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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.

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. .

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to its Gala Dinner scheduled to be held on Friday, September 22, 2023 at the Royalton Resort. Contribution - \$200.00

Tickets are now available and can be purchased from the following persons.
Jill Fernandez - 464- 5047
Karen Crawford- 764-7748
Manuella Henry - 770-6159
Stephane Harris-Burke - 789 - 6369
Shenneth Browne - 772-5227
Pat Collins - 773-5319

St John's Catholic Hispanic Center Notice

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.

ST. LWANGA YOUTH CENTRE

CENTRE SUPERVISORS needed at the St. Lwanga Youth Centre for the upcoming services and activities. Interested persons may call 780-9688 or 773-6833 for further information.

SERVICES offered at St. Lwanga Youth Centre:

Rental of a small Board Room to accommodate a small business meeting of 6 - 8 persons
- Rental of a large Conference Room to accommodate 40 - 50 persons
Space available for hosting bridal or baby showers for a small group up to 50 persons

Other services include: printing of resumes, projects, contractors estimates and contracts.

Interested persons or groups, please contact the Youth Centre at 780-5635 or 773-6833 for information regarding amenities and rates.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE and **HOME WORK** assistance available for Primary School children. For Secondary Schools, Mr. Joseph Prosper is available at the Youth Centre to assist students with their SBAs for Geography and History(CSEC and CAPE) and Social Studies (CSEC) Please contact the Youth Centre - 780-9688 or 773-6833 to register.

Parishioners are encouraged to vote for one nominee of their choice to serve on the Parish Council for two years. Voting will be done on Sunday 24th September.

Parents with children for Baptism are invited to meet at the Presbytery on Thursday 21st September at 5:30 pm. It is important that all parents attend if you want your baby to be baptized.

The Christmas Dinner tickets are available. Please get your tickets from the Pastoral Centre as well as from Nichola Brown, Shyka Hannays and Eutha Meade on Saturday evening Mass and Gilbert Laudat on Sunday morning Masses.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 10th September, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 2,171.10	\$ 778.50
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,381.60	\$ 387.30
9:00 am	\$ 2,838.85	\$ 509.61
Potters	\$ 245.00	\$ 237.55
Parham	\$ 685.75	\$ 175.34
Villa	\$ 783.70	\$ 281.00
Donovans	\$ 430.25	\$ 260.75
Diocesan Schools	\$ 116.00	

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.

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.

Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group

It is the 46th Anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group "A current of Grace for the Church" as proclaimed by the Holy Father since its inception re-echoed by Pope Francis

Come celebrate three nights with us. Featured speaker Fr. Elveau Augustine of Dominica. There will be praise and worship, Scripture reflection, healing and a Eucharistic Celebration—under the Theme: **"CALLED, CHOSEN and SENT TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS"** from September 27th to the 29th at Holy Family Cathedral - 7:00pm nightly. A Blessing awaits you.

Catechetical Notices

Today we join the universal Church in celebrating **Catechetical Sunday**. We acknowledge the dedication, pray for, celebrate and thank those who serve as catechists; who hand on to their community what they have received from the Lord. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to consider ways in which we are witnesses for Jesus Christ ourselves. We also honour parents and guardians, since they are the true first catechists, sharing the Catholic faith with their families. The 2023 Catechetical Sunday theme is: "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). The theme reminds us of the call to come to Jesus as disciples and then be a witness to others as catechists. The Antilles Episcopal Conference (AEC) Catechetical Commission in addition, has further adopted the theme: "Catechists, Agents of a Synodal Church". We continue our mission, participating, witnessing and journeying in our ministry to others.

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 asked to be collaborators in their children's preparation and therefore will be invited to commit to being actively involved in the preparation and in the life of the parish. We look forward to this collaboration, commitment and cooperation.

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, Marion Warren, 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.

The Hospitality Ministry will host its 1st Bake Sale on Sunday 1st October on Holy Family Cathedral Grounds immediately after the 7:00 am and 9:00 am Masses. Please support.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 22, 2023. The theme is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." (Luke 24:13-35)

Full details of Diocesan celebrations for World Mission Month will be given in next week's bulletin.

This Sunday's Readings
17th September, 2023

First Reading: Sirach 27: 30—28: 7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 18th 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Psalm 28: 2,7,8,9

Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday 19th 1 Timothy 3: 1-13

Psalm 101: 1-3, 5,6

Luke 7: 11-17

St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

Wednesday 20th 1 Timothy 3: 14-16

Psalm 111: 1-6

Luke 7: 31-35

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest & martyr

St. Paul Chong Ha-sang, martyr & Companions

Thursday 21st Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13

Psalm 19: 2-5

Matthew 9: 9-13

Feast of St. Matthew, apostle and Evangelist

Friday 22nd 1 Timothy 6: 2 -12

Psalm 49: 6-10, 19,20

Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday 23rd 1 Timothy 6: 13-16

Psalm 100: 1-5

Luke 8: 4-15

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

“So will my heavenly Father do with you unless you sincerely forgive your brother and sister.”



WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

The Jews knew the directives of Sirach, and Psalm 103 as well as the challenge of Scripture to be holy as God is holy! “Wrath and anger are hateful things.” But they also had the civil law of talion: “An eye for an eye.” Many were selective. Soothing their consciences by selecting that civil law for personal behavior, they ignored the best in their Scriptures. Christians are also tempted to be selective. We must realize that listening to this Scripture on Sunday and yet practicing any kind of vendetta is inconsistent and un-Christian.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul offers the Biblical outlook on human beings. They are not autonomous. They are God’s stewards living with him in a sacred partnership (covenant). It is a beautiful philosophy of life. As God’s partners, we can and must develop our potentialities, but we remain responsible to the Lord. Do we develop potential for love, as suggested in the First Reading and the Gospel?

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

All Catholics in this country hear this same Gospel today, all Christians have it in their Bible, and all pray: “Our Father ...forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. “Yet some favor violence and hatred to solve both social and personal issues. Can a real Christian be selective, ignore God’s word whenever it is inconvenient, and practice what most do? Christian commitment is total and not selective! Jesus states: “Whoever is not with me is against me”, and during Mass we pray: “May he (Christ) make us an everlasting gift to you (God).”

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

By Courtney Mars

Rome Newsroom, Sep 13, 2023 / 12:54 pm

The first Vatican assembly for the global Synod on Synodality will kick off in October bringing together clerics and laity alike for nearly one month of discussions. Here is what you need to know: What is the Synod on Synodality?

The Synod on Synodality, initiated by Pope Francis in October 2021, is a multiyear, worldwide undertaking during which Catholics were asked to submit feedback to their local dioceses on the question “What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our ‘journeying together?’”

The Catholic Church’s massive synodal process has already undergone diocesan, national, and continental stages. It will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place Oct. 4–28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”

What does synodality mean?

Synodality was defined by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s International Theological Commission in 2018 as “the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the people of God.”

The 2021 synod preparatory document described synodality as “the form, the style, and the structure of the Church.” The latest document published by the Vatican adds that synodality can also be understood as something that “does not derive from the enunciation of a principle, a theory, or a formula but develops from a readiness to enter into a dynamic of constructive, respectful, and prayerful speaking, listening, and dialogue.” “At the root of this process is the acceptance, both personal and communal, of something that is both a gift and a challenge: to be a Church of sisters and brothers in Christ who listen to one another and who, in so doing, are gradually transformed by the Spirit,” it says.



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