



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22nd OCTOBER, 2023 - A

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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.

Parishioners are invited to attend All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday 1st November at 8:00 am in the Cathedral. There will be no Mass at 6:00pm. All Souls' Day Mass on the 2nd November will be at 6:00 pm in the Cathedral and 6:00 pm in Villa. The blessing of the graves will take place at 4.00 pm.

St Anthony's—POTTERS will host their annual **TEA PARTY** on Thursday 9th November from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Proceeds are in aid of repairs to the church. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Potters Committee. Tickets cost \$20.00.

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.

Parishioners are advised to purchase their dinner tickets now. Only 300 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.

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.

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.

Mission Sunday 2023

Embrace the Pope's Missions with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday! Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism – to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and offerings will support missionary activities worldwide. St. John's-Basseterre is a missionary diocese. We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Bishop, Clergy, Religious and Consecrated Laity who minister in our diocese. Take the opportunity this week to say a special prayer for all our missionaries. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

The death is announced of Ms Pauline Lake of Crosbies. The funeral of Ms. Lake will be held on Wednesday 25th October at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May her soul Rest In Peace.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 15th October, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,369.98	\$ 838.00
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$1,084.80	\$ 227.50
9:00 am	\$1,559.04	\$ 410.90
Potters	\$ 335.00	\$ 85.00
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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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY PRE – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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3rd Prize: One Oculus Virtual Reality Googles.

OLPH—Tyrells Annual Harvest Bazaar will be held on Sunday 12th November from 1:00 pm Tickets cost **\$30.00** and can be obtained from Fr Peter or any member of the Tyrells committee or at the Pastoral Centre.

Lectio Divina

Read: The prophet Isaiah praises Cyrus, the king who brought the Israelites back from exile, as God's anointed leader. Paul and his companions greet the Thessalonians, applauding them for their steadfastness in faith and commending them to Go in prayer. In the Gospel, Jesus' opponents try to trap him, branding him as an enemy of Rome. But Jesus keeps the focus where it belongs—on God.

Reflect: In recent years, religious nationalism has become more prevalent in countries around the world. The hallmark of religious nationalism is a blurring of the boundaries between God and country. Proponents often believe that God has specially blessed their country, privileging it above other countries. Jesus response to the question about paying taxes to Caesar directly addresses the relationship between God and country. While we owe our nation loyalty and obedience to its just laws, we owe God all our love and trust. Only God can save us from death and that saving love recognizes no boundaries. When we confuse or conflate God and country we give neither their proper due. Even more, we divide ourselves from our brothers and sisters, all children of our loving Father.

Pray: Lord, help me to work for justice and peace.

Act: Read the front page of the newspaper and pray for the needs you see there.

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.

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 .

This Sunday's Readings
22nd October, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1- 6

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 23rd Romans 4: 20-25

Lk 1: 69-75

Luke 12: 13-21

St. John of Capistrano, priest

Tuesday 24th Romans 5: 12, 15, 17-21

Psalm 40: 7-10, 17

Luke 12: 35-38

St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Wednesday 25th Romans 6: 12-18

Psalm 124: 1-8

Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday 26th Romans 6: 19-23

Psalm 1: 1-4, 6

Luke 12: 49-53

Friday 27th Romans 7: 18-25

Psalm 119: 66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

Luke 12: 54-59

Saturday 28th Ephesians 2: 19-22

Psalm 19: 2-5

Luke 6: 12-16

Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude Thaddeus, Apostles

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME.

After Cyrus had defeated Babylon in 539 B.C. he became the new ruler of the Middle East. Though Cyrus, a pagan, did not know it, God used him as an instrument to give freedom to his captive people. "I [God] have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." The Hebrews paid tribute to the God of history who goes his own way to obtain his goals. "Say among the nations: The LORD is King; he governs the peoples with equity

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

This reading is from a letter that is the oldest New Testament document, written by Paul from Corinth (Greece) in 50 A.D. Paul had founded a congregation at Thessalonica and sent Timothy to check how these new converts were coming along. Paul was pleased because they were doing fine and wrote them this letter of appreciation.

Notice the characteristics that marked Christian life in Thessalonica: "work of faith" - "labor of love"—"endurance in hope of our Lord." God's word to your congregation and to you is that only if those three characteristics are present can your congregation (you) be like yeast in the dough and have an uplifting impact on your community

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The Pharisees of Jesus' time were against paying taxes to the Romans, but the Herodians (supporters of Herod, puppet king of the Romans) collaborated and paid taxes. Jesus goes beyond the question they asked him: Legitimate government has its rights, but God has his rights too. "Repay... to God what belongs to God." In case of conflict, we should obey God rather than humans.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

By Hannah Brockhaus

Vatican City, Oct 18, 2023 / 13:48 pm

The next stage of the Vatican's Synod on Synodality opened Wednesday with a call to focus on authority, decentralization, the co-responsibility of the laity, and concrete changes to the institutional Church.

Before beginning discussions Oct. 18, delegates were presented with a sweeping vision for the hierarchical Church in a theological exposition from Father Dario Vitali.

When we reach the consensus that the Church is constitutively synodal, we will have to rethink the whole Church, all the institutions, the whole life of the Church in a synodal sense," the Italian theologian said. Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP, also spoke about "new processes, institutions, and structures," and Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich asked what concrete changes the synod assembly can bring about for lay Catholics. "Big media" will evaluate the synod based on possible changes "on a very limited number of subjects," Hollerich told synod delegates as he introduced the next topic for discussion: "Participation, governance, and authority."

Instead, people in parishes and on pastoral councils, the relator general said Oct. 18, "are wondering what will change for them, how they will be able to concretely experience in their lives that missionary discipleship and co-responsibility on which we have reflected in our work."

Delegates to the Oct. 4-29 assembly of the Synod on Synodality began discussing the last part of the *Instrumentum Laboris*, or working document, on Wednesday afternoon.

Section B3 of the document says one of the priorities addressed during the continental stage of the synod was "the question of authority, its meaning, and the style of its exercise within a synodal Church."

"So give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's."





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