



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
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"Hope For a Brighter Future"

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17th NOVEMBER, 2024 - B

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am

St. Anthony's Potters 6:00pm

Wednesday

St. Francis of Assisi, Villa 6:00pm

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Thursday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi, Villa 6:00pm

Friday

Holy Family Cathedral 12:15 noon

Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral 8:00am

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.

The funeral Mass for Mr. Willam Jiles Perry will be held on Tuesday 19th November, 2024 at Holy Family Cathedral at 10:00am. May his soul Rest In Peace.

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.

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 costs **ECD \$270.00** and is available from **Christ the King High School**, Fr. Pierre, Exotic Antigua, Party Paradise and the Pastoral Centre.

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.

St. Joseph's Academy Christmas Carol Service will be held on Friday 13th December, 2024 at Holy Family Cathedral, Michael's Mount from 5:00 pm. There will be readings, carols, Caribbean Christmas songs, dancing and steelpan music. Keep Jesus in Your Heart this Yuletide Season!

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** and can be purchased from **Mr. Gilbert Laudat** at HFC, from **Shyka Hannays & Jennifer Warrington** at Saturday night, from **Deacon Pershing Waldron Jr**, from **Efiah Norbert** and **Bella (Joanna Esprit)** at Villa, **Beverly** at Potters, **Helen Raguette** at Parham, **Roxanne Joseph** and at the Pastoral Centre.

Advent

The Liturgical or Church year begins on the first Sunday of ADVENT. The Season of Advent has four weeks. During this time the Christian people recall in joyful expectation the two comings of Jesus Christ into the world.

The first of these comings happened when he came incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born on Christmas day. The second coming will take place on the Last Day when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 10th November, 2024

| Cathedral | 1st | 2nd |
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| Saturday | \$1,444.20 | \$ 727.19 |
| Sunday 7:00 am | \$1,802.96 | \$ 396.27 |
| 9:00 am | \$2,637.52 | \$ 647.59 |
| Out Stations | | |
| Potters | \$ 325.00 | \$ 188.00 |
| Parham | \$ 437.67 | \$ 115.00 |
| Villa | \$ 608.40 | \$ 279.65 |
| Diocesan Schools | \$ 125.00 | |

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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, 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.

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May God continue to bless your generosity.

BAZAAR - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Annual Harvest Bazaar will be held on Sunday **17th November, 2024** from 1:00pm to 8:00pm.

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

Theme: Hope for a Brighter Future

The fall of the year prepares us for the great death of nature about to come. It is the time of "The Last Rose of Summer left blooming alone. All of its lovely companions are faded and gone." During this nostalgic season, the Church invites us for several Sundays to meditate on the great themes of the end. Death will come for all of us. There will be a final judgment.

Is this a message that shocks us? Is reminding us of the end also Gospel, good tidings? Yes, since we Christians know that whatever happens, no destruction is final. New roses will bloom on the same apparently dead bush. The seed dies in the soil in order to bear new life.

The Bible readings chosen for this season are often so-called "apocalyptic (revelation) literature." This is a sort of "underground" literature that the author uses to console and encourage his fellow faithful suffering persecution because of their religious convictions. He speaks in symbols and utilizes allusions and indirect references that are known to the insiders but not understandable to the persecutors. We must try to hear "God's word" also in this kind of "human word," though it requires some effort. In it, God wants to give hope for a brighter future to believers of all ages.

LECTIO DIVINA



READ: Jesus was teaching about the coming of the Son of Man. There would be a disastrous time when the sun would grow dark, the moon would not shed its light, the stars would fall and the entire universe would be shaken. Then the people would see the Son of Man coming in clouds with glory and great power. He would send his angels to gather the chosen people from the four corners of the earth. Jesus taught them the lesson from the fig tree wherein through its leaves the summer time could be predicted. Jesus cautioned his listeners to be ready because the kingdom of God is near at hand. Nonetheless, no one knows when such things will happen.

REFLECT: Aside from the apocalyptic books in the Bible (Daniel and Revelation), the Synoptic Gospels contain the so-called "little apocalypse". Today's Gospel pericope is found in the little apocalypse of Mark 13. Apocalyptic literature is often perceived to be conveying a message about the end - understood as something terminal. However, the apocalyptic tradition does not speak of the end but of the beginning of a new time or period. With today's apocalyptic message, the Lord is inviting us to enter into a new relationship with him.

PRAY: Let us pray for the grace that we may be able to accept God's offer of a new relationship with him.

ACT: Let us think of one negative trait we want to change and practice changing it before the end of the liturgical year.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Daniel 12: 1-3

Responsorial Psalm

16: 5, 8-11

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-32

"As soon as its branches become tender and it begins to sprout leaves, you know that summer is near."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 18th November

Revelation 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5

Psalm 1: 1-4 & 6

Luke 18: 35-43

The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome, apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

Tuesday 19th November

Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22

Psalm 15: 2-5

Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday 20th November

Revelation 4: 1-11

Psalm 150: 1-6

Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday 21st November

Revelation 5: 1-10

Psalm 149: 1-6 & 9

Luke 19: 41-44

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22nd November

Revelation 10: 8-11

Psalm 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Luke 19: 45-48

St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr

Saturday 23rd November

Revelation 11: 4-12

Psalm 144: 1, 2, 9-10

Luke 20: 27-40

Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Clement I, pope & martyr, St. Columban, abbot

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The setting of this book is Israel occupied by the Syrians, who tried to impose Greek language, culture, and religion on the Jews. Many of the faithful Jews chose death rather than accept the pagan gods or violate the Mosaic Law. By using a mythological language of speech, a language with double and veiled meanings, the writer offers a message of hope. God will help if not in this life (many chose death!), then in the hereafter. "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace."

The message to us, when we are depressed: Have faith in God. "I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

"[Jesus] took his seat... at the right hand of God" is a Hebraism which means: "Jesus shares power with God in heaven" where he prays for us. Knowing this gives us hope in our often confused human condition.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Both the theme and the language are the same as in the First Reading: a message of hope, offered in apocalyptic language. "The sun will be darkened..." etc., are familiar Biblical images to describe God's awe-inspiring greatness.

The setting is the early Church, harassed by persecutors. Though mistakenly, Christians are still expecting Christ's second coming in their own lifetime. Mark consoles his congregations with a message of hope: Christ will come. What is God's word to us? We are not an occupied country; there is no Church persecution in our land; neither do we expect Christ to return during our own lifetime! We might suggest: The tribulation and distress that besets the Church today is not the same as in Daniel's and Mark's time, but could be similar. We think of defections, criticism, unbelief, flight into Eastern religions, and escape into drugs. Do not despair. Have hope! The final achievement of God's saving purpose cannot be thwarted by human beings: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Saint of the Day - 18th November

The Story of the Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

Reflection

Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen, and missionary to the gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end: both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.



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