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MEETING *the* SACRED HEART *in the* GOSPEL

If you look closely around almost any Catholic Church, you will easily find a statue or painting of Jesus pointing directly to His exposed, radiant heart. Throughout the universal Church, the month of June is entirely dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This week, we notice a distinct shift as the Church returns to Ordinary Time, following the great celebrations of the Easter season, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi, which we celebrated just last week. While green vestments return to the sanctuary, the beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart remains a central focus. Though it has deep roots in our heritage, it can sometimes feel a little distant from our modern, fast-paced lives. However, this Sunday's liturgy brings the devotion into sharp focus, proving that the Sacred Heart is the living, beating pulse of God's love for us right now.

In today's Gospel reading from St. Matthew, we encounter a profoundly moving description of Our Lord's humanity. As Jesus looked out at the vast, weary crowds gathering around

Him, St. Matthew notes that He was "moved with compassion" for them. It is beautiful to realise that Jesus did not view the crowds as an annoying disruption. Instead, He looked at them deeply and saw individuals who were "harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd." He saw their hidden heartaches, their family anxieties, and their spiritual exhaustion.

The original language used in the scriptures to describe this compassion is incredibly powerful. It refers to a visceral, physical ache - a stirring in the very core of a person's being. Our Lord did not just feel a detached, intellectual piety; He felt their exhaustion, their confusion, and their heavy burdens within His own body. This is precisely where Catholic theology and our devotion to the Sacred Heart beautifully intertwine. When we honour the Sacred Heart, we are celebrating the incredible truth of the Incarnation: that God chose to love us using a real human heart.

Every ounce of sympathy, kindness, and mercy that Our Lord

poured out during His earthly ministry originated entirely in that physical heart. When He looked at the weary crowds in Galilee and felt that deep ache of pity, His Sacred Heart was physically beating with love for them. Crucially, that Heart did not stop beating when Christ ascended into heaven; He retains His human nature for eternity. This means that when Our Lord looks at us today, seeing our modern stresses, workplace pressures, and quiet griefs, He is moved by the exact same deep, personal compassion.

The timeless response to this love is centred on what the Church calls reparation. This means offering our prayers, love, and regular attendance at Mass to console Christ's heart for the coldness of the world. It is our way of saying thank you for a love that gives everything. When you feel like one of the harassed sheep, remember that Jesus does not leave you abandoned. Take a moment this week to sit quietly before an image of the Sacred Heart and hand over your worries and anxieties to the one whose Heart breaks for you.

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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

Tuyet Suong, Trinh Thi Xuan Thu, Hoang
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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, TBA.

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, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

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

Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski and Chloe Zaiter

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben
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Tognini, 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

Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen
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Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

Thank You

A sincere thank you to everyone who joined us last Sunday to honour our Eucharistic Lord during our parish's Corpus Christi procession. It was a beautiful and uplifting public witness of our Catholic faith and devotion.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Fr. Andrew Rooney, who generously offered the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass and led the solemn procession in Fr. Galbert's absence.

We are also immensely grateful to our dedicated Altar Servers, Brandon, Patrick, Paul, Johnny, Matthew and Patrick for their reverent assistance, to the four young men who faithfully carried the canopy above the Blessed Sacrament, to Rosette Chidiac and Claudette Takchi for leading the Procession and to our Lectors, Armani and Jasmine for reading the Holy Scriptures during the Mass.

Our liturgy was beautifully elevated by the sacred music provided by our Cantor, Chloe Zaiter who also led the singing during the procession, and Organist John Portelli. We also extend our appreciation to Maryanne Takchi for leading us in Vespers, to Richard Zaiter for his time and skill in capturing these holy moments through his photographs, and to John Portelli for preparing the procession programme.

Finally, thank you to all the parishioners and visitors who walked with us through the streets. It was a joy to see so many families processing together, and your prayerful presence made this a truly blessed celebration for our parish. It is only through our people getting involved and supporting the parish that we can continue to host these beautiful and prayerful events along with the many other events held throughout the year. May our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament always be praised and adored.

Thank You to All Our Visiting Priests

As we warmly welcome Fr. Galbert back from his annual leave next week, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who looked after our parish in his absence.

We are especially grateful to our Assistant Priest, Fr. Joseph Nguyen, for his dedicated care of the parish during this period, particularly for administering to the sick, offering Holy Mass, and hearing confessions for our parish schools.

