



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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"Two Loves Not To Be Separated"

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd NOVEMBER, 2024 - B

THE CATHEDRAL BOOK STORE IS LOCATED IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE.



St. Joseph's Academy Choir

The Administration invites you to join the Academy's Christmas Adult Choir in preparation for our Carol Service. Starting on November 6th, practices will be held every Wednesday at the school beginning at 7:00 pm.

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL YOUTH MINISTRY announces the reintroduction of **Friday Youth Nights** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at St. Lwanga Youth Centre. The first session will be on **Friday 15th November** - for young people 13 to 18 years. Parents are encouraged to bring/send their young people to become active in youth ministry.

St. Anthony's R C Church invites you to its annual **TEA PARTY** on **Saturday 16th November, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** Tickets cost \$20.00 and can be purchased from any member of the Potters Committee or at the Pastoral Centre.

Christ the King High School will be hosting a Gala Dinner on **November 23, 2024** to close off the celebrations marking its **90th foundation anniversary.** The Gala will be held at the Sandals Grande Resort and Spa, Antigua. The ticket cost **ECD \$270.00** and is available from Christ the King High School, Fr. Pierre, Exotic Antigua, Party Paradise and the Pastoral Centre.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (24th November, 2024): We end the Liturgical Year on this significant Feast Day. It is also the date promulgated by the Holy Father for World Youth Day to be celebrated locally and worldwide. This year's theme is **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary"** Is. 40:31. There will be activities for all youth, young adults, and the young at heart. T-shirts will be on sale to be worn on this day. More information in the following weeks.

BAZAAR - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Annual Harvest Bazaar will be held on **Sunday 17th November, 2024** from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. **Please Save the Date.** Tickets for this fundraiser cost **\$30.00** and can be purchased at HFC Pastoral Centre or any Bazaar committee members.

There is a promise of marriage between **MICHAEL HENRY** of Mt Pleasant and **RICKISHA TERRY** of Lightfoot. Anyone knowing of any reason why this couple should not be married in the Catholic Church should contact one of the priests.

The **CHRISTMAS DINNER** is on! Please save the date. **Saturday 14th December 2024**, Holy Family Cathedral grounds from **6:30 p.m.** It's an evening with a difference: **BINGO, ENTERTAINMENT**, lots to eat and drink. For the success of this parish fundraiser, all parishioners are invited to be part of this event through your monetary contribution which will assist with the pre-planning. For ease and convenience, your contribution can be sent via Christmas dinner envelopes, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - ACB Caribbean #972-103-142-6, or cheques or cash can be brought to the Pastoral Centre. Cheques are to be made payable to Holy Family Cathedral.

Official Visit of the Diplomatic Representative of the Holy See

The Most Rev Robert A. Llanos, Bishop of the Diocese of St John's-Basseterre, is pleased to announce the official visit of His Excellency, Archbishop Santiago De Wit Guzmán, the Apostolic Nuncio and Ambassador of the Holy See, from November 13 to 17, 2024. During his visit, Archbishop Guzmán will present his credentials to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

As part of his visit, Archbishop Guzmán will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the Catholic Community on Sunday, November 17th, at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Family Cathedral. In light of this special occasion, there will be only two Masses held at Holy Family Cathedral that weekend: one on Saturday, November 16th, at 6:00 p.m., and the other on Sunday, November 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Please note that there will be **NO** Masses at the Outstations this weekend.

Please bring your family and friends and join us in welcoming His Excellency, Archbishop Santiago De Wit Guzmán, to Antigua and Barbuda.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 27th October, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,631.55	\$ 663.15
Sunday		
7:00 am	XXX	XXX
9:00 am	\$3,250.99	\$ 930.60
Potters	XXX	XXX
Parham	XXX	XXX
Villa	XXX	XXX
Donovans	\$ 414.30	\$ 518.60
Diocesan Schools	\$ 140.00	

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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 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, Catherine Durand, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, Gweneth Bryan, Shanla Carr, Arnold Gomes, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer, Jean Mathurin.

The 6th Mission Congress of the Americas (CAM6) - Puerto Rico

***Dates:** November 19-24, 2024.

***Theme:** *"America, with the power of the Spirit, witnesses for Christ!"*

***Venue:** Catholic Pontifical University of Puerto Rico in the city of Ponce.

***Board, lodging, and congress fee:** USD \$150 per congress participant; all-inclusive.

Please see the Diocese's website for further information – diocesesjb.org.

Theme: No value in human life has been sung about so much as love. Poems, songs and novels of all literatures of the globe deal with it endlessly. Almost no motion picture leaves it unmentioned. Jokes caricature it, wise sayings try to define what love really is, and suicide/murder quite often follows upon the failure of love. Hebrew literature, that is, the Bible, is no exception. It deals often with love, but relates it constantly to its deepest root, love of God.

Especially in the awareness of the New Testament writers, love of God and neighbor cannot be separated. "Whoever loves God must also love his brother". Any attempt to separate these two loves is bound to fail in Christians' experience. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar. And the other way around, loving the brother, but not paying enough attention to God in prayer and worship, results in failure as well. Many a social worker has tried to love God mainly or only "horizontally" (i.e., in the brother or sister). Usually this does not last long. When frustrations undo our best efforts to love others, love of God is needed to keep going.

