



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral  
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Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

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*"Appreciation"*

**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8th OCTOBER, 2023 - A**

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



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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 1st October, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,107.20	\$ 867.42
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$2,531.32	\$ 325.86
9:00 am	\$2,314.31	\$ 514.56
Potters	\$ 585.00	\$ 129.00
Parham	\$ 835.25	\$ 203.80
Villa	\$ 787.48	\$ 413.64
Donovans	\$ 245.00	\$ 140.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 161.00	

**Thank you for your generosity**

**The next Marriage Preparation  
Classes** will take place on Saturday  
14th October at 9:30am in the Pastoral  
Centre. Couples planning to get  
married in the Catholic Church can  
pick up a registration form.

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The New Parish Council is made up  
of the following persons: Margaret  
Lousior, Arden Williams, Beverly  
Bedneau, Charmaine Donovan,  
Gilbert Laudat, Syle Durand, Efiyah  
Norbert.

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The newly elected members of the  
Parish Council are kindly asked to  
attend a meeting on Tuesday 17th  
October at 5:30 pm at the Pastoral  
Centre. Please make every effort to  
attend.

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The Charismatic Renewal Prayer  
Group takes this opportunity to thank  
all who joined us for our 46th  
Anniversary Celebration. We give  
God thanks for you and the blessings  
you received. We will meet on  
Wednesday 11th at 7pm in the  
Cathedral. Do feel free to join us. A  
warm welcome awaits you.

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Parishioners are advised that the  
priests will be on retreat from 9th  
October to 13th October. Please pray  
for them. There will be Communion  
Services during the week.

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**OLPH—Tyrells Annual Harvest  
Bazaar** will be held on Sunday 12th  
November immediately after Mass.  
Tickets cost **\$30.00** and can be  
obtained from Fr Peter or any member  
of the Tyrells committee or here at the  
Pastoral Centre.

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 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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### Called to Missionary Discipleship

The Catholicism-ALPHA Team invites  
you to attend Catholicism 201 – ALPHA  
in a Catholic Context-Course, which  
begins Saturday October 28, 2023 at  
11:00 am – 3:30pm. The course which  
consists of eight sessions continues on the  
fourth Saturday of each month. This  
course is based on Catholic teachings that  
will deepen your understanding of the  
Catholic faith and help you in carrying  
out your Call as a Missionary Disciple.  
Session 1: Church: One Holy Catholic  
and Apostolic. Other topics include:  
Mary and the Saints, The Sacraments,  
The Eucharist, and an Introduction to  
Christian Morality. The venue for the  
course is Mount Tabor Retreat Centre.  
Participants are asked to contribute  
25XCD per session towards the cost of  
renting the Centre. Snacks will be  
provided. For more information, please  
call Sr. AnnIta at 771 7884 or Janice  
Anton at 728 7735 .



## 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

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

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3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Google.

## Catechetical Notice

All Catechetical sessions will commence this week starting with Sunday School - October 8th after the 9:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. Monday Religious Education- October 9th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm; First Holy Communion Tuesday October 10th from 4:00pm to 5:15pm and the present Confirmation groups on Saturday October 14th from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. Parents who registered their children for the new confirmation group, are advised that this group will start at a later date and you will be notified.

## Lectio Divina

**Read:** Paul encourages the Philippians to keep their focus on what is holy, eliminating everything else from their minds, relying solely on God. Isaiah sings of a well-cultivated vineyard that failed to meet expectations, failing to bring forth an abundant yield. It is given over to weeds and wild animals. The vineyard in the Gospel does produce its yield of grapes, but the tenants are greedy and unwilling to give the owner his share even killing his son in order to take over ownership of the land. These greedy tenants come to a bad end.

**Reflect:** We often try to avoid the consequences of our actions. Consequences are not about vengeance but about restoration. They are not meant to punish us, but to rebuild and strengthen the relationships that our actions have damaged. We know that we have done wrong and hurt people, but we don't want to take responsibility for what we have done. That's one reason why people might avoid the Sacrament of Penance. This sacrament requires that we admit our faults, take responsibility for them, and accept the consequences in a penance that strives to restore damaged relationships. But that is the source of divine healing.

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**Act:** Examine your conscience and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

## 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 Dyier, Patrick Skeritt, Aaron Ryner.

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## World Mission Sunday - October 22, 2023

**Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for World Mission Sunday.** In two weeks, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories worldwide including our Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre. You can support in two ways - with fervent prayer and by contributing to the Mission Sunday Collection. The offering on World Mission Sunday is collected as a solidarity fund. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

## Study Sessions

Join us for Mission Month Study sessions on *Evangelization and Mission* on October 17 and 19, 2023 on Zoom.

