



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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"The Servant of Yahweh"

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – 9th JANUARY, 2022 - C



## 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.

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### OLD/NEW YEAR'S COLLECTION

1st January, 2022

	1st	2nd
<b>Cathedral</b>		
Old Year's 8pm	\$3,167.25	
Old Year's 10pm	\$3,392.35	
New Year's 9am	\$1,543.01	\$205.31
Potters 11:00 am	\$422.50	
Villa 11:00 am	\$473.00	
Hispanic		
Diocesan Schools	\$5.00	

**Thank you for your generosity**

**The 2022 Calendars are here.** The cost is \$20.00. They can be purchased from Ms. Rosie Stevens and at the Pastoral Centre.

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**The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here.** Please ensure that you remember to pick up a copy at the church that you attend or at the Pastoral Centre.

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**Parishioners are invited to** celebrate Sunday 23rd January as the Word of God Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to place the Bible in a special spot in their home decorated and with a lighted candle.

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**All groups in the parish are** requested to send in their activities for the year by January 25th. Only activities recorded in the parish calendar will be allowed to take place.

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**Holy Family Cathedral Book Store**

**Is now located in the Pastoral Centre.**

Bibles, Books, Prayers of Power I, II, III, Novena Prayer to St. Michael, Single Decade Rosaries, Prayer Candles, Book Marks. There are just a few of the items available at the Pastoral Centre.

**15 - 2022 BIBLE DIARIES** are still available. The cost is \$80.00.

## Lectio Divina

### Baptized into Our Ordinairiness

**Read:** Isaiah announces the day of liberation for God's people with the coming of the Lord. In the words of Paul, the grace of baptism justifies us and makes us heirs to eternal life. Jesus enters the waters of baptism and the Holy Trinity manifests itself.

**Reflect:** Fulton J. Sheen (Life of Christ) observed that a person received baptism to be freed from the stain of sin; but Jesus entered the waters of Jordon to be stained by our sins. How great an act of humility and self-emptying! In this kenotic act, Jesus is not alone—the entire Trinity is present as is evident in the Baptism scene. Isn't it also interesting that with the Baptism the extraordinary liturgical season of Christmas ends and the "ordinary time" begins? With the Baptism, God the Almighty enters the waters of sinful human condition, becomes like one of us, and lives the sweaty, dusty, boring ordinary life of a human being. Thus appeared the Grace of God—as Paul reminds Titus—walking amidst us as an ordinary human so that we could become like him, heirs to his extraordinary patrimony.

**Pray:** "Father, I thank you for claiming me as your beloved daughter/son."

**Act:** Meditate on this verse, as applied to you: "You are my beloved child."

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

2nd January, 2022

	1st	2nd
<b>Cathedral Sunday</b>		
7:00 am	\$1,748.40	\$339.45
9:00 am	\$3,889.57	\$534.48
Potters 11:00 am	\$ 597.80	\$ 202.05
Villa 11:00 am	\$1,350.50	xxx
Hispanic	\$380.50	xxx
Diocesan Schools	95.00	

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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.

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### .SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Parishioners not attached to any group and are interested in being part of the synodal journey and discussion are invited to call the Parish Office, leave your name and contact number or WhatsApp 773-6833 and you will be contacted.

Google Form link: [SYNODALITY SURVEY](https://forms.gle/7XJBFbeVnCtjwtp6)  
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### MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY

Couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church can pick up a registration form at the Pastoral Centre - Michael's Mount and at Tyrell's Parish Office.

For A Synodal Church :  
Communion, Participation, Mission

Our Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process has entered the consultation stage/phase. We are thus invited to listen more deeply to the voice of the Spirit, to be more intentional in our participation and outreach, to improve the quality of dialogue, and to discern more about how we can both enhance and experience conversion in attitudes that will truly lead to a Synodal Church.

By first listening and prompted by the Spirit we can better learn to listen to one another; all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" in "Communion, Participation and Mission.

Therefore, come and join us in this process. Do not be afraid to enter into dialogue with the Holy Spirit and with your Brothers and Sisters.

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### CATECHETICAL SESSIONS resume:

#### Sunday School -

Sunday 9th, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday Religious Education Group**  
- Monday 10th at 4:00 p.m.

**First Holy Communion -**  
Tuesday 11th at 4:00 p.m.

**Parents - PLEASE TAKE NOTE**  
A Blessed New Year for all !

**Let us pray for the sick and 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.

Phyllis Mayers, Shawn Phillip, Gillian Howie, Nelister Sebastian, Catherine Durand, Dion Thomas, Margaret Ryan, Evelyn Jolly, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, David Morris, Gweneth Bryan, Ruth Shannon, Shanla Carr, John Willock, Arnold Gomes, Patrick Skerritt, Ada-Mae Johnson, Marion Warren, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Beatrice Thomas, Foster Thomas, Cecelia John, Natalie Massicott, Claire Williams, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Heselyn Whyte.

