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**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 2nd June, 2024 - B**

## 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  
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 advised that there  
are 6 more Bible Diaries available for  
sale at the cost of **\$45.00**.

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**The Marriage and Family Ministry's**  
Family Fun Soiree on June 7, 2024 has  
been **CANCELLED**. Apologies for any  
inconvenienced caused.

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**St Joseph's Academy** - Application  
Forms are now available at the school's  
office for students wishing to enter  
forms 2, 3 and 4 beginning in  
September. Interviews will begin on  
Monday, June 10th 2024.

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**On Father's Day** June 16th, both first  
and second collections will be collected  
for the Diocesan priests. A special  
envelope is being distributed. Please  
return these envelopes on Sunday 16th  
June, 2024.

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**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St.  
Joseph's Conference** invites you to its  
Annual Fathers' Day Lunch on June 16,  
2024 from 10:30 am - 12: 30 pm on the  
grounds of Holy Family Cathedral.

**Tickets cost \$25.00** each and can be  
purchased at the Pastoral Centre and  
from any of the following persons -  
Kate James, Benjamin Quinland,  
Hyacinth Matthew, Chakera West and  
Patricia Collins. Members of the  
conference look forward to your  
support.

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**The Parish Council Committee**  
members would like to thank all those  
who donated, contributed and in any  
way supported the Pentecost Sunday  
Fund Raising Activity. We are still  
collecting monies from the sale of  
tickets. A financial breakdown will be  
given early next month.

## Lectio Divina

**READ:** On the day when the Passover  
lamb was killed, the disciples asked  
Jesus where he would want them to  
celebrate the Passover meal. Jesus,  
sending two of his disciples, gave  
them instructions to go to the city.  
They were to follow a man carrying a  
jar of water to a certain house. They  
had to ask the owner of the house of  
the room where the Master and his  
disciples could eat the Passover meal.  
The disciples were to prepare the  
room which the owner of the house  
would show them. Everything  
happened as Jesus instructed. While  
they were eating, Jesus took the bread,  
blessed and broke it and gave it to  
them as his own body. Jesus also took  
the cup, gave thanks and passed it to  
them as his own blood.

**REFLECT:** Today we celebrate  
Corpus Christi. Today's Gospel  
narrates the Markan version of the  
Last Supper in the upper room. The  
Gospel narrative is straight forward  
and without any ambiguity. It clearly  
narrates Jesus' offering himself, as a  
perpetual sacrifice, during the  
institution of the Holy Eucharist. All  
the more do we have the reason not to  
get tired of the faith journey we have  
undertaken. We must not lose heart  
because God, through his Son's body  
and blood in the form of bread and  
wine, nourishes us while satisfying  
our spiritual hunger and thirst.

**PRAY:** Let us pray that Christ's Body  
and Blood will continue strengthening  
us in our faith journey.

**ACT:** Let us go to Mass, receive Holy  
Communion and do an act of kindness  
to someone after the Mass.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 26th May, 2024

|                    | 1st         | 2nd       |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cathedral Saturday | \$ 2,019.24 | \$ 680.00 |
| Sunday             |             |           |
| 7:00 am            | \$1,589.85  | \$ 428.75 |
| 9:00 am            | \$ 2,546.82 | \$ 529.12 |
| Potters            | \$ 50.00    | XXX       |
| Parham             | \$ 206.70   | \$ 95.00  |
| Villa              | \$ 333.35   | \$ 166.50 |
| Donovans           | \$ 117.05   | \$ 54.75  |
| Diocesan Schools   | \$ 97.00    |           |

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.

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### 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.** Amen.

Gillian Howie, Nelister Sebastian, Catherine Durand, Dion Thomas, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, David Morris, Gweneth Bryan, Shanla Carr, Arnold Gomes, 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 Skeritt, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer.

Today, Thursday 30th May 2024, His Eminence Cardinal Kelvin Felix has passed away. He was 91 years old born on February 15th 1933.

His primary education was the Roseau Boys School, followed by secondary education at the Dominica Grammar School. He then proceeded to study for the priesthood at the Regional Seminary of St. John Vianney in Trinidad and was ordained as a priest on April 8th 1956 in Dominica. He was the first diocesan priest and the first priest to be ordained in Dominica.

Cardinal Kelvin Felix retired in 2008 and returned to his homeland Dominica and served as parish Priest of Grandbay and later Soufriere. He spent his last moments in St. Lucia.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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### CATECHETICAL NOTICES

ST. LWANGA YOUTH CENTER presents BEST FEST 2.0. - July 8 - 12, 2024. Register Now for Our Exclusive Workshop for students in Secondary and Tertiary education. Build valuable skills, gain insights, and prepare for future opportunities. Unlock your potential and grow your capacity. This Workshop will be held from July 8 - 12, 2024 at the St. Lwanga Youth Center, Stapleton Lane - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fee - \$100.00. Click on the link to register or call the Youth Center at 780-9688. The first ten (10) registrants will receive a 10% discount.

Click the link to register <https://forms.gle/vWVKE7buuGhxXE1c8>

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**C O N F I R M A T I O N CELEBRATION:** We pray for the 27 young people who will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Sunday June 30th at 3:00pm. We pray for them, their sponsors and parents.

