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THE BIBLICAL ROOTS AND THEOLOGY OF THE ROSARY

When Catholics hold the Rosary in their hands, they hold a sacred prayer that is thoroughly steeped in the pages of Sacred Scripture. Far from being a human invention or a series of repetitive recitations, the Holy Rosary is an intensely biblical devotion. Every decade offers a meditative pilgrimage through the primary events of Salvation History, leading the soul directly into the heart of the Gospel. By examining both the sacred words of the prayers which form the rosary and the divine mysteries it contemplates, we discover that the Rosary is nothing less than a prayerful immersion in the living and active Word of God.

The foundational prayers of the Rosary are drawn directly from Sacred Scripture. The Lord's Prayer, which opens each decade, was delivered to us by Christ Himself when His disciples asked Him how to pray. In reciting the Our Father, we align our human desires with the divine priorities taught by our Saviour: hallowing the Father's holy name, seeking the coming of His kingdom, and begging for daily

Sustenance and deliverance from evil. The first part of the Hail Mary is composed entirely of scriptural greetings inspired by the Holy Spirit. We echo the sublime proclamation of the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation - "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" - followed immediately by the joyful exclamation of St. Elizabeth at the Visitation - "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." The second half of the prayer represents the humble petition of the Church, entreating the Mother of God to intercede for us poor sinners both in our present moments and at the hour of our earthly departure.

Beyond these individual prayers, the structural core of the Rosary centres upon the great mysteries of human Redemption. As the beads pass through our fingers, our minds contemplate the decisive moments of Our Lord's Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection. Through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries, we walk alongside Christ from the silence of Nazareth and the

waters of the Jordan to the agony of Calvary and ultimate victory of the Empty Tomb. In this holy exercise, vocal prayer provides a gentle, rhythmic background while mental prayer occupies our hearts. The repetition of the Hail Mary is designed not to distract us, but to quiet our restless minds so that we may fix our spiritual gaze upon the face of Jesus Christ.

Through this holy devotion, Sacred Scripture becomes alive in our daily routine. The Rosary teaches us to meditate upon the Gospel as a living encounter with the Divine Master. As the Blessed Virgin Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart, so too does the Rosary form us into quiet, contemplative disciples. By reflecting on the life and sacrifice of Our Lord, each day, our hearts are transformed to conform more perfectly to His Sacred Heart. As we continue through this time of honouring the Holy Rosary, let us take up the Rosary, with renewed fervour, approaching it as a faithful summary of the Holy Bible and an unending fountain of heavenly grace.

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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, 7:15 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 Gerry Pinto, Rosette Chidiac,
Rebecca Hanson

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

Children's Liturgy

Wanda Krasinski & Chloe Zaiter

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo
Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline
Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins,
Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro,
Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo,
Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo 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

Geoff Armstrong, Norma Armstrong, Joseph Baine, Carmen
Bonello, Charlie Bonello, John Borg, Alexandra Caruana,
Anette Caruana, Carmelo Caruana, Victor Caruana, Alan Frost,
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Important Notice Regarding Adjustment to Saturday Vigil Mass Times

Following directives issued by the Diocese, Holy Cross Parish will now implement the final phase of returning to our regular Mass schedule, concluding the temporary operational adjustments that were initially introduced during the COVID-19 health pandemic.

As many parishioners will recall, a temporary 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass was established at Holy Family Church to accommodate the strict health and density restrictions imposed at the time by Government and Health Authorities. Given that these restrictions have now been lifted for a considerable period, the Diocese has determined that maintaining this Mass is no longer necessary. **Consequently, the temporary 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church will conclude at the end of October, with the final Mass celebrated on Saturday, 31 October.**

However, because the earlier Vigil Mass time has been so warmly received by parishioners, the decision has been made to introduce a permanent timetable adjustment at Holy Trinity Church. **Commencing on Saturday, 7 November, the Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity Church will be moved forward from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Additionally, to assist parishioners in preparing spiritually, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) will be available weekly at Holy Trinity Church prior to Saturday Mass from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., also starting on Saturday, 7 November.

