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Cathedral Saturday	\$1,711.88	\$ 354.55
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,989.04	\$ 507.54
9:00 am	\$2,193.91	\$ 483.39
Potters	\$ 439.50	\$ 72.00
Parham	\$ 1,046.95	\$ 160.25
Villa	\$ 793.34	\$ 233.00
Donovans	\$ 152.25	\$ 139.05
Diocesan Schools	\$ 40.00	

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on **Friday 1st November, 2024 at 8:00 am** at Holy Family Cathedral. There will be no midday Mass.

The Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on **Saturday 2nd November, 2024 at 8:00 am** at Holy Family Cathedral. The blessings of the graves will take place at the public cemetery immediately after this Mass.

Parishioners are kindly asked to write the names of their deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book placed at the entrance of Holy Family Cathedral.

Sunday 17th November is HARVEST SUNDAY. Parishioners are reminded to prepare and bring the fruits of your labour for this day. All fruits and vegetables for display must be brought to Holy Family Cathedral on **Saturday 16th November, 2024 by 10:00 am.**

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.



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 31, 2024 at 7 p.m.

- Zoom Meeting ID: 848 1157 1177
Pass code 907102

St. Joseph's Academy Choir

The Administration invites you to join the Academy's Christmas Adult Choir in preparation for our Carol Service. Starting on November 6th, practices will be held every Wednesday at the school beginning at 7:00 pm.

From the Administrator, Fr. Lawrence:

***CHRISTMAS DINNER* 2024** is on. Persons who were involved in planning last year's Christmas Dinner are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 29th October at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Other interested parishioners wishing to help in the planning and implementation of this event are welcome to attend this meeting.

Theme: Master, I Want To See: - "I have never seen it that way," we might exclaim when a friend opens our eyes. "I did not know him/her that well," we might murmur when circumstances have shown us some beautiful facets of his/her personality that we had overlooked during years of social contact. Meeting good persons may change our lives. Such persons may open our eyes to values we have overlooked. They may broaden our way of looking at things and encourage us when we are "down in the dumps." They may show us danger where we do not see it.

LECTIO DIVINA



READ: Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. There was a blind man named Bartimaeus sitting by the roadside. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he called out and asked Jesus to have mercy on him. Many tried to stop him but he shouted even louder. Jesus summoned Bartimaeus. He asked the blind man what he wanted Jesus to do to him. Bartimaeus answered that he wanted to see. Jesus told him that Bartimaeus could go his way. The blind man's faith made him well. Bartimaeus was cured and he followed Jesus on the road.

REFLECT: Mark 8: 27-10:45 is a unit where Jesus' teaching on discipleship patterned after the suffering Messiah could be found, framed by two healing miracle stories about Jesus who healed two different blind men: the blind man at Bethsaida and Bartimaeus. We may reflect on Bartimaeus' transformation not only in terms of the healing of his blindness but also in terms of his movement. Before he was cured by Jesus, Bartimaeus was described to be the blind man sitting by the roadside. Jesus cured him so he could see, following Jesus on the road. Bartimaeus is transformed from being a disabled person to becoming an ardent Jesus' follower. There are times when we prefer to remain sitting by the roadside even after encountering Jesus. We must follow Jesus on the road.

PRAY: Let us pray for divine empowerment that we may do our mission as Jesus' followers.

ACT: Let us do one act of charity to one of the persons we will meet today.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 7-9*

Responsorial Psalm: *126: 1-6*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5: 1-6*

Gospel: *Mark 10: 46-52*

"Master, let me see again!"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 28th October

Ephesians 2: 19 - 22

Psalm 19: 2-5

Luke 6: 12-16

*Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude Thaddeus,
apostles*

Tuesday 29th October

Ephesians 5: 21-33

Psalm 128: 1-5

Luke 13: 18-21

Wednesday 30th October

Ephesians 6: 1-9

Psalm 145: 10-14

Luke 13: 22-30

Thursday 31st October

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Psalm 144: 1,2,9,10

Luke 13: 31-35

Friday 1st November

Revelation 7: 2 - 4, 9-14

Psalm 24: 1-6

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-12

Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday 2nd November

Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9

Psalm 23: 1-6

Romans 6:3-9

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The setting is the long-awaited homecoming of the Israelites from their exile in Babylon. "Shout with joy for Jacob (Israel, God's people)." The author never lost trust in God that sometime or somehow he would heal the wounds of his people. The weak, lame and blind are with the returning exiles. God cares! The fact that "God cares" is also God's word to us now. "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The author refers again to the Jewish high priest officiating in the temple of Jerusalem. He represents human beings to God by offering gifts and sacrifices. It is stated that Jesus is the high priest of the community and as such appointed by God. Jesus exercises his priesthood in heaven. Constantly referring to his sacrificial death on the cross, he pleads for mercy for all of us.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Mark wrote his Gospel to heal a certain "Christological blindness" in the Church of his day. Spectacular preachers, themselves a kind of miracle-workers and faith healers, had come along. They preached Jesus as a divine miracle-man and themselves as his successors. Mark did not find this picture of Jesus compatible with Jesus as he really was: the one who redeemed us by his suffering, death and resurrection. Hence, Mark describes Jesus' miracles as signs that indicate a spiritual reality. In the healing of the blind man the reality is the healing of a "Christological blindness," a blindness of mind that kept Mark's congregation from seeing Jesus as he really is.

All Saints' Day, also known as **All Hallows' Day**, the **Feast of All Saints**, [the **Feast of All Hallows**, the **Solemnity of All Saints**, and **Hallowmas**, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown. From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on 1 November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV. In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on 1 November by the Roman Catholic Church as well as many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday.

All Souls' Day, also called **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, observed by Christians on 2 November. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate the poor souls in purgatory and give the departed their favorite indulgences. In Western Christianity, including Roman Catholicism and certain parts of Lutheranism and Anglicanism, All Souls' Day is the third day of All hallow tide, after All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Hallows' Eve (31 October). Before the standardization of Western Christian observance on 2 November by St. Odilo of Cluny in the 10th century, many Catholic congregations celebrated All Souls' Day on various dates during the Easter season as it is still observed in some Eastern Orthodox Church, Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches. Churches of the East Syriac Rite commemorate all the faithful departed on the Friday before Lent.



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