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**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS, CHRIST THE KING - 26th 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.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 1st December, 2023 from 7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$50.00.

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**Tickets are ALMOST SOLD OUT.** "If tickets are all sold before the dinner, there will be no tickets available on the night of the dinner". The Christmas Dinner menu will be: ham, turkey, suckling pig, pork loin, stuffed chicken, fish, macaroni and cheese, scalloped potato, Christmas rice, steamed vegetables and salad. A variety of mouthwatering desserts will be on sale for only \$5 and a fully stocked cash bar.

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**MASS FOR THE DEAD** - There will be a commemorative Mass on Wednesday 29th November at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral and in Villa for all the deceased.

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**THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH CELEBRATES WORLD YOUTH DAY on the SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING:** The Holy Father has chosen the themes of the two World Youth Days that will be celebrated in the Universal Church 2023 and 2024, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, and that will mark the path of preparation for the Jubilee of Young People to take place as part of the Jubilee Year of 2025, whose motto is "Pilgrims of Hope": This year's theme is **"Rejoicing in hope"** Pope Francis wrote that Christ is "our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world" With the themes of the two forthcoming World Youth Days, His Holiness now invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive. We are fortunate to have many young people *who are* actively doing their best and we celebrate and encourage them to be the Beacon of Hope in the world for their peers.

**Advent is fast approaching. Do you** have your Advent candles? Purchase your Advent candles at the Book Shop in the Pastoral Centre. A pack of four candles is \$25.00 dollars.

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**The 2024 Bible Diaries are here!** Get your Bible Diary early. Only 30 diaries are available for sale at a cost of \$80.00. There are only 2 Daily Gospel Books (2024) available at a cost of \$30.00.

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### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of Christ the King**, officially known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This celebration is the culmination of the Church's liturgical year—a glorious celebration of the Lord who reigns in our lives. For us to celebrate Christ as our King is to proclaim that God has intervened in our lives to: bring order to our lives; unify his people; do what is best for us; mend relationships; convey the truth; fulfill his word; protect us from the danger of sin; provide for order and justice; inspire us to live to our full potential; affirm us; and be with us forever. To proclaim Christ as our King is to hail him, follow him, and identify with him. He is ours, and we are his. When Jesus taught us to pray "thy kingdom come," he taught us to invite a king who has our best interests in mind to plant his flag in the center of our lives and to do what he does best for our benefit and the benefit of others. To pray the Our Father is to declare that, at our deepest level, we are incapable of sustaining ourselves and therefore happily rely on God, our King, to provide for our well-being.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 19th November, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,418.39	\$ 749.40
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$1,384.69	\$ 538.01
9:00 am	\$1,642.14	\$ 466.18
Potters	\$ 386.00	\$ 177.00
Parham	\$ 788.35	\$ 115.00
Villa	\$ 398.70	\$ 127.00
Donovans	\$ 252.67	\$ 131.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 130.00	

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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### 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 Drawing 8th December, 2023

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

2nd Prize: One Sony PlayStation 5 Spiderman Limited Edition. Bundle Console and Controller with Spiderman 2 and FIFA 23 Games.

3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Googles.

Please note that the Christmas Novena will begin on December 16th to 24th in the Cathedral at 5:00 am and Villa at 5:30 am.

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The Bishop of St. John's Basseterre, the School Management Board and the Administration of Christ the King High School cordially invites you to the Eucharistic Celebration and the official launch of the 90th Anniversary of Christ the King High School on November 30th, 2023 at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral, Michael's Mount.

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**ADVENT BIBLE SESSION:** Two days of Biblical Animation looking at and understanding modern day situations in relation to the historical and geographical facts. **December 5th and 6th** at Holy Family Pastoral Centre 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Looking forward to your presence!

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to our very own Dr. Tricia Lovell. Tricia recently graduated from the World Maritime University in Sweden. Tricia is a Senior Officer at the Fisheries Department and an active member of the Saturday Night Choir. The Catholic Community is proud of her achievements! We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. WELL DONE!

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St. Anthony's - Potters faith community would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported the Tea Party. It was a success. Special thanks to Mrs. Jesulene Peets and her team. May God who can never be outdone in generosity continue to bless you all!

**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 Edmund-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skeritt, Aaron Ryner.

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The Pontifical Mission Societies, Youth and Catechetics present a **Can Concert** on Sunday, December 17, 2023. This outreach activity will feature the talents of our Catholic Youth as we celebrate the Advent season and await in joyful hope for the Christmas Season.

Admission to the Can Concert is one or more non-perishable items. The items collected at this concert will assist with making food hampers to be distributed to families.

