



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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Potters

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7th MAY, 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.

**Bible Study continues on  
Wednesday 10th May from 6:45pm  
in the Pastoral Centre.**

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**The Society of SSVP St. Francis of  
Assisi Villa Conference** will host a  
cake sale on Mother's Day - May 14th.  
Please continue to support our  
efforts as we raise funds to assist the  
less fortunate in this area and beyond.

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Parishioners are invited to celebrate  
Pentecost Monday at Pleasure Cove  
Runaway for our annual Beach Bash.  
Food and Drinks will be on sale.  
Buses will leave church grounds at  
10:00 am. All are encouraged to be  
there and support. Proceeds in aid  
of Funds needed to furnish St. Francis  
home quarters for the nuns coming to  
manage the home.

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**COINS DROP BOX:** Every dollar  
counts! 3 boxes will be at each door of  
the Cathedral for you to drop your loose  
change, however small. Proceeds are in  
aid of the Confirmation candidates  
traveling to Trinidad for the Life in the  
Spirit Retreat. We thank you in advance.

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**Bourgeoisie Band House** presents  
Colours of Antigua. Covered T-shirt  
Mas!! Package includes 2 pc Attire (Dri-  
fit Spandex) Unlimited food, drinks  
Security, Snacks, etc.. Cost  
\$350.00. Register during the Saturdays in  
May starting on 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00  
p.m. at the St. Lwanga Youth Centre.  
Stapleton Lane or call Kim for more  
information at 789-8020.

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**Parishioners are advised that there  
are still a few calendars left for sale.**  
The calendars now cost \$10.00. Vital  
information about your Catholic Faith  
is included in the calendar .... Feast  
Days, prayers and lots more. Get your  
copy at the Pastoral Centre.

## CATECHETICAL NOTICES

### Youth Notice

St. Lwanga Youth Centre is now offering  
assistance to CSEC and CAPE Students  
doing their SBAs in Social Studies,  
Geography, History, Biology and  
Integrated Science. Please call the Youth  
Centre to register and receive more  
information.

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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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**PRE-MOTHER'S DAY BBQ  
LUNCH :** The Young adults  
traveling to Portugal for the World  
Youth Day will host a BBQ Lunch  
on **Saturday 13th May** at the St.  
Lwanga Youth Centre. Lunch  
options: Chicken \$20.00, Fish \$25.00,  
Pork \$25.00. Tickets are available at  
the Youth Centre in Stapleton Lane  
and at the Pastoral Centre.

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### S. J. A. Entrance Exams

Application Forms for eligible  
students wishing to enter Forms 1,  
2, 3 or 4 are now available at the  
school's office Mondays to  
Fridays from 8:00 am to 2:00pm..  
The deadline for receiving  
application forms is Thursday,  
May 11, 2023 before 2:00 pm.  
The Entrance Exams for students  
wishing to enter Form 1 will be  
held Saturday, May 13, 2023 at  
8:00 am.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 30th April, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,052.30	\$ 814.05
Sunday	7:00 am \$2,067.85	\$ 591.29
	9:00 am \$2,159.84	\$ 363.26
Parham	\$ 610.25	\$ 65.00
Potters 11:00 am	\$1,016.00	\$ 233.50
Villa 11:00 am	\$ 947.00	\$ 320.15
Donovans	\$ 237.00	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 70.00	

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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**Parishioners are advised that the following Synodality synthesis comes into effect in parish management for a five year period at the first instance. All are encouraged to be part of this new parish experience.**

Theme for five Years Pastoral plan  
“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes” (Is 54:2).

Sub- theme : January 2023 to January 2024

A call to Missionary Discipleship  
(Pastoral Exhortation 2020  
( Bishop Robert Llanos pastoral letter.)

#### Agenda

1. Formation and training on the concept of “A Call to Missionary Discipleship” Pastoral Exhortation 2020 by Bishop Robert Llanos.
- 2 Continued interactions among groups in the parish with reference to gender theory and ideology
3. A review of all existing groups in the parish with consideration to consensus adoption guided by Synodality synthesis
4. Liturgical Review (preparation of Sunday Masses and other devotions).

5. Catechetical program and its effects on faith development among the children and youth.
6. Youth Program (contents and applicability to current needs).
7. Hospitality (welcoming atmosphere in the parish – existing and improvement).
8. Home Visitation (visiting the sick, ministering spiritual needs).
- 9 Focus on the spiritual needs of men (special efforts to reach out to lapsed Catholic men).
10. Networking in the form of evangelization (reaching out to those who are on the periphery).
11. Formation of women network at the parish level (to include single women, a non-judgmental approach towards inclusion).
12. Implementation team formation towards fundraising activities.
13. Additional support for the ongoing feeding program and assistance in support resources for the newly refurbished St. Francis Home for the Poor.
14. Bible and faith formation studies

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**The funeral Mass for Mr. Randolph Ferraz** will be held on Tuesday 9th May, 2023 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. Tributes begin at 1:45pm. May his soul Rest In Peace.