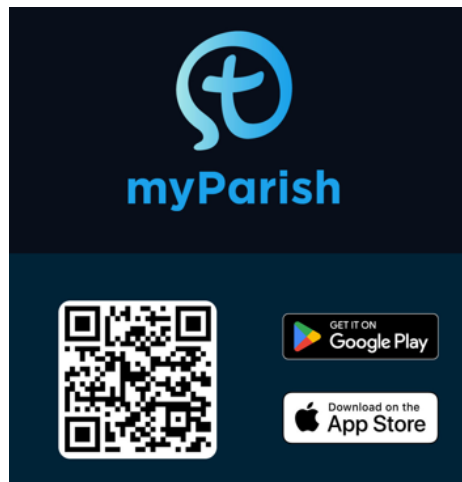
We sincerely thank all members of our parish for your ongoing understanding, patience, and continued prayers and support as we finalise these timetable changes across our parish churches.

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Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out with our Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. In this ministry, you will be assisting our young children to learn about the Gospel in a simple, engaging, and gentle way through stories, prayer, and creative activities. No formal teaching experience is required to join, just a genuine willingness to guide the children of our parish in their faith. If you would like to lend a hand and share your faith with our parish youth, please chat directly with Fr. Galbert or contact the parish office.

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.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue to undertake the many works of the parish and to look at what other works we can achieve, including the continuing restoration of our two parish churches.





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





The Luminous Mysteries and the Call to Discipleship

In the hidden years of Nazareth, Our Lord prepared in silence for His public mission, showing us that holiness begins in the life of grace. When He stepped into the Jordan, a new phase of salvation history unfolded. The Luminous Mysteries invite us to walk alongside Our Lord during His public ministry, contemplating the light of truth He brought into the world. While the Rosary traditionally comprised fifteen mysteries, Saint John Paul II officially introduced these five luminous mysteries in 2002 through his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. In doing so, the Holy Father drew upon a devotional tradition developed in 1957 by Saint George Preca, a Maltese priest who encouraged his community to meditate on these events. Offered as a spiritual bridge between Christ's hidden youth and His Passion, these mysteries complete the contemplation of His earthly ministry, providing a blueprint for Catholic discipleship.

The First Luminous Mystery, the Baptism of the Lord, reveals our supernatural identity. Though Christ was sinless, He submitted to St. John's Baptism to sanctify the waters and inaugurate His public work. As the heavens opened and the Eternal Father declared His delight in His Beloved Son, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. Through Holy Baptism, we were cleansed of original sin, adopted into the divine family, and marked as children of God. Meditating on this mystery prompts us to renew our baptismal

Promises, renouncing the world and striving to live worthily of our calling.

Moving to domestic life, the Second Luminous Mystery brings us to the Wedding at Cana. At the request of His Blessed Mother, Our Lord performed His first public miracle, transforming water into wine. Here, Our Lady uttered her final recorded words in Sacred Scripture: "Do whatever He tells you." These simple words remain the golden rule of Christian perfection. When facing trials, Mary instructs us to turn with trust to her Son. Relying on her intercession, we learn total submission to Christ's commands, knowing He transforms our frail efforts into abundant grace.

In the Third Luminous Mystery, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, Our Lord calls all souls to conversion. Throughout Galilee and Judea, He preached salvation, pardoned repentant sinners, and called humanity from sin toward truth. This mystery highlights our ongoing need for repentance and sacramental healing. Salvation is a daily turning back to God. Our Redeemer has provided us with the Sacrament of Penance, where His merciful forgiveness restores lost grace and strengthens our weakness. Approaching the confessional with sincere sorrow, we allow Christ to purify our souls.

Ascending Mount Tabor in the Fourth Luminous Mystery, the Transfiguration, we behold Our Redeemer revealed in shining glory. Before His Apostles, His face shone like the sun and His garments

became white as light, offering a glimpse of His heavenly majesty. This vision fortifies our faith before the trials of life. In our spiritual journey, God grants moments of consolation in prayer to sustain us through hardship. The Transfiguration reminds us of the necessity of quiet contemplation, where we pull back from worldly noise to fix our eyes on the Lord, gathering strength to carry our daily crosses.

Finally, the Fifth Luminous Mystery leads us into the Upper Room for the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. On the night before He suffered, Our Saviour took bread and wine, transforming them into His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity as spiritual food. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, the holy sacrifice in which Christ's redemptive offering on Calvary is made present on our altars. Receiving Holy Communion in a state of grace unites us to God, nourishing our souls for heaven.

