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**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 11th JUNE, 2023 - A**

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



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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.

## Chancery Contact

Please note that there are technical  
challenges with the main phone line at  
the Chancery Offices (268 461-1135).  
As an alternative, 462-1306 may be  
used in the interim.

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## Special Collection

### Peter's Pence – June 25, 2023

The Peter's Pence Collection will be  
taken up to support the Universal Church  
and the work of the Holy See, including  
helping Pope Francis to carry out his  
charitable works. These works benefit our  
brothers and sisters on the margins of  
society, including victims of war,  
oppression, and disasters. Take this  
opportunity to join with Pope Francis and  
be a sign of mercy to our suffering  
brothers and sisters. Our diocese has been  
a beneficiary of these special funds, hence  
the importance of our solidarity with the  
Universal Church. Please be generous.

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There is a promise of marriage between  
**CECIL JERMAINE HENRY** of  
**GOLDEN GROVE** and **JODIE**  
**ANGELINE JAMILAH WATLEY** of  
**PIGOTTS VILLAGE**. Anyone  
knowing of any reason why this  
couple should not be married in the  
Catholic Church should contact one  
of the priests.

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There is a promise of marriage  
between **MALLON SILVERINUS**  
**LANCASTER JOSEPH** of #3  
**CASSADA GARDENS** and  
**ONIQUE NIKKIE MATTHEW** of  
#3 **CASSADA GARDENS**. Anyone  
knowing of any reason why this  
couple should not be married in the  
Catholic Church should contact one  
of the priests.

The Marriage and Family Ministry  
will be organizing a few events as  
follows:

Two evenings as follow-up sessions from  
Conferences held in 2022:

**"SINGING IN THE RAIN"**: A Session  
for all Catholic Men which will be held  
on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 7:00p.m.

**"DANCING IN THE RAIN"**: A  
Session for all Catholic Women which  
will take place on Friday, June 23, 2023,  
at 7:00p.m.

The venue for both events will be at  
**THE CHIMNEY Restaurant, Off  
Friars Hill Road, Friar's Hill  
Development.**

A Panel discussion for married or  
engaged couples in July and the Marriage  
Enrichment Weekend 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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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Joseph's Conference will host its  
Fathers' Day Lunch on **June 18,**  
**2023.**

Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Venue: Holy Family Cathedral  
Grounds

Tickets: \$25.00

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will also  
be on sale.

Come and support us as we seek to  
help those in need.

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The **SECOND COLLECTION** on  
June 18th will be for the Diocesan  
priest. A special envelope will be  
given out for this. Parishioners are  
kindly asked to return these  
envelopes on Sunday 18th June.  
This envelope does not replace  
your regular Sunday offering

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 4th June, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1672.55	\$ 828.78
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,917.40	\$ 458.90
9:00 am	\$2,532.10	\$ 631.15
Parham	\$ 612.67	\$ 100.68
Potters 11:00 am	\$ 829.75	\$ 339.25
Villa 11:00 am	\$1,344.75	\$ 178.00
Donovans	\$ 211.67	\$ 75.10
Diocesan Schools	\$ 205.00	

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.

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### CATECHETICAL NOTICES

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**CELEBRATION:** We pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time on June 25th. Please pray for these children and their parents.

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**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.

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The **COIN DROP BOX** so far has collected \$583.35. We thank and encourage you to continue dropping your coins. Soft notes are welcome!

### YOUTH NOTICES:

We pray for the young people attending the Life in the Spirit Retreat from July 2nd to 9th in Trinidad and the youth pilgrims attending the World Youth Day in Portugal from July 31st to August 12. We pray that this witness of faith will enrich their lives.

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**RAFFLE BOOKS** are in circulation amongst our young people and adults. Please support and help us give the young people this faith journey. We thank the donors of the great prizes: Dinners at Elite Hotels, Spa Treatments, Food Hamper Household gift vouchers, Vintage Tea, Excursions, etc. 11 chances to win exciting prizes for \$10.00 drawing on June 26th. Get your tickets early.

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The Xclamation Mas Troupe presents for Carnival 2023 "**PRETTY MAS**". For more information and registration please call Daniel Charles @ 721-0368. Come and help us to express ourselves through creativity and culture.

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**We pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist** for the first time on June 25th:

Jaeda Khouly, Aiden Gomes, Dax Hadeed, Etiendem Asonganyi Bedifeh, Katalyna Fagan, Rylan Mussington, Nathurdine Thompson, Annabella Mansoor, Elie Saoud, Anastasia Aflax, Zara Miguel, Lake Zreibi, Rosalina Flavius, Peyton Joseph, Joshua Lee, Xander Roches, Angelica Aflak, Delanya Morris, Alexis Bird, Amelie Hall, Kamya Phillip, Olivia Hadeed

### 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

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**St. John's Catholic Primary School** is open for Registration and is pleased to announce that registration continues until 15th July, 2023. We are accepting pre-school and primary school students, ages two and a half to eleven years old on a first come, first served basis. Application forms can be collected from the school's office from 8am to 12 pm daily, or it can be emailed to you. To receive the form via email, please send a request email to [sjcpcprimary@gmail.com](mailto:sjcpcprimary@gmail.com). Subject—Preschool Application Form or Primary School Application Form. To complete the application process, we will need copies of your child's: Birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Health & Immunization card, Recent school report or transcript, A passport size picture, \$120 registration fee and the completed application form.

