



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral
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Potters

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Villa

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24th SEPTEMBER, 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.
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 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.

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.

**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
wishes to invite all Vincentians and
benefactors to a Thanksgiving Mass in
appreciation of their ongoing support
for the Society and its work . This
Mass will take place on Thursday,
September 28, 2023 at 6: 00 pm at St.
Francis of Assisi Church in Villa.

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.

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.

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 area of
interest to the Pastoral Centre or Nichola
Browne and Shyka Hannays.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 17th September, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,139.56	\$ 909.40
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$1,008.87	\$ 276.55
9:00 am	\$1,993.42	\$ 500.41
Potters	\$ 413.40	\$ 186.00
Parham	\$ 437.70	\$ 99.75
Villa	\$ 400.45	\$ 92.70
Donovans	\$ 232.75	\$ 105.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 127.00	

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.

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.

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 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 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.

Parishioners are encouraged to vote respectively for one person to represent them on the Parish Council

Holy Family Cathedral: 6:00 pm
Shyka Hannays, Syle Durand

Holy Family Cathedral: 7:00 am
Gilbert Laudat, Ellis Southwell

Holy Family Cathedral: 9:00 am
Charmaine Donovan, Kim Burdon

Villa: 11:00 am
Efiah Norbert, Manuella Henry

Potters: 11:00 am
Daisybelle Riley, Beverly Bedneau

Donavans: 9:00 am
Margaret Lousior, Dereck Lousior

Parham: 9:00 am
Arden Williams, Janice Anton

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 Dyer, Patrick Skerritt.

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
24th September, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 25th Ezra 1: 1-6

Psalm 126: 1-6

Luke 8: 16-18

Tuesday 26th Ezra 6: 7,8,12, 14-20

Psalm 122: 1-5

Luke 8: 19 -21

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

Wednesday 27th Ezra 9: 5-9

Tobit 13: 2-4, 7-8

Luke 9: 1-6

St. Vincent de Paul, priest

Thursday 28th Haggai 1: 1-8

Psalm 149: 1-6,9

Luke 9: 7-9

St. Wenceslaus, king & martyr / St Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila, martyr & Companions, martyrs

Friday 29th Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 138: 1-5

John 1: 47-51

Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday 30th Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15

Jeremiah 31: 10-13

Luke 9: 43-45

St. Jerome, priest & doctor

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

The exile in Babylon was experienced as God's punishment for Israel's sins. Israel had deserved to be abandoned by God. Now the prophet promises that freedom is at hand. Why? Because of Israel's "good works" in exile? No, because of God's generosity only! "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord." God does not owe the repentant scoundrel a thing. A sinner must return to God for mercy, and God forgives because he is generous. "The Lord is gracious and merciful" introduces the Gospel theme on God's generosity.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul wrote the Letter to the Philippians, from which this reading is taken, while he was in prison in Ephesus (Turkey), where he faced the possibility of a death penalty for preaching the Gospel. "For to me life is Christ." Let us listen to the advice of this great apostle: "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME In the previous chapter Matthew has our Lord discussing the conditions for a person to be saved. It is difficult for rich people since they feel so easily self-sufficient. The same was true in Jesus' time. It was not the well-established who responded most willingly to Jesus' ministry but the outcasts, prostitutes and collaborators with the Romans (tax collectors). And Jesus paid more attention to them than to "respectable people" who thought that God owed them salvation because of their obedience to the Law of Moses. The parable, definitely not a lesson in labor relations, challenges this "more effort - more recompense" conception in religion. God does not owe salvation to anyone, even though this same misconception may still be alive in our day. It is a generous free gift. Note that rewards are not denied, but they should not be wielded as a key to open the gate of the kingdom of heaven.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

What are the main questions that the Synod on Synodality will try to answer?

There are three overarching questions for the upcoming synod assembly as defined by the 2023 synod assembly's guiding document called the *Instrumentum Laboris*:

1. How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?
2. How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?
3. What processes, structures, and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?

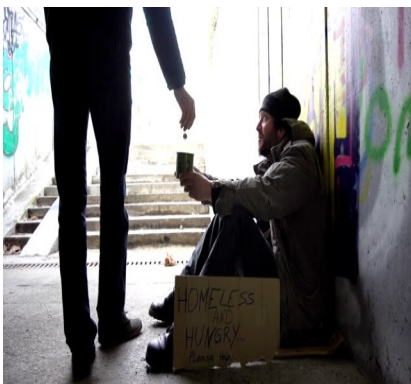
The main objective of the first session in October will be to design a plan of study in a "synodal style" and to indicate who will be involved in those discussions, according to the *Instrumentum Laboris*. *Discernment will be "completed" in the 2024 session of the synod.*

What are some of the topics that could be addressed in the synod assembly?

The *Instrumentum Laboris* document guiding the discussions at the October synod assembly suggests discernment on questions regarding some hot-button topics, including women deacons, priestly celibacy, and LGBTQ outreach. The document also highlights a desire for new institutional bodies to allow for greater participation in decision-making by the "people of God." One of the proposed questions for discernment for the synod of bishops asks: "What can we learn about the exercise of authority and responsibility from other Churches and ecclesial communities?" How does the Synod on Synodality differ from past synods of bishops? A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

For the first time, the Synod of Bishops in 2023 will include voting delegates who are not bishops. Nearly a third of the 364 voting delegates were chosen directly by the pope, including laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons. Fifty-four voting members are women.

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