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Holy Family Cathedral
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Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

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Donovans



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5th SUNDAY OF LENT - 26th March, 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

19th March, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,782.31	\$ 717.90

Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,743.20	\$ 441.33
9:00 am	\$2,381.88	\$ 853.45

Parham	\$ 338.35	\$ 97.50
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Potters 11:00 am	\$ 727.67	\$ 181.47
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Villa 11:00 am	\$1,378.52	\$ 404.17
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Diocesan Schools	\$ 75.00	
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Thank you for your generosity

**Palm Sunday - 2nd April ...7:00 am
9:00 am**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Parishioners are ask to take note of the
Triduum Liturgy at Holy Family
Cathedral.

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Last
Supper : 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross :
9:00 am: From Our Lady of Perpetual
Church Tyrells to Mount Tabour
Passion and Death of Our Lord: 3:00
pm**

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil : 10:00 pm
Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral
will be at 9:00 am Villa: 11:00 am, Potters
9:00 am , Parham : 9:00 am.**

Parishioners are informed that the
Chrism Mass will be held in St. Kitts
at the Co- Cathedral on Tuesday 28th
March, 2023.

A Brief Survey of the Biblical Word

Bible Study continues on 29th March.
Bible Study will be held in the
Pastoral Centre from 6:45 pm to 7:45
pm.

Parishioners are invited to the Festival
of Reconciliation on Saturday 1st
April from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Please make every effort to attend

**Our Annually Easter Family Beach
Gathering takes place on Easter
Monday at Small Fries from 10:00
am until. Each one bring one to
participate in Communion for
Mission.**

CATECHETICAL NOTICES

Youth Notice

St. Lwanga Youth Centre is now offering
assistance to CSEC and CAPE Students
doing their SBAs in Social Studies,
Geography, History, Biology and
Integrated Science. Please call the Youth
Centre to register and receive more
information.

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

: The children and young
people in the Catechetical Programme
have been encouraged during the Lenten
Season to bring non-perishable items
each week they attend sessions to add to
the Food Pantry Drive. During their last
session, before they break for Easter,
each group will prepare food packages
for families who are in need of some
assistance.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
(RCIA):** Adults and young adults who
have not been baptized, or Confirmed or
received their First Holy Communion and
persons wishing to become a member of
the Catholic Church are invited to register
for this programme. Please call the
Pastoral Centre at 560-2693.

**ENCOURAGING our CATHOLIC
BUSINESSES** or individuals, to give
young people that initial "experience" so
many companies are requesting. We
thank the businesses and individuals who
heard the plea, saw our vision, and have
given some of our youth an opportunity.
We invite you to call our St. Lwanga
Youth Center and help us help our youth.

**UNEMPLOYED YOUTH and
YOUNG ADULTS:** If you are
unemployed or know of other persons
seeking employment, you are invited to
register at the St. Lwanga Youth Center.
Call 780-9688 or send an email
to stlwangayouth22@gmail.com .



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.

Parishioners are advised that the following Synodality synthesis comes into effect in parish management for a five year period at the first instance. All are encouraged to be part of this new parish experience.

Theme for five Years Pastoral plan
“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes” (Is 54:2).

Sub- theme : January 2023 to January 2024

A call to Missionary Discipleship
(Pastoral Exhortation 2020
(Bishop Robert Llanos pastoral letter.)

Agenda

1. Formation and training on the concept of “A Call to Missionary Discipleship” Pastoral Exhortation 2020 by Bishop Robert Llanos.
2. Continued interactions among groups in the parish with reference to gender theory and ideology
3. A review of all existing groups in the parish with consideration to consensus adoption guided by Synodality synthesis
4. Liturgical Review (preparation of Sunday Masses and other devotions).

5. Catechetical program and its effects on faith development among the children and youth.
6. Youth Program (contents and applicability to current needs).
7. Hospitality (welcoming atmosphere in the parish – existing and improvement).
8. Home Visitation (visiting the sick, ministering spiritual needs).
- 9 Focus on the spiritual needs of men (special efforts to reach out to lapsed Catholic men).
10. Networking in the form of evangelization (reaching out to those who are on the periphery).
11. Formation of women network at the parish level (to include single women, a non-judgmental approach towards inclusion).
12. Implementation team formation towards fundraising activities.
13. Additional support for the ongoing feeding program and assistance in support resources for the newly refurbished St. Francis Home for the Poor.
14. Bible and faith formation studies

Holy Family Cathedral Parish presents:

PAN AND THE PASSION OF CHRIST. A Spirit filled outdoor event on the lawn (the east parking lot)
....**PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday 2nd April, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults
\$ 5.00 for children

Tickets can be purchased from:
Roti King on St. Mary's Street
Bella Espirit @Villa
Mr. Gilbert Laudat @HFC
Nicola Brown @ HFC
Jennifer Warrington @ HFC Saturday night
Pastoral Centre

Come and be enlightened. Come and be blessed.

