



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral  
Michael's Mount

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Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

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Donovans



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*"Prayer in Days of Affliction."*

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13th AUGUST, 2023 - A**

## THE CATHEDRAL BOOK STORE IS LOCATED IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE.



## 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.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 6th August, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 1,147.77	\$ 907.46
Sunday		
7:00am	\$ 1,008.15	\$ 418.15
9:00 am	\$ 2,119.03	\$ 373.82
Potters	\$ 375.05	\$ 127.00
Parham	\$ 207.75	\$ 55.00
Villa	\$ 534.30	\$ 424.85
Donovans	\$ 130.00	\$ 45.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 65.00	

**Thank you for your generosity**

During the second collection,  
Parishioners are asked to nominate one  
person who you think can represent the  
parish's interest on the Parish Council.

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Since the 15th August is the  
Solemnity of the Assumption of Our  
Lady, Mass at the Cathedral will be at  
6:00 pm. All are invited to attend. There  
will be no Mass in St. Anthony's  
Potters.

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**The Marriage and Family Ministry  
will be organizing the following  
events:**

The panel discussion for married or  
engaged couples will be held on August  
25th at Tyrells Church Hall at 7:00 p.m.  
The Marriage Enrichment Weekend  
will be held from October 6-8, 2023.  
The cost of the Marriage Weekend will  
be approximately US \$550.00 per  
couple. Monthly payment plans are  
available to interested couples.

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**In keeping with the Synodal theme  
Communion, Participation and Mission,**  
parishioners will be invited to nominate  
persons who they wish to serve on the  
Parish Council. The nominations at each  
weekend Mass will be held on the 1st  
weekend in August and voting for the  
nominees on the 3rd weekend in  
August. All are asked to participate in  
this participatory process.

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## SJA NOTICES

There is a vacancy at St. Joseph's  
Academy to teach **Mathematics**  
**Chemistry** and **Integrated Science** at  
the CSEC Level.

Suitably qualified applicants may apply  
as soon as possible to the Principal, St.  
Joseph's Academy P.O. Box 234 or by  
email: [sjaantigu@gmail.com](mailto:sjaantigu@gmail.com) or drop off  
a hard copy to the school's office.

There is a vacancy at St. John's  
Catholic Primary School for the  
position of Principal. The Board  
therefore invites applications from  
suitably qualified individuals to fill the  
position commencing the new  
Academic Year, September 2023.

Suitably qualified individuals are  
invited to send their applications with  
supporting documentation to the  
attention of the Chairman of the Board,  
St. John's Catholic Primary School via  
email [stancelroberts@gmail.com](mailto:stancelroberts@gmail.com) on or  
before Monday 21st August 2023 or  
call 464-7138 to arrange for drop-off of  
applications. Deadline for submission  
is Monday 21st August 2023.

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**REGISTRATION FOR NEW  
GROUPS is now OPEN** and ends on  
September 15th 2023. Please register  
at the Parish Office or  
email [catechetichfc@gmail.com](mailto:catechetichfc@gmail.com)  
to receive the link. First Communion -  
children born in 2015; Confirmation -  
young people born in 2010 or before;  
Pre-Communion for children born in  
2016 who attend non-Catholic schools.  
Baptismal information is required.

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## Save The Date.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
invites you to its Gala Dinner  
scheduled to be held on Friday,  
September 22, 2023 at the Royalton  
Resort. Contribution - \$200.00

Tickets are now available and can be  
purchased from the following persons.

Jill Fernandez - 464- 5047  
Karen Crawford- 764-7748  
Manuella Henry - 770-6159  
Stephane Harris-Burke - 789 - 6369  
Pat Collins - 773-5319



## 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.

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## Prayer During Hurricane Season

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands, including hurricanes. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Christ the King High School is celebrating in September this year, 90 years of solid Catholic education and human formation. While plans are afoot for a fitting celebration in the course of the academic year, volunteers and sponsors are needed. If you would like to volunteer or to offer sponsorship, kindly contact Fr Pierre (268 778-8232), or the Principal (268-462-0570 or at [christtheking268@gmail.com](mailto:christtheking268@gmail.com)) or any member of the Board through the Office of the Bishop 268 4611135

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**Preparation for the Christmas Dinner** is already in progress. The committee has already secured 4 pigs, by way of donation, but will be in need of 10 pigs. Anyone willing to donate a pig can get in touch with Fr. George. This Christmas dinner is expected to be exceptional, so tickets will be on sale for **\$50.00** as of the month of August. Please note that there will be no ticket sale on the night of the dinner. Due to past experience we can only manage comfortably 700 patrons at the dinner. So please book your tickets early to avoid unavailability of tickets on the night of the dinner.