## This Sunday's Readings

11th June, 2023

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2,3,14,15**

**Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord,  
Jerusalem.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 10: 16-17**

**Gospel: John 6: 51-58**

### Readings for Monday to Saturday

**Monday 12th 2nd Corinthians 1: 1-7**

**Psalm 34: 2-9**

**Matthew 5:12**

**Tuesday 13th 2 Corinthians 1: 18 -22**

**Psalm 119: 129-133, 135**

**Matthew 5: 13-16**

**St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor**

**Wednesday 14th 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11**

**Psalm 99: 5-9**

**Matthew 5: 17-19**

**Thursday 15th 2 Corinthians 3: 15—4:  
1,3-6**

**Psalm 85: 9-14**

**Matthew 5: 20-26**

**Friday 16th Deuteronomy 7: 6-11**

**Psalm 103: 1-4, 6-8,10**

**Matthew 11: 25-30**

**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of  
Jesus**

**Saturday 17th 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21**

**Psalm 103: 1-4, 9-12**

**Luke 2: 41-51**

**Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

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

During the time of affliction in the desert, God took care of his people and gave them the basics they needed, water and bread. But the writer of Deuteronomy, meditating on the desert experience of his people, lets Moses indicate that God intended more than just taking care of physical needs. “(God) fed you with manna...in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that cometh forth from the mouth of the Lord. The psalmist, and we with him, thank God for his care. “With the best of wheat he fills you...He has proclaimed his word to Jacob (patriarch of God’s chosen people, who stands for you and me). Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (capital of the chosen people, which again symbolizes you and me!)

## **WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Paul does not want the Christians of Corinth to take part in pagan sacrifices to which relatives invite them. We have our passover sacrifice, the body and blood of Christ. Notice that in Biblical language, “body and blood” do not indicate the things as such but the whole person and the event that they signify, namely, Jesus Christ giving himself in his meritorious death, in which we share when we partake in the Eucharist. Moreover, Paul teaches that not only is such partaking communion with the Lord and a guarantee for salvation. It also means communion with the fellow members. God’s word: Heed both aspects of Holy Communion!

## **WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Every time we take part in the Eucharistic celebration, we should enter a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Notice again that the words, “flesh, body, blood” stand for the person! “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, “ and through that continuous encounter with our Lord, such persons will have real life, life everlasting.

## **KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

By Hannah Brockhaus

Rome Newsroom, Jun 7, 2023 / 13:15 pm

Pope Francis is awake after reacting well to both surgery and general anesthetic, an Italian surgeon said Wednesday afternoon. Pope Francis “is well, awake, alert, and already made his first joke 10 minutes ago,” Dr. Sergio Alfieri said June 7 during a brief press conference at Rome’s Gemelli Hospital, where Pope Francis is recovering following abdominal surgery. Alfieri, director of the hospital’s abdominal surgery department, is the same surgeon who removed part of Pope Francis’ colon during an operation to treat diverticulitis in July 2021. The surgeon told journalists that from a medical point of view, there would be nothing preventing the pope from continuing with his planned travels to Portugal and Mongolia in August after his recovery. The conditions treated by the surgery on June 7 and the prior operation of July 2021 were both benign and have been resolved, the surgeon said in response to questions. The pope does not have other illnesses,” he underlined. Alfieri noted that Francis had been experiencing pain for several months due to an incisional hernia and decided June 6 to undergo the surgery to correct it. An incisional hernia is a type of abdominal wall hernia at the site of a previous surgical incision. The surgeon said the hernia may have come about following past operations Francis underwent in Argentina, including for peritonitis, a redness or swelling of the lining of the abdomen often caused by appendicitis. Alfieri said Francis was already cracking jokes and had asked him when the next surgery would be.

In a statement issued late Wednesday, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said “Pope Francis is alert and conscious and thankful for the many messages of closeness and prayer that have immediately reached him.”

Alfieri was assisted by Drs. Valerio Papa, Roberta Menghi, Antonio Tortorelli, and Giuseppe Quero. The anesthetist was Dr. Massimo Antonelli, who was assisted by Drs. Teresa Sacco, Paola Aceto, Maurizio Soave, and Giuseppina Annetta. The head physician of the Vatican’s health and hygiene office, Dr. Luigi Carbone, was also present in the operating room.

*“I am the living bread from heaven; whoever eats of this bread will live forever.”*







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