



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
Donovans



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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd SEPTEMBER, 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.

**The Marriage Enrichment
Weekend** will be held from October
6 - 8, 2023 at St James Club. Topic :
Grit and Grace of Marriage by Terri
and Andrew Lyke, 2 pioneers in the
marriage ministry since 1982. 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 are now available and can be
purchased from the following persons.
Jill Fernandez - 464- 5047
Karen Crawford- 764-7748
Manuella Henry - 770-6159
Stephane Harris-Burke - 789 - 6369
Pat Collins - 773-5319

St John's Catholic Hispanic Center Notice

The Hispanic Community will host a
Cultural Encounter on Friday 6th
October, 2023 from 6:30p.m. to 9:30
p.m. There will be music, dance,
songs, raffles, games and Lots of Food
and Drinks. **Ticket costs \$30.00** and
can be purchased from any member of
the Hispanic Committee, the Pastoral
Centre and Gilbert Laudat.

**The HFC Steel Orchestra resumes
its** practice sessions for beginners
on Saturday, September 9th and will
continue every Saturday at Holy
Family Cathedral. Practice will begin
at 12 noon and end at 1pm. Feel free
to contact 770-6719 for further
information.

**Parishioners are invited to the
10th Anniversary** of the
Episcopal Ordination of Most
Reverend Robert A. Llanos Holy
Mass (Feast of the Exaltation of
the Cross) on Thursday 14th
September, 2023 at 6:00 pm at
Holy Family Cathedral.

**Parishioners are also asked to
take note that there will be no
Mass in the morning at Holy
Family Cathedral and no Mass
in Villa on that day.**

**REGISTRATION FOR NEW
GROUPS is now OPEN** and ends
on September 15th 2023. Please
register at the Parish Office or
email catecheticsfhfc@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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is World Mission Month.
The theme is "Hearts on Fire, Feet
on the Move." (Luke 24:13-35)
inspired by the story of the
disciples on the way to Emmaus.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 13th August, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,484.16	\$ 883.54
Sunday	7:00am \$1,579.70	\$ 310.90
	9:00 am \$2,057.41	\$ 358.56
Potters	\$ 306.00	\$ 10.00
Parham	\$ 600.00	\$ 132.67
Villa	\$ 785.40	\$ 363.35
Donovans	\$ 168.00	\$ 107.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 172.00	

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.

Parishioners are informed of the following results of nominations for the Parish Council :

Holy Family Cathedral: 6:00 pm
Top votes : out of Eight nominated names the top two are Shyka Hannays : 26 votes . Syle Durand : 9 votes

Holy Family Cathedral: 7:00 am
Top votes: out of 10 nominated names the top two are Gilbert Laudat: 21 Ellis Southwell: 17

Holy Family Cathedral: 9:00 am
Top votes : Out of 15 nominated names the top two are : Charmaine Donovan : 25 and Kim Burdon : 15

Villa : Out of 6 nominated names the top two are : Efiar Norbert 10 and Manuella Henry: 8

Potters : Out of 3 Nominated names the top two are : Beverly Bedneau and Daisybelle Riley: 7

Donovans: Out of 2 Nominated names the top two are : Margaret Louisor 10 and Dereck Louisor: 6

Parham : Out of 6 nominated names the top two are : Arden Williams 13 and Janice Anton: 11

Please assess the nominees in preparation for voting for one person per Mass.

Voting will be on the third Weekend in September. Please note that this is an open process in ensuring the democratic way of selecting the Parish Council Nominees are free to decline to serve on the parish council. Please call the parish office to do so.

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 268 461-1135

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, John Willock, Arnold Gomes, Marion Warren, 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.

Catechetical Notices

Parents please note that ALL CATECHETICAL SESSIONS will commence in October. However, there will be meetings with all parents of the various groups before sessions start. For this Catechetical Year, PARENTS will be asked to be collaborators in their children's preparation and therefore will be invited to commit to being actively involved in the preparation and in the life of the parish. We look forward to this collaboration, commitment and cooperation.

