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**Holy Trinity Sunday, 26th May, 2024 - B**

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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 **\$50.00**.

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**The Rosary** will be prayed on Thursday 30th May at 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Fátima Shrine instead of on Wednesday 29th May.

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With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Fr Kevin O'Toole svd on Tuesday morning in London. He was 95 and was in the 70th year of his priestly service. After many years of mission to India, he served the people and bishop of this diocese faithfully for many decades and was vital in forging a church in the spirit of Vatican II. He wore his learning lightly always willing and ready to share his encyclopedic knowledge with all, always with charity and often with his own exquisite sense of humour. He was Administrator of the parish during the difficult years of the construction of this Cathedral but resigned promptly upon its completion so that a diocesan priest, Fr Edward Lawlor would be the first Administrator of the new Cathedral and parish, a people whose growth in the history and treasures of church teaching he enabled and encouraged. With Bishop Reece, he worked tirelessly to enculturate the sacred liturgy into West Indian culture. The first of the three Synods he directed proudly proclaimed "We are Church, Catholic and Caribbean". We thank our gracious God for the marvelous witness of his unselfish service, for the example of his living and sharing the faith we profess, for his leadership, his loyalty and his love. We extend our prayerful condolences to his SVD and Holy Spirit congregations. His was the voice that sounded the Word in season and out of season. May his soul Rest In Endless Light.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI** will be celebrated next Sunday (2nd June, 2024) at 9:00 am with ONE PARISH Mass. All Leaders of the respective groups are reminded to get their banners ready for the witness procession after Mass.

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**Fr. George** would like to thank all those who supported and contributed to the success of the beach lime. We look forward to your continued support of St. Francis Home and soon the ongoing completion of the Donavans Church.

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**Fr. George** will celebrate **twenty years of priestly Ordination** on Friday 31st May, 2024 the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. He wants to express thanks to Archbishop Reece Emeritus for ordaining him, along with Fr. Kevin O'Toole who unfortunately died on Tuesday and Pat Ho for her recommendations in support of his ordination.

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**The Marriage and Family Ministry** is organizing a Family Fun Soiree on June 7, 2024, at the Upper Car Park, on the grounds of Holy Family Cathedral. Come and enjoy an evening of music, food and drink. Food and drinks will be on sale! Cost \$25.00 for BBQ Chicken/Pork/Fish Meal.

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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.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 19th May, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,899.87	\$1,044.93
Sunday		
7:00 am	XXX	XXX
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Villa	XXX	XXX
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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 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 Dyier, Patrick Skerritt, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer.

## Lectio Divina

**READ:** The eleven apostles went to Galilee. They went to the mountain Jesus told them to go. There, they met Jesus. When they saw Jesus, the disciples bowed down before him. There were some who doubted. Jesus told them that all authority has already been given to him. He instructed them to go and make disciples of all nations. Furthermore, he instructed them to baptize all the nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were also mandated to teach the people all that Jesus had commanded them. Then he gave them the assurance that he, Jesus, would be with them until the end of the age.

**REFLECT:** Today's Gospel tells of the Great Commissioning, which mentions the three divine Persons of the Holy Trinity. It ends with Jesus' assurance that he is with us until the end of the age. The Greek verb used is in the present tense, "I am" (cf. eimi). Verse 20 presents itself as the closing narrative frame together with the opening narrative frame found in Matthew 1:23 on "God-with-us." The entire Gospel of Matthew opens and closes with a message that conveys the assurance that God is always with us, relating with us. The Triune God is forever with us and always wills to relate with us.

**PRAY:** Let us pray that the Triune God grant us the grace to make better our relationships.

**ACT:** Let us take the initiative of restoring a broken relationship with someone.

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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 - \$25.00 (on sale from May 26). We look forward to your ongoing support.

**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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### Chancery Closure

The Chancery will be closed for business from Friday, May 24 until Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Regular business hours resume on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

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**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION:** We pray for the twenty-one (21) children who are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time today. We pray that their lives will be transformed and their witness will be a blessing to their families and the community. They are: Aiden Osborne, Ann-Mary Shinse, Chidi Ochasi, Creed Scotland, Eli Walsh, Godwyn Roberts, Jeremiah Hughes, Kaiya Casimir, Lllamar Thomas, London Charles, Malacaii Martin, Massiah Massicot, Milan Browne, Noah Lake, Nyanna Joseph, Sakeri Joseph, Sameer Barton, Saniyah Barthley, Shatoya Kendall, William Green, Ziva Oliver.

