



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
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"Jesus' Royal Messiahship of Both Jews and Gentiles"

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - 8th JANUARY, 2023 - A

**THE CATHEDRAL BOOK
STORE IS LOCATED IN THE
PASTORAL
CENTRE.**



Parishioners are advised that the
2023 Bible Diaries are here.
Limited amount the cost is
\$80.00

**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.

Parishioners are invited to attend
Mass on Monday 9th January at 6:00
pm for the Feast of the Baptism of the
Lord. The Bishop will be the main
celebrant at the Cathedral.

Mass will also be celebrated at St.
Francis of Assisi, Villa on Monday
Feast of The Baptism of the Lord at
6:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Liturgical Calendars 2023 are
available for sale. They can be
purchased after the weekend Masses or
at the Pastoral Centre. The cost of the
calendar is \$20. 00.

**Our parish is looking for a talented
and committed organist** to assist
during our Masses. If you know anyone
or are interested, please contact the
parish office for more information.

The church bus is being made
available to pick up persons who require
transportation to come to the 9 am Mass
on a Sunday. If you or anyone you
know would like to avail yourself of this
service, please call the Pastoral Office at
461-1127; 560-2693 or
email hfc.antigua@gmail.com.

**Colours of Love is back. Get your
tickets** and join us at Indies Green on
Friday, February 10, 2023 starting at
8:00pm. All inclusive package is \$150.00
per person. Drinks, food and music on the
house.

The Diocese of St John's-Basseterre
is organizing a conference for
Catholic Men slated for Sunday,
January 29, 2023. Registration
information and other details will be
available next week.

CATECHETICAL NOTICES

YOUTH NIGHTS

Where young people meet in a safe
environment. There are spiritual,
educational, physical and social
activities to keep our youth engaged and
active. Youth Nights are held on the 2nd
and 4th Friday of the month. The next
Youth Night will be on Friday 13th
January, 2023.

REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW CONFIRMATION GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE BORN IN 2009

Registration has been extended until
January 20th 2023. Registration can be
done at the Pastoral Centre or online.
The link is: [https://forms.gle/
W5VR4geCmEQDRVK57](https://forms.gle/W5VR4geCmEQDRVK57)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

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over. Do you want to enhance your
public speaking skills? Overcome
shyness? Learn to Speak with
confidence? Bring out your leadership
qualities? Sign up for this workshop. the
first session will be held on Saturday
28th January from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. at
the Pastoral Centre. Registration can be
done online or pick up a form at the
Pastoral Centre. Registration
link: [https://forms.gle/
iNCos7P2pArXearB9](https://forms.gle/iNCos7P2pArXearB9)

**All Catechetical Sessions resume the
week of January 9th 2023.**

**Monday Religious Education -
January 9th**

**First Holy Communion - January
10th**

Confirmation groups - January 14th

Sunday School - January 15th

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

1st January, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,975.06	\$ 631.30
Saturday 10:30	\$4,124.10	\$ 920.55

Sunday		
9:00 am	\$2,758.52	\$ xxx
Parham	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Potters 11:00 am	\$1,643.10	\$ 385.30
Villa 11:00 am	\$1,638.91	\$1,142.50
Hispanic	\$ xxx	\$ xxx

Diocesan Schools \$ 200.00



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.

UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE
The Holy Family Youth Ministry is concerned about our unemployed youth. If you have been struggling to find employment, please contact our Youth Centre at 780-9688 and leave your information.

The Liturgy Committee is advised of a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10th January at 6:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please be on time.

The 4th Antigua Scout Group will resume group meetings from Monday 16th January, 2023 in the Pastoral Centre from 5:00 pm. Children and young adults between the ages 5 years to 25 years are welcome to join.

From the desk of Fr George Williams:

Dear brothers and Sisters,

We take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Jean Paul who is assigned to Holy Family Cathedral as Assistant Priest.

During his tenure at the Cathedral he will assume the following ministries:

To assist with the Catechetical Program
To assist with the Youth Ministry
To assist with School Masses
To provide spiritual guidance to the Legion of Mary
To be coordinator of the Diocesan Liturgy
And to be available for any other Pastoral duties as requested of him.

Deacon George Wacuma will be responsible for the Parish Liturgy Committee and other Liturgical matters as is requested of him. He will also be assigned to the Spanish Ministry.

Deacon Boniface will be assigned to St. William's Parish in Tortola from February to May.

