



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral  
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Parham

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Potters

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Villa

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1st OCTOBER, 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. John's, Antigua.

Please support the Hospitality Team Members 1st Bake Sale - Today Sunday 1st October after the 7:00am and 9:00 am Masses.

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The Hispanic Community will host a Cultural Encounter at the Hispanic Centre on Old Parham Road on Friday 6th October, 2023 from 6:30p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There will be music, dance, songs, raffles, games and Lots of Food and Drinks. Ticket costs \$30.00 and can be purchased from any member of the Hispanic Committee, the Pastoral Centre and Gilbert Laudat.

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The Marriage Enrichment Weekend will be held from October 6 - 8, 2023 at St James Club. Topic : Grit and Grace of Marriage by Terri and Andrew Lyke, 2 pioneers in the marriage ministry since 1982. The cost of the Marriage Weekend will be approximately US \$550.00 per couple.

Please see below the Online Registration Google Form for the Marriage Enrichment Weekend.

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The next Marriage Preparation Classes will take place in October. Interested couples can contact the Pastoral Centre to Register.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to express its gratitude to all the business places and individuals for their generous donations to the gala dinner held on September 22, 2023. A special thank you is extended to parishioners and friends for coming out and supporting the event. May God continue to richly. bless all of you.

The Administrator would like to thank those who participated in the election of persons to serve on the Parish Council. It is anticipated that those elected will serve their church generously and dedicatedly. Please note that the spoilt ballots were as a result of persons voting for both nominees. Congratulations to all. Here are the following results.

### Cathedral

6:00 pm Mass : Syle Durand : 35 votes  
Shyka Hannays 32  
9 spoilt votes

The representative is Syle Durand

7:00 am Mass: Gilbert Laudat 39 votes  
Ellis Southwell: 35 votes  
6 spoilt votes

The representative is Gilbert Laudat

9: 00 am : Charmaine Donavans 54 votes  
Kim Burton 26 Votes

The representative is Charmaine Donavans

Villa 11:00 am: Efiah Norbert: 27  
Manuella Henry: 24 Votes

The representative is Efiah Norbert

Potters : Uncontested: the representative is Beverly Bedneau

Donovans: Margaret Louisor: 9 votes  
Dereck Louisor: 6 votes

The representative is Margaret Louisor

Parham: Arden Williams : 15 votes  
Janice Anton : 5

The representative is Arden Williams

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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 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.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 24th September, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,899.32	\$1,214.95
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$ 943.45	\$ 318.32
9:00 am	\$2,067.70	\$ 422.10
Potters	\$ 423.90	\$ 193.45
Parham	\$ 270.60	\$ 81.80
Villa	\$ 601.10	\$ 213.65
Donovans	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 180.00	

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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**The World Youth Day Pilgrims** are inviting parishioners to a Rosary Walk, which is scheduled for Saturday, 7th October 2023, starting at 5:30 a.m. The walk will begin on Holy Family Cathedral church grounds and end at Fort James Beach, where breakfast will be served for a nominal cost of **\$20.00** per person. All interested persons are asked to register by Friday, 29th September 2023, by contacting the following persons: Jessica Beaupierre—785-2370, Morvette Thomas - 773-6833, Gary Collins - 771-0138 and the Pastoral Centre at 560-2693.

## Catechetical Notice

Parents, please note that ALL CATECHETICAL SESSIONS will commence in October. However, there will be meetings with all parents of the various groups before sessions start. For this Catechetical Year, Parents will be notified via e-mail this week the date of the respective meetings.

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

Each book is \$95.00 plus 2 free tickets  
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### Called to Missionary Discipleship

The Catholicism-ALPHA Team invites you to attend Catholicism 201 – ALPHA in a Catholic Context-Course, which begins Saturday October 28, 2023 at 11:00 am – 3:30pm. The course which consists of eight sessions continues on the fourth Saturday of each month. This course is based on Catholic teachings that will deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and help you in carrying out your Call as a Missionary Disciple. Session 1: Church: One Holy Catholic and Apostolic. Other topics include: Mary and the Saints, The Sacraments, The Eucharist, and an Introduction to Christian Morality. The venue for the course is Mount Tabor Retreat Centre. Participants are asked to contribute 25XCD per session towards the cost of renting the Centre. Snacks will be provided. For more information, please call Sr. AnnIta at 771 7884 or Janice Anton at 728 7735 .

## 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, John Willock, 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 Skerriit, Aaron Ryner.

