



The Holy Family PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

In view of Jesus' impending departure to be with his Father in heaven, the believers are reminded that they will not be left orphans. Jesus promises his disciples that he will come back. Moreover, the Father will send the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. The Advocate will make the presence of Jesus among his disciples more intense and more fruitful. The Holy Spirit will make the disciples know and understand Jesus as they have never done before.

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

Alleluia: All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Prayer: Listen to your Church,
O Lord.

God's Spirit at Work...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

All these readings today mention the word *spirit*, and in only two more weeks we will celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. The Gospel narrates how Jesus at the Last Supper promises "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name." Jesus affirms that this befriending Spirit will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

The early Church had to deal with many issues that arose as the community expanded beyond its Jerusalem origins. One key question was: Should the Gentile (non-Jewish) converts to Christianity be obliged to follow the Jewish religious traditions, such as dietary restrictions and circumcision?

An examination of Acts 15 (from which the 1st reading is drawn) shows how the Church proceeds. One can discern three steps: **(a)** the leadership of the Church sees that a real question or problem faces the Church; **(b)** the apostles and elders gather in council to discuss and debate the challenging situation (real differences of opinion exist); and **(a)** a definite, unified pastoral decision is made. This Council of Jerusalem, held around the year 50, provides the nucleus or pattern for future ecumenical (worldwide) councils.

A careful look at the scripture text highlights the manner of the Holy Spirit's action in the Church. When the final verdict is reached, it is noted that the outcome is a mutually reached conclusion: "*It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.*" The Holy Spirit acts in and through the legitimate leadership of the Church; this same operative principle continues in the Church today.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) followed the pattern of the Council of Jerusalem. Thus, we are assured that the inspiring sixteen Vatican II documents spring from the Spirit operating in the heart of the Church: "*It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.*"





Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ine Maria Ho Thi Ngoc Can, Eduardo Duclis, Michael Cronin, Julie Wyngard.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elinor Alcantara, Maria (Lam's family), Theresa Nguyen T. Nhiem, Peter & Cecilia & Grandparents, Vincent & Maria, Catherine Laverv, Fredrick, Gregory and St Agnes Thompson, Pamela & Deborah Shaw, Sergio Pudditti, Kathleen & Charles Gibson, Maria Imaculada Lee, Felix Brincat, Giuse & Maria Ky Tran

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz, Grace Pulvera Skellern & Col. Roger Camacho, Carmelita Andrade, Hazel Ford.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 pm ¹
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm ²
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm

MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am
	7:00 pm ³

THURSDAY

Christ the King	9:15 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

¹ Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2nd and 4th Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1st and 3rd Sundays.

² Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Vocation View

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!



EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years.

Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. **Interested in helping out?**

Contact: Christine at olckedge@gmail.com

Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion

Preparation of children who do not attend a Catholic School and are interested to prepare for their First Holy Communion will commence on the 30th of May 2019 at 5.00pm at the Parish Office. Children attending the classes must be accompanied by an adult.



1-2 June 2019

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lyette Almeida	Lynette Heasley	Agnes Attard	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Catherine Seymour	Alicia Alcantara, Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Nam Tran	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Kristine Nguyen	Evelyn Ronquillo	Rosaline Raymundo, Nigsty Tedla, Connie Mammaoliti	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Austin Leong	Paul Handley	Christine Mullan & Fred Lipana	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK				Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kimberly Lam	Brendon Sarabia	Didley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Lesley Pace	Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo	Mary's Choir

Next Week's Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

Understanding the Santacruzán

Flores de Mayo (Spanish for Flowers of May) is a celebration held every May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a festival that's celebrated throughout the country, marked by prayers and offerings of flowers, as well as the highly-anticipated Santacruzán.

History

The Santacruzán is a religious-historical parade that started in the mid-1800s, with the first being held in Malolos, Bulacan. It is held in honor of Queen Helena of Constantinople and her son, Constantine the Great, finding the True Cross: the cross that's said to be the one upon which Jesus was crucified.

According to legend, the 75-year-old queen found three crosses during an expedition to the sight of the Crucifixion. To find the True Cross, she had an ailing servant lie on all three, with the one healing the servant deemed as the True Cross.

