



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

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Donovans



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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19th NOVEMBER, 2023 - A

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



### PASTORAL PROGRAM AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL PARISH

#### FEEDING PROGRAM - for the Shut-Ins and the Elderly, is ongoing-

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.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 1st December, 2023 from 7:00 pm. Parishioners are informed that tickets for the Christmas Dinner are available from the Pastoral Centre, Gilbert Laudat, Nichola Brown, Eutha Meade, Shyka Hannays, Potters : Mrs. Eudora Bird, and Villa: Bella Esprit. Tickets cost \$50.00.

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Parishioners are advised to purchase their dinner tickets now. Only a limited amount of tickets are available within the parish precinct. Please note that no tickets will be sold on the night. The Christmas Dinner menu will be: Suckling pigs, stewed pork, ham, turkey, chicken, Mahi Mahi fish, four different varieties of rice, macaroni and cheese, salad, tossed seasoned potatoes. A vegetarian menu will also be available.

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Parishioners are needed to assist with the following for the Christmas Dinner:

Decorations, Cleaning Crew, Serving, Ticket Sales, Entertainment, Security, Food Stalls and Electrical Work. Please give your name, number and area of interest to the Pastoral Centre or Nichola Browne and Shyka Hannays.

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The St. Francis Home will host a thanksgiving lunch for the needy, elderly and homeless. The date of the lunch will be announced. Please give the names to the Pastoral Centre.

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Dear parishioners, please write the names of your deceased family and friends in the book provided at the entrance of Holy Family Cathedral. There will be a commemorative Mass on Wednesday 29th November at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral and in Villa for all the deceased.

### HARVEST PRAYER

Lord and Bountiful Creator, giver of grains and seeds, of fruits and berries and all that grows from the earth, we thank You and we bless You for this year's harvest. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to the sun, which, together with rain, wind and earth, worked in harmony to produce this bountiful harvest.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the social outreach arm of the Roman Catholic Church is now accepting applications for part scholarships for the January 2024 semester from deserving students in pursuit of higher education or in pursuit of vocational skills training. Scholarships will range from EC\$1,000.00 – EC\$2,000.00.

The Society believes in the power of education to transform lives and to empower individuals to reach their full potential despite financial constraints. Please send your application to [ssvpsjb@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpsjb@gmail.com) by November 22, 2023 detailing the institution that you are attending, your course of study and your contact information. Your application must include reasons why you should be considered for financial assistance. Selection for scholarships will be based on academic merit, financial need and recommendations from your head of department or the principal or head of the institution.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Villa Conference will host a cake sale on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November after Mass. Kindly continue to support our outreach efforts in assisting the needy.

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Members of Liturgy Committee are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 21st November at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. All concerned are asked to be on time.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 5th November, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,548.89	\$ 652.77
Sunday	7:00 am \$1,228.75	\$ 445.60
	9:00 am \$3,160.78	\$ 622.49
Potters	\$ 490.00	\$ 135.00
Parham	\$ 519.95	\$ 110.00
Villa	\$ 620.30	\$ 230.00
Donovans	\$ 152.50	\$ 117.50
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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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**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.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY  
PRE – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
Drawing 8th December, 2023**

Each book is \$95.00 plus 2 free tickets  
Tickets are \$5.00 each  
Tickets are available from teachers, students and at the school's office.

Prizes:

1st Prize: One 82” LG UHD 4K Smart Television Ai ThinQ

2nd Prize: One Sony PlayStation 5 Spiderman Limited Edition. Bundle Console and Controller with Spiderman 2 and FIFA 23 Games.

3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Googles.

**St. Joseph’s Academy Adult Choir**  
Christmas Carol service practices began on *Saturday, November 18, 2023* at the school from *5:00pm to 6:30pm* and continue on Mondays from *6:00pm to 7:30pm*. All are invited to join us.

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**Advent is fast approaching. Do you have your Advent candles?** Purchase your Advent candles at the Book Shop in the Pastoral Centre. A pack of four candles is \$25.00 dollars.

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**The 2024 Bible Diaries are here!** Get your Bible Diary early. Only 40 diaries are available for sale at a cost of \$80.00. There are 5 Daily Gospel Books (2024) available at a cost of \$30.00.

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**The Bishop of St. John’s Basseterre,** the School Management Board and the Administration of Christ the King High School cordially invites you to the Eucharistic Celebration and the official launch of the 90th Anniversary of Christ the King High School on November 30th, 2023 at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral, Michael’s Mount.

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**Wednesday 22nd November is the Feast of St. Cecilia, Patron Saint of music and of Musicians.** All musicians to include choir members and instrumentalists are encouraged to come and celebrate at the 6pm Mass in the Cathedral.

