



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15th OCTOBER, 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.

The Hospitality Ministry would like to thank all those who supported and donated towards the Bake Sale. It was a great success.

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The newly elected members of the Parish Council are kindly asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 5:30 pm at the Pastoral Centre. Please make every effort to attend.

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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 300 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.

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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.

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**The death is announced of Ms Pauline Lake of Crosbies.** The funeral of Ms. Lake will be held on Wednesday 25th October at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May her soul Rest In Peace.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 8th October, 2023

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Cathedral Saturday	\$1,885.90	\$1,029.45
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$1,583.90	\$ 404.05
9:00 am	\$1,949.45	\$ 422.98
Potters	\$ 701.75	\$ 182.50
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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

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## Lectio Divina

**Read:** Isaiah describes the lavish banquet that God has prepared for the faithful who will spend eternity in his kingdom. In God's kingdom, sadness, hunger, pain and death no longer exist. But until we get to the heavenly kingdom, we, like Paul, must learn to live with conditions of want and plenty, sorrow and joy. These trials prepare us for the wedding banquet of the king to which all are invited.

**Reflect:** When I was young I found it hard to understand why anyone would pass up the chance to go to a wedding banquet. After all, what's not fun about a huge party with family and friends, good food and wine? As I grew older and my responsibilities increased, the time, energy and expense required by such an event began to seem too much and I began to sympathize with the people who declined the king's invitation. But God's invitation to the wedding banquet of the Lamb is far more precious than other invitations. We are invited to dwell with God forever, on his holy mountain. Responding to this invitation is not easy. It requires preparing our hearts through conversion, penance and acts of loving service.

**Pray:** Lord, make me worthy to sit at the banquet of the Lamb.

**Act:** Invite a friend to share a meal.

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**Parishioners are encouraged to support the Mission Sunday appeal on Sunday 22nd October. There will only be one collection on that day.**

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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.**

## 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.

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## World Mission Sunday - October 22, 2023

**Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for World Mission Sunday.** In one week, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories worldwide including our Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre. You can support in two ways - with fervent prayer and by contributing to the Mission Sunday Collection. The offering on World Mission Sunday is collected as a solidarity fund. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

## Study Sessions

Join us for Mission Month Study sessions on *Evangelization and Mission* on October 17 and 19, 2023 on Zoom.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**15th October, 2023**

**First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14,19,20**

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 -14**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 16th Romans: 1: 1-7**

**Psalm 98: 1-4**

**Luke 11: 29 - 32**

*St. Hedwig, religious/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin*

**Tuesday 17th Romans 1: 16 - 25**

**Psalm 19: 2-5**

**Luke 11: 37-41**

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr*

**Wednesday 18th 2 Timothy 4: 10-17**

**Psalm 145: 10-13, 17,18**

**Luke 10: 1-9**

*Feast of St Luke, Evangelist*

**Thursday 19th Romans 3: 21-30**

**Psalm 130: 1-6**

**Luke 11: 47-54**

*St. Paul of the Cross, priest*

**Friday 20th Romans 4: 1-8**

**Psalm 32: 1,2,5,11**

**Luke 12: 1-7**

**Saturday 21st Romans 4: 13, 16-18**

**Psalm 105: 6-9, 42,43**

**Luke 12: 8-12**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

***"He sent his servants to call the invited guests to the banquet, but the guests refused to come."***



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

Eating or "breaking bread" with a person is a biblical sign of intimate friendship. Isaiah locates the banquet of the end-time (the time of God's kingdom on earth) on Zion, the holy mountain of the Lord in Jerusalem. God will take away the veil that keeps us from seeing him. He will open the eyes of faith and we will recognize him as "our God." "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us. This is the Lord for whom we looked." The Responsorial Psalm describes the bliss of God's kingdom with the pastoral image of shepherd and sheep. It is a beautiful poem. Read it meditatively!

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

Paul in prison had received a gift of money from the congregation of Philippi. He is grateful and appreciative. "it was kind of you to share in my distress." And God will reward you: "My God will fully supply whatever you need." God's message to us could be: Be concerned and help, when you know a fellow human enduring hardship.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME:**

The Longer Form of this Bible reading may puzzle the reader. Why does the king cast out a guest for not being properly dressed for the occasion when the guests are "whomever you find" on the byroads? Maybe the poor fellow came from his field where he had been working all the day! The answer is that actually this passage consists of two parables that first went through the process of oral tradition and finally were fused together by Matthew. When one takes the second parable on the wedding garment as such, the message (God's word) is clear: When you accept the invitation to God's banquet (the Holy Eucharist—God's companionship in heaven) you are supposed to be clean.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

**Vatican City October 4th, 2023**

Pope Francis on Oct. 4 officially opened a long-anticipated Vatican summit on the very future of Catholicism, encouraging its participants — bishops and laypeople alike — to reject the temptations of doctrinal rigidity and to embrace a vision of the church that is open and welcoming to all. The blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired church, turned in on itself," Francis said in a homily in St. Peter's Square that marked the start of the monthlong Synod of Bishops' synod on synodality. Some 450 delegates from all over the world have descended onto Rome for the occasion, representing a **wide array** of views and often sharp divisions on some of the hot button issues facing the church, such as clergy abuse, the role of women's ministry, inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics and other questions surrounding the structure of church authority. While the synod will allow **widespread debate** on these issues, the pope used his opening homily to caution against relying on "human strategies, political calculations or ideological battles" and instead urged "unity and friendship" in the weeks ahead. This is the primary task of the synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity," he said. "A church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A church that has God at its center and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally," he continued. Francis went on to draw a parallel to the Second Vatican Council, the series of pivotal 1962-65 assemblies that instituted a number of church reforms, and were widely viewed as opening the institution up to the modern world





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