



S S P X

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel of the Society of Saint Pius X

103 Avondale Rd, Auckland 1026; +64 6-344 3814; ihm@sspx.org.nz

Fr. Lukas Lipp +64 21-045 8558



February 2025 Bulletin

The words which, under the pen of Saint Luke, open the Gospel of the Mass of February 2, have something to surprise and trouble us: "When the days of Mary's purification were fulfilled, according to the law...". What could be the meaning of such a statement? Because only what can be purified is purified... How can one admit that Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, could have been purified? And if she was, what meaning can the word "purification" still have when applied to the "all pure"? In order to understand it, we must remember the prescription of the Law of Moses: any woman who, having conceived from a man, gave birth in her blood by ordinary means, contracted a legal impurity, from which she had to be purified at the end of a certain period. The reason was that the being brought into the world had been conceived and given birth in original sin.

Upon closer inspection, as noted by St. Bede, St. Ambrose, or even Origen, it appears that the Virgin Mary was not affected by this prescription. Not having conceived of a man, but of the Holy Spirit, she had remained a virgin after the conception of the Son of God; and when the latter was born, she gave birth in an immaculate manner which, again, miraculously preserved her virginal seal. The Son of God, who became flesh in her, by becoming flesh and then being born, had not opened her womb; nothing in all this followed the ordinary ways. No defilement, therefore, ever tarnished the Marian purity.

Preserved from the first moment of her existence from the original stain, she never committed the slightest fault, not even the smallest imperfection...

And the child she conceived and gave birth to, being the Son of God, did not even need to be preserved from original sin, which in any case could no longer reach him. Even better: far from being an occasion of defilement for her Holy Mother, the Child God was for her the beginning of a new holiness: the Immaculate Conception under the shadow of the Holy Spirit welcomed the blessed fruit in her fertile womb, and received through this divine contact, a miraculous increase in grace and purity. Her original holiness was confirmed and increased.

And throughout her whole life, until her Assumption into the glory of heaven, the Mother of God never ceased to grow in the order of grace. From then on, far from needing a purification to which she submitted in order to give us an example, it is she who purifies us!

First of all, because she is the very pure source of Him who is Purity itself, and she offers Him to us so that through Him we may be washed of our defilements.

Furthermore, because she draws us away from the devil whose head she crushes, to offer all of us to her divine Son. Finally, because by her very beauty, she elevates and purifies our souls: St. Thomas, in fact, makes his own the opinion which circulated in his time, whereby, "as it is said, the grace of sanctification not only repressed illicit covetousness in her, but [this grace] also had an effect on others, so that even though she was beautiful in body, she could never arouse any covetousness to herself. "

Mass Schedule for February 2024

Confessions are being heard before each Mass except on Mondays.

Sat. 01.	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch; 1st Sat.</i>	8:00 Mass, followed by Benediction and Rosary
Sun. 02.	<i>Purification of Our Lady</i>	9:00 Blessing of Candles, followed by Procession and Mass Mass in Hamilton 14:30
Mon. 03.	<i>Feria; St. Blaise Blessing</i>	6:00 Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Tue. 04.	<i>St. Andrew Corsini</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Wed. 05.	<i>St. Agatha</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Thu. 06.	<i>St. Titus</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Fri. 07.	<i>St. Romuald; First Friday</i>	19:00 Mass, followed by Adoration until Midnight
Sat. 08.	<i>St. John of Matha</i>	8:00 Mass
Sun. 09.	<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Mass at 9:00 Mass in Whangarei 14:30
Mon. 10.	<i>St. Scholastica</i>	6:00 Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Tue. 11.	<i>Apparition of Our Lady (Lourdes)</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Wed. 12.	<i>Seven Holy Founders</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Thu. 13.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Fri. 14.	<i>Feria</i>	19:00 Mass
Sat. 15.	<i>Our Lady on Saturdays</i>	8:00 Mass
Sun. 16.	<i>Septuagesima Sunday</i>	Mass at 9:00 Mass in Hamilton 14:30
Mon. 17.	<i>Feria</i>	6:00 Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Tue. 18.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Wed. 19.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Thu. 20.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Fri. 21.	<i>Feria</i>	19:00 Mass
Sat. 22.	<i>Chair of St. Peter</i>	8:00 Mass
Sun. 23.	<i>Sexagesima Sunday</i>	Mass at 9:00
Mon. 24.	<i>St. Matthias</i>	6:00 Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Tue. 25.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Wed. 26.	<i>Feria</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Thu. 27.	<i>St. Gabriel of O.L. of Sorrows</i>	No Mass, 17:30 Rosary
Fri. 28.	<i>Feria</i>	19:00 Mass

General Information

Legion of Mary Meetings are held every Saturday after Mass. Visitors are welcome. (Please contact Geoff Dale if you are interested.)

Adult Catechism is scheduled for every Sunday, starting 10 minutes after mass, unless otherwise noted. Classes will be given by Fr. Lipp, and they are recommended for everyone, especially those new to the faith or to tradition. Currently, there is no scheduled catechism class for children. Please approach Fr. Lipp if you have children who need to prepare for the Sacraments, and we will arrange catechism and testing.

Sick Calls can be arranged to happen every 2-4 weeks. Please contact Fr. Lipp if you want to arrange a sick call for a family member or friend or if you know of a sick parishioner who has not been able to come to mass for more than two weeks.

Extreme Unction should be given whenever there is a reasonable danger of death from some disease or an internal cause. Please consult the pastor early along, as this sacrament can often aid in physical healing. Contact the pastor ideally before any immediate risk of death to arrange to receive this anointing.

Sacramental Emergencies: If a parishioner is in *immediate danger of death* call Fr. Lipp immediately at +64 21-045 8558 and leave a message, clearly indicating the nature of the emergency, your name, and the name of the person in danger of death. If no response within 30 minutes, call +64 6-281 3976 (Whanganui Emergency Number).

Baptism: Contact the Pastor well before the due date of any children. Children should be Baptized as soon as possible, and parents cannot be excused from serious sin if they delay more than a month.

Confirmation are usually offered in August or December once every 1-2 years. Contact the pastor to arrange classes well in advance of the bishops' visit.

Marriages must be arranged with the pastor at least 6-12 months before the proposed date of marriage to allow for instruction and a canonical investigation. No date can be set until after the investigation is complete.

Blessing of Religious Items on Sundays after Mass (just before catechism) Please bring your smaller items to the communion rail on the gospel side. Larger items like vehicles can be blessed after catechism.