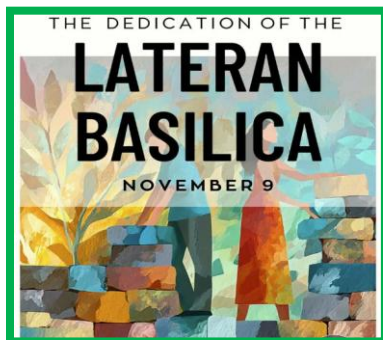




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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (YEAR C) 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

Reflection

The readings for the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of St. John remind us of the deep significance of the temple, not just as a physical edifice but a sign of God's presence among us. In the 1st reading from the prophet Ezekiel, we encounter a vision of life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing healing and renewal wherever it goes. This imagery invites us to reflect on how God's grace pours into our lives through the Church, nurturing our souls and transforming us into channels of His love.

Today's Psalm echoes this sentiment, proclaiming that "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Our Church, like the Lateran Basilica, stands as a refuge, a sacred place where we encounter God, find comfort, and draw strength from one another.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus cleansing the temple, reminding us that we must maintain our hearts and our communities as holy places. He challenges us to remove anything that hinders our relationship with God, just as He overturned the tables of those who compromised the sanctity of worship.

As we celebrate this Eucharist and commemorate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us pause and ask ourselves. Am I truly embodying love, compassion, and faithfulness in my daily life? How can our community/parish more effectively invite others to encounter the divine through our witness and welcome?



1. **First Holy Communion** – application forms for children in Year 3 and older can now be collected from the parish office or at the colonnade. The lessons will start on 9th November. Please see the poster and visit our website for more details.
2. **Confirmation Classes 2026** – Young people aged 14/15 years upwards who wish to be confirmed next year, registration is now open. Please collect and complete a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade. You may also find it to download from our website. The session will start on 11th January 2026 5:30 pm with the meeting of the candidates and the parents at the Founders Room and mass at the church afterwards.
3. **Violin Recital** – Royal College of Music violinist Anthony Knight will perform a 15-minute recital in aid of UNICEF on 23rd November after 6:30 pm Mass.
4. **Servite Volunteers Christmas Party** – will be on 6th December 2025 Saturday 5:00 pm at School Hall.
5. **Simbang Gabi sa Chelsea** – The Christmas Novena Mass will start on 15th December 2025 (Monday) at 8:00 pm but on 23rd December, the mass will be at 6:00 pm.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
 Sunday 9.30 am
 11.00 am
 (Spanish Mass) 12.30 nn
 6.30 pm
 Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
 6.00 – 6.30 pm
 Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
 (Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
 10am Mass followed by Tea
 in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday after 6:30 pm mass
 in the Prayer Room.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
 10am Mass. The **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed for Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy & Benediction.

Safeguarding Office

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Saints Days

Mon 10th – St. Leo the Great
Tue 11th – St. Martin of Tours
Wed 12th – St. Josaphat
Thu 13th – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Fri 14th – St. Gertrude the Great
Sat 15th – St. Albert the Great



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of Healing is on **26th November 2025** (Wednesday) at 6:30pm.

Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every Monday after our 10am Mass.
Saint Carlo, Pray for us.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

*Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to You:
 Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in You.*

1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within Your Word.
 Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in Your dear Son.
2. Dio ci guarda, tenero e paziente: nasce l'alba di un futuro nuovo.
 Nuovi Cieli Terra fatta nuova: passa i muri Spirito di vita.
3. Ang Diyos ay ating nadarama, kahit di natin nakikita.
 Naging tao para sa buong mundo, susunod ako sa'n man s'ya patungo.



FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Ezekiel
47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5

R. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of distress:

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so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea. **R.**

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High. God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken; God will help her at the dawning of the day. **R.**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come and behold the works of the Lord, the awesome deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

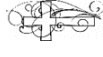
Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia.

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
2:13-22



All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow for following three lines*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.