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ongoing.
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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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 13th August, 2023

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Cathedral Saturday	\$ 1,539.10	\$ 646.45
Sunday		
7:00am	\$ 1,097.34	\$ 315.50
9:00 am	\$ 2,220.08	\$ 284.02
Potters	\$ 560.00	\$ 208.50
Parham	\$ 315.00	\$ 106.07
Villa	\$ 548.50	\$ 287.25
Donovans	\$ 215.00	\$ 95.15
Diocesan Schools	\$ 140.00	

Thank you for your generosity

**Diocese of St John's Basseterre
Marriage & Family Ministry Presents
Couples Panel Discussion
25th August, 2023
7:00pm
OLPH Church Hall
Topics:**

- Intimacy & Desire Discrepancy
- Different Life Stages
- Social Media & Its Impact on Relationships

Register at <https://forms.gle/d2qrrfff@9mqSBYaA>

The Marriage Enrichment Weekend
will be held from October 6 - 8, 2023.
The cost of the Marriage Weekend will
be approximately US \$550.00 per
couple. Monthly payment plans are
available to interested couples.

SJA NOTICES

There is a vacancy at St. Joseph's
Academy to teach **Mathematics
Chemistry and Integrated Science** at
the CSEC Level.

Suitably qualified applicants may apply
as soon as possible to the Principal, St.
Joseph's Academy P.O. Box 234 or by
email: sjaantigu@gmail.com or drop off
a hard copy to the school's office.

Save The Date.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
invites you to its Gala Dinner scheduled
to be held on Friday, September 22,
2023 at the Royalton Resort.
Contribution - \$200.00

Tickets are now available and can be
purchased from the following persons.

Jill Fernandez - 464- 5047
Karen Crawford- 764-7748
Manuella Henry - 770-6159
Stephane Harris-Burke - 789 - 6369
Pat Collins - 773-5319

There is a vacancy at St. John's
Catholic Primary School for the
position of Principal. The Board
therefore invites applications from
suitably qualified individuals to fill the
position commencing the new
Academic Year, September 2023.

Suitably qualified individuals are
invited to send their applications with
supporting documentation to the
attention of the Chairman of the Board,
St. John's Catholic Primary School via
email stancelroberts@gmail.com on or
before Monday 21st August 2023 or
call 464-7138 to arrange for drop-off of
applications. Deadline for submission
is Monday 21st August 2023.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW GROUPS is now OPEN

and ends on
September 15th 2023. Please register
at the Parish Office or
email catecheticshfc@gmail.com
to receive the link. First Communion -
children born in 2015; Confirmation -
young people born in 2010 or before;
Pre-Communion for children born in
2016 who attend non-Catholic schools.
Baptismal information is required.

Christ the King High School is
celebrating in September this
year, 90 years of solid Catholic
education and human formation.
While plans are afoot for a fitting
celebration in the course of the
academic year, volunteers and
sponsors are needed. If you
would like to volunteer or to
offer sponsorship, kindly contact
Fr Pierre (268 778-8232), or the
Principal (268-462-0570 or
at christtheking268@gmail.com)
or any member of the Board
through the Office of the Bishop
268 461-1135



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.

Lectio Divina

Read: Through Isaiah, God calls all nations to worship in his holy temple where he will receive their prayers and sacrifices. In his letter to the Romans, Paul reaches out to both Jews and Gentiles, preaching the Gospel to all willing to hear. In the Gospel, a Canaanite woman approaches Jesus to request healing for her daughter. In response to her trust and persistence. Jesus extends his ministry beyond Israel and restores her daughter to health.

Reflect: James Joyce described the Catholic Church as "Here comes everyone." He might have been inspired by today's readings. The Church is a welcoming mother, ready to receive anyone who wishes to come to God, without regard to age, class, race or ethnicity. There is room for everyone in God's house of prayer.

As members of his Church, we extend God's hospitality and welcome to those searching for a place where they feel like they belong. Jesus calls each of us to reach out to those on the margins, bringing them to the center, to the very heart of God.