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**Called to Missionary Discipleship ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT**  
SESSION 2: “Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother of God. ”Mt. Tabor, Saturday November 25, 11:00 AM – 3:00PM. Fee 25XCD  
Contact Sr. AnnIta at 771 7884 or Janice Anton at 728 7735

**Do You Have A Sick or Shut-In listed below? We need to update our Sick and Shut-In Listing with Address, Telephone and Contact person details. Please call the Pastoral Centre and give us that information.**

**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, Arnold Gomes, 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 Dyer, Patrick Skerritt, Aaron Ryner.

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**Lectio Divina**

**Read:** The first reading is part of a poem praising a “woman of worth,” a woman to be emulated by all. In his first Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul continues to prepare his readers for the second coming of Christ, encouraging them to remain prepared since Christ will come at an unknown day and hour. The Gospel recounts the parable of the talents in which the servants are judged by how well they use the resources their master left in their care.

**Pray:** Lord, help me to use my talents in your service.

**Act:** Take an honest inventory of how you are using your talents

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**19th November, 2023**

**First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13,  
19,20,30,31**

**Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those  
who fear the Lord,**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

**Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 20th 1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-  
43, 54-57, 62-63**

**Ps 119: 53,61,134,150,155,158**

**Luke 18: 35 -43**

**Tuesday 21st 2 Maccabees 6: 18-31**

**Psalm 3: 2-7**

**Luke 19: 1-10**

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Wednesday 22nd 2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31**

**Psalm 17: 1, 5,6,8,15**

**Luke 19: 11-28**

*St. Cecelia, virgin & martyr*

**Thursday 23rd 1 Maccabees 2: 15-29**

**Psalm 50: 1,2,5,6,14,15**

**Luke 19: 41-44**

*St. Clement I, pope & martyr/ St  
Columban, abbot*

**Friday 24th 1 Maccabees 4: 36,37, 52-59**

**1 Chr 29: 10-12**

**Luke 19: 45-48**

*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest &  
Companions, martyrs*

**Saturday 25th 1 Maccabees 6: 1-13**

**Psalm 9: 2,3,4,6,16,19**

**Luke 20: 27- 40**

*Blessed Virgin Mary/ St. Catherine of  
Alexandria virgin & martyr*

***“For to all those who have,  
more will be given, and  
they will have an  
abundance; but from those  
who are unproductive,  
even what they have will  
be taken from them.”***



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

This passage describes a gracious wife and mother, faithfully dedicated to her marital commitment. She practiced creative fidelity in the marital setting of her time and culture. Women of our time and culture may have a few different occupations, but God's word for today is: Be faithful to your marital commitment! "Creative fidelity" implies that my commitment will not again be put in question. "Give her a reward for her labors." The element of reward is there, but it should be kept in its proper perspective.

**WHAT THE SECOND READING  
SAYS TO ME**

Paul continues his reply to the Thessalonians concerning the parousia (final coming of Christ), whose beginning we read about last Sunday. His answer to them is also God's word to us. Do not be too inquisitive about details concerning the hereafter. They have simply not been revealed to us. It is a reward. This message is: Stay awake and sober.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO  
ME**

The parable, as Matthew relates it, refers to Jesus Christ who will come back to judge the Church. All members have made their baptismal commitment and renew it every year at Easter or whenever they are godparents at a baptism. Today, God's question to us is: Do we practice "creative fidelity"? Or do we put our commitment in question by lack of faith or courage? Notice that our baptismal commitment means acting within the framework of what is possible ("to each according to his ability"). Passivity is culpable, as in the case of the "wicked, lazy servant." Is creative fidelity to an active Christian life possible? Yes, but there must be love for our Lord, which the "lazy servant" did not have. ("I knew you were a demanding person.") Check yourself on "what I have failed to do".

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

The Synodal Church will be guided by the spirit of the age

Those who look at the still photograph have been saying "nothing has changed. The catastrophists were wrong. See, no women priests, no homosexual blessings, no change".

But the opposite is the case. The video tells a different story. One might begin any assessment by asking, if there is no change, what was the Synod all about? Why the cost, the enormous expenditure of effort? Was it really all to enable a couple of hundred hand-picked people the opportunity to self-soothe and engage in ecclesiastical group therapy?

Clearly not. *Instrumentum Laboris* offered a clear indication that a new kind of theological language was being used, and for a purpose: to facilitate the evolution into a new kind of Church. Salvation was replaced by politics and therapy. The Catholic journalist Jeanne Smits argued that evolution was the wrong term.

She said: "It's a revolution that's fundamentally abandoning the definition of the Church as the mystical body of Christ, in order to see it as ... a new Church."

For observers who have watched other ecclesial bodies over the last 50 years, the strategies employed by the proponents of the new synodality look very familiar.

It does all the more so when you add the trope "listening to, or in, the 'spirit'".

The Anglicans failed to define what they meant by the "spirit", in exactly the same way as members of the recent Synod bandied about the word as if it should deflect all criticism or save them from any further accountability of examination of what they meant by it.

The task of discernment was equally foreign to both Anglican and Catholic progressives. Traditional Christianity, on the other hand, has always placed considerable emphasis on being able to tell the difference between the different spirits.



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