



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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"Priority of Values"

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 30th JULY, 2023 - A

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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.

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.

The Marriage and Family Ministry will be organizing the following events:

The panel discussion for married or
engaged couples will be held on
August 25th. Time and venue to be
confirmed. 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.

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 will soon be available.

In keeping with the Synodal theme
Communion, Participation and
Mission, parishioners will be invited
to nominate persons who they wish
to serve on the Parish Council. The
nominations at each weekend Mass
will be held on the 1st weekend in
August and voting for the nominees
on the 3rd weekend in August. All
are asked to participate in this
participatory process.

SJA NOTICES

There is a vacancy at St. Joseph's
Academy to teach Mathematics at
the CSEC Level.

Suitably qualified applicants may
apply as soon as possible to the
Principal, St. Joseph's Academy
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There is a vacancy at St. Joseph's
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CKHS NOTICE

Applications are invited from
suitably qualified professionals to
fill the following teaching
positions: CSEC Mathematics,
Principles of Business and Visual
Arts-- substitute teacher-- at Christ
the King High School. Cover
letter and CV should be submitted
to christtheking268@gmail.com.
The deadline for submission is
Monday 31st July, 2023.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 23rd July, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$ 1,607.97	\$ 640.94
Sunday 7:00am	\$ 1,031.10	\$ 417.45
9:00 am	\$ 1,832.07	\$ 461.67
Parham	\$ 178.01	\$ 62.14
Potters 11:00 am	\$ 281.00	\$ 205.18
Villa 11:00 am	\$ 938.79	\$ 143.20
Donovans	\$ 191.85	\$ 104.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 120.00	

Thank you for your generosity



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.

The funeral Mass for Ms. Eugenie Olivet Lloyd will be held on Wednesday 2nd August at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May her soul Rest In Peace.

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 4611135

Preparation for the Christmas Dinner is already in progress. The committee has already secured 4 pigs, by way of donation, but will be in need of 10 pigs. Anyone willing to donate a pig can get in touch with Fr. George. This Christmas dinner is expected to be exceptional, so tickets will be on sale for **\$50.00** as of the month of August. Please note that there will be no ticket sale on the night of the dinner. Due to past experience we can only manage comfortably 700 patrons at the dinner. So please book your tickets early to avoid unavailability of tickets on the night of the dinner.

Parishioners are informed that due to a shortage of priests who are currently on vacation, there will be Communion service in most of the outstations on Sundays. Thank 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.

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, Marion Warren, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Natalie Massicott, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skeritt.



This Sunday's Readings
30th July, 2023

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 31st Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34

Psalm 106: 19-23

Matthew 13: 31-35

St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Tuesday 1st Exodus 33: 7-11; 34:5-9, 28

Psalm 103: 6-13

Matthew 13: 36-43

St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, bishop & doctor

Wednesday 2nd Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalm 99: 5-7 & 9s

Matthew 13: 44-46

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop / St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Thursday 3rd Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38

Psalm 84: 3-6, 8 & 11

Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday 4th Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37

Psalm 81: 3-6, 10-11

Matthew 13: 54-58

St. John Mary Vianney, priest

Saturday 5th Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8

Matthew 14: 1-12

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

In this tradition, King Solomon is pictured as looking upon wisdom, understanding of heart to judge people and to distinguish right from wrong, as the greatest value of life. The point (God's Word) for us is that we should do the same!

"God our Father and protector, without you... nothing has value Guide us to everlasting life by helping us to use wisely the blessings you have given to the world"

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

This passage teaches us that when we are depressed, we should be guided by the God-given understanding that God knows us from all eternity, that he loves us, that somehow he will make all things work together for the good of those who love him. Certainty concerning this point requires faith, that blend of human and divine wisdom that today's other Bible readings deal with! Pray: "God our Father, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, in the beauty of human life"

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Again, as on the last two Sundays, we have a Shorter and longer Form of Gospel reading. The Shorter Form, the two parables on the treasure and the pearl, suggests that the kingdom of God is the supreme value of life, well worth the sacrifice of everything else. This is the theme suggested by Solomon's appreciation of wisdom and understanding in the First Reading. Understanding in the area of priority of values is precious.

In our country there is no persecution of the Church as in Matthew's time. We are not required to sacrifice our physical lives for the kingdom of God. But in a society that is ever more doing away with values is of paramount importance and could require sacrifice especially from young Christians!

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

By Mark Howell-Paul

I recently had the opportunity to participate in The Conference of Theology in the Caribbean Today (CTCT) which was held in Grenada June 26-30.

While many think of Theology as simply an academic subject that is only studied by seminarians and priests and seemingly holds little value in our society, this Conference allowed me to see the richness of my Catholic faith, while also paying attention to the disturbing realities of the Church in our Caribbean region.

In all the panel discussions that were held throughout the week, one common theme of "Identity" seemed to resonate with me. Many excellent presentations were hosted around our faith experience as Caribbean people.

This allowed us to learn and delve into the history of our cultural faith expressions like the Patois Mass, which is often celebrated in the countryside of Paramin, and even some other religious practices that bear many similarities to that of Catholicism.

For many people, Christianity is seen as something foreign and contrary to our Caribbean culture. Those who follow Christianity are made to feel they are compromising their identity to follow what is termed, "the white man's religion."

It seemed quite apparent to me that there is a need for us to embrace our Caribbean identity for us to fully live and profess our faith in Christ as people of the Caribbean.

I am grateful to know that the Church is not blind to what is happening in our society. I am also equally grateful to have been part of the exceptional youth panel.

This theological conference was a wonderful experience and even though the formal discussions were ended, many of the conversations continued during the breaks at the lunch table.

While I am thankful for this experience, my hope is that many of the sharings of this Conference can be used in practical ways to help serve and evangelise the Caribbean church today.

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, hidden in a field."





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