Today's first reading and Gospel deal with this issue. Do you balance your love for God and neighbor in such a way that it is lasting?

LECTIO DIVINA



READ: A teacher of the law was listening while Jesus was discussing with the Sadducees on the issue of the resurrection. He asked Jesus which commandment was the first of all. Jesus told him that the first is to love God with one's whole heart, whole soul, whole mind and whole strength. Jesus also told him that the second is to love one's neighbor as one's self. The teacher of the law commended Jesus, reaffirming Jesus' answer. He told Jesus that to fulfill these two commandments is more important than any burnt offering. Jesus commended the teacher of the law in return, telling him that he is not far from God's kingdom.

REFLECT: In the preceding passage (cf. Mk 12:18-27), Jesus discussed the reality of the resurrection with the Sadducees. Today's Gospel tells of the first two greatest commandments - the love of God and the love of neighbor. The teacher of the law remarked that the love of God and of neighbor is more important than any religious sacrifice. Jesus told the teacher of the law that he is no longer far from God's kingdom. Thus, our nearness to God's kingdom is determined not by our ritualistic religious expressions but by our exercise of the first two inseparable commandments: the love of God and neighbor.

PRAY: Let us pray for the grace that the love of God we profess may truly be mirrored in the way we treat our neighbors.

ACT: Take part or volunteer your time in community or charity events.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Responsorial Psalm: 18: 2-4, 47, 51

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

"To Love Him With All Our Heart, With All Our Understanding, & With All our Strength"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 4th November

Philippians 2: 1-4

Psalm 131: 1-3

Luke 14: 12-14

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

Tuesday 5th November

Philippians 2: 5-11

Psalm 22: 26-32

Luke 14: 15-24

Wednesday 6th November

Philippians 2: 12-18

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14

Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday 7th November

Philippians 3: 3-8

Psalm 105: 2-7

Luke 15: 1-10

Friday 8th November

Philippians 3:17— 4:1

Psalm 122:1-5

Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday 9th November

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17

John 2: 13-22

*Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica in Rome*

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The Hebrews saw themselves as related to God in a sacred partnership, called covenant. God had chosen them to be his partners. In this passage, Moses emphasizes their part of the deal: Fear the Lord (meaning pay filial respect to...) and keep his commandments. In the second part of this passage, we have the so-called "Shema, Israel-Hear, O Israel." It is the daily Jewish prayer. This passage mentions only love of God. One may miss reference to love of the neighbor. It is found in Leviticus 19:18. In today's Gospel Jesus refers to both. Clear awareness that both loves are closely interrelated is a New Testament awareness. "I love you, Lord, my strength".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The attempt to explain what Jesus means to us with reference to the functions of the Jewish high priests in the Jerusalem temple is a very fecund one. Christians of Jewish origin to whom this Letter was addressed understood clearly what the author was talking about. The condition for us to savor this comparison is that we be acquainted with our Bible by regularly reading it. On the altar of the cross our Lord offered himself once and for all as a sacrificial lamb to God. Hence, there is no need to offer new sacrifices day after day as formerly was done in the temple of Jerusalem. In the Eucharistic celebration, Jesus' sacrificial intercession in heaven is made present. Make it a symbol of your love for God and neighbor .

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The scribe states: "[Love for God and neighbor) is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." This is a Jewish hyperbolic (exaggerated) saying for: "Sacrifices that are routine and void forms have no value." Isaiah makes the same kind of strong statement (Is 1:13). The meaning is that formalism and void symbols in religion are worthless. The conclusion, however, is not: "Stop praying and worshipping!" Rather the clear lesson is: "Love God in your neighbor and show him/her your love directly in meaningful prayer and worship!" Do both and your love will be lasting.

Saint of the Day - 4th November St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

Charles Borromeo (Italian: Carlo Borromeo; Latin: Carolus Borromeus; 2 October 1538 – 3 November 1584) was the Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and a cardinal of the Catholic Church. He was a leading figure of the Counter-Reformation combat against the Protestant Reformation together with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri. In that role he was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He is honoured as a saint by the Catholic Church, with a feast day on 4 November.

Borromeo was a descendant of nobility; the Borromeo family was one of the most ancient and wealthy in Lombardy, made famous by several notable men, both in the church and state. The family coat of arms included the Borromeo rings, which are sometimes taken to symbolize the Holy Trinity. Borromeo's father Gilbert was Count of Arona. His mother Margaret was a member of the Milan branch of the House of Medici. The second son in a family of six children, he was born in the castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore 36 miles from Milan on 2 October 1538.

Borromeo received the tonsure when he was about twelve years old. At this time his paternal uncle Giulio Cesare Borromeo turned over to him the income from the rich Benedictine abbey of Sts. Gratinian and Felin, one of the ancient perquisites of the family. Borromeo made plain to his father that all revenues from the abbey beyond what was required to prepare him for a career in the church belonged to the poor and could not be applied to secular use. The young man attended the University of Pavia, where he applied himself to the study of civil and canon law. Due to a slight speech impediment, he was regarded as slow but his thoroughness and industry meant that he made rapid progress. In 1554 his father died, and although he had an elder brother, Count Federico, he was requested by the family to take the management of their domestic affairs. After a time, he resumed his studies, and on 6 December 1559, he earned a doctorate in canon and civil law.



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