



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral
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St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

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"Love of God and Neighbour"

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29th OCTOBER, 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.

Parishioners are invited to attend All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday 1st November at 8:00 am in the Cathedral and at Villa. There will be no Mass at 6:00pm. All Souls' Day Mass on the 2nd November will be at 6:15 am in the Cathedral and 6:00 pm in Villa. The blessing of the graves will take place at 4.00 pm.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 22nd October, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$	\$
Sunday 7:00 am	\$	\$
9:00 am	\$	\$
Potters	\$	\$
Parham	\$	\$
Villa	\$	\$
Donovans	\$	\$
MISSION SUNDAY	\$ 3,735.16	

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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.

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:
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3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Googles.

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.

Mission Month

A heartfelt thank you is extended everyone for your outpouring and support on World Mission Sunday despite the weather and its challenges. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, Feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please continue to support the mission and our missionaries with your fervent prayer, awareness of the world's events and offering in cash or kind. Continue to reflect on this theme until next World Mission Month. God's blessings be upon you for embodying the true missionary spirit!

Catholic Youth Rally

"Ask the Bishop" – An interactive evening with Bishop Robert Llanos for young people ages 9-19 and beyond. This event will be held at the Tyrells Parish Hall on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Bus service is available upon request. The bus will leave Holy Family Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. and return at 8:45 p.m. Please WhatsApp 723-5411 to indicate your attendance.

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://diocesjsjb.org/paediatic-health-fair/>

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 Skerritt, Aaron Ryner.

Lectio Divina

Read: In Exodus, God calls his people to live justly and to care for the most vulnerable rather than taking advantage of them in their distress. Paul holds up the Thessalonians as a model for new believers. Their example of conversion and faith in Christ can help to spread the Gospel. In the reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor.

Reflect: God calls his people to solidarity and empathy. Put simply, this means that we should have a sense of responsibility and compassion for each other. This may be one of Christianity's boldest claims! In a world where everyone is supposed to look out for themselves and get as much as they can, putting the needs of others first is a radical concept.

Pray: Lord, help me to love you and my neighbor more dearly

This Sunday's Readings
29th October, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 30th Romans 8: 12-17

Ps 68: 2,4,6,7,20,21

Luke 13: 10-17

Tuesday 31st Romans 8: 18-25

Psalm 126: 1-6

Luke 13: 18-21

Wednesday 1st Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24: 1-6

Matthew 5: 1-12

Solemnity of ALL SAINTS

Thursday 2nd Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Psalm 23: 1-6

Romans 5: 5-11

John 6: 37-40

The Commemoration of ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday 3rd Romans 9: 1-5

Psalm 147: 12-15, 19, 20

Luke 14: 1-6

St. Martin de Porres, religious

Saturday 4th Romans 11: 1,2,11,12,25-29

Psalm 94: 12,13,14,15,17,18

Luke 14: 1,7-11

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

This passage introduces and concretizes Jesus' statement in the Gospel that it is love of God and neighbor on which the whole law is based. Love of God and neighbor should not be abstract, vague and lacking in precision. Aestheticism and vague statements on love do not do much good for the poor, the stranger, the widow, the orphan. Christians who isolate themselves and their churches in comfortable exclusive neighborhoods must heed this. The Responsorial Psalm is a beautiful song, but it needs to be applied to practical concern for the deprived of our society.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul has reasons to praise the congregation of Thessalonica: "You became a model for all the believers . "From you the word of the Lord has sounded forth." Can this be said of your congregation and you? Does your parish council have a committee on charity and social concern? Is it active? If not a member, you are a constituent and should find out. Does God's word echo forth from your parish resoundingly to the inner city of your municipality?

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

This statement of Jesus is actually a combination of Deuteronomy 6:5 (love of God) and Leviticus 19:18 (love of neighbor). What is new is Jesus' interlocking of these two commandments, namely, that one cannot be thought of without the other. Without love of neighbor the love of God remains a sterile figment of the mind, and without love of God love of neighbor may end up in a vague humanitarianism that usually does not last, especially when faced with disappointments. The vertical and horizontal must go together in sound Christian religion.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

POPE FRANCIS SAID: "Think of a single mother who goes to the Church or the Parish, and tells the secretary: I WANT TO BAPTIZE MY SON." And the attendant says: No, you can't, because you're not married.. Let's keep in mind that this mother had the courage to continue with a pregnancy, and what is she facing? With a door closed! And so, if we continue this path and with this attitude, we are not doing the people, God's People right. Jesus created the seven sacraments and with this attitude we created an eighth: the sacrament of pastoral customs! WHO GOES TO THE CHURCH MUST FIND OPEN DOORS AND NOT TAXES OF FAITH". Pope Francis just said, "We need saints without veils, without underwear." We need jeans and sneaker saints. We need saints to go to the movies, listen to music and hang out with their friends. We need saints that put God first and stand out in University. We need saints who seek time to pray every day and know how to fall in love with purity and chastity, or who consecrate their chastity. We need modern day saints, 21st century saints with spirituality embedded in our time. We need saints committed to the poor and the necessary social change. We need saints who live in the world, sanctify themselves in the world and who are not afraid to live in the world. We need saints who drink coke and eat hot dogs, who are internet users, who listen to iPod. We need saints who love the Eucharist and who are not ashamed to have a beer or eat pizza on the weekend with friends. We need saints who love cinema, theater, music, dance, sports. We need sociable, open, normal, friendly, joyful, fellow saints. We need saints who are in the world and know how to taste the pure and good things of the world, but without being worldly." That has to be us!!! Those who approach the Church should find the doors open and not find people who want to control the faith. This is what the Pope said Saturday morning during Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

Thank you dear friend and sister Beth Kress Pbvm for sharing this beautiful "Jesus delivered" message from our Holy Father Pope Francis!

" You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."





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