We also express our deep gratitude to Fr. Meng Barawid, Fr. Menard Gaspi, Fr. Tom Green, Fr. Alan Layt and Fr. Andrew Rooney, for offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and administering the Sacraments over the past weeks. Their faithful ministry at the altar and pastoral care have been a true blessing to us all.

Please keep these holy priests in your daily prayers, asking Our Lord Jesus Christ to bless them abundantly in their sacred ministry. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, intercede for them and protect them always.

Planned Giving Envelopes Available for Collection

New planned giving envelopes for the upcoming financial year are now available for collection at the doors of both parish churches.

Thank you to all current contributors for your continued generosity and vital support of the parish. If you are not yet part of our planned giving programme, we warmly invite you to join us in supporting our parish's mission and ministries. Contributing is simple, with flexible options available for both cash envelopes and convenient online giving.

Please collect your envelopes today or contact the parish office to join.

Wednesday Adoration at Holy Family Church

Please note that weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume its usual schedule after the 6:00 p.m. Mass next week on Wednesday, 17 June.

The Sacrament of Penance (confession) will also continue at the usual scheduled time. Thank you for maintaining your regular devotions during Fr. Galbert's absence, and we look forward to welcoming you back to spend time in prayer before our Lord, exposed on the altar in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal

Thank you to everyone supporting the audio system upgrade at Holy Trinity Church. We have raised just over \$25,000 toward our \$60,000 goal. To help us reach our goal, we have also applied for a Community Building Partnership Grant through the NSW Government, however, approval is not guaranteed.

This project is the next chapter in our long-term refurbishment program, which has successfully revitalised both parish churches.

We remain in need of major sponsors and significant donations. We are incredibly mindful of current cost-of-living pressures; however, if you can assist with a large-scale contribution, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

For electronic donations, secure online contributions can be made at holycrossgranville.org.au/donate.

Thank you for your enduring stewardship, generosity, and care for both of our churches and parish. May we continue to build on the legacy of those before us who have entrusted these sacred buildings to our care.



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HONOURING THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

During this past week, we have had the beautiful opportunity to honour the two greatest hearts known to humanity: the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, followed immediately by the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday. This close timing on the Church's calendar is not an accident; it reminds us that these two hearts can never really be separated. Wherever Jesus the King reigns, Mary His Mother is right there with Him. Devotion to Our Lady's pure heart is not just about emotional feeling or private sentimentality. Instead, it is a deep way for us to look at how God became human to save us from our sins. When we honour Mary's heart, we are really honouring her incredible inner life, including her total love for God, her pure choices, and her perfect "yes" to His divine plan. Her heart was the holy sanctuary where she welcomed Jesus in faith before she ever carried Him in her womb.

The meaning behind this wonderful feast is found directly in the pages of the Bible and our oldest Catholic traditions. When the holy prophet Simeon told Mary in the temple that "a sword will pierce your own soul too," he was showing how closely a mother shares in the life and suffering of her child. Mary's heart felt all the intense pain of Calvary alongside Jesus, beating in perfect sync with His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. Unlike our own human

hearts, which are often divided by selfish desires and the lingering effects of original sin, Mary's heart was kept completely pure from the very first moment of her life. It remains a beautiful, spiritual garden that is always entirely focused on loving, praising, and worshipping God. St. John Eudes, a great saint who spent his life promoting this devotion, wrote that the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are so closely joined that they are like a single, beating heart of divine love for all of us.

This rich meaning comes alive in a powerful way through the public prayers and liturgy of the Church. During the Mass for the Immaculate Heart, we are invited to enter into this mystery with a true sense of holy wonder. One of the traditional prayers features a beautiful Latin phrase that Catholics have cherished for centuries: *Adeamus cum fiducia ad thronum gratiae*. This translates to, "Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy." This liturgical prayer reminds us that Mary's heart is a safe, spiritual refuge for us, a clear channel through which God's infinite graces flow down to us directly from the wounded Heart of her Divine Son. Other prayers at the Mass echo Mary's own beautiful song of praise, the Magnificat, showing us how much God loves humility and raises up the lowly. Having these two feast days side-by-side also points us

directly back to Good Friday, when Mary stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross, completely united with Jesus as He died to give us eternal life.

