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MONTH OF THE ROSARY



THE PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Today is World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our call to be missionary disciples. This year's theme, **"Go and invite everyone to the banquet,"** emphasizes our common call to bring God's love and message to the ends of the earth. On this day we reflect on and support the Church's missionary efforts while also recommitting ourselves to the same mission. The contributions given for the World Mission Sunday collection are crucial for sustaining the Church's work in over 1,150 territories. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate together.

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.

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 our National attire and make the celebration colorful.

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.

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 and the Pastoral Centre.

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.

P R E - C O N F I R M A T I O N REGISTRATION for young people born in **2012**. Parents, this is now a pre-requisite 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.

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 13th October, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$3,277.06	\$ 1,040.40
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$2,097.62	\$ 758.80
9:00 am	\$3,340.46	\$ 723.72
Potters	\$ 395.00	\$ 139.60
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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.

Mission Month Activities

Study Sessions-Formation and Deepening of Insight on Evangelization and Mission

– October 24 & 31, 2024 at 7 p.m. each night.

- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 848 1157 1177
Pass code 907102

- Reactivation of the Pontifical Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)

- On **October 25, 2024** - Day of Prayer for the Priests and Religious of our Diocese. Show appreciation for the missionaries who minister in our Diocese.

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.

Being of Service: “Our business is to serve you” we see this advertised in enterprises of various kinds. From the local gas station up to the congress, service offered. Those who serve us in government are called “public servants.” The Prime Minister is the “First Servant” (ministry means service) of the nation. Professional service is offered by physicians and psychiatrists, with a few days later, a substantial bill in the mail. The business of Church is also to serve. Time and again our Lord emphasizes this aspect. What is the difference between service as mentioned above and the ministry of the Church? It should be the quality of service and the personal touch in it, though many public servants, doctors, nurses, salespeople, waitresses and bank tellers “serve” as true Christians should with dedication and a personal touch. If so, they are the “Church of Christ” and carry out what our Lord says in today’s Gospel: “Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

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.

LECTIO DIVINA



READ: James and John came to Jesus. They asked Jesus for seats of power, one at Jesus' right hand and one at the left. Jesus told them that they did not know what they were asking. Jesus questioned them if they could drink from the cup where he would drink and be baptized in the way Jesus was baptized. James and John answered that they could. Jesus told them that it was not for him to decide who will sit at his right and at his left. The other ten became angry with James and John. Jesus taught them that the great among his disciples must be the servant and who would want to become the first must be the slave of all. Jesus further told them that he came not to be served but to serve and to give his life to redeem many.

REFLECT: In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus taught his disciples the true meaning of his messiahship, which was the giving of himself for the life of others. However, his disciples were too slow to learn by heart the meaning of his messiahship. Their capacity to learn the way of Jesus was impeded by their distorted understanding of greatness. Their idea of greatness was associated with political power wherein the powerful lord it over the rest. But for Jesus, greatness could only mean service.

PRAY: Let us pray that God may help us grow in our sense of service.

ACT: Let us serve our family members today to the best of our ability.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

"Grant us to sit one at your right and one at your left when you come in your glory."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 21st October

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Psalm 100: 1-5

Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday 22nd October

Ephesians 2: 12-22

Psalm 85: 9-14

Luke 12: 35-38

St. John Paul II, pope

Wednesday 23rd October

Ephesians 3: 2-12

Is 12: 2- 6

Luke 12: 39 - 48

St. John of Capistrano, priest

Thursday 24th October

Ephesians 3: 14-21

Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Luke 12: 49-53

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Friday 25th October

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Psalm 24: 1-6

Luke 12:54-59

Saturday 26th October

Ephesians 4: 7-16

Psalm 122: 1-5

Luke 13: 1-9

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

This passage is taken from the fourth of the Servant Songs of Second Isaiah, which have already been encountered on Palm Sunday. This part brings out the idea of Jesus in today's Gospel that the Church (you and I) is there to serve. Christian service implies self-denial and sacrifice, giving of self, sharing not only money but also time and concern, to an extent even that it may hurt. Jesus has done so and that is why the Church applies this song to him and all of us, his followers in service of "the brethren."

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

As already mentioned, the author is writing to Hebrews, meaning Christians of Jewish (Hebrew) origin. He refers to the Jewish high priest, who entered the sanctuary of the Jerusalem temple time and again to offer a sacrifice to God, and says that now Jesus is our high priest, who entered the sanctuary of heaven to pray for us. To be sure, he (Jesus) is man and knows what it means to be a weak human being. Hence, turn to him confidently in time of need!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

What makes a person really great? Society lays down rules for greatness: success in business, a charming personality, physical beauty, excellence in the performing arts. One must have done something spectacular! Our Lord has a few ideas of his own: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

We may admire those who are great in unselfish service to others. But do we realize that Jesus' statement is also directed to us, and that service that makes us great in the eyes of God does not have to be spectacular?

Saint John of Capistrano's Story

It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the 14th century. One-third of the population and nearly 40 percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the Church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from interference in their stricter observance.

John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.



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