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"God's Kingdom in the Process of Being Established"

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th 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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

17th November, 2024

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,444.66	\$ 535.13
Sunday 7:00 am	XXX	XXX
9:00 am	\$4,159.85	\$1,008.93
Out Stations		
Potters	XXX	XXX
Parham	XXX	XXX
Villa	XXX	XXX
Diocesan Schools	\$ 170.00	

Thank you for your generosity

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!

***** CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE:

Today we join with Catholic young people around the world celebrating World Youth Day (WYD, promulgated by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The theme is **"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary"** Is. 40:3. We remind all young people "HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT". We pray that our young people find Hope in their lives, in the Eucharist and in Our Blessed Lady. "May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us" Christus Vivit #299 (the Holy Father Apostolic Exhortation to Young People and the Entire People of God).

***** SCAVENGER HUNT & FELLOWSHIP

celebrating WYD at Tyrells with the youth from both parishes from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Get your teams of up to 4 persons and join in the exciting Scavenger Hunt on the grounds at Tyrells. We look forward to your presence. Green is the colour of the day!

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, contributions can be sent via the following:

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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 Bedneau at Potters, Helen Ragguette at Parham, Roxanne Joseph, Mrs. Patricia Collins and at the Pastoral Centre.

Please return your Christmas Dinner Envelopes soonest. If you did not receive an envelope, check with the hospitality team at the door entrances.

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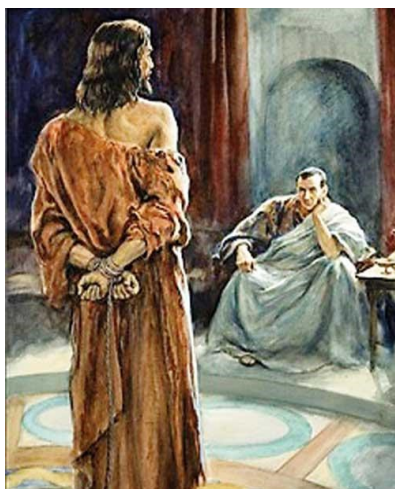
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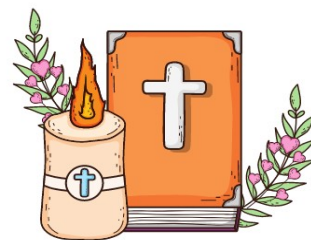
Holy Family Cathedral Dance Group is recruiting members to join this ministry. Interested persons are asked to contact Daniel Charles at **721-0368**.

Theme: God's Kingdom in the Process of Being Established Are you satisfied with the achievement of your Church? First, we should make a distinction between Jesus' movement to establish God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace on earth, and the Church as institutionalized over the centuries. Let us confine our question to the Christian movement as such and ask again: Has it achieved its goal of establishing God's kingdom on earth during the 2,000 years of its existence? The answer is obviously: We may speak only of a partial success! Seeing so much evil around us, we cannot state that God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace has been fully realized on planet earth. But was the Christian movement designed to be a one hundred percent success?

In today's Gospel, Christ, stating that he is king, says also: "For this... I came into the world, to testify to the truth." Earlier our Lord had said that the Church would be like yeast in dough. The dough is the world. Jesus never promised that the whole world would become yeast! The Church (God's people), like yeast in the dough, should have a constant uplifting impact in the community in which it is situated, and testify to the truth! If you have an uplifting impact, wherever you are, and testify to the truth by word and example, you are establishing God's kingdom of which Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed king.



LECTIO DIVINA



READ: Jesus was brought to Pilate to be tried. Pilate asked Jesus if he was the king of the Jews. Jesus answered Pilate with a question, asking if Pilate's question was from him or what others told him about Jesus. Pilate retorted by asking if he was a Jew since it was Jesus' own people who brought Jesus to Pilate. Pilate further asked Jesus what the latter had done that he was handed over by his own people. Jesus said that his kingdom and kingship is not of this world. Thus, Pilate asked Jesus if Jesus was a king. Jesus answered that it was Pilate who said that Jesus was a king. Jesus added that he came into the world to bear witness to the truth and that anyone who would hear the voice of Jesus remained on the side of truth.

REFLECT: Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King. We may ask ourselves now about our relationship with Jesus. Have we already accepted Jesus as our king? If we do, the next question we need to pose to ourselves is - are we growing in terms of exercising our inner authority? Pilate was lacking in terms of inner authority, making it difficult for him to stand for the truth. Do we exercise inner authority shared to us by Jesus, or are we not better than Pilate? Can we stand for the truth?

PRAY: Let us pray that Jesus may truly reign over our lives.

ACT: Let us research on a particular historical fact which we think is now being distorted. Let us share the result of our research to people we know.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Daniel 7: 13-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 93: 1, 2, 5

Second Reading

Revelation 1: 5-8

Gospel

John 18: 33-37

"Just as you say, I am a King"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 25th November

Revelation 14: 1-5

Psalm 24: 1-6

Luke 21: 1-4

*St. Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin & martyr*

Tuesday 26th November

Revelation 14: 14-19

Psalm 96: 10-13

Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday 27th November

Revelation 15: 1-4

Psalm 98: 1-3, 7-9

Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 28th November

Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9

Psalm 100: 1-5

Luke 21: 20-28

Friday 29th November

Revelation 20: 1-4, 11—21: 2

Psalm 84: 3-6 & 8

Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 30th November

Romans 10: 9-18

Psalm 19: 8-11

Matthew 4: 18-22

Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The setting is the same as in Daniel's reading of last week. Using apocalyptic language, the author wants to encourage people in trouble. "Son of man" is God's people, standing before the throne of the Ancient One (God). We shall overcome! One day, the Syrian empire will be destroyed, and Israel will receive "dominion, glory and kingship." In later literature the concept "Son of man" becomes a heavenly agent of judgment and salvation and finally it is applied to Jesus Christ. The author of Revelation (Second Reading) applies this passage to the final, end-time victory of Christ and God's people.

The Responsorial Psalm refers to God's kingship. The Church applies it to God's kingship as invested in Christ the King. As such we pray it today.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Again we deal with apocalyptic language. The imagery is clearly borrowed from Daniel. The author wants to encourage his fellow faithful, as Daniel does, but he does so by referring to Jesus Christ. "Alpha and Omega" are the "A" and "Z" of the Greek alphabet, hence the meaning is: "I am the first and the last."

Note that final victory over all the peoples of the earth will only be achieved at the end, when Christ will present to his Father "an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace". Be part of it!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Jesus was crucified on the charge that he claimed to be a Messiah, freedom-fighter. Pilate's inscription "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews", placed on the cross, was a sarcastic warning to all Messiah-pretenders to be careful, if they planned to revolt against the mighty Roman empire. Jesus reinterprets what kingship means to him. It is not political in character!

Note Jesus' statement that he came to testify to the truth. His kingdom will never be fully realized on earth. There will always be evil and enemies of the good. Jesus is king, though, and shares power with God (in Hebrew idiom "sits at God's right hand"). In heaven he constantly intercedes for us "and waits until his enemies are made his foot-stool", which will happen at the end of time. God's word, conveyed in this passage, may be as suggested in today's Theme.

Saint of the Day - 30th November

Saint Andrew's Story

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

Reflection

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.



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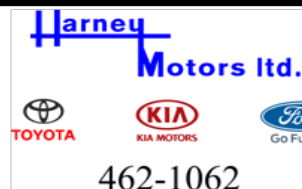
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