**The Feast of Corpus Christi** (Ecclesiastical Latin: *Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi*, lit. 'Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the Lord'), also known as the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**,<sup>[21]</sup> is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist; the feast is observed by the Latin Church, in addition to certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Maundy Thursday in a sombre atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood, and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Having recognized in 1264 the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, on input of Aquinas,<sup>[3]</sup> the pontiff, then living in Orvieto, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church.

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, "where the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day of obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day". At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome, where it begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and passes to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where it concludes with the aforementioned Benediction. Corpus Christi wreaths, which are made of flowers, are hung on the doors and windows of the Christian faithful, in addition to being erected in gardens and fields.<sup>[7]</sup>

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**2nd June, 2024**

**First Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8**  
**Responsorial Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-18**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15**  
**Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26**

***"Take this, it is my body"***



**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 3rd June**

2 Peter 1: 2-7  
Psalm 91: 1-2, 14-16  
Mark 12: 1-12

**St. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs**

**Tuesday 4th June**

2 Peter 3: 12-15, 17-18  
Psalm 90: 2-4, 10, 14, 16  
Mark 12: 13-17

**Wednesday 5th June**

2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12  
Psalm 123: 1-2  
Mark 12: 18-27

**St. Boniface, bishop & martyr**

**Thursday 6th June**

2 Timothy 2: 8-15  
Psalm 25: 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14  
Mark 12: 28-34  
**St Norbert, bishop**

**Friday 7th June**

Hosea 11: 1, 3-4, 8-9  
Isaiah 12: 2-6  
Ephesians 3: 8-12, 14-19  
John 19: 31-37

**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Saturday 8th June**

2 Timothy 4: 1-8  
Psalm 71: 8-9, 14-17, 22  
Luke 2: 41-51

**The Immaculate Heart of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**WHAT THE FIRST READING**  
**SAYS TO ME**

This reading points out how the early Christians understood Christ's death on the cross and the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, the Eucharist. The covenant (partnership of God and human beings) is ratified by a sacrifice, in this case young bulls that stand for human beings offered to God. According to the ancients, blood is the seat of life. Moses splashes half of the blood on the altar, symbol of God, and sprinkles the other half on the people, who promise to be faithful to the covenant. "This is the blood of the covenant." The New Testament sees God's people as a "New Israel," related to God in a new covenant, new partnership. Be aware that you are God's partner! "God and Children." And your task is to establish God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace on this planet, in yourself, and in those for whom you are responsible. We Christians celebrate our partnership-relation with God whenever we partake in the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross at which he shed his blood and ratified the new covenant between God and humankind.

**WHAT THE SECOND READING**  
**SAYS TO ME**

The sacred author sees our Lord shedding his blood on the cross as a high priest offering God a sacrifice of atonement similar to that of the First Reading. Christians of Jewish background were familiar with the activities of the Jewish high priest in the temple of Jerusalem, who entered the sanctuary to sprinkle blood, as Moses did, to ratify the covenant. Jesus on the cross is a high priest. He sheds, however, not the blood of goats and bulls, but his own blood to ratify a new covenant of God with "a New Israel," God's people, the Church. Be aware of your beautiful relationship with God, made possible by our Lord shedding his blood in atonement for our sins.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

The Lord's Supper is a Christian Passover Sacrifice and Sacrificial Repast. It is an anticipated memorial of the Lord's sacrificial death on the cross, and we repeat it time and again "in memory." Our Lord's blood was shed in atonement, to ratify a new covenant between God and humankind. "This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant." When you partake in the memorial of Christ's death, make his body and blood present in the signs of bread and wine a token of your self-surrender to God. As you partake of the Sacrificial Repast, Holy Communion, let it be a real encounter, a growing oneness of mind with our Lord. "In memory of his [Christ's] death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ".

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

Sacrofano (Agenzia Fides) - The mission of the Church is to 'go out' into the main roads of the world and 'invite' to the feast whomever you find. The Pontifical Mission Societies are also called to show through their own initiatives and institutions, that the life promised by Jesus is like an "inviting and attractive" banquet, especially when in various parts of the world many do not seem interested even in listening to the promise of the Gospel, said Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, on Monday afternoon, May 27, during the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies, which is taking place at the Fraterna Domus in Sacrofano, near Rome. Cardinal Tagle's "impromptu" speech was inspired by the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet of the king's son already recalled in Pope Francis' message for World Mission Day 2024 (see Fides, 2/2/2024).

An "inviting" banquet  
The king - as Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew - had sent his servants to go out and call the guests to his son's wedding, but the guests did not want to come. Some of them had even insulted the servants and killed some of them. The king therefore ordered the servants to go out again and invite everyone they met to the wedding. The Church - commented Cardinal Tagle, citing recurring expressions from the teachings of Pope Francis - is called to go out to "invite people to the banquet. One should invite, not force, not compel people to come. "Our preaching, our prayer, our sacramental life, our work of charity, our relationships, our witness, all of this must be an invitation addressed to all people," said the Cardinal. The banquet to which everyone is invited - continued the Pro-Prefect of the Missionary Dicastery - must be presented as "something inviting, attractive". Pope Benedict XVI - recalled Cardinal Tagle - repeated many times "that faith grows through attraction and not through coercion. My question is: Do we present the Gospel as God's feast with humanity? Do we present the banquet as attractive?". In this regard, the Cardinal shared with the Assembly eloquent episodes taken from his experience as a pastor: "When I was still bishop in Manila, a very brilliant and courageous woman told me: 'Your Eminence, I go to Mass every day and there the Gospel of the Good News should be proclaimed.





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