



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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ASCENSION SUNDAY, 12th May, 2024 - B

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

Novena of the Holy Spirit will begin on Friday 10th May until Saturday 18th May 2024. Parishioners are advised to pray the Novena either individually or with the community before Mass 9 days to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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 - Karaoke, Bounce Castle, Song Contest Maypole dancing and lots more. Food - Rice, Chicken, Macaroni Pie—Bakes, Saltfish Cakes and lots more, Goat Water, Conch water etc Fun - Dominoes, Card games, BINGO and lots more. All this after Mass from 11:30 am in the upper car park of the Cathedral grounds.

Entrance Fee is \$5.00 or free if you have a Lunch ticket. Lunch tickets are \$25 for chicken and pork meals and \$30 for fish meals. Tickets are available from the Pastoral Centre, Gilbert Laudat, Saturday evenings from Shyka Hannays, and St Francis of Assisi, Villa from Bella Esprit.

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.**

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION: We pray for the First Communion candidates who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Trinity Sunday - May 26. We pray for the parents and all those who journey with them.

SALE! SALE! SALE! Support the Catechetical and Youth Ministry sale on Saturday 18th May from 7:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre yard. New and slightly used clothing for children, teens and adults from \$5.00 to \$30.00. Some household items will also be on sale. All proceeds towards ongoing programmes.

Chancery News
The first World Children's Day is set to take place in Rome and globally on May 25 and 26, 2024, as desired by Pope Francis. Pope Francis has often expressed his affection for children and the innocence they embody. Please note that all parishes in the Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre will celebrate children on these days with special blessings for them during the weekend Masses. The theme for World Children's Day 2024 is "Behold, I make all things new (Rev. 21:5).



Chancery Business Hours
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Christ the King High School is still accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. Please collect the application form at the school's office or send an email request to ckhs1933@outlook.com. Application Deadline is Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 5th May, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 2152.01	\$ 805.58
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 2337.35	\$ 417.14
9:00 am	\$ 2733.49	\$ 643.97
Potters	\$ 608.40	\$ 219.70
Parham	\$ 638.55	\$ 110.00
Villa	\$ 993.74	\$ 285.00
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Lectio Divina

**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.

READ: Jesus commissioned his disciples. He told them to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptized is saved. The one who does not believe is condemned. Jesus further said that those who have believed will be accompanied by signs such as the capacity to cast out demons, the ability to speak new languages, protection from any harm and the power to heal the sick. Immediately after, Jesus was taken up to heaven, taking his place at God's right hand. Thus, the eleven disciples went forth, preaching to different places. Jesus worked with them. Miracles accompanied their preaching.

REFLECT: We have already reflected on the point that telling the faith is a basic requirement for a person to be saved. However, we should not also forget that salvation is first and foremost God's initiative. The faith we refer to as a requirement must be understood in the sense of our acceptance of the salvation that God is offering us. God offers us his salvation. Faith is our response to such an offer. Today's Gospel tells us that the one who believes is saved while the one who refuses to believe is condemned. God's salvific act can fully be accomplished in us only when we are open to accept it.

PRAY: Let us pray that God may increase our faith.

ACT: Let us offer a hand to somebody who is in dire need of help today.

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 drinks will be on sale! Cost \$25.00 for BBQ Chicken/Pork/Fish Meal

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.

SJA Notice...Interviews for students wishing to enter Forms 2—4 will begin on Monday, June 10th 2024.

On Father's Day June 16th, both first and second collections will be collected for the Diocesan priests. A special envelope is being distributed. Please return these envelopes on Sunday 16th June, 2024.

This Sunday's Readings
12th May, 2024

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13
Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

"The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 13th May

Acts 19: 1-8
Psalm 68: 2-7
John 16: 29-33

Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday 14th May

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26
Psalm 113: 1-8
John 15: 9-17

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday 15th May

Acts 20: 28-38
Psalm 68: 29-30, 33-36
John 17: 11-19

St. Isidore, farmer

Thursday 16th May

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11
Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11
John 17: 20-26

Friday 17th May

Acts 25: 13-21
Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20
John 21: 15-19

Saturday 18th April

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11: 4, 5, 7
John 21: 20-25
St. John I, pope & martyr

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The wording of this tradition on the ascension of our Lord is clearly conditioned by the limited understanding of the universe during the writer's lifetime. This wording is not part of divine revelation. There is no absolute up or down. Heaven is not a place somewhere up in outer space. Heaven is a situation outside our concepts of time and space. What the sacred writers have tried to do is describe the final appearance of Jesus and/or the fact that the Lord Jesus is "sitting at God's right hand," which is a Hebrew idiom for "sharing power with God." Luke's message is: Christ has died ("after he had suffered"), Christ is risen ("he presented himself alive to them"), Christ will come again ("this Jesus... will return"). That is the way we word it in our second Memorial Acclamation at Mass.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Christians are called, by means of "faith and the knowledge of the Son of God," to the state of human perfection exhibited by Christ. The simplest means to attain this is by cooperating with the grace that Christ gained for all of us and the gifts that the Spirit pours out on each of us. If we attain this goal, we shall certainly follow where Christ, by his Ascension, has gone.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In this tradition, we are told what the mission of the Church is: In continuing the Lord's visible presence on earth, the Church, you and I, must do what the Lord himself has done and wants us to do in his name. By word and example we should preach the Good News. The signs that accompany the Church's mission over the centuries indicate that the kingdom is established. "The Lord worked with them" indicates that Jesus Christ is with his Church until the end of time.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Vatican City — May 3, 2024

Pope Francis signed a letter on synodality in the presence of parish priests and urged them to be "missionaries of synodality," said several of the priests present.

Father Donald J. Planty Jr., pastor of St. Charles Church in Arlington, Virginia, and one of the U.S. pastors at the meeting, said, "He told us, 'I want you to take this letter, and I want you to put it into action. I want you to share it and speak to your bishops about it and speak to your brother pastors about it.'"

The pope signed the letter May 2 as he met with more than 200 parish priests in the Vatican Synod Hall. The meeting came at the end of an April 29-May 2 gathering designed as an opportunity for the priests to share their experiences and offer input for the drafting of the working document for the Synod of Bishops on synodality's second assembly in October.

Planty, who served for a time in the Vatican diplomatic corps and in the Vatican Secretariat of State, said it was clear that what participants from around the world had in common was "love for our identity as priests and our mission as priests."

Clearly, he said, some priests have difficulty getting parishioners to open up and share their hopes, dreams and skills — a crucial part of building a "synodal church" where people listen to one another and share responsibility for the life of the parish and its missionary outreach.

That is not a problem in the United States, Planty said. "Especially in a country of an Anglo-Saxon democratic tradition," people are used to sharing their opinions, including with their priests. They comment after Mass or send an email or phone the parish office.

"A priest who really knows his parish, loves his parishioners, has his finger on the pulse of the parish" not only through the pastoral council and finance council but "also through other, informal settings," he said. Such a pastor "knows his people, consults with them, listens to them, takes their advice, and ultimately that factors into his pastoral decisions and planning and actions."



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