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MONTH OF THE ROSARY



THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

The HFC Steel Orchestra has resumed both its beginners and senior section practices. This is a call for experienced players, who are willing to share their talents in Ministry. You are invited to join the senior section at practices on **Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm**. Contact **770-6719** for more information.

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. Ticket cost and venue will be given in a subsequent announcement.

Do you have a Boy or Girl that is aged 8 to 10 1/2 years old. Would you like them to be a part of an organization that would teach them life skills while having fun and enjoying life. The Antigua and Barbuda Scouts movement is presently recruiting this age group.

The 4th Antigua Group meets every Saturday at 4:00pm on the grounds of Holy Family Cathedral. Come and register and let your child be a part of a dynamic team. Call **723-8163** for further details.

BAPTISM REGISTRATION: Parents are invited to register their babies for Baptism. Please bring the child's birth certificate and the name of the Catholic god-parents.

On Sunday 27th October, we will celebrate our Independence Mass for Antigua & Barbuda. There will only be one Mass in the Parish at 9:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral. We are all asked to wear National colours and make the celebration colourful.

CATECHETICAL NOTICES

FESTIVAL OF THE ROSARY & THE SAINTS: All are invited to this celebration on Thursday, 31 October at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. We will end the Month of the Holy Rosary and usher in the Feast of All Saints.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE

KING: 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.

PRE - CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

for young people born in **2012**. Parents, this is now a prerequisite for young people to register for this programme before entering the Confirmation programme. Classes will be held on Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Registration is now open until October 25th. Please call the Parish Office to register.

The newly registered Confirmation

Group (those born in 2011) will have their orientation in October. Date and time will be announced. Parents, please take note. We look forward to our faith journey together.

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL YOUTH MINISTRY

announces the re-introduction 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 29th September, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,615.08	\$886.17
Sunday 7:00 am	\$2,557.19	\$ 418.20
9:00 am	\$2,242.50	\$ 459.70
Potters	\$ 334.05	\$ 145.65
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Donovans	\$ 516.40	\$ 273.00
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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-IN:

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, Latoya Edmun-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer, Jean Mathurin, Natalia Telemaque.

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

- ***Dates:** November 19-24 this year.
- ***Overall 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-in. Please see the Diocese's website for further information – diocesessjb.org.

Mission Month Activities –
"Go Invite Everyone to the Banquet"
Study Sessions - Formation and Deepening of Insight on Evangelization and Mission – Thursday October 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2024 at 7 p.m. each night.
Meeting ID: 848 1157 1177
Passcode 907102
Reactivation of the Pontifical Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)

Prayer Breakfast – October 26th, 2024

Glow Living Rosary – October 31, 2024

Prayer Day for the Priests of the Diocese

Outreach/Food Drive during Mission Month.

MISSION Month CAN FOOD DRIVE: "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet" is this year's theme for Mission Sunday. Join us as we help the vulnerable families in our community share in the Banquet. Donate canned and non perishable food items at the Pastoral Centre or after Mass in the Box provided. This is a Pontifical Mission Society (PMS), Youth and Catechetical Ministry Outreach Programme.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how non-baptized people or those who have never been confirmed are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Registration is still open for persons 18 years and over wishing to be part of this process. Sessions will commence in October.

Lectio Divina

READ: Some Pharisees asked Jesus if it is right for a husband to divorce his wife. The Pharisees claimed that Moses allowed them to write a certificate of dismissal in order to divorce. Jesus explained to them that Moses allowed such law due to their stubbornness. It was not the case in the beginning. God created human beings male and female. Hence, the man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. Husband and wife will become one body. Jesus taught them not to separate what God has joined. Afterwards, people were bringing little children to Jesus. The disciples rebuked those people. Jesus told the disciples to let the children come to him. He taught them that the kingdom of God belongs to such children.

