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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 16th APRIL, 2023 - A

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PASTORAL PROGRAM AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL PARISH

FEEDING PROGRAM - for the Shut-Ins and the Elderly, is ongoing. HOME - for the Elderly -

Donations to support these programs are welcome. Please write to the Administrator, Holy Family Cathedral P. O. Box 16 or Michael's Mount, St. John's, Antigua.

Parishioners are reminded that the Feast of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3.00pm today.

Bible Study continues on Wednesday 19th April from 6:45pm in the Pastoral Centre.

The Hispanic Community will host lunch on Sunday 30th April, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the St John's Catholic Hispanic Centre on Old Parham Road. Tickets cost \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Pastoral Centre or from Mr. Gilbert Laudat.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE travelling to Trinidad for the Life in the Spirit Retreat: Cakes and Sweet Treats on sale after the 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend. On sale: Cakes, cookies, sugar cakes, fudge, brownies and more. Thank you for your support!

Bingo and BBQ on **Saturday 29th April** in the Upper Car Park. BBQ sale starts from 6:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Help Support Our Young People.

PRE-MOTHER'S DAY BBQ LUNCH in May. The Young adults traveling to Portugal for World Youth Day will host a BBQ Lunch on Saturday 13th May at the St. Lwanga Youth Centre, Stapleton Lane. Please support!

COINS DROP BOX: Every dollar counts! 3 boxes will be at each door of the Cathedral for you to drop your loose change, however small. Proceeds are in aid of the Confirmation candidates traveling to Trinidad for the Life in the Spirit Retreat. We thank you in advance.

CATECHETICAL NOTICES

Youth Notice

St. Lwanga Youth Centre is now offering assistance to CSEC and CAPE Students doing their SBAs in Social Studies, Geography, History, Biology and Integrated Science. Please call the Youth Centre to register and receive more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Adults and young adults who have not been baptized, or Confirmed or received their First Holy Communion and persons wishing to become a member of the Catholic Church are invited to register for this programme. Please call the Pastoral Centre at 560-2693.

ENCOURAGING our CATHOLIC BUSINESSES or individuals, to give young people that initial "experience" so many companies are requesting. We thank the businesses and individuals who heard the plea, saw our vision, and have given some of our youth an opportunity. We invite you to call our St. Lwanga Youth Center and help us help our youth.

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS: If you are unemployed or know of other persons seeking employment, you are invited to register at the St. Lwanga Youth Center. Call 780-9688 or send an email to stlwangayouth22@gmail.com.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. George would like to thank everyone one who supported the beach family outing. We are indeed grateful for your continued support as we embark on upcoming fund-raisers. Proceeds of the passion and Pan will go towards the Youth traveling to Trinidad and the Beach Family Day proceeds will be used for parish expenses.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 2nd April, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 5,152.28	\$ xxx
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
9:00 am	\$ 4,209.58	\$ 845.30
Parham	\$ 851.40	\$ 373.40
Potters 11:00 am	\$ 739.57	\$ 118.69
Villa 11:00 am	\$ 1,422.50	\$ 395.75
Holy Thursday	\$ 3,942.11	
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 5,484.82	
Diocesan Schools	\$ 180.00	

Thank you for your generosity



The Prayer of the Synod:

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Parishioners are advised that the following Synodality synthesis comes into effect in parish management for a five year period at the first instance. All are encouraged to be part of this new parish experience.

Theme for five Years Pastoral plan
“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes” (Is 54:2).

Sub- theme : January 2023 to January 2024

A call to Missionary Discipleship
(Pastoral Exhortation 2020
(Bishop Robert Llanos pastoral letter.)

Agenda

1. Formation and training on the concept of “A Call to Missionary Discipleship” Pastoral Exhortation 2020 by Bishop Robert Llanos.
2. Continued interactions among groups in the parish with reference to gender theory and ideology
3. A review of all existing groups in the parish with consideration to consensus adoption guided by Synodality synthesis
4. Liturgical Review (preparation of Sunday Masses and other devotions).

5. Catechetical program and its effects on faith development among the children and youth.
6. Youth Program (contents and applicability to current needs).
7. Hospitality (welcoming atmosphere in the parish – existing and improvement).
8. Home Visitation (visiting the sick, ministering spiritual needs).
- 9 Focus on the spiritual needs of men (special efforts to reach out to lapsed Catholic men).
10. Networking in the form of evangelization (reaching out to those who are on the periphery).
11. Formation of women network at the parish level (to include single women, a non-judgmental approach towards inclusion).
12. Implementation team formation towards fundraising activities.
13. Additional support for the ongoing feeding program and assistance in support resources for the newly refurbished St. Francis Home for the Poor.
14. Bible and faith formation studies

Lectio Divina

Read: Today’s first reading speaks of the way the Christian community lived in light of Pentecost. The second reading begins the first letter of Peter, a beautiful reflection on Baptism and Christian faith. The Gospel recounts Jesus’ first appearance to his disciples after the resurrection.

