



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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Potters

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Villa

Good Samaritan  
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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION  
21st April, 2024**

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 2,754.39	\$ 1,068.75
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,387.05	\$ 353.84
9:00 am	\$ 2,507.50	\$ 379.13
Potters	\$ 320.00	\$ 25.00
Parham	\$ 1,422.50	\$ 443.02
Villa	\$ 530.90	\$ 231.52
Donovans	\$ 254.00	\$ 165.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 230.00	

**Thank you for your generosity**

Parishioners are advised that there are 9 more Bible Diaries available for sale at the cost of \$60.00.

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Cathedral Sunday 19th May at 9am. Holy Family Cathedral Parish presents **PENTECOST SUNDAY with a difference.** There will be Entertainment, Food and Fun after Mass at 11:00 am in the upper car park of the Cathedral grounds.

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Parishioners are invited to join us at Pleasure Cove Beach - Runaway on Pentecost Monday from 11:00 am. Tickets will be available at \$20.00 for chicken, pork or fish lunch. Proceeds are in aid of assisting the Missionaries of the Poor Brothers who will be assisting at the St. Francis Home for the Homeless. **Please support.**

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**Christ the King High School** is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Please collect the application form from the school's office or send an email request to [ckhs1933@outlook.com](mailto:ckhs1933@outlook.com).

Application Deadline is Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

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**St Joseph's Academy's Entrance Exam & Interviews**

Application Forms for students wishing to enter **Forms 1 – 4** are now available at the school's office. Office hours are from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The final date for submitting applications for **Form 1** students is **Thursday, May 9.**

The exam for students wishing to enter **Form 1** will be held on **Saturday, May 11**, beginning at 8:00 am. Interviews for students wishing to enter **Forms 2 – 4** will begin on **Monday, June 10, 2024**

**UP COMING EVENTS**

**May 1st - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.**

**OUR GOD SAVES** - We begin our faith journey this May by honoring St. Joseph the Worker. At the same time, we also honor all the workers of the world in commemoration of Labor Day. St. Joseph is Jesus' foster father. The Gospel tradition identifies Jesus as the carpenter's son. A carpenter at that time was commonly referred to as a "wood craftsman". Furthermore, the wisdom tradition identifies God as the master craftsman who always works for the good and welfare of his divine family. Now then, we may reflect not only on the role of St Joseph as the dignified provider for Mary and Jesus but also as a man who kept a deep relationship with God. There are only a few appearances of St. Joseph in the Gospel accounts, but these few occurrences clearly depict him as a man of God. St Joseph must have been fully aware of the fact that without God he could be like a withered branch.

**May 3rd—Feast of Sts. Philip and James**

**JESUS HAS REVEALED THE FATHER** - Today's Gospel narrates about Philip asking Jesus to show them the Father. Jesus answered Philip that whoever has seen him has already seen the Father. The words and actions of Jesus testify to the reality that the Father is in Jesus and that Jesus is in the Father According to the Prologue of John's Gospel: "No one has ever seen God but Jesus Christ, who is the only Son of God has revealed the Father." Such revelation has been backed up by his very life,



## 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 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.** 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 Edmund-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skerritt, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer.

## Lectio Divina

**READ:** Jesus said that he is the vine and his Father is the vine grower. He also explained that his disciples are the branches. Every branch must bear fruit. He said that apart from him, the disciples can do nothing. The disciples can only bear much fruit if they remain in Jesus. Jesus also said that the disciples must also remain in his words and vice versa. If the relationship between the disciples and the words of Jesus is kept, the disciples can ask the Father for anything in Jesus' name and it will be given them. Jesus also said that when the disciples bear much fruit, the Father is glorified. Once the Father is glorified, those who follow Jesus truly become his disciples.

**REFLECT:** There is an interesting Greek verb used in today's Gospel passage. The verb *airō*, which is normally translated as "to take away" or "to remove" can also be translated in English as "to take up" or "to lift up." We may reflect on the passage while trying to understand the meaning of lifting up. "Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he lifts up." (Jn. 15:2) This equally makes sense especially when considering that a branch of a vine may have fallen to the ground. Somebody must lift it up so that it will have the chance of bearing fruits.

**PRAY:** Let us pray that we will never be separated from Jesus, our true vine.

**ACT:** Today, let us lift up one person whom we know is feeling so down.

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**The Hundred Acres School of Shotokan Arts** - Almonds Place Upper Gambles will host a BINGO on Friday 10th May, 2024 from 6:00pm. Proceeds are in aid of sending the young people to the Championship meet in Guyana. For further information please call 461-1587, 732-1216 or 732-7283.

