



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral  
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres  
Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

Good Samaritan  
Donovans



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*"Our Priests"*

**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5th NOVEMBER, 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-

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.

**St Anthony's—POTTERS** will host their annual **TEA PARTY** on Thursday 9th November from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Proceeds are in aid of repairs to the church. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Potters Committee. Tickets cost \$20.00.

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The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 1st December, 2023 from 7:00 pm. Parishioners are informed that tickets for the Christmas Dinner are available from the Pastoral Centre, Gilbert Laudat, Nichola Brown, Eutha Meade, Shyka Hannays, Potters : Mrs. Eudora Bird, and Villa: Bella Esprit. Tickets cost \$50.00.

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Parishioners are advised to purchase their dinner tickets now. Only 234 tickets are available within the parish precinct. Please note that no tickets will be sold on the night. The Christmas Dinner menu will be: Suckling pigs, stewed pork, ham, turkey, chicken, Mahi Mahi fish, four different varieties of rice, macaroni and cheese, salad, tossed seasoned potatoes. A vegetarian menu will also be available.

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Parishioners are needed to assist with the following for the Christmas Dinner: Decorations, Cleaning Crew, Serving, Ticket Sales, Entertainment, Security, Food Stalls and Electrical Work. Please give your name, number and area of interest to the Pastoral Centre or Nichola Browne and Shyka Hannays.

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The St. Francis Home will host a thanksgiving lunch for the needy, elderly and homeless. The date of the lunch will be announced. Please give the names to the Pastoral Centre.

The Dominica Antigua Connection group invites you to celebrate Dominica's 45th Independence Day celebrations on Sunday 12th November, 2023. The day will begin with Mass at Holy Family Cathedral from 9am. Please dress in your national wear. The day's celebration will conclude with a Creole in the Park activity at the Department of Environment from 12pm.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the social outreach arm of the Roman Catholic Church is now accepting applications for part scholarships for the January 2024 semester from deserving students in pursuit of higher education or in pursuit of vocational skills training. Scholarships will range from EC\$1,000.00 – EC\$2,000.00.

The Society believes in the power of education to transform lives and to empower individuals to reach their full potential despite financial constraints. Please send your application to [ssvpsjb@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpsjb@gmail.com) by November 22, 2023 detailing the institution that you are attending, your course of study and your contact information. Your application must include reasons why you should be considered for financial assistance.

Selection for scholarships will be based on academic merit, financial need and recommendations from your head of department or the principal or head of the institution.

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Dear parishioners, please write the names of your deceased family and friends in the book provided at the entrance of Holy Family Cathedral. There will be a commemorative Mass on Wednesday 29th November at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral and in Villa for all the deceased.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 22nd October, 2023

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Cathedral Saturday	\$1,528.65	\$ 444.60
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$1,662.05	\$ 416.65
9:00 am	\$2,745.27	\$ 401.08
Potters	\$ 350.00	\$ 153.65
Parham	\$ 720.00	\$ 95.00
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### 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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### 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.

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### ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRE – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each book is \$95.00 plus 2 free tickets  
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**OLPH—Tyrells Annual Harvest Bazaar** will be held on Sunday 12th November from 1:00 pm Tickets cost **\$30.00** and can be obtained from Fr Peter or any member of the Tyrells committee or at the Pastoral Centre.

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### Paediatric Health Fair

A health fair will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Pastoral Centre. Health checks will be provided at no cost to young people ages 2-18. The fair will be held from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please use the following link for registration: <https://diocesesjb.org/paediatric-health-fair/>

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St. Joseph's Academy Adult Choir Christmas Carol service practices will begin on *Saturday, November 18, 2023* at the school from *5:00pm to 6:30pm* and on Mondays from *6:00pm to 7:30pm*. All are invited to join us.

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Parishioners are reminded that Sunday 19th November, 2023 is Harvest Sunday. Please prepare the fruits of your labour for this day. All fruits and vegetables for display must be brought to the Cathedral by Saturday 18th November before 2:00 pm.

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Advent is fast approaching. Do you have your Advent candles? Purchase your Advent candles at the Book Shop in the Pastoral Centre.

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The 2024 Bible Diaries are here! Get your Bible Diary early. Only 40 diaries are available for sale at a cost of \$80.00. There are 5 Daily Gospel Books (2024) available at a cost of \$30.00.

### 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, Arnold Gomes, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyer, Patrick Skerritt, Aaron Ryner.

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Lectio Divina: Read: Malachi's harsh words describe the consequences for the people of Israel for their lack of fidelity to the covenant. In contrast, Paul speaks of a gentler approach, leading those coming to the faith gently and with care, working hard to bring them into the family of faith. Jesus speaks out against those religious leaders who are more concerned about their own privilege than the needs of the people.