As we walk through these mysteries of light, the example of Our Redeemer illumines every step of our earthly journey. By honouring our baptismal dignity, trusting Our Lady's counsel, seeking frequent conversion, nourishing our souls in prayer, and adoring Our Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament, we become authentic witnesses of Catholic truth. May Our Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea, guide us safely through this life, so that walking constantly in the light of her Divine Son, we may one day behold His unveiled glory in heaven.

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Saints & STUFF

ST. HEDWIG OF SILESIA

In this Sunday's Gospel, Our Lord tells the Parable of the Wedding Feast, where a generous king sends his servants out into the highways and byways to invite everyone to his banquet hall. A wonderful mirror to this open-hearted divine invitation is St. Hedwig of Silesia, a 13th-century Duchess of Silesia who transformed her noble status into an enduring sanctuary for the poor and vulnerable.

Despite her elevated royal rank, Hedwig lived with profound personal humility and detachment, viewing her immense wealth not as a privilege, but as a sacred trust to be shared with those in need. She established numerous hospitals, monasteries, and shelters across Poland, personally tending to the sick, the destitute, and prisoners. Hedwig frequently invited the hungry, leprosy, and forgotten to dine directly at her own table, treating society's outcasts as the most honoured guests at the Lord's royal banquet.

St. Hedwig's radiant life reminds us that responding faithfully to God's invitation requires us to put on the wedding garment of active, compassionate charity. Her inspiring witness challenges us to open our hearts and lives, ensuring that no one around us ever feels excluded from the warmth of Christ's love.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Clothed in Saving Grace

1036 The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: 'Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.'

1402 In an ancient prayer the Church acclaims the mystery of the Eucharist: 'O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food: the memory of his Passion is renewed in us, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the future glory is given to us.' If the Eucharist is the memorial of the Passover of the Lord... then the Church continues to look 'to the heavenly kingdom'.

1815 Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. 'The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it'... 'Faith apart from works is dead': when it is deprived of hope and love, faith does not fully unite the believer to Christ...

CATHOLIC Trivia

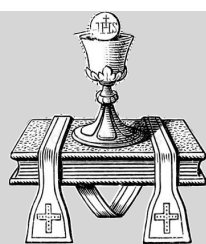
THE MILLENNIAL CYBER SAINT

When you picture a Catholic saint, you might imagine medieval robes or ancient monastery walls—not a teenager in sneakers and jeans playing PlayStation. Meet Saint Carlo Acutis, a tech-savvy Italian youth who became the Catholic Church's very first millennial saint.

Born in 1991, Carlo had an extraordinary devotion to the Eucharist, calling it his "highway to heaven." A self-taught programmer, he used his skills for a holy purpose. At just eleven years old, Carlo spent months building an extensive website cataloguing every recognised Eucharistic miracle across the globe, eager to share his faith with the digital world.

Tragically, Carlo passed away from leukaemia in 2006 at age fifteen, but his cheerful witness inspired millions worldwide. Celebrated on 12 October, he is widely regarded as the patron saint of the internet, web designers, and gamers.

Saint Carlo reminds us that holiness isn't confined to history, but can flourish right in front of a screen. He showed us that even code can be turned into a tool for prayer. So the next time your Wi-Fi drops out or a webpage crashes, perhaps ask Saint Carlo for a little heavenly tech support!



MASS MATTERS

~ The Ambo ~

In the sanctuary stands the Ambo—the elevated stand where Sacred Scripture is proclaimed. The word comes from the Greek *ambon*, meaning "an elevation" or "step."

Just as the altar serves as the table of Christ's Body, the ambo is the "table of God's Word." It is reserved strictly for reading Scripture, the responsorial psalm, and the homily—never for ordinary parish announcements. From this holy place, God speaks directly to His gathered people in real time.

The ambo's permanence and dignity remind us that God's Word is not merely historical text, but a living, active presence. Standing before it, the reader becomes a herald, breaking open the spiritual bread of Scripture to feed our souls.

The Readings

Introit
(Psalm 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading
The Prophet Isaiah
(Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm
(Ps 22. R. v.6)

℟. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. ℟.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ℟.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ℟.

Second Reading
Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians
(Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation
(See Ephesians 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel
The Gospel of Matthew
(Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communio
(Cf Psalm 33:11)

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.