**St. John's Catholic Primary School** is pleased to announce that registration is open for the period of March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. We are accepting preschool and primary school students, ages two and a half to eleven years old. Application forms can be collected from the school's office from 8am – 12pm daily, or can be emailed to you. To receive the form via email, please send a request email to [sjcpsprimary@gmail.com](mailto:sjcpsprimary@gmail.com), **Subject – Preschool Application Form or Primary School Application Form.**

To complete the application process, you will need copies of your child's:

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate where applicable
- Health and immunization card
- Recent school report or transcript
- A passport size picture
- \$120 registration fee
- Completed application form

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our SJCPs family.

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### MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

May is **the Month of Mary**. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has played a significant role in the Catholic faith since its inception, and her importance is especially highlighted during this time of the year. Devotion to Mary is not just a cultural practice or a sentimental attachment, but a deeply rooted aspect of Catholic theology and spirituality. One of the most fundamental reasons why Mary is important to Catholics is her role as the mother of Jesus Christ, who is considered the Son of God. As the mother of God, Mary has a unique relationship with Jesus, and her importance is inseparable from his. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, and that she was conceived without sin in order to prepare her for this task. This doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was formally declared in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, is based on the belief that Mary's sinlessness made her a fitting vessel for the Son of God.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**28th April, 2024**

**First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31**

**Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24**

**Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 29th April**

**Acts 14: 5-18**

**Psalm 115: 1-4, 15-16**

**John 14: 21-26**

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & doctor*

**Tuesday 30th April**

**Acts 14: 19-28**

**Psalm 145: 10-13, 21**

**John 14: 27-31**

*St. Pius V. pope*

**Wednesday 1st May**

**Genesis 1: 26-2: 3**

**Psalm 90: 2-4, 12-14, 16**

**Matthew 13: 54-58**

*Feast of St. Joseph the Worker*

**Thursday 2nd May**

**Acts 15: 7-21**

**Psalm 96: 1-3, 10**

**John 15: 9-11**

*St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor*

**Friday 3rd May**

**1 Corinthians 15: 1-8**

**Psalm 19: 2-5**

**John 14: 6-14**

*Feast of Sts. Philip & James, Apostles*

**Saturday 4th April**

**Acts 16: 1-10**

**Psalm 100: 1-3, 5**

**John 15: 18-21**

**WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME**

If one is acquainted with what Saul, later called Paul, had done to the Church of Jerusalem (see Acts 8:1-3) one can understand that at his return this Church did not trust him. Only after Barnabas consented to sponsor him was Paul accepted as a disciple. This reading brings out to us that a living relationship with God and Christ alone is not enough. Our relationship with God should be carried by a living relationship with a congregation. Back in Jerusalem, Saul tried to join the disciples. Once accepted, Saul stayed on with them.

Do not try to "go it alone" as a Christian. You need a congregation and the congregation needs you. Without being exclusive, have some Catholic friends who feel about religion as you do. There are very few things we do alone successfully. "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people"

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

The sacred author teaches that we should accept all the consequences of being a Christian. Love implies deeds! Only talking about it is not truthful. Faith implies keeping the commandments. Check your conscience!

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Since the Bible originated in a country where vines and grapes were part of the daily scenery, it is understandable that the vine image is used so often to explain religious values. In this passage it is used to tell us that Christians must live in Christ and let Christ live in them. There should be an "I-Thou," a person-to-person relationship between you and the living Lord Jesus. As already mentioned this is possible only if we have first learned to relate to one another. A human openness to others is a condition for openness to the transcendent, God and Jesus Christ. Develop both! Encounter the Lord Jesus in prayerful Bible reading, listening and responding, but also in your fellow human beings.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

Pope Francis and his international Council of Cardinals continued their discussions about the role of women in the church, listening to women experts, including a professor who spoke about how culture impacts women's roles and status.

The pope and the nine-member Council of Cardinals invited women, including an Anglican bishop, to make presentations at their meetings in December and in February as well.

The council met April 15-16 in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the pope's residence, the Vatican press office said.

On the first day, Sister Regina da Costa Pedro, a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate and director of the Pontifical Mission Societies of Brazil, shared "concrete stories and the thoughts of some Brazilian women," the press office said.

Stella Morra, a professor of theology at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University, "examined the role cultures have in the recognition of the role of women in different parts of the world," the press office said.

A priest and two women made presentations at the council's December meeting and published their papers in Italian in a book with a foreword by Francis, "Smaschilizzare La Chiesa?" ("De-masculinize the Church?").

During the preparation for the synod on synodality and during its first assembly in October, the pope wrote in the foreword, "We realized that we have not listened enough to the voice of women in the church and that the church still has a lot to learn."

"It is necessary to listen to each other to 'demasculinize' the church because the church is a communion of men and women who share the same faith and the same baptismal dignity," he wrote.

At the February meeting, the pope and cardinals heard from: Bishop Jo Bailey Wells, deputy secretary-general of the Anglican Communion; Salesian Sister Linda Pocher, a professor of Christology and Mariology at Rome's Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium"; and Giuliva Di Bernardino, a consecrated virgin and liturgist from the Diocese of Verona, Italy.

*I am the vine, you are the branches*





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