GOOD FRIDAY MOVIE AT CARIBBEAN CINEMA more details next week.

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 Massicot, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Yvonne Watkins, Cosmas Rowe, Novelle Ford, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT:

The Confirmation candidates in the Diocese who will be confirmed this year will be traveling to Trinidad from July 2nd to 9th for their Retreat. Please pray for our young people and support the upcoming fundraising activities to assist with their travel expenses.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT & WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PORTUGAL: Please support the fundraising efforts to assist the Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed this year. They will join their peers in Trinidad from July 2 to 9. Also in July, seven persons along with their peers from the other islands i will be representing the Diocese at the World Youth Day in Portugal. Please pray for our young people and offer your support. Thank you.

This Sunday's Readings
26th March, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12 -14

Responsorial Psalm: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8 - 11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 27th Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17,19-30

Psalm 23: 1- 6

John 8: 1-11

Tuesday 28th Numbers 21: 4 - 9

Psalm 102: 2,3,16 - 21

John 8: 21-30

Wednesday 29th Daniel 3: 14-20, 91,92,95

Psalm 3: 52-56

John 8: 31-42

Thursday 30th Genesis 17: 3 -9

Psalm 105: 4 - 9

John 8: 51-59

Friday 31st Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm 18: 2 - 7

John 10: 31-42

Saturday 1st Ezekiel 37: 21-28

Jeremiah 31: 10-13

John 11: 45-56

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME:

Using the language of vision Ezekiel sees the Jews in exile to be as dead as the bones of dead men scattered on a battlefield. The Lord brings these bones back to life, and breathes a new spirit into them and resettles them upon their own land. The prophet refers to the exiles' return to their home country, where they will start a new life. Reapplied to us today, the message, God's word is: A Christian who is indifferent and/or disappointed by Church life, confused about changes, a person about to give up, is like those dry bones. God promises: "I will put my spirit in you that you may live." A Christian believes this and can pray. "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption".

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME:

Guided by God. Paul states that those who are "in the flesh", that is, those who look at life solely from the viewpoint of the flesh, get nowhere. But as a baptized Christians you are not "in the flesh," you are not your real self. You have not sufficiently died to your old self. The Spirit dwells in you. Let him animate you. The main point is that as a Christian you should respond to this internal power in you. Only then will you really be alive. Note that Paul uses "Spirit of God," "Spirit of Christ," "Spirit," and even "Christ" interchangeably. In each case the point is the divine indwelling seen as a principle of life.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME:

John relates Jesus' miracles as "signs," earthly realities that indicate a full reality to come. Inspired by God, what does John wish to indicate by relating this miracle of Jesus? We notice that the evangelist, places the Lazarus story just before the passion narrative. Significantly, he remarks: "From that day on they planned to kill (Jesus.)" This passage teaches: Jesus, calling himself the resurrection of human beings. "Just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes". John suggests that you should out your faith in Jesus as many Jews did when they witnessed the raising of Lazarus.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

The Second Vatican Council was a council of reform.

We see this in the speeches Popes [John XXIII](#) and [Paul VI](#) delivered at the beginning of the first and second periods of the council's work. The former spoke of *aggiornamento* ("updating"). The second spoke of *renovatio ecclesiae* ("ecclesial reform"). Even using an expression of Luther, the decree on ecumenism — *Unitatis redintegratio* — speaks of *ecclesia indiget reformation* ("church needing reformation").

The ecclesial form to which the conciliar reform aimed was described by one of the most brilliant minds of [Lumen gentium](#), Belgian Cardinal Leo Suenens. Shortly after the 1965 conclusion of the council, Suenens emphasized that the two richest elements of the ecclesiological renewal were the image of the People of God as a whole and the co-responsibility in the mission for all its members.

Deepening the spirit and the text of the council, the pontificate of Pope Francis initiates a new phase in the reception of Vatican II and recovers the conciliar image of an *Ecclesia semper reformanda* ("the church must always be reformed,") as he said [in a morning homily](#) at the Vatican's Santa Marta guesthouse on Nov. 9, 2013. Days later, in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Francis said it is not only about revising certain church structures, but a permanent process of ecclesial conversion rooted in the ecclesiology of the people of God.

Francis began his papacy amid a church that was beginning to be global and culturally polycentric, and was inaugurating a pontificate whose roots go back to the Latin American ecclesial experience. In fact, the notion that would shape his ideal of reform at the beginning of his pontificate would come from the reception of Vatican II by two general conferences of the Latin American Episcopal Council, commonly known as CELAM. The notion is pastoral conversion. Appearing first in [the text](#) from the 1992 CELAM conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, this notion called for a revision of "personal and community praxis, relationships of equality and authority, and structures and dynamics."

"The dead man came out, tied hand and foot."





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