REFLECT: Mark's Gospel puts the issues of the value of marriage and of the care for children side by side with each other. In the Gospel passage, Jesus explained God's divine intention for man and woman who decide to enter into marriage - that they shall become one body. The certificate of dismissal in order to divorce was allowed by Moses due to the stubbornness of the people. Moreover, Jesus showed how much he would care for the little children. In every broken marriage, the first ones to suffer are the children. Undoubtedly, Jesus placed so much importance on family life.

PRAY: Let us pray for all married couples. Let us pray for all the families.

ACT: Let us organize an informal gathering of our respective families, which can further strengthen our family bond.

October is the Month of the Rosary

All are welcome to join the Legion of Mary group to recite the Rosary every **Wednesday in October at 5:15pm** at the Lady of Fatima Shrine.

This Sunday's Readings

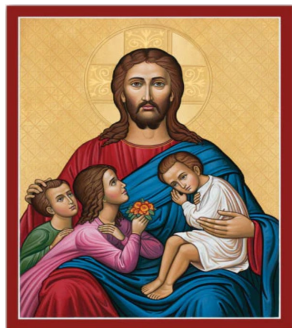
First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24*

Responsorial Psalm: *128: 1-6*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2: 9-11*

Gospel: *Mark 10: 2-16*

"Let the children come to me."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 7th October

Galatians 1: 6-12

Psalm 111: 1-2, 7-10

Luke 10: 25-37

Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday 8th October

Galatians 1: 13-24

Psalm 139: 1-3, 13-15

Luke 10: 38-42

Wednesday 9th October

Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14

Psalm 117: 1-2

Luke 11: 1-4

**St. Denis, bishop & companions,
martyrs / St. John Leonardi, priest**

Thursday 10th October

Galatians 3:1-5

Lk 1: 69-75

Luke 11: 5-13

Friday 11th October

Galatians 3: 7-14

Psalm 111: 1-6

Luke 11: 15-26

St. John XXIII, pope

Saturday 12th October

Galatians 3: 22-29

Psalm 105: 2-7

Luke 11: 27-28

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

In this beautiful allegory that teaches the oneness of husband and wife, it is the man as God's coworker who gives a name (meaning) to all of creation, in particular to sex. "Rib" suggests that both male and female belong to the one human race. "Flesh" in the Bible can stand for the whole person. Hence, "become one flesh" refers to more than the physical union. It indicates also the total oneness of two persons. Notice that the author of this passage, who lived after the Babylonian exile, had a more advanced view on the dignity of the woman than many writers after him. He sees the woman as a suitable partner for the man, which clearly suggests equality. In today's Gospel our Lord refers to this passage. The Responsorial Psalm pictures an ideal marriage, one as it should be. Married people should never give up pursuing ideals!

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The next seven Sundays we will read from the Letter to the Hebrews. Its author writes for Christians of Jewish background. He wants to strengthen their faith and to encourage them to grow with the Christians of Gentile origin into Christian maturity. The author refers to many details of Jewish worship (e.g., the Jewish high priest officiating in the Jerusalem temple), which his readers were familiar with and we can understand only if we read our Bible. This passage describes what Jesus has done for us Christians. God made "the leader [Jesus Christ] to [our] salvation perfect" (that is, he made him achieve his goal to save us) through his suffering on the cross.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In this reading we have a section on marriage followed by a section on the family. As far as marriage is concerned, we should constantly search for the values that underlie the law of lasting fidelity. We should utilize all the means that nature, sound sexology, and religion indicate. They should be used to keep marriage an exciting event. By living the earthly reality of their marriage as it should be done, Christians should be a beacon for so many who waver in their commitments. As far as family life is concerned, children are part of marital fidelity and happiness. Accepting "the kingdom of God" in marriage presupposes some of the spontaneousness of love that children possess and grown-ups have so often lost.

The Story of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Mary's. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

Reflection

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The "Our Fathers" remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The "Hail Mary's" remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The "Glory Bes" remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.



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