CATECHISTS will be participating in ongoing formation sessions during the month of September which is Catechetical Month and September 17th is recognized as Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme suggested by the Antilles Episcopal Conference (AEC) Catechetical Commission is: **CATECHISTS: AGENTS OF A SYNODAL CHURCH**

This Sunday's Readings
3rd September, 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1 -2

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 4th 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Psalm 96: 1,3,4,5,11,12,13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday 5th 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11

Psalm 27: 1,4,13,14

Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday 6th Colossians 1: 1-8

Psalm 52: 10,11

Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 7th Colossians 1: 9-14

Psalm 98: 2-6

Luke 5: 1-11

Friday 8th Micah 5: 1-4

Psalm 13: 6

Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9th Colossians 1: 21-23

Psalm 54: 3,4,6,8

Luke 6: 1-5

Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Peter Claver, priest

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME. “You duped me, O Lord.” Jeremiah here uses the same word that the Law of Moses uses for the seduction of a virgin. This is daring language but it brings out clearly how Jeremiah sees himself in relation to God. And Jeremiah, most tender and loving, is so human. He would love to escape from that relationship of love with God. He would rather not be a prophet (spokesman for God) anymore. “I say to myself, ...I will speak in his (God’s) name no more.” But then he has to continue! Love is like a burning fire. But it can be painful. It requires sacrifice. “O God, you are my God whom I seek, for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts” . It is the prayer of a Christian who loves!

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul has been describing at length God’s great love for human beings shown in his sending his son Jesus Christ. Now he starts explaining Christian ethics as a response to that love. A life of love, a life pleasing the beloved (God) , implies denial of self. “Do not conform yourselves to this age,” i.e., the values advocated by a corrupt society and not compatible with the values of God!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Our Lord speaks clear language. God’s standards are not always the same as human standards. Love requires denial of self and by nature it is sometimes painful. Jeremiah was tempted to turn away from his mission in life. “I say to myself, ...I will speak in his name no more, “ and all of us can feel that same temptation in certain stages of our lives. A life of lasting commitment (renouncing a selfish life for God’s sake) , though leading to lasting happiness, is not easy. It is a challenge! “May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call..”

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

On August 5, 2023, during his apostolic journey to Portugal for World Youth Day, Pope Francis met with Jesuits at the Colégio de São João de Brito, a school run by the Society of Jesus. He arrived at 5 p.m. and was greeted by the provincial, Fr. Miguel Almeida. “Holy Father, dear Pope Francis, first of all we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time in such a full and busy schedule to be with us. Thank you for being with your brothers; we really feel we are all brothers.” He then briefly described the province. “Historically,” he said, “we are an ancient province; we have been expelled from Portugal three times and as many times we have returned. They say that weeds never die out... Maybe due to being expelled, we became a province short of money, and historically we have had a strong missionary character. And it seems to me that two things in particular are part of the identity of the province: first, creativity. Perhaps this is because we have had to adapt so many times. And secondly, our works are informal, small, but always close to the people. I think this is a characteristic of our pastoral work, and we consider it a great grace. We are just over 130 companions. Eighteen are not yet ordained, and as many have not yet made their final vows. There are almost 40 in formation. In the European context, we can thank God; we are really grateful to him.” He then presented the ministries of the Portuguese province: education, university pastoral work, parishes, social work, and engagement with the world of culture. He then spoke about how the Ignatian community and its many friends, colleagues and benefactors share the mission and are a grace for the province. Finally, he spoke about the Jesuits and the Jesuit communities. There is a good environment, but “it is true that some relationships among us have been strained. We have had some crises that have caused deep wounds in some of us. That is why I ask you to pray for us, because we are in a process of forgiveness and reconciliation, and it is not easy; we are all human.” The pope responded: Thank you for everything, but especially for the last thing you said, admitting that “Yes, there are problems here, too,” and so you gave a touch of reality. Otherwise it would have been a description of a museum, where everything is in order and placed on display. I thank you for that, for the realism. Thank you for being here. I am ready to dialogue with you.

“For whoever chooses to save his life will lose it, but the one who loses his life, for my sake, will find it”





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