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**The funeral Service for Ms. Joan George** will be held on Wednesday 10th May, 2023 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May her soul Rest In Peace.

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**The funeral Service for Mr. Junior Conrad Ryan** will be held on Friday 12th May, 2023 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May his soul Rest In Peace.



## 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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The Parish Pentecost Sunday Brunch returns. Tickets are only **\$35.00** dollars, and can be purchased at the Pastoral Centre and from the following persons: Shyka Hannays, Eutha Meade, Nichola Brown, and Gilbert Laudat. Please support.

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The month of May is the month of Our Lady. Rosary devotions continues at the grotto every Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm led by the deacons. All are invited .

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**7th May, 2023**

**First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7**

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place out trust in you.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9**

**Gospel: John 14: 1-12**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 8th Acts 14: 5-18**

**Psalm 115: 1-4, 15,16**

**John 14: 21-26**

**Tuesday 9th Acts 14: 19-28**

**Psalm 145: 10-13, 21**

**John 14: 27-31**

**Wednesday 10th Acts 15: 1-6**

**Psalm 122: 1-5**

**John 15: 1-8**

*St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'I, priest/ St. John of Avila, priest & doctor*

**Thursday 11th Acts 15: 7-21**

**Psalm 96: 1-3, 10**

**John 15: 9-11**

**Friday 12th Acts 15: 22-31**

**Psalm 57: 8-10, 12**

**John 15: 12-17**

*Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyr/ St. Pancras, martyr*

**Saturday 13th Acts 16: 1-10**

**Psalm 100: 1-3, 5**

**John 15: 18-21**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."*



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

This reading shows that the word of God continues to spread in and through human beings. There is dissension between the Greek—and Hebrew-speaking members of the congregation—a very human occurrence. But the ministry of the word, service to one another, and the Spirit of Jesus combine to keep them together. Indeed, "the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear (have filial respect for) him".

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

The First Reading showed a congregation as it is at the grass-roots level: human beings kept together by the Spirit of Jesus. This reading tells baptismal candidates what the Church is at the level of faith: a temple (the place of God's presence), of which the members are the living stones, a people sharing in the royal priesthood of the Lord Jesus, a consecrated nation, a people God claims as his own. The citations from the Old Testament bring out that it is the Lord Jesus who as a cornerstone keeps those "living stones" together. The Church is a community of believers who want to be the witnesses of God's presence in the midst of life.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

It is through Jesus that we have access to the Father: "Jesus said to (Thomas): "I am the way." It is through the same Jesus that we can know the Father: "Jesus said to (Philip): ...'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.'" "The Lord Jesus is God's word to us. The point is that we must open up to God's word. The "kairos" (time of favor) should be utilized. God's grace is freely offered, but it must be accepted and used well.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

**May 3rd 2023** - Cathedrals must be the center of civil life. Last week, I ventured to Louisville to visit a friend and while there I received a lesson from Lumen Gentium, the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This lesson came at an interfaith service held at the historic Cathedral of the Assumption in downtown Louisville. Lumen Gentium adopted many metaphors to describe the church: the pilgrim people of God, the mystical body of Christ, the sheepfold "whose one and indispensable door is Christ," living stones of the temple of the Holy Spirit, and "our mother." The most foundational metaphor, however, is that of a sacrament. The opening paragraph states that "the Church is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race." The "whole human race" is, like the Catholic Church, found in particular places and times. In our time and in this country, the human race has been under attack in recent years as mass shooting after mass shooting takes our loved ones and dulls our civic senses. On April 10, a gunman walked into the Old National Bank building on East Main Street and opened fire, killing five people and wounding eight others. A few days later, another two people were killed and four wounded by a gunman, this time at Chickasaw Park, on the banks of the Ohio River. How to begin the slow process of healing after such nightmares? How to undull our senses? How to respond? The Center for Interfaith Relations, which has long been based out of the cathedral, reached out to civic and religious leaders, inviting them to come together. The Louisville interfaith community came together to acknowledge and address our broken hearts and anxious minds after the recent mass shooting and the ongoing senseless gun violence in our community," Archbishop Shelton Fabre, who offered the opening and closing prayers at the service, told me. "I believe that our coming together was also an expression of our hope as people of faith that going forward, our community's discussions and efforts to truly seek to address gun violence and mass shootings will lead us to prudent answers and actions," he said. "Gun violence and mass shootings have caused the death of so many innocent people, bringing heartbreak and pain into so many families.





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