Meaning

While it has turned into an all-out pageant, complete with elaborate gowns worn by the most beautiful maidens in a community, the parade is not without its meaning. In some parts of the country, they stick to the true purpose of the event: to commemorate the finding of the True Cross, as well as the virtues embodied by each maiden.

The three virtues (hope, charity, and faith) are centric to the parade itself. The different reynas or queens also represent historical figures that are vital not just to the parade itself, but also to the history it represents.

Roles in the Parade

While the reynas are the highlight of the parade, there are other roles that play a vital role in the parade:

- Methuselah – shown as a bearded, old man bent with age, he rides a cart while toasting grains of sand in a pan over fire. This symbolizes that we will always go back to dust.
- Samaritana – a woman whom Christ spoke to at Jacob's well. She represents an outcast who was reformed after meeting Christ, and reminds us that salvation is for all and not just for the faithful.
- Aeta – anyone dressed as a member of a tribal or regional ethnic group. It represents those groups who have embraced Christian faith.
- Veronica – the woman who wiped the face of Jesus. She carries a veil with three imprints of the Holy Face of Jesus instead of the usual one.

There are many more non-reyna roles in the parade, but these are some of the most common.



"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

- John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$144.90
Church	\$203.65

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,343.45
Church	\$1,743.90

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$1,047.70
Church	\$1,384.50

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



TRIDUUM TO ST. HANNIBAL MARY DI FRANCIA

On Tuesday, the 29th of May, we will commence the Triduum in honor of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, founder of the Rogationist Fathers and Daughters of Divine Zeal. St. Hannibal is also revered as the Patron for the Prayer for Vocations, Father of the Orphans and the Poor.

Triduum prayers will commence with a Rosary at 6:00 PM.

Hannibal Mary Di Francia was born in Messina, Italy, on July 5, 1851. His father Francis was a knight, the Marquises of St. Catherine of Jonio, Papal Vice-Consul and Honorary Captain of the Navy. His mother, Anna Toscano, also belonged to an aristocratic family. The third of four children, he lost his father when he was only fifteen months old. The sad experience of losing a parent made him deeply sensitive to the plight of children bereft of parents and this, influenced his life and his educational system.

In childhood he developed such love for the Eucharist that he was allowed to receive Communion daily, something quite exceptional in those days. He was only seventeen when, at prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, he was given the "revelation of Rogate", that is, he deeply felt that vocations in the Church come only through prayer. Subsequently he found that such prayer is commanded by Jesus in the Gospel when He says: "Ask [Rogate] the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to gather his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). These words became the fundamental insight to which he dedicated his entire life.

...Understanding the Santacruzian

The Reynas

The parade itself features a lot of reynas (upwards of 20, depending on the size of the community). The more prominent ones, however, are as follows:

- Reyna Fe – represents the virtue of faith. She carries a cross.
- Reyna Esperanza – symbolizes hope. She carries an anchor.
- Reyna Caridad – represents charity. She carries a red heart.
- Divina Pastora – has a shepherd's staff.
- Rosa Mistica – carries a bouquet of roses.

- Reyna de las Flores – the Queen of Flores de Mayo. She carries a bouquet of flowers. Not to be confused with the next two reynas.

- Reyna Emperatriz – a representation of Queen Helena's title Augusta (Empress or Queen Mother), a title given to her by Constantinople

- Reyna Elena – the personification of St. Helena. Often seen as the most beautiful or important maiden in the community, some communities keep her identity as a secret until the day of the parade. In other communities, they have as many as three. She is also accompanied by a small boy dressed as Constantine.

This week's events

MONDAY 10.00 am	27th May Italian Prayer Group O/L
WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm	29th May Novena/Mass O/L
FRIDAY 6.00 pm	31st May Exposition and Adoration CTK
SATURDAY 2.30 pm	1st June Filipino Chaplaincy O/L
SUNDAY 3.00 pm	2nd June Vietnamese Mass CTK

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Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

26 May-1 June
Thi Cuc Vu

2-8 June
K. Nguyen

9-15 June
Legion of Mary



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact **Huong** or **Tram** at ((03)9317-9258 • (03)9317-9298 from **Tuesdays to Saturdays, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon** with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.hfp.org.au



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