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**Parishioners are informed that** due to a shortage of priests who are currently on vacation, there will be Communion services in most of the outstations on Sundays. Thank you

## 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, 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, Patrick Skerritt.



**This Sunday's Readings**  
**13th August, 2023**

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5**

**Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-23**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 14th Deuteronomy 10: 12-22**

**Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20**

**Matthew 17: 22-27**

*St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr*

**Tuesday 15th Revelation 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10**

**1 Corinthians 15: 20-27**

**Psalm 45: 10-12, 16**

**Luke 1: 39-56**

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Wednesday 16th Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

**Psalm 66: 1-3, 5 & 8, 16-17**

**Matthew 18: 15-20**

*St. Stephen of Hungary*

**Thursday 17th Joshua 3: 7-11, 13-17**

**Psalm 114: 1-6**

**Matthew 18: 21—19: 1**

**Friday 18th Joshua 24: 1-13**

**Psalm 136: 1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24**

**Matthew 19: 3-12**

**Saturday 19th Joshua 24: 14-29**

**Psalm 16: 1-2 & 5, 7-8, 11**

**Matthew 19: 13-15**

*Blessed Virgin Mary / St. John Eudes, priest / St. Ezekiel Moreno priest*

**WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.**

This Beautiful narrative tells about God's prophet in trouble. Elijah had confronted the prophets of Baal, the god Queen Jezebel worshiped. He took a stand that caused him to lose Jezebel's favor. She threatened the prophet's life. Elijah went to a cave where he met the Lord - not in a mighty wind, an earthquake, or fire, but rather in a tiny whispering sound. A lesson for the prophet so fond of the spectacular!

As Christians, we know that the bible does not tell stories just to entertain us. Inspired by God, the sacred writer wants to teach by relating these ancient traditions to the believing reader. The point of the narrative is God's word to us. In this case, it could be a hint as to what we should do when evil besets us, and/or that we should find God not in the spectacular but in the simple events of daily life. In times of confusion, our prayer should be: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation"

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Paul expresses his love for his people of origin in strong language that might scandalize if taken literally. They were chosen by God & received the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; they gave birth to the patriarchs and indeed to Christ himself! His example could be a lesson to love, respect, and care for others even if we cannot share their opinions!

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Matthew has molded this tradition in such a way that it is clearly a lesson for the harassed Church of his day & God's people of all times! The Church, the traditional bark of Peter, is tossed on the waves of affliction. It needs encouragement. It should have faith in Jesus, for he saves us if we have faith & pray with confidence. Jesus is able to still any storm & can bring us to safety

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

Lisbon, Portugal — August 3, 2023

As Pope Francis officially launched a gathering of hundreds of thousands of Catholic young people here in the Portuguese capital, one direct message was repeated throughout multiple speeches — lest anyone forget it: Everyone is welcome in the church.

"There is room for everyone in the church and, whenever there is not, then, please, we must make room, including for those who make mistakes, who fall or struggle," the pope told a crowd of nearly 500,000 young people gathered here in Lisbon's Edward VII Park on Aug. 3 for the official welcome ceremony of World Youth Day.

"The Lord does not point a finger, but opens wide his arms: Jesus showed us this on the cross," Francis continued. "He does not close the door, but invites us to enter; he does not keep us at a distance, but welcomes us."

The pope's emphasis on openness is simple and has come to define much of his 10-year papacy as he has continually tried to preach a message of welcome to historically marginalized groups in the church, including women, the divorced and remarried, and LGBTQ Catholics.

But it has been met with fierce resistance, including inside the church.

Just hours before World Youth Day began, Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, took to social media to lament the "tragedy" of World Youth Day, which he said had "fallen prey to the current trend to secularize the Catholic Church." And last month, a biographer of Pope John Paul II — the founder of World Youth Day — criticized the event for lacking a "Christocent HERE IN LISBON, "Let these be days when we fully realize in our hearts that we are loved just as we are," the pope told a sea of young people draped in their country's respective flags, many of whom waited in the park for several hours to greet the pontiff.

Francis recalled that he had received letters from young people who have felt unwelcome in the church because of mistakes.

"Everyone needs to know that God is near, and that all he needs is a small response on our part in order to fill our lives with wonder," he told them.

***"Truly, you are the Son of God!"***







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