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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 5th May, 2024 - B

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FEEDING PROGRAM -

for the Shut-Ins and the Elderly, is ongoing-

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Parishioners are advised that there are 7 more Bible Diaries available for sale at the cost of \$50.00.

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. Entrance Fee: \$5.00.

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.**

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.

Application Deadline is Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

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**

On Father's Day June 16th, both first and second collections will be for the Diocesan priests. A special envelope will be given out from this weekend. Parishioners are kindly asked to return these envelopes on Sunday 16th June.

The Rosary will be prayed every Wednesday for the month of May from 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Fátima Shrine at Holy Family Cathedral.

The Marriage and Family Ministry is organizing a Family Fun Soiree on June 7, 2024, at the Upper Car Park, on the grounds of Holy Family Cathedral. Come and enjoy an evening of music, food and drink. Food and drink will be on sale! Cost \$25.00 for BBQ Chicken/Pork/Fish Meal

Upcoming 14th May -
Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

"It was I who chose you."

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus addressing his friends while challenging them to exercise the greatest love. The greatest love is the love of a friend who lays down his life for his friends. Jesus considered and treated his disciples as friends. He laid down his life for them. Jesus considers and treats us as his friends too. And Jesus also laid down his life for us. We are the friends of Jesus when we do what he commanded us to do. To become a friend of Jesus, the requirement is to put in practice Jesus' commandment of love. Jesus commanded those who have followed him to love one another (cf. Jn. 15:12). St. Matthias was the one who replaced Judas Iscariot in the apostolic office (cf. Acts 1:21-26). The very reason for St. Matthias selection is love. St. Matthias was chosen that he, together with the eleven, would emulate Jesus' laying down his life for others. This is the same challenge posed to us now.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
28th April, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 1,682.32	\$ 527.89
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,495.05	\$ 389.95
9:00 am	\$ 2,480.69	\$ 482.99
Potters	\$ 744.00	\$ 134.25
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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 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, 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, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer.

Lectio Divina

READ: Jesus told his disciples that as the Father has loved him, he has also loved them. He exhorted them to remain in his love. The disciples will remain in Jesus' love if they keep his commandments. Jesus remains in the Father's love as he keeps the Father's commandments. Jesus spoke such things to his disciples in order that his joy may be in them and that their joy may be complete. Jesus commanded them to love one another as he has loved them. Jesus loved them as friends and with great love that he would lay down his life for them. Jesus has revealed the Father to his disciples. Jesus was the one who chose his disciples in order that they may bear lasting fruit. Now then, whatever the disciples ask in Jesus' name, the Father will give them.

REFLECT: Zero doubt, we are loved by Jesus. Jesus has always shown his great love for us. First, he has shown the love he has for us by revealing the Father to us. By making the Father known to us, he has elevated our condition. We are no longer slaves. We are his friends. Second, he has shown us his great love by laying down his life for us. It is the love that lifts up others. It is the love that offers one's life.

PRAY: Let us pray that we may grow in the love with which Jesus has loved us.

ACT: Let us reach out to a friend with whom we did not communicate for a long time.

The Hundred Acres School of Shotokan Arts - Almond Place, Upper Gambles will host a **BINGO** on Friday 10th May, 2024 from 6:00pm. Fabulous prizes to be won. Ten games at \$5 each. Proceeds are in aid of sending young karate students to the World Championships 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 15th to May 15th 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, **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.

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 10: 25-26, 34, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

"This is my Command, that you love one another"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 6th May

Acts 16: 11-15
Psalm 149: 1-6, 9
John 15: 26—16: 4

Tuesday 7th May

Acts 16: 22-34
Psalm 138: 1-3, 7-8
John 16: 5-11

Wednesday 8th May

Acts 17: 15, 22—18:1
Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14
John 16: 12-15

Thursday 9th May

Acts 18: 1-8
Psalm 98: 1-4
John 16: 16-20

Friday 10th May

Acts 18: 9-18
Psalm 47: 2-7
John 16: 20-23

St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'I, priest / St. John of Avila, priest & doctor

Saturday 11th April

Acts 18: 23-28
Psalm 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16: 23-28

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

We learn that God's Spirit of love came down on a Gentile, non-Jew, even before he was baptized. Why does Luke narrate this tradition? He wants to teach first that, authorized by Peter, Christianity should be preached to all without imposing the laws of the Jewish faith upon them, and secondly that the Spirit can take an initiative wherever he wishes. Faith in Jesus Christ sealed by baptism is the way to salvation for all who are called. It does not mean that God is unable to bestow salvation outside the framework of organized Christianity. God's salvific will is universal. God's will that all be saved follows the definition of God given by the author of John in the Second Reading, where he states: "God is love."

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

We want a meaningful life. In today's Gospel our Lord says: "Go and bear fruit that will remain." But in trying to attain your goals in life, where does God fit in? This Scripture reading states: "God is love." Hence, we could just as well ask: In trying to attain your goals in life, where does "love" fit in? "Whoever is without love does not know God." Only love makes your life meaningful and worth living. Pray for selfless love because it is from God. "Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate".

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

John teaches us about love of God and neighbor, friendship and complete joy that result in a meaningful life, "bearing fruit." But why do so many fail in love even after starting out so beautifully? Over the years, did they try to listen to one another? Was there an emphasis on mutual understanding, forgiveness after failures, and fidelity to an initial "yes" when it was difficult? Love, like a plant, must be cared for daily; otherwise it withers.

Check your own life, have an honest discussion if necessary, pray, and pattern your love after' example: "Love one another as I love you."

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

By Courtney Mares

Rome Newsroom, May 2, 2024 / 12:41 pm

Pope Francis published a letter on Thursday addressed to all parish priests in the world with his advice for building a missionary Church in which all the baptized share in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness," Pope Francis wrote in the letter published on May 2.

The pope presented the letter to 300 priests participating in the Synod on Synodality's "World Meeting of Parish Priests" during an audience at the Vatican, saying that their meeting is "an opportunity to remember in my prayers all of the parish priests in the world to whom I address these words with great affection."

Before all else, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the generous work that you do each day, sowing seeds of the Gospel in every kind of soil," Pope Francis wrote.

It is so obvious as to sound almost banal, but that does not make it less true: the Church could not go on without your dedication and your pastoral service," he added.

In the letter, Pope Francis offered three suggestions to parish priests for building "a synodal and missionary Church."

The first is for priests to live out their "specific ministerial charism in ever greater service to the varied gifts that the Spirit sows in the people of God."

He said that by nurturing the many and varied charismatic gifts of the laity, priests will "feel less alone in the demanding task of evangelization" and "will experience the joy of being true fathers, who do not dominate others but rather bring out in them, men and women alike, great and precious possibilities." The second suggestion is to "learn to practice the art of communal discernment" by using the "conversation in the Spirit" practiced during last October's Synod on Synodality assembly.



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