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**ST. LWANGA YOUTH CENTER** presents BEST FEST 2.0. - July 8 - 12, 2024. This is the second of its kind for Secondary School Students and those transitioning to Tertiary Education. Sessions will include: Stress Management, tips on selecting your career choice, identifying and creating your personal brand, developing your communication skills, ways to manage your social media time and school work.... This is the workshop that will help you prepare for the next school year and beyond. Registration opens on June 5th 2024.

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The Feast of Corpus Christi, **festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.** A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries, the Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries.

## **This Sunday's Readings**

**26th May, 2024**

### ***First Reading:***

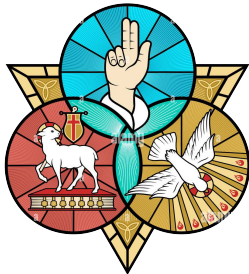
*Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40*

***Responsorial Psalm 33: 4-5, 6, 18-20, 22***

***Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17***

***Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20***

***"Baptize them in the name of the Father  
and of the Holy Spirit."***



### **Readings for Monday to Saturday**

#### **Monday 27th May**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 111: 1-2, 5-6, 9-10

Mark 10: 17-27

**St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop**

#### **Tuesday 28th May**

1 Peter 1: 10-16

Psalm 98: 1-4

Mark 10: 28-31

#### **Wednesday 29th May**

1 Peter 1: 18-25

Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20

Mark 10: 32-45

**St. Paul VI, pope**

#### **Thursday 30th May**

1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12

Psalm 100: 2-5

Mark 10: 46-52

#### **Friday 31st May**

Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Or Romans 12: 9-16

Is 12: 2-6

Luke 1: 39-59

**Feast of Visitation of the blessed Virgin**

**Mary**

#### **Saturday 1st June**

Jude 17, 20-25

Psalm 63: 2-6

Mark 11: 27-33

**St. Justin, Martyr**

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

*Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40*

We learn from this reading how the Hebrews experienced God. It is their great contribution that, inspired by God, they experienced him as one. In the beginning, they believed that other nations could have their gods, as is still reflected in this passage ("or did any god venture?"), but gradually the Hebrews became aware that their God was the greatest and finally the only one, the creator of heaven and earth.

The Old Testament did not know about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is a New Testament revelation. However, there is a triple aspect in the experience of this passage: (1) God in himself, immanent ("on earth below") and transcendent ("in the heavens above"), (2) revealing himself ("speaking from the midst of fire": Ex 3:2-3), and (3) creating a response in the hearts of the faithful ("keep his statutes"). How do you experience God in your life? It should be an experience in which you are involved like that of the author of the Responsorial Psalm.

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

*Romans 8: 14-17*

Paul stresses the difference between a slave and a son, as related to the master of the household. We are related to God as his adopted children. Notice how, in a few lines, Paul expresses an experience of total involvement in the triune God. It should be our approach as well. Our knowledge of God should be an experience in which we are totally involved.

## **WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

*Matthew 28: 16-20*

In Biblical thought, discipleship does not mean merely following and learning from a teacher; rather it is seen as establishing a strong person-to-person relationship. It involves faith in the teacher. And, as we learn from this passage, this faith is sealed by baptism. By immersion into the water, the candidate is initiated into the family of believers, intimately related to Jesus, to his Father, with whom he is one, and to the Spirit, who proceeds from both.

## **KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

By Natalia Zimbrão

ACI Digital, May 21, 2024 / 06:00 am

"I believe there is no greater wealth for parents than having sons who are priests, because the priest, especially when he administers the sacraments, is Jesus in them. It's something very sacred," said Eliete Dahan dos Santos, 79, mother of twin priests Wallace and Wellington Dahan dos Santos of the Archdiocese of Niterói in Brazil.

"People say: 'Can my son be a priest?' They are very happy if that happens with other people's sons but not with their own. They want them to be doctors, lawyers, people with a lot of power," continued Eliete, who said that "it's a great gift from God" to have sons who are priests.

"I find myself within a great mystery, a very visible love of God for my family," she said. The twin priests Wallace and Wellington, 51, were born in Cabo Frio in the state of Rio de Janeiro, where their mother, Eliete, still lives today. They also have an older brother, Jennerson Dahan dos Santos, who is married and has a daughter.

"I had a personal encounter with Jesus and I haven't stopped," she said. She was also a catechist for 20 years and was the one who prepared her sons, both future priests, for first Communion.

Seeing her twin sons priests and also her other son married and living with his family in a faithful, Catholic way is the most delicious fruit of her Christian journey, she said.

"I think we parents should do this, guide them with the presence of God in our lives. That's what I did in my children's lives," Eliete reflected.

Eliete also said that the family would attend Masses and have moments of prayer together. "We did novenas; when there weren't any at church we did them at home. It wasn't always possible to have our prayer life together, due to schedules, but when there was a possibility, we were together in our conversations, at meals, sharing our faith," she said.





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