Please check the website [diocesesjb.org](https://diocesesjb.org) for further details and for other events starting in World Mission Month, leading to the Feast of Christ the King.

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**8th October, 2023**

**First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7**

**Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9**

**Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 9th Jonah 1: 1-2, 11**

**Jonah 2: 3-5, 8**

**Luke 10: 25-37**

***St. Denis, bishop & martyr & Companions, St. John Leonardi, priest***

**Tuesday 10th Jonah 3: 1-10**

**Psalm 130: 1-4, 7,8**

**Luke 10: 38-42**

**Wednesday 11th Jonah 4: 1-11**

**Psalm 86: 3-6, 9,10**

**Luke 11: 1-4**

***St. John XXIII, pope***

**Thursday 12th Malachi 3: 13-20**

**Psalm 1: 1-4,6**

**Luke 11: 5-13**

**Friday 13th Joel 1: 13-15,; 2: 1-2**

**Psalm 9: 2,3,6,8,9,16**

**Luke 11: 15-26**

**Saturday 14th Joel 4: 12-21**

**Psalm 97: 1,2,5,6,11-12**

**Luke 11: 27-28**

***Blessed Virgin Mary/ St. Callistus I, pope & martyr***

**WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.** This is Isaiah's beautiful "song of the vineyard," written in the form of a ballad, a love song. Isaiah, calling God his friend, sees him in an affectionate relationship with his vineyard, the house of Israel, the chosen people, you and me. God has done whatever he could do. He cleared the vineyard of stones, made a wall around it (to keep the animals out), built a watchtower, and hewed out a winepress—and see what happened! Notice God's painful disappointment when people do not live up to what he expects them to be. The Responsorial Psalm is the prayer of a person who has made a shambles of his life. "A vine from Egypt" is God's people led out of bondage in Egypt. Apply this beautiful poetry to your own life!

**WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME** Paul has restlessly traveled and preached the Gospel. He loved those who have accepted the message. He cares for his children in the faith as all parents do for theirs. He is disappointed when the congregation he has founded do not live up to his expectations. Now from jail he writes: "Keep on doing what you have ... heard and seen in me." Do you remember your religious instructors of the past? Can they be proud of you?

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME:** In this parable, the vineyard is Israel. The tenant farmers are the Jewish religious leaders. The son is Jesus Christ, sent by the property owner (God) to get his share of the grapes. This son, God's envoy, is thrown out of the vineyard (Jerusalem) and killed. The point is the presumption of the tenants. They want to act like owners of the vineyard though they are just stewards. This parable marks the sharp dissension between the early Church and Judaism. Matthew's point is evident: Since Israel rejects Jesus as the Messiah, the Kingdom of God will be handed over to the Gentiles. God's word today may be: God's grace is offered to everyone. Do not disappoint this gracious giver. Make certain that God will not have to reject you.

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

By [Jonathan Liedl](#)

Vatican City, Oct 4, 2023 / 17:03 pm

On the opening day of the Synod on Synodality, a leading official of the process urged participants to read "the signs of the times" in order to "discover a grammar of synodality for our time."

Just like the grammar of our languages changes as they develop, so does the grammar of synodality: It changes with time," said Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, the relator general of the 16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in prepared remarks at the start of the afternoon session.

Discovering a new grammar of synodality, a term that means "journeying together," may be the stated goal of the synod, which will continue throughout the month and conclude with a final assembly in October 2024. But on its opening day, synod leaders also highlighted the many ways in which the current gathering breaks the mold of past Synods of Bishops.

Cardinal Mario Grech noted that, for "the first time," the inclusion of non-bishops in the synod, including "laymen and laywomen, religious men and women, deacons, and presbyters, who are no longer 'exceptions to the norm,' but full members of the assembly." Twenty-seven percent of the assembly's 365 voting members are non-bishops, including 54 women. Eighty or so nonvoting members, including experts and facilitators, are also participating in the process. No delegation could ever adequately represent the totality of the people of God, the subject of the "sensus fidei," or sense of the faithful, said Grech, who heads the Vatican office that organizes the Synod of Bishops. He also added that the synod could not be considered a "full representation" of the Church, because it did not include the full participation of the college of bishops, like in an ecumenical council. "But these sisters and brothers remind us by their very presence of the unity of the synodal process," the Maltese prelate said.

The unique setting and layout of the Synod of Synodality — which is being held not in the Synod Hall but in the larger Paul VI Audience Hall — was also a focus of opening remarks.

***"So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him."***







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