We solicit your support in this venture. Updates on this Can Concert will be given in subsequent notices.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**26th November, 2023**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28**

**Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 27th Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20**

**Daniel 3: 52 - 56**

**Luke 21: 1-4**

**Tuesday 28th Daniel 2: 31-45**

**Daniel 3: 57- 61**

**Luke 21: 5-11**

**Wednesday 29th Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17,23-28**

**Daniel 3: 62-67**

**Luke 21: 12-19**

**Thursday 30th Romans 10: 9-18**

**Psalm 19: 8-11**

**Matthew 4: 18-22**

*Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle*

**Friday 1st Daniel 7: 2-14**

**Daniel 3: 75-81**

**Luke 21: 29-33**

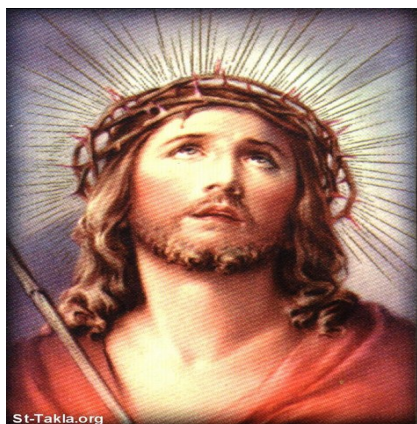
**Saturday 2nd Daniel 7: 15 - 27**

**Daniel 3: 82-87**

**Luke 21: 34-36**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

***“ Truly I say to you: just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me.”***



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

Both the First Reading and the Gospel describe Jesus as king, using the imagery of shepherd and flock. There is a German saying, “He who wants to understand the poet must go to the poet’s country.” Shepherds and sheep were part of daily life in the country of the Bible. Mentally, we should go there whenever we read Scripture and want to understand what God has to tell us through the author. God in his Messiah takes care of us. The last verse with its note about judgment links this reading with the Gospel, where the king separates the sheep from the goats. “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Paul teaches that Jesus’ reign as king, inaugurated with his resurrection, will last until his second coming. Then he will hand over the kingdom to the Father. The meaning is that God now acts toward the world “ through Jesus Christ, our Lord.” At the end of time, God’s relationship with redeemed mankind will be a direct one. Meanwhile notice that Jesus’ kingdom is in constant warfare with evil. “(Christ) must reign until (God) has put all his enemies (evil) under his feet.” We should be part of that warfare against evil.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

In this beautiful imaginative scene, which depicts the parousia, the second coming of Jesus, Matthew sees the cure of Jesus’ moral teaching. Notice that Jesus, introduced as king and judge, identifies himself with the deprived and the downtrodden of society, and that the supreme law of love will be the measure in judgment. This Gospel about judgment marks the end of the liturgical year. We should judge ourselves. The last judgment does not mark an end, but a new beginning for those who have followed Jesus’ leadership and heeded his great command of love.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

**Brazil clergy see synodality as possible antidote to priest suicides**

By Eduardo Campos Lima

PAULO – A growing number of priest suicides in the world’s largest Catholic country has left Brazilian clergy taking a hard look at the causes of suffering in ecclesial life, with some suggesting synodality may offer an antidote. According to Father Lício de Araújo Vale, an expert in suicide among clergy members with decades of research on the topic, between August 2016 and June 2023, 40 priests committed suicide in Brazil. Given that the country overall has a relatively low suicide rate by global standards at 5.7 per 100,000 inhabitants, according to the medical journal *The Lancet*, one would expect roughly 1.7 suicides among Brazil’s 30,000 priests each year, or around twelve over a seven-year span. Forty, therefore, represents a priest suicide rate almost four times higher than the national average. And the number keeps growing. On Nov. 18 alone, two priests, ages 34 and 45, killed themselves, as well as a former priest. “Among so many issues, that problem appears as a major concern for us. Most of us knew a brother who appeared to be fine and suddenly took his own life,” said Father Geraldino Rodrigues de Proença, a member of the group “Priests of the Path,” which gathers dozens of progressive clergy members all over Brazil. Formed under former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro (2018-2022), the Priests of the Path works not only as an ecclesial movement that puts pressure on the Church for reforms and on the government for sociopolitical change, but also as a space where ministers can talk frankly about their problems and expectations and share their fears and sufferings with their colleagues. During their second national encounter last week, in São Paulo, the Priests of the Path discussed great national themes, such as the environmental destruction in the Amazon and the growing financial inequality in Brazil, and also ecclesiastical topics, including the search for new church models which could favor their pastoral work.





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