We want to wish them all a blessed and fruitful ministry in the Diocese.

Fr. George
Administrator

Lectio Divina

Read: Isaiah speaks of nations, people, young and old drawing near to God. Paul assures the Ephesians that all who believe in Christ are welcome in God's kingdom. Matthew describes wise men from the East who come to Jerusalem looking for a king, finding that king in Jesus.

Pray: Lord, help me open my heart to your call to grow closer to you and to serve my brothers and sisters.

Act: Give thanks to God for the gifts he has given you and return them to him in generous service.

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.

Shawn Phillip, 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, Patrick Skerritt, Marion Warren, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Natalie Massicott, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Yvonne Watkins, Cosmas Rowe, Novelle Ford, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph.

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



This Sunday's Readings
8th January, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 9th Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6,7

Psalm 29: 1-5, 9-11

Acts 10: 34-38

Matthew 3: 13-17

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday 10th Hebrews 2:5 -12

Psalm 8: 2, 5-9

Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday 11th Hebrews 2 : 14 - 18

Psalm 105: 1-4, 6 - 9

Mark 1: 29 - 39

Thursday 12th Hebrews 3: 7-14

Psalm 95: 6 - 11

Mark 1: 40-45

Friday 13th Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11

Psalm 78: 3,4,6,7,8

Mark 2: 1-12

St. Hilary, bishop & doctor

Saturday 14th Hebrews 4: 12-16

Psalm 19: 8,9,10,15

Mark 2: 13-17

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Returning from exile in Babylon, the Jews make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The poet envisages all nations joining this pilgrimage to the light. God manifesting himself in Jesus Christ is a light shining in the darkness of the human condition. The Gentiles (non-Jews) responding to this revelation of God in Christ are symbolized by the Magi.

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

Paul stresses that God manifested himself in the Lord Jesus not only to the Jews but to all nations. The Gentiles (non-Jews) are now coheirs with the Jews, members of Christ's body and sharers of the divine promise. "God has called you out of darkness, with his wonderful light. May you be strong in faith, hope and love."

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS
TO ME:**

Yearning for self determination, the Jews were constantly expecting a Messiah (Anointed King), freedom fighter and redeemer from oppression. There was even a horoscope circulating, telling about his star and we can readily understand that a superstitious Herod might be upset by Magi. But rather than searching for the background material of this story we ask: Inspired by God, what does Matthew try to bring out by adding this legend to his Gospel, because that is God's word to you and me? Quoting Scripture, Matthew teaches Jesus is the ruler who is to shepherd God's people.. God's Epiphany (self-manifestation) in Jesus Christ is for all! All should join mankind's search for the Light of the World!

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Washington D.C., Jan 4, 2023 / 14:00 pm

In his teachings, Pope Benedict XVI "always unites charity and truth," said Chad Pecknold, a professor of theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., while reflecting on the impact of the late pope on EWTN News Nightly. To Pecknold, the hallmark of all Benedict XVI's theology is "that encounter with Jesus Christ [that] is divine charity." Calling to mind Benedict's final words before his death, Pecknold said Benedict "sums it up at the end of his life by saying, 'Jesus, I love you.'" Benedict "had a vision of how to communicate the love of Jesus Christ," said Pecknold, pointing out how from the beginning of his ministry "he focused on a Christo-centric way of looking at the whole world." After the Vatican announced the former pope's death on Dec. 31, Pecknold tweeted a tribute to Benedict and his legacy. He taught me to be a Catholic set against the dictatorship of relativism; he formed my piety, awakened me to the beauty, truth & perennial power of the ancient Mass. His life was principally a conversation with God — and we are beneficiaries of that." Those commentators who characterize Benedict as a cold "dogmatician" obscure the fact that "he's really the theologian of personal encounter with Jesus Christ — that's what he's about," Pecknold said. "The way in which the modern mind has been shaken by skepticism in which we're not really oriented to truth has been bad for people, has been bad for societies," Pecknold said. Yet, Benedict and his teachings "awakened us to our need for truth, but also our need for God, and that societies need God just like souls need God."

"Really at the bottom of everything in Benedict's writing was 'what is our fundamental orientation towards God? ... and how can we reflect that in our lives and in our societies?'" Pecknold added.

Benedict's teaching taught us "that we must raise up our worship, we must reorient our souls, so that we're not kind of chasing after fashion, but that we're oriented towards the God who is love," he said

" We saw the rising of his star in the East and have come to honor him."





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