Reflect: I’ve always thought that Thomas was misjudged. He wasn’t in the room with the other disciples when Jesus appeared. Unlike the other disciples who were locked away in fear, Thomas was out in the community. Thomas showed similar courage when he expressed his willingness to go to Lazarus, even if it meant risking death. This courage would extend to the end of Thomas’ life. Tradition tells us that Thomas was martyred after he brought the Gospel to India. How often do we judge the people in our lives because we don’t know their whole story? How often do we let prejudice and the opinions of others define our perceptions? May “Doubting Thomas” give us the courage to look with eyes of love.

Pray: Lord, help me to see others as you see them and to respond to them in love.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS :

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. **We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.** Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Shawn Phillip, Gillian Howie, Nelister Sebastian, Catherine Durand, Dion Thomas, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, David Morris, Gweneth Bryan, Shanla Carr, John Willock, Arnold Gomes, Patrick Skerritt, Marion Warren, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Natalie Massicott, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT & WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PORTUGAL:

Please support the fundraising efforts to assist the Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed this year. They will join their peers in Trinidad from July 2 to 9. Also in July, seven persons along with their peers from the other islands will be representing the Diocese at World Youth Day in Portugal. Please pray for our young people and offer your support. Thank you.

The Parish Pentecost Sunday Brunch returns. Tickets are only \$35.00 dollars, and can be purchased at the Pastoral Centre and from the following persons: Shyka Hannays, Eutha Meade, Nichola Brown, and Gilbert Laudat. Please support.

This Sunday's Readings

16th April, 2023

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 17th Acts 4: 23-31

Psalm 2: 1-9

John 3: 1-8

Tuesday 18th Acts 4: 32-37

Psalm 93: 1,2,5

John 3: 7-15

Wednesday 19th Acts 5: 17-26

Psalm 34: 2-9

John 3: 16-21

Thursday 20th Acts 5: 27-33

Psalm 34: 2,9, 17-20

John 3: 31-36

Friday 21st Acts 5:34-42

Psalm 27: 1,4, 13,14

John 6:1-15

St. Anselm of Canterbury, bishop & doctor

Saturday 22nd Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm 33: 1,2,4,5,18,19

John 6: 16-21

"Put your finger here, and see my hands; stretch out your hand, and put it into my side."



WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

We learn from this reading that besides communal life the early Jerusalem Church devoted itself to the teachings of the apostles (the Hebrew Bible and the way Jesus had interpreted it by word and example), the breaking of the bread ("agape"—daily meal with a distinctly sacred character, the Eucharist in its earliest form), and the prayers (participating in the prayers of the Jewish temple). Sharing "all things in common" was done in the Jerusalem Church for at least some time. This is not a universal law for all Christians. The point for us is their fellowship, which we should all practice.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

This reading is taken from the First Letter of Peter which is probably a homily (sermon) given on the occasion of a baptismal ceremony. Notice how the homilist relates our rebirth through baptism to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christian rebirth from water and Spirit is a birth to hope—to an imperishable inheritance. It is all for you "who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith." Although you have never seen the Lord Jesus, you love him, and without seeing you believe in him. A well-known Baptist preacher of Harlem used to say: "Keep the faith baby!" This is a folksy way of saying it. But the underlying concern must be ours, and it should be one in fellowship with others!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The Second Reading has made the point that without seeing him Christians believe in Jesus. By relating the well-known tradition concerning the unbelieving Thomas, the writer of John wants to shed further light on this point. He indicates that even seeing, as Thomas did, is no guarantee of faith. Faith comes by hearing the word of the risen Lord who addresses Thomas personally. Christianity knows the golden rule: Faith comes from hearing. It is God, personally addressing you in an "I-Thou" Situation! This intangible situation can never be fully explained just as we cannot explain what exactly happens when someone falls in love! Respond when the Lord says: "Shalom-peace" to you in any situation of your life and keep that faith alive.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

By: Zelda Caldwell

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In a recently published interview, Pope Francis said he called in exorcists when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires and warned that the devil is always trying to attack everyone, Vatican News reported Monday.

The Holy Father, as he has done many times in his pontificate, emphasized that the devil is real. He added that Church leaders are among his favorite targets but that prayer is the best defense against such attacks.

"What is certain is that the devil tries to attack everyone without distinction and tries above all to strike those who have more responsibilities in the Church or in society," the pope said in an interview featured in the book "Esorcisti contro Satana" ("Exorcists against Satan"), released today in Italian.

The book, written by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona and at this time published only in Italian, features the testimony of exorcists and victims of diabolic possession along with the interview with Pope Francis.

When asked if he had ever performed an exorcism as pope, the Holy Father replied that he had not but that he had requested the services of exorcists when he served as Bishop in Argentina.

When I was Archbishop of Buenos Aires I had several cases of people who came to me saying they were possessed. I sent them for a consultation with two good 'specialist' priests: They are not healers but exorcists," the pope said.

Both of them later told me that only two or three of those people were really victims of diabolical possession. The others suffered from diabolical obsession, which is quite different because they didn't have the devil in their bodies. This should be specified," he said. In reference to the testimony of a young nun suffering from demonic possession who said that the devil said he hated the pope, the Holy Father said that, as a Christian, he would expect that.



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