet 2:5)

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.