



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27th AUGUST, 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.

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.

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 World Youth Day Pilgrims
would like to express heartfelt
thanks to all persons and
organizations who contributed,
prayed for, or supported our
fundraising efforts. We truly
appreciate the outpouring of love
and your assistance, and we pray
that God continue to bless you
greatly. To cover residual costs,
the World Youth Day Pilgrim
Group will host a Baked Goods
Sale on Sunday, 3rd September,
2023, from 7:00 a.m. until stocks
last. Tasty items such as Baked
Chicken, Baked Ziti, Saltfish Balls,
Pineapple Upside down cake,
Chocolate Cake, and cookies are
among the delectables which will
be on *sale*. We thank you for your
continued support."

REGISTRATION FOR NEW GROUPS is now OPEN and ends on

September 15th 2023. Please register
at the Parish Office or
email catecheticsfhc@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.

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)
or any member of the Board
through the Office of the Bishop
268 461-1135

WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is World
Mission Month. The theme is
"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the
Move." (Luke 24:13-35)
inspired by the story of the
disciples on the way to
Emmaus.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 13th August, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 1,103.51	\$ 802.25
Sunday		
7:00am	\$ 1,421.67	\$ 465.15
9:00 am	\$ 1,941.08	\$ 440.30
Potters	\$ 287.50	\$ 117.50
Parham	\$ 435.90	\$ 116.07
Villa	\$ 577.80	\$ 204.00
Donovans	\$ 160.00	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 142.00	

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.

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.

Parishioners are informed of the following results of nominations for the Parish Council :

Holy Family Cathedral: 6:00 pm
Top votes : out of Eight nominated names the top two are
Shyka Hannays : 26 votes . Crispin Thomas : 16 votes

Holy Family Cathedral: 7:00 am
Top votes: out of 10 nominated names the top two are Gilbert Laudat: 21
Ellis Southwell: 17

Holy Family Cathedral: 9:00 am
Top votes : Out of 15 nominated names the top two are : Charmaine Donovan : 25 and Kim Burdon : 15

Villa : Out of 6 nominated names the top two are : Efiyah Norbert 10 and Manuella Henry: 8

Potters : Out of 3 Nominated names the top two are : Arthur Bird 9 and Daisybelle Riley: 7

Donovans: Out of 2 Nominated names the top two are : Margaret Louisor 10 and Dereck Louisor: 6

Parham : Out of 6 nominated names the top two are : Arden Williams 13 and Janice Anton: 11

Please assess the nominees in preparation for voting for one person per Mass.

Voting will be done on the third Weekend in September.

Reflect: Who do you say that Jesus is? How do we think about our relationship with Jesus? Some people see Jesus as a just judge, others as a wise teacher. Some people hope to find a great ruler, others a gentle shepherd. Some are drawn to his miracles, others to his gentleness and compassion. Jesus is all these things and more. He is God-with-us, who through his death and Resurrection destroyed the bonds of death forever and opened the gates of heaven. Jesus' loving care for us is beyond our imagination and understanding. We are called to stay close to him, drawing nearer every day until at last we see him face to face.

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.

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, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmund-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skerritt.

In loving memory of a dear mother, grand-mother, aunt, cousin, teacher who touched many lives and left us 1 year ago August 26, 2022. Ada-Mae Sheppard-Johnson. We miss you so much, but we will never forget you. Continue to rest in peace.



This Sunday's Readings
27th August, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 28th 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8-10

Psalm 149: 1-6, 8,9

Matthew 23: 13-22

St. Augustine, bishop & doctor

Tuesday 29th 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Psalm 139: 1-3, 4-6

Mark 6: 17-29

The Passion of John The Baptist

Wednesday 30th 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Psalm 139: 7-12

Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday 31st 1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13

Psalm 90: 3-5, 12,13,14,17

Matthew 24: 42 - 51

Friday 1st 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8

Psalm 97: 1,2,5,6,10,11,12

Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 2nd 1 Thessalonians 4: 9 - 11

Psalm 98: 1,7-9

Matthew 25: 14-30

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME. The oracle of Isaiah announces the appointment of a new royal overseer, who will exercise authority in the name of his master. The keys given to him are a symbol of his vicarious power. The tradition concerning the keys of the kingdom entrusted to Peter as we have it in today's Gospel refers to this oracle. The Church knows that the human instruments of God's authority on earth can fail but they cannot undo the divine purpose. Hence, we pray with the words of Psalm 138: "Lord, your love is eternal, do not forsake the work of your hands."

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME After Paul has been trying to describe the bounteous love of God, visible in Jesus Christ sharing himself with sinful humanity, we might say he gives up and exclaims in sudden emotion and gratitude. "Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" In his own unsearchable way, God has planned a future for each and every one of us. In our best moments we should try to feel as Paul did, when we meditate on the greatness, love and wisdom of God.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

This Gospel tradition puts things in their right perspective. Jesus is the Son of the living God. All authority has been given to him, hence he can delegate it. No longer visibly with his people, our Lord gives authority to the Church by putting it into the hands of Peter, who rules over God's people together with his fellow apostles.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Open to change

Christians must stand firm in their faith but that is not the same as being rigid and unwilling to bend out of compassion for another, Pope Francis said. God is love and "the one who loves does not remain rigid. Yes, they stand firm, but not rigid; they do not remain rigid in their own positions, but allow themselves to be moved and touched," the pope said Aug. 20 before reciting the midday Angelus prayer with an estimated 10,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square. Among the crowd were 29 seminarians who had just arrived to begin their studies at the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome. Pope Francis gave them a shout out and wished them "a good formation journey." In his main talk, Pope Francis commented on the day's Gospel reading, Mt 15:21-28, which tells the story of the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter. At first, Jesus brushes her off since she is not Jewish. But he sees her persistent faith and grants her request. "Later," the pope said, "the Holy Spirit would push the church to the ends of the world," but at that point Jesus was preaching to the Jews. "Faced with her concrete case, he becomes even more sympathetic and compassionate," the pope said. "This is what God is like: he is love, and the one who loves does not remain rigid." "Love is creative," he said. "And we Christians who want to imitate Christ, we are invited to be open to change." In the life of faith and in relationships with others, the pope said, people need to pay attention and to be willing "to soften up in the name of compassion and the good of others, like Jesus did with the Canaanite woman." Of course, he said, another aspect of the story is the woman's strong and insistent faith that Jesus could heal her daughter. The woman "probably had little or no awareness of the laws and religious precepts" of Judaism, but she draws near to Jesus, prostrates herself and has a "frank dialogue" with him, the pope said. "This is the concreteness of faith, which is not a religious label but is a personal relationship with the Lord," he said. Francis asked people to consider whether they show the compassion and flexibility of Jesus and the bold faith of the Canaanite woman.

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."





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