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Parishioners are advised that our annual Harvest Mass will not be celebrated this year. We will plan earlier for this celebration next year.

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CATHEDRAL SATURDAY	\$1,786.33	\$ 479.86
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St. Anthony's RC 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.

NEW CONFIRMATION GROUP NOTICE: Parents who registered their children for the new Confirmation Group are invited to a very important meeting on Monday 18th November at 5:00 p.m. in 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.

Holy Family Cathedral Dance Group is recruiting members to join this ministry. Interested persons are asked to contact Daniel Charles at 721 -0368.

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 annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held on Saturday **14th December 2024** on Holy Family Cathedral grounds from **6:30 pm to 9:30pm**. It will be 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. Tickets cost **\$50.00**.

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.

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 Dyer, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer, Jean Mathurin.

On Wednesday 20th November, there will be an installation Mass to the ministries of Acolyte and Lector for Mr. Churchill Nobert at 6:00pm. This is in preparation for his diaconate ordination. Further details of the ordination will be given in a subsequent announcement.

St. Joseph's Academy Choir

The Administration invites you to join the Academy's Christmas Adult Choir in preparation for our Carol Service. Practice continues every Wednesday at the school at 7:00 pm.

A BIG THANK YOU on behalf of the families who will benefit from the generous donation of non-perishable items during the Mission Month Drive. The Catechetical & Youth Ministry would like to say a grateful thank you for the support from the community, the children, young people and their parents. The young people sorted and packaged 28 food bags for needy families. There are a few bags remaining. If you know of someone or a family who can benefit, please call the parish office. Thank you.

CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE (WYD)

We end the Liturgical Year on this significant Feast Day of Christ the King, 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. Our sub theme is **"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"** Some of the activities: Wednesday 20th—Social Media Day, and Sunday 24th all young people in our Diocese are encouraged to wear GREEN to Mass and they will receive a special blessing and mandate. Sunday afternoon the young people of both parishes will meet at Tyrells for a Scavenger Hunt from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. T-shirts will be on sale.

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May God continue to bless your generosity.

LECTIO DIVINA



READ: While teaching, Jesus gave his warning about the teachers of the law. The teachers of the law would always want recognition. While pretending to be prayerful, they would devour the houses of the widows. Jesus also warned the teachers of the law themselves of the judgment they would receive. Afterwards, Jesus sat down opposite the temple treasury while watching the people as they dropped money in the treasury box. Many rich people put in large amounts but the poor widow put in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples and told them that the poor widow dropped into the treasury more than all those who put in large offerings. Others gave from surplus. The poor widow put in everything she had.

REFLECT: Generosity is when we give something as an expression of what is good in us. Hence, it is always other-oriented. It is not self-focused. If we give something out of surplus because we simply want to feel good about the thought of being good, then it is not generosity at all. What the poor widow did, giving everything she had, is the exact opposite of what the religious leaders and rich people were doing in the time of Jesus. One can exploit the poor and give away their surplus in order to feel good. Such is unchristian.

PRAY: Let us pray that God will grant us the grace that we may become more generous.

ACT: Let us share something to a poor person that is not merely out of our surplus but out of our generosity.

FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT: On Friday 15th November from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m, young people are invited to the St. Lwanga Youth Centre for the re-introduction of Youth Nights. Come and hear youth panelists speak on "Life as a Young Catholic". Parents are encouraged to bring/send their young people to become active in youth ministry.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 King 17: 10-16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146: 7-10

Second Reading

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel

Mark 12: 38-44



*"She gave from
her poverty, and
put in everything
she had,
her very living."*

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 11th November

Titus 1: 1-9

Psalm 24: 1-6

Luke 17: 1-6

St. Martin of Tours, bishop

Tuesday 12th November

Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14

Psalm 37: 3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29

Luke 17: 7-10

St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr

Wednesday 13th November

Titus 3: 1-7

Psalm 23: 1-6

Luke 17: 11-19

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Thursday 14th November

Philemon 7-20

Psalm 146: 7-10

Luke 17: 20-25

Friday 15th November

2 John 4-9

Psalm 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18

Luke 17: 26-37

St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor

Saturday 16th November

3 John 5-8

Psalm 112: 1-6

Luke 18: 1-8

Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Gertrude,
virgin, St. Margaret of Scotland

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Both this reading and the Gospel for today deal with the symbolism of giving. Most important is not what you give, but why you give. All giving should symbolize self-giving. In both stories "poor widows" are giving a little, but it is precious in God's eyes, because it stands for a generous giving of self. We learn from this tradition as God's word to us: "Make your giving to God always a meaningful symbol of genuine self-giving." Then God will reward it, as we read in the Responsorial Psalm.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The author elaborates on the Jewish high priest and his function in the temple in Jerusalem: offering lambs to God and carrying the blood of those lambs (seat of life for the ancients!) into the sanctuary. The author compares our Lord with the Jewish high priest and his activities. The sanctuary, however, is heaven, where Jesus prays for us and refers to his sacrifice, which he offered once and for all on the cross.

Our Lord and his sacrificial prayer are present to us in the Eucharistic celebration. In partaking we pray: "[God] we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. May he [Christ] make us an everlasting gift to you" (Eucharistic Prayer III). Make every Eucharistic celebration an act of genuine self-giving to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

This tradition deals with two kinds of people as they were found in the Jewish synagogues and perhaps still are found in our churches: the scribes, desiring front seats in the synagogues, and the poor widow, contributing "more than all the other contributors." Jesus offers his idea on giving! See comments on the First and Second Readings. This lesson is the same.

Saint of the Day - 12th November

Saint Josaphat's Story

In 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich—who took the name Josaphat in religious life—was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. Born in what is now Ukraine, he went to work in Wilno and was influenced by clergy adhering to the 1596 Union of Brest. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic.

At a relatively young age, upon becoming both bishop of Vitebsk and archbishop of Polotsk, Josaphat faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy, and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in winning the greater part of the Orthodox in that area to the union. But the next year a dissident hierarchy was set up, and his opposite number spread the accusation that Josaphat had "gone Latin" and that all his people would have to do the same. He was not enthusiastically supported by the Latin bishops of Poland.

Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the diocese: A priest was sent to shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and shut up in his house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop's home. Josaphat was struck with a halberd, then shot, and his body thrown into the river. It was later recovered and is now buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome.

Josaphat's death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. After the partition of Poland, the Russians forced most Ruthenians to join the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1964, newspaper photos of Pope Paul VI embracing Athenagoras I, the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople, marked a significant step toward the healing of a division in Christendom that has spanned more than nine centuries.

Reflection

The seeds of separation were sown in the fourth century when the Roman Empire was divided into East and West. The actual split came over customs such as using unleavened bread, Saturday fasting, and celibacy. No doubt the political involvement of religious leaders on both sides was a large factor, and doctrinal disagreement was present. But no reason was enough to justify the present tragic division in Christendom, which is 64 percent Roman Catholic, 13 percent Eastern—mostly Orthodox—Churches, and 23 percent Protestant, and this when the 71 percent of the world that is not Christian should be experiencing unity and Christ-like charity from Christians!



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