Pray: Lord, help me to make others welcome in your house of prayer.

Act: Invite someone to come to church with you.

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 Dyier, Patrick Skerritt.

October is World Mission Month. The theme is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." (Luke 24:13-35) inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

This Sunday's Readings
20th August, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: O God let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 21st Judges 2: 11-19

Psalm 106: 34-37, 39, 40, 43, 44

Matthew 19: 16 - 22

St. Pius X, pope

Tuesday 22nd Judges 6: 11-24

Psalm 85: 9, 11 - 14

Matthew 19: 23-30

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 23rd Judges 9: 6 - 15

Psalm 21: 2-7

Matthew 20: 1-16

St. Rose of Lima, virgin

Thursday 24th Revelations 21: 9-14

Psalm 145: 10-13, 17, 18

John 1: 45-51

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday 25th Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22

Psalm 146: 5 - 10

Matthew 22: 34-40

St. Louis of France, king/ St. Joseph Calasanz, priest

Saturday 26th Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17

Psalm 128: 1-5

Matthew 23: 1-12

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

After the Hebrews returned from exile in Babylon, they found many foreigners not of the Jewish religion living there. The anonymous prophet called Third Isaiah had to face this changed situation. Ezekiel, "the father of Judaism," was opposed to uncircumcised foreigners in the temple precincts. The composer of the poem is not so rigorous. He lists the conditions under which non-Jews may worship in the temple. 'Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my (God's) altar.' This passage has been chosen to introduce the idea of universalism found in today's Gospel reading. "May the peoples praise you, O God, may all the peoples praise you!"

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

We must interpret this reading in the light of Paul's misconception that the end, that is, the second coming of Christ, would occur during his lifetime. Israel rejects the message of Christ; hence, Paul turns to the Gentiles (non Jews). This will provoke Israel's jealousy and they will join before the end! Matthew, who wrote some thirty years later, had to make a slight adjustment in Paul's vision of Salvation History. This adjustment should not shock us. The Bible itself suggests that the understanding of Salvation History should be adjusted constantly in the light of changing circumstances. In dealing with the Jews and their religion, we should keep in mind Paul's statement. "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Anti-Semitism is wrong, Israel's place in Salvation History is God's concern, not ours. The Jews deserve our love, respect and gratitude! Christ, Mary, Joseph and the apostles were all Jews and our Old Testament is the Hebrew Bible.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Matthew took his story from Mark. But he molded it to bring out a message for the Church of his day, which was beset with constant friction between Christians from Jewish background and pagan converts. We see therein classic Jewish exclusionism as opposed to God's universal will of salvation for all.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

In Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospel" — a 2013 document considered to be the blueprint for his papacy — he called for the church's mission to be "channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."

A decade later, a newly established Jesuit initiative is training senior church leaders to put that goal into practice through a program aimed at strengthening the practical skills necessary for discernment and reform for a church that is more collaborative than hierarchical.

Founded in 2019, the Discerning Leadership program combines Ignatian spirituality with pioneering methodologies for polarity management and fostering communal growth. To date, its gatherings have brought together everyone from the Vatican's secretary of state, the pope's chief of staff, and women and men from every continent.

It used to be the case that the past was a good predictor for the future," said Jesuit Fr. David McCallum, who serves as executive director of the program. "You would look in the rear view mirror and anticipate what the road ahead would look like."

"That's no longer the case," he told NCR. "And if we're going to be a viable institution for the future as church, we have to have the agility and the savvy of discernment to know what we stand for and what we can surrender to."

Through a series of in-person workshops — both in Rome and as places far away as Manila, the Philippines — and distance learning programs, the Discerning Leadership courses offer religious women and men, priests, bishops and lay leaders a chance to first, better understand their own personal values and then how to improve their frameworks for examining a range of situations they may face in church leadership.

The idea, said McCallum, is to bolster an individual's practical skills, decision-making capacities, communication style and abilities to manage conflicts and navigate different cultures, all in an effort to foster communal growth.

"Lord Son of David, have pity on me!"





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