**PS... Please inform the Parish Office of phone contacts for this list of sick and shut-ins.**

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### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Parents are advised that registration for young people born in 2008 continues. Please email the Catechetical Office at [catecheticshfc@gmail.com](mailto:catecheticshfc@gmail.com) or send a WhatsApp message to 773-6833 to receive the registration link and further information.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**9th January, 2022**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: *O bless the Lord, my soul.***

**Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 10th 1 Samuel 1: 1-8**

**Psalm 116: 12-19**

**Mark 1: 14-20**

**Tuesday 11th 1 Samuel 1: 9-20**

**1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8**

**Mark 1: 21-28**

**Wednesday 12th 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20**

**Psalm 40: 2 & 5, 7-10**

**Mark 1: 29-39**

**Thursday 13th 1 Samuel 4: 1-11**

**Psalm 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25**

**Mark 1: 40-45**

*St. Hilary, bishop & doctor*

**Friday 14th 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22**

**Psalm 89: 16-19**

**Mark 2: 1-12**

**Saturday 15th**

**1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10:1**

**Psalm 21: 2-7**

**Mark 2: 13-17**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

**WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME**

It is not clear what kind of person the inspired poet had in mind when he depicted an ideal servant of God in the four "Servant Songs," as we have them in Isaiah. Is it the whole nation of Israel? Is it some prophet or king of the past? Is it a Messiah (Anointed King) to come?

Reapplied by the evangelists and the Church, the Servant is identified with Jesus, who is manifested as God's beloved Servant (Son) in his baptism. The song depicts what the Lord Jesus' mission is to all of us. Reapplied by the Church, the psalm refers to the voice of God "over the waters," when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan.

**WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME**

Peter sees Jesus as in his baptism "anointed ... with the Holy Spirit and power" and so equipped for his calling: doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil.

A similar calling is ours as baptized Christians. Being a Christian does not mean just avoiding sin. We are anointed to do good and to be concerned about other human beings who are in the grip of evil. And God will be with you!

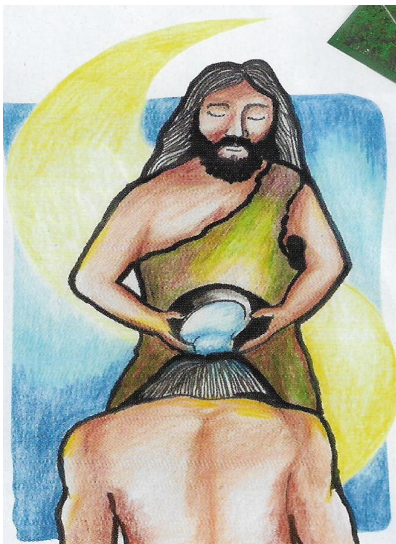
**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Jesus himself did not need a baptism of repentance, but by going to John he set an example for others. The voice from heaven confirms Jesus' mission. Matthew's wording is very close to that of the first Bible reading. He tells in his way that Jesus is in fact that "Servant of Yahweh," as depicted there. Relate the Gospel and first Bible reading to your calling as a baptized Christian!

***KNOW YOUR CHURCH***

During World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, in 2013, a boy made his way through the crowd to hug Pope Francis tearfully. That boy, now a young man, is discerning religious life. The news was released Jan. 3 by the Bishop of Lorena, Joaquim Wladimir Lopes Dias, who in a Facebook post shared the photo of Pope Francis hugging Nathan de Brito, then nine years old, and another photo showing him now as a young man dressed as a postulant of the Order of Friars Minor in Rondonópolis. Many faithful, especially in Brazil, remember the image of Nathan de Brito hugging the Holy Father. Recordings show Nathan going after the passing pope mobile and managing to get security to pick him up and take him to the vehicle. The little boy is then seen clinging to and hugging the Pope several times with tears streaming down his face as he resisted efforts to pull him away from the pope. After Pope Francis gave him a blessing, one of the security guards manages to pull the boy away from the vehicle and comfort him as he leads him to where his family was standing. On the way back to his family, the boy is seen covering his face and crying with emotion. In his Jan. 3 post, Bishop Lopes shared a photo of himself in front of the altar in a church, and next to Nathan de Brito, now a smiling young man wearing a white robe and a cross on his chest. The photos are accompanied by a brief text, where the prelate indicates that the young man in the photo is Nathan and that "today he is visiting Lorena where he lived for a few years." Bishop Lopes also revealed that Nathan "received a pectoral cross from the Pope, with permission to wear it" and concluded by announcing that "currently, he is a postulant of the Order of Friars Minor in Rondonópolis in Mato Grosso state. Many blessings!"

*"I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will do much more: he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire."*





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