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### WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 22, 2023. For Mission Sunday 2023, Pope Francis has chosen the theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:13-35 "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move")

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every parish worldwide where the Church is present. All offerings made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund which supports many projects and institutions worldwide including our diocese.

This year we will celebrate Mission Month with opportunities for communal prayer, health checks, outreach, communication programs, relaunching of the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) and a Catholic Youth Rally.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**1st October, 2023**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28**

**Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 2nd Zechariah 8: 1-8**

**Psalm 102: 16-23, 29**

**Matthew 18: 1-5, 10**

***The Guardian Angels***

**Tuesday 3rd Zechariah 8: 20-23**

**Psalm 87: 1-7**

**Luke 9: 51-56**

**Wednesday 4th Nehemiah 2: 1-8**

**Psalm 137: 1-6**

**Luke 9: 57-62**

***St. Francis of Assisi, religious***

**Thursday 5th Nehemiah 8: 1-12**

**Psalm 19: 8-11**

**Luke 10: 1-12**

***St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska***

**Friday 6th Baruch 1: 15-22**

**Psalm 79: 1-5, 8, 9**

**Luke 10: 13-16**

***St. Bruno, priest /Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin***

**Saturday 7th Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29**

**Psalm 69: 33-37**

**Luke 10: 17-24**

***Our Lady of the Rosary***

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

Among the first group of Hebrews deported to Babylon there was a priest and prophet called Ezekiel. As a wandering preacher, he went from one Jewish settlement to another, encouraging his people to have faith in God, but also correcting them when he found them guilty. Human freedom implies full responsibility for what we do and should do. Only when I do not project my guilt onto somebody else and honestly admit "that I have sinned through my own fault, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do" can God forgive and show the mercy besought by the Responsorial Psalm.

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Notice that Paul writes from his "imprisonment in Christ's cause". He worries about dissension, an evil that besets many congregations. "United in heart, " i.e. united in spirit and ideals— this should be the goal of all the members of your parish as well! Christ is the model, as described in the hymn Paul quotes in his letter.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME:** Jesus was constantly refuting the legalism and void formalism of the religious establishment of his time. One of the two sons in this reading signifies the self-styled righteous people who criticize Jesus for paying so much attention to religious outcasts like tax collectors and prostitutes. The other one represents the outcasts who first refused to join the kingdom (by their life-style), but then repented. The message (God's word) may be: Avoid formalism as a cover-up for genuine love and commitment. Have an open eye for the real Christian values! "Father,...continue to fill us with your gifts of love".

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**OLPH—Tyrells Annual Harvest Bazaar** will be held on Sunday 12th November immediately after Mass. Tickets cost **\$30.00** and can be obtained from Fr Peter or any member of the Tyrells committee or here at the Pastoral Centre.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

The next round of prayer and discernment, held in spring 2023, focused on the Document for the Continental Stage, a global summary created from the 112 national reports. Seven continental assemblies — North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa and Madagascar, and the Middle East — met and provided responses. Six of the continental assemblies managed to convene their members in person, often across large territories and different time zones. The exception was the North America (U.S. and Canada) assembly, which met by Zoom, prompting critics to point out that avoiding in-person meetings, which take longer and are more difficult to organize, defeats the entire synodal process. Then, in June 2023, the "*Instrumentum Laboris*," or working document, a synthesis of the continental responses, appeared. Now, as people from around the world head to Rome, U.S. Catholics often remain disconnected from the event and the proceedings. There is still no widespread understanding of what synodality is or how it is supposed to work. Several dioceses seem to have moved on, emphasizing the July 2024 Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. The U.S. bishops' conference demonstrated its lack of interest at its meeting in June. Its appointed synod manager, Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, initially was not scheduled to speak. When media pointed this out, he was added to the schedule and gave perhaps the most eloquent presentation of the entire meeting. But first, Archbishop (soon to be Cardinal) Christophe Pierre, the papal nuncio to the U.S., gave the assembly a good talking-to. Pierre plainly told the assembled bishops that synodality was real, Catholic and here to stay. That is where things are right now. A significant number of U.S. bishops have dug their heels into a "pray, pay and obey" model of church, whereas Pope Francis is trying to move it to a cooperative effort in which all members play a part. The recalcitrant bishops seem only to want Francis' papacy to end and do not care whether that's by retirement or by death. They disagree with the concept that every Catholic has the right to speak, to question, to discern the ways in which the church can move forward.

***"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you"***







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