



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th 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.  
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## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 18th June, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$928.87	\$1,032.22
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$ 855.42	\$1,171.40
9:00 am	\$1962.85	\$1919.59
Parham	\$ 780.00	\$ 100.00
Potters 11:00 am	\$ 862.85	\$ 236.05
Villa 11:00 am	\$ 865.28	\$ 549.25
Donovans	\$ 217.25	\$ 88.68
Hispanic	\$ 175.37	
Diocesan Schools	\$ 125.00	

Thank you for your generosity

## 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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## 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.

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**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 further. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day Care Centre for Seniors is the ideal place. Located in Ovals. Open from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Mondays to Fridays and offers a warm, nurturing environment with meals provided. For more information, please call, 462-2994 or 773-5319.

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All choir members of Holy Family Cathedral Parish are kindly asked to take note of a very important choir practice on Tuesday 27th June, 2023 at 7:00 pm in preparation for the Ordination of Deacon George and Deacon Boniface.

## The Marriage and Family Ministry will be organizing an event

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 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](mailto:communication@diocesesjb.org) and copy to [dsjbchancery@gmail.com](mailto:dsjbchancery@gmail.com).

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The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph's Conference wish to thank the many parishioners and friends for their overwhelming support at the recently-held Fathers' Day Lunch which was a success. We look forward to your continued support. May God continue to richly bless you.

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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm; and June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



## 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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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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## 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.

## CLOSING OF THE CATECHETICAL YEAR:

All children, young people, parents who attend the Catechetical sessions: Sunday and Monday Religious Education classes, the new Communicants, Confirmation groups, all young people travelling, attending camps are invited to the evening Mass on **Monday 26th June at 6:00 p.m.** Come and receive a special Summer Blessing.

Parents please note.  
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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 [catecheticsfhc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

**RAFFLE!** Our raffle will be drawn after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Monday 26th. We thank all those who made this raffle possible and all who purchased tickets. Proceeds will aid our young people traveling for their retreat. Thank You.

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The **COIN DROP BOX** - This is the last week for our drop box. Proceeds will assist our young people on their Encounter with Christ journey. This week we are requesting the donation of a \$5.00 soft note. Thank you.

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## 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.

## 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**  
**25th June, 2023**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13**

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15**

**Gospel: Matthew: 10: 26-33**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 26th Genesis 12: 1-9**

**Psalm 33: 12,13,18,18,20,22**

**Matthew 7: 1-5**

**Tuesday 27th Genesis 13: 2, 5-18**

**Psalm 15: 2-5**

**Matthew 7: 6,12 - 14**

*St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor*

**Wednesday 28th Genesis 15: 1-12, 17,18**

**Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9**

**Matthew 7: 15-20**

*St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr*

**Thursday 29th Acts 12: 1-11**

**Psalm 34: 2-9**

**Matthew 16: 13-19**

*Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul Apostles*

**Friday 30th Genesis 17: 1, 9,10,15-22**

**Psalm 128: 1-5**

**Matthew 8: 1-4**

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

**Saturday 1st Genesis 18: 1-15**

**Luke 1: 46-50, 53-55**

**Matthew 8: 5-17**

*Blessed Virgin Mary/ St. Junipero Serro, priest*

*“Do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows!”*



**WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS**

**TO ME.** Jeremiah is so appealing to us because he is very human. He knew what it means to be scared to death. When God called him, he tried to talk his way out of his prophetic vocation. “Ah, Lord God! I know not how to speak; I am too young”. Yet though afflicted with fear and trembling this humble man ultimately accepted his mission. Unlike the “professional prophets,” who were careful not to oppose the king and public opinion, Jeremiah spoke up and condemned evil. Hence, he was constantly harassed and persecuted to such an extent that martyrdom, rejection and persecution came to be regarded by later Israelites as inseparable from the prophetic vocation. Jesus and later Paul referred to the prophets, and especially Jeremiah, when they had to suffer for their vocation of being witnesses for God’s kingdom. Jeremiah was afraid but he drew strength out of prayer. Consider his statement: “But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.” Jeremiah is a master of honest and simple prayer. We should learn from him!

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

We mentioned the power of evil opposing those who witness for god’s kingdom of justice, love, peace and truth on earth. Paul meditates extensively on evil and its threatening power in society. The sin of the world is a fact. All of mankind is born into the sinful situation, which is the root of all misery in this world. But Paul also speaks about evil’s defeat by Jesus’ meritorious death on the cross. Threatened by evil and tempted by sin, we Christians trust in the redeeming power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

When the Lord sent his disciples on their mission to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand, to cure the sick and expel demons, he knew that they would run into opposition. He encourages them: “Fear no one...everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” This is God’s word to all Christians whenever their conscience tells them to witness.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

Black Nun advanced to Sainthood

**By Hannah Brockhaus**

Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, a Black religious sister who founded the country’s first African American religious congregation in Baltimore in 1829. The recognition of Lange’s heroic virtue and the advancement of her cause from servant of God to venerable was announced by the Vatican in a decree signed on June 22. The Church will now need to approve a miracle attributed to her intercession before she can be beatified.

Elizabeth Lange, as she was named, immigrated to the United States from Cuba in the early 1800s. Recognizing the lack of education for the children of her fellow Black immigrants, with a friend she established St. Frances Academy in her own home and with her own money to offer free schooling to Baltimore’s African American children.

With the support of Baltimore Archbishop James Whitfield, she founded a school for “girls of color” and then the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious community for women of African descent. The congregation’s purpose was to provide religious and general education to African Americans. Lange and the other sisters also responded to other needs they encountered over time, including taking in orphans and widows, educating freed slaves, nursing people dying during the cholera epidemic, and cleaning at St. Mary’s Seminar. Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. In fact, it was her deep faith which enabled her to persevere against all odds,” the Mother Mary Lange Guild notes in an [online biography](#). “To her Black brothers and sisters, she gave of herself and her material possessions until she was empty of all but Jesus, whom she shared generously with all by being a living witness to his teaching.” Lange died on Feb. 3, 1882, at the age of 92 or 93, and her cause for beatification was opened over a century later, in 1991, by Baltimore Cardinal William Keeler.





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