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Villa

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"0Wisdom & Death"

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12th NOVEMBER, 2023 - A

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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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 5th November, 2023

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Cathedral Saturday	\$2,596.67	\$ 648.30
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$2,883.79	\$ 684.00
9:00 am	\$1,617.51	\$ 478.23
Potters	\$ 620.00	\$ 172.45
Parham	\$ 524.50	\$ 135.00
Villa	\$ 714.00	\$ 190.21
Donovans	\$ 263.10	\$ 255.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 197.00	

Thank you for your generosity

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Villa Conference will host a cake sale on Sunday 26th November after Mass. Kindly continue to support our outreach efforts in assisting the needy.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 5:30 pm at the Pastoral Centre. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

Members of Liturgy Committee are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 21st November at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. All concerned are asked to be on time.

Called to Missionary Discipleship

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT
SESSION 2: "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother of God."
Mt. Tabor, Saturday November 25, 11:00 AM – 3:00PM. Fee 25XCD
Contact Sr. AnnIta at 771 7884 or Janice Anton at 728 7735



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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRE – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each book is \$95.00 plus 2 free tickets
Tickets are \$5.00 each
Tickets are available from teachers, students and at the school's office.
Prizes:
1st Prize: One 82" LG UHD 4K Smart Television Ai ThinQ

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3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Googles.

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.

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.

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

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.

Lectio Divina

Read : Paul comforts the Thessalonians by assuring them that those who die in faith will live forever in Jesus. The first reading sings of a woman's Wisdom who will always be near those who seek her. Jesus tells the parable of the wise bridesmaids who take care to prepare for the Bridegroom's arrival.

Reflect: Wisdom allows us to recognize God's plan and discern God's presence. To be wise by the world's standards is to have knowledge and show good judgment. To be wise by God's standards is to know God's will and act accordingly. That is how we prepare

for the arrival of the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. The gift of wisdom helps us to conform our lives to God's will, so that we can be with the Lord forever. All of our earthly life is preparation for the world to come. We do not know how long our earthly lives will be or the day on which they will end. Yet we do not grieve the end of this life because we know that Jesus has prepared a place for us that is beyond our ability to imagine, where we will see God face to face.

Pray: Lord, grant us the wisdom to know your will.

Act: Pray for the dead who have no one to pray for them.

Do You Have A Sick or Shut-In listed below?

We need to update our Sick and Shut-In Listing with Address, Telephone and Contact person details. Please call the Pastoral Centre and give us that information.

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 Dyier, Patrick Skeritt, Aaron Ryner.

This Sunday's Readings
12th November, 2023

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Readings for Monday to Saturday

**Monday 13th Wisdom of Solomon 1: 1-7
Ps 139: 1-10**

Luke 17: 1-6

St Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

**Tuesday 14th Wisdom of Solomon
2: 23—3: 9**

Psalm 34: 2,3,16-19

Luke 17: 7-10

Wednesday 15th Wisdom of Solomon 6: 1-11

Psalm 82: 3,4,6,7

Luke 17: 11-19

St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor

Thursday 16th Wisdom of Solomon 7: 22—8:1

Psalm 119: 89, 90,91,130,135,175

Luke 17: 20-25

St. Margaret of Scotland, queen/ St. Gertrude the Great, virgin

Friday 17th Wisdom of Solomon 13: 1-9

Psalm 19:2-5

Luke 17: 26-37

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

**Saturday 18th Wisdom of Solomon
18: 14-16; 19: 6-9**

Psalm 105: 2,3,36,37,42,43

Luke 18: 1-8

Blessed Virgin Mary/ Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul/ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

The Book of Wisdom, the latest of the Old Testament Books, was written in Greek by a believing Jew living in Alexandria, Egypt. In it, Wisdom is personified, a literary device used often in all literatures of the world. Wisdom, which incorporates that mysterious dimension called faith, is a gift of God. "She (Wisdom) makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her." This God given Wisdom is resplendent and unfading! We should be grateful for it. (Responsorial Psalm)

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

As already mentioned, Paul wrote this letter to his newly founded congregation in Thessalonica. Timothy had brought him a good report concerning the behavior of these new converts. However, they had a few questions, one about death and the return of Jesus. This passage gives the Christian's answer, which is inspired not by human wisdom alone, but by a human-divine wisdom that we call Faith. Notice that the way the message is worded is conditioned by time and culture: (1) Paul is under the misconception that our Lord will return during his own lifetime. (2) He uses the traditional Biblical imagery of clouds, angels, blasting trumpets, etc., to describe God's splendor and our sharing in it. (3) He describes the event against the background of the world vision of his time: heaven up—earth in the middle—netherworld (hell) down. Only the message: "We shall always be with the Lord" is God's word to us. The way the message is worded is not part of it.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

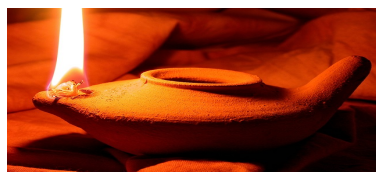
Today's Gospel has the same message as found in the Second Reading. But now in the form of a parable. As we have this parable revised and edited by Matthew, it deals with two classes of people: the

foolish ones who were not ready, and those who had wisdom and were ready when the groom (Jesus) arrived. Always be prepared to meet the Lord!

KNOW YOUR CHURCH:
By Courtney Mares

Vatican City, Oct 26, 2023 / 06:55 am
Pope Francis denounced clericalism and called it a "scandal" to see young priests buying lace vestments at tailor shops in a strongly-worded speech to the Synod on Synodality on Wednesday. Speaking to an assembly of hundreds of synod members on Oct. 25, the pope said that when clerics overstep their roles and "mistreat the people of God, they disfigure the face of the Church with macho and dictatorial attitudes." Pope Francis described the faithful people of God as "patiently and humbly enduring the scorn, mistreatment, and marginalization of institutionalized clericalism." "It is enough to go into the ecclesiastical tailor shops in Rome to see the scandal of young priests trying on cassocks and hats, or albs and lace robes," he added. "Clericalism is a thorn. It is a scourge. It is a form of worldliness that defiles and damages the face of the Lord's bride," he said. "It enslaves the holy, faithful people of God." The pope made his speech during the final week of the nearly month-long synod assembly, where he listened to the interventions of cardinals, bishops, priests, religious sisters, and laypeople speaking about "synodality" and their experiences in the Church. Pope Francis cited only one delegate's intervention in his speech — that of Sister Liliana Franco, a Colombian religious sister who was one of 42 women who participated in the Amazon Synod, where she spoke at a controversial tree planting ceremony in the Vatican Gardens. In his speech, Pope Francis praised the female intuition that led women to approach Jesus' empty tomb after the Resurrection. He noted that many members of the Church hierarchy received their faith from their mothers and grandmothers, adding that the faith is often transmitted "in a feminine dialect." Much of the pope's speech focused on "the scourge" of clericalism and worldliness, a theme that the pope has been focused on since the start of the synod.

***"Truly I do not know you.
So stay awake, for you do
not know the day nor the
hour."***





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