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11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18th JUNE, 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.

The **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY
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.

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.

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.

ORDINATION

The Ordination of Deacon Boniface
Mutuku Kavita and Deacon George
Wacuma Wahiti will be held on Thursday
29th June, 2023 at 5:30pm at Holy Family
Cathedral. All are invited .

Persons who are in possession of monies
for the Brunch Tickets are asked to bring
them in as soon as possible.

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

"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 the event 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.

**The Diocesan Website was
launched** - it is <http://diocesesjb.org>.
Please visit the website occasionally
for updated information as to what is
happening . Please send information
to communication@diocesesjb.org
and copy to
dsjbchancery@gmail.com.

Are you looking for a place to leave
your elderly relative when you go to
work or when you have a function to
attend during the week? Well, look no
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warm, nurturing environment with
meals provided. For
more information, please call, 462-
2994 or 773-5319.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 11th June, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,295.89	\$ 826.27
Sunday	7:00 am \$ xxx	\$ xxx
	9:00 am \$6,860.46	\$ xxx
Parham	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Potters 11:00 am	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Villa 11:00 am	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Donovans	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Diocesan Schools	\$ 170.00	

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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. 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
18th June, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 19: 2 -6

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew: 9: 36—10: 8

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 19th 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Psalm 98: 1-4

Matthew 5: 38-42

St. Romuald, abbot

Tuesday 20th 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

Psalm 146: 2,5 - 9

Matthew 5: 43-48

Wednesday 21st 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

Psalm 112: 1-4, 9

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Thursday 22nd 2 Corinthians 11: 1 -11

Psalm 111: 1-4, 7,8

Matthew 6: 7 - 15

*St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop/ Sts. John
Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs*

Friday 23rd 2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30

Psalm 34: 2 -7

Matthew 6: 19-23

Saturday 24th Isaiah 49: 1-6

Psalm 139: 3,13 -15

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

*Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the
Baptist*

*“Without cost you have
received; without cost you are
to give.”*



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

The theophanies (manifestations of God) on Mount Sinai are perhaps the best known of the Bible. Of course, a human imagery in vogue during Biblical times is used. Clouds, thunder, lightning—these are so many images to describe the awe-inspiring presence of God. The theophany of this Bible passage is an idyllic one. An eagle is said to gently bear her young on her wings. Hence meditating on God's loving care, the writer has God say: “I bore you up on eagle wings.” This is tantamount to saying: “I brought you out of bondage in Egypt. . You are now my special possession.” God care for you and me! Indeed, “The Lord is good: his kindness endures forever.”

**WHAT THE SECOND READING
SAYS TO ME**

Again, God's love is suggested as a topic for meditative reading. “God proves his love for us.” Paul brings out that God's love is not a sentimental love. He reasons. Someone may have the courage to die for a good man. But Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Hence, we should be all the more appreciative of God's love.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO
ME**

“Jesus” heart was moved with pity.” In the Lord Jesus. God's loving care became a really human, emotional love, for all of us. He cares; and he shows it through compassion for deprived, sick and unhappy people. Notice that in the mind of the ancients disease was caused by evil spirits or demons. Hence, a sick person did not go first of all to a doctor but to the holy man to ask him to pray and cast out the demon. The healing activity of Jesus and his coworkers, seen as expelling the evil one, is a beautiful sign of the coming of God's kingdom in this world. “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Cure the sick ... drive out demons.” All of this is another sign of God's kindness and compassionate love for ailing human beings.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Message of the Holy Father Francis for
the 7th World Day of the Poor,
13.06.2023

This, the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, is a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy and a support for the lives of our communities. As its celebration becomes more and more rooted in the pastoral life of the Church, it enables us to discover ever anew the heart of the Gospel. Our daily efforts to welcome the poor are still not enough. A great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity. For this reason, on the Sunday before the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we gather around his Table to receive from him once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor. “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7). These words help us to understand the essence of our witness. By reflecting on the Book of Tobit, a little-known text of the Old Testament, yet one that is charming and full of wisdom, we can better appreciate the message the sacred writer wished to communicate. We find ourselves before a scene of family life: a father, Tobit, embraces his son, Tobias, who is about to set out on a lengthy journey. The elderly Tobit fears that he will never again see his son, and so leaves him his “spiritual testament”. Tobit had been deported to Nineveh and is now blind, and thus doubly poor. At the same time, he remains always certain of one thing, expressed by his very name: “The Lord has been my good”.

SJA NOTICE

Applications are being received from eligible boys to enter Forms 2, 3 or 4 at St. Joseph's Academy. The forms are available at the school's office Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Interviews will take place on June 28th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm; and June 29th and 30th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



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