Reflect: In his writings, Pope Saint John 11 frequently expressed the understanding that, for people of faith, to reign is to serve. The Holy Father was echoing Jesus in today's Gospel. While in the world people seek positions of authority to lord it over others or to access special benefits, that is not the way that Jesus' disciples behave. Disciples should be first to serve, pouring out our lives for the good of all people. Each of us is called to serve as we are able. Only by following Jesus' example of humble service will we be made great in the kingdom of heaven.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**5th November, 2023**

**First Reading: Malachi 1; 14; 2: 2, 8-10**

**Responsorial Psalm:** In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9,13**

**Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 6th Romans 11: 29-36**

**Ps 69: 30,31,33,34,36**

**Luke 14: 12-14**

**Tuesday 7th Romans 12: 5-16**

**Psalm 131: 1-3**

**Luke 14: 15-24**

**Wednesday 8th Romans 13: 8-10**

**Psalm 112: 1,2,4,5,9**

**Luke 14: 25 - 33**

**Thursday 9th Ezekiel 47: 1,2,8,9,12**

**Psalm 46: 2,3,5,6,8,9**

**1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16,17**

**John 2: 13-22**

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

**Friday 10th Romans 15: 14-21**

**Psalm 98: 1-4**

**Luke 16: 1-8**

*St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor*

**Saturday 11th Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27**

**Psalm 145: 2-5, 10,11**

**Luke 16: 9-15**

*St. Martin of Tours, bishop*

***“For whoever makes himself great shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be made great.”***



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

The author of this prophetic book is unknown. The book's title "Malachi" is taken from 3:1 and means "my messenger." The work was written after the return of the exiles from Babylon (about 460 B.C.). During that time of reconstruction, public worship in the Jerusalem temple was in a bad state. Figuratively, the prophet lets God address the priests, who in particular neglected their duty of teaching the Torah (the Law of Moses). "You (priests) have caused many to falter by your instruction,...you do not keep my (God's) ways." What could possibly be the message (God's word) to those who are not priests? Perhaps that we should pray for good leadership in our Church. We need it.

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Today's First Reading and Gospel are critical of priests. This passage tells us how Christians should look at their priests with the eyes of faith. Not all priests are as gentle, great, saintly and dedicated as Paul was. Whether a priest's sermon be good or bad, we should receive the message not as the word of humans, but as the word of God.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

After the destruction of Jerusalem (70 A.D.), a bitter hostility had developed between Judaism and Palestinian Christianity. Indeed, Jesus had opposed the legalism of the Pharisees (30th Sunday), but Matthew, himself involved in the struggle between his Church and the Jewish rabbis, magnifies out of all proportion an element that was present in Jesus' teaching. This shows the human factor already at work in the early Church. Priests should heed the lesson. They are rabbis (teachers) and fathers only in relation to God. And God's people could heed the message as explained in the Theme.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

October 28, 2023

**VATICAN CITY** — The Vatican's nearly month long Synod on Synodality assembly, convened by Pope Francis, concluded Saturday evening with members approving an ambitious text calling for greater "co-responsibility" among all believers in the evangelizing mission of the Church — and proposing concrete reforms to achieve it.

Entitled "A Synodal Church in Mission," the 42-page summary report included notable proposals to establish new ministries for the laity, increase lay involvement in decision-making, create processes to evaluate bishops' performance of their ministry, change the way the Church discerns "controversial" issues, and expand the footprint of synodal assemblies going forward.

"The exercise of co-responsibility is essential for synodality and is necessary at all levels of the Church," the summary report stated. "Every Christian is a mission in the world."

The document also repeatedly sought to ground synodality in Scripture, Tradition and the teaching of Vatican II, while also affirming the need to further develop the often misunderstood concept itself and apply it more deeply to the Church's theology and canon law.

The summary report itself provided a comprehensive definition of the term.

"Synodality can be understood as the walk of Christians with Christ and toward the Kingdom, together with all humanity; mission-oriented, it involves coming together in assembly at the different ecclesial levels of life, listening to one another, dialogue, communal discernment, consensus-building as an expression of Christ's making himself present alive in the Spirit, and decision-making in differentiated co-responsibility," it stated.

Many of these themes ran throughout the document's treatment of 20 different issues, including everything from "Christian initiation" to "Missionaries in the digital environment." The summary report noted areas of convergence, divergence and concrete proposals that had emerged during the 365 synod members' discussions on communion, mission and participation Oct. 4-Oct. 28.



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