While saints have meditated on Mary's heart for centuries, Pope Pius XII officially extended this feast to the world in 1944. This occurred during the dark days of the Second World War, responding to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. Heaven gave us her Immaculate Heart as a perfect remedy for a broken world, asking us to pray, make amends for sins, and give our lives to God. Having celebrated these feasts in the past few days, let us entrust our families, our own daily struggles, and our parish to their safekeeping. When we place our weak, imperfect hearts into Mary's pure hands, she gently purifies our intentions and presents them beautifully to the Sacred Heart of her Son. Let us turn to her, praying that our souls may become like hers - faithful, pure, and completely devoted to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, sanctuary of peace and refuge of our souls, we entrust ourselves entirely to your maternal care.

Take our weak and imperfect hearts into your pure hands, protect our families, and lead us safely to the Most Sacred Heart of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



2026 CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY MASS & PROCESSION HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



Saints & STUFF

St. Panteleimon

Today's Gospel reveals Jesus looking with pity on the suffering crowds and sending out his disciples to heal the sick, instructing them: "You received without charge, give without charge." A lesser-known saint who lived this command to the letter is St. Panteleimon, a 3rd-century physician from Asia Minor.

As a talented young man, St. Panteleimon was appointed as the personal physician to the Roman Emperor. However, after converting to Christianity, he underwent a radical shift in how he viewed his medical practice, genuinely realising his skills were a gift from God rather than a means for personal enrichment.

St. Panteleimon began treating the poorest of the poor, completely transforming his wealthy practice by refusing to accept any payment. Because of this, he became known as an "Unmercenary Physician"—one who heals without charge. He routinely visited squalid prisons to tend to desperate captives and miraculously cured illnesses other doctors deemed hopeless, attributing every recovery to Jesus.

St. Panteleimon was martyred in A.D. 305, leaving a powerful legacy of using daily professional work to bring Christ's love to a weary world. St. Panteleimon, pray for us!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ's Pastoral Compassion

549 By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all their forms of human bondage.

1504 Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." So in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us.

1505 Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence.

CATHOLIC Trivia

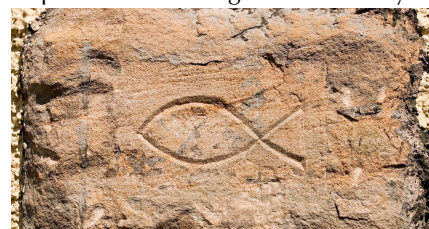
THE SECRET PASSWORD

Have you ever noticed the simple line drawing of a fish on early Christian tombs or modern church signage? It is not just an artistic choice; in the early centuries of the Church, it functioned as a "secret password."

During times of intense persecution, Christians could not openly identify themselves. When two strangers met, one would draw a single arc in the dirt. If the other person completed the fish shape with a second arc, it was a silent, safe acknowledgement that both were followers of Christ.

The symbol is known as the Ichthys, which is the Greek word for "fish." More importantly, it is an acronym for the Greek phrase Iesous Christos, Theou Yios, Soter, which translates to: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour."

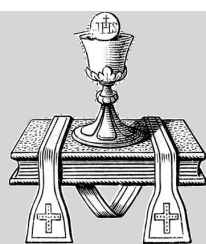
By using this simple, understated image, the early faithful were able to hide their identity in plain sight, ensuring that their deep love for the Saviour remained safe during dangerous times. It remains a powerful reminder of how our faith has always required both courage and creativity.



~ The Collect ~

The Introductory Rites conclude with the Collect, commonly known as the Opening Prayer. After inviting the congregation to pray, the priest pauses for a moment of sacred silence, allowing us to bring our personal intentions before the Lord.

The priest then raises his hands in the orans posture, "collecting" the individual silent prayers of the entire faithful and offering them to God as one. This significant prayer changes each week to perfectly mirror the theological theme or the particular feast day being celebrated. When we respond with our collective "Amen," we ratify this opening petition, sealing our unity as we prepare to listen to God's Word in the Liturgy.



MASS MATTERS

The Readings

Introit

(Cf Psalm 26:7,9)

O Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading

The Book of Exodus

(Exodus 19:2-6)

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'"

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3)

℟. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. ℟.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. ℟.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. ℟.

Second Reading

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

(Romans 5:6-11)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that

he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

(Mark 1:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew

(Matthew 9:36 – 10:8)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communio

(Psalm 26:4)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

"In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals."

- Pope St. John Paul II