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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—22ND SEPTEMBER, 2024 - B

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PASTORAL PROGRAM AT HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL PARISH

FEEDING PROGRAM for the
Shut- Ins and the Elderly is ongoing
Donations to support these programs
are welcome.

Please write to the Administrator, Holy
Family Cathedral P. O. Box 16 or
Michael's Mount, St. John's,
Antigua.

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer
Group** celebrates its 47th Anniversary
September 25th -27th 2024.

We extend an invitation to the church
community to celebrate these three nights
with us as the Most Reverend Robert
Llanos will expound and reflect on "Mans
Need" in this challenging world.

Venue - Holy Family Cathedral 7.00pm
nightly.

Parishioners are advised that the 9:00 am
Mass on Saturday the 28th will replace the
8:00 am Mass.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY

**On Saturday, 28th September, in
celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent
de Paul, you are asked to bring your
sick and elderly loved ones to a Mass of
Healing and Anointing at Holy Family
Cathedral at 9.00am.** Come and
experience God's healing power. Let us
as a church community support and show
our love and care for the sick and elderly.
Those in need of transportation should
contact the Pastoral Centre at **560-2693
or 461-1127.**

**The newly registered Confirmation
Group** will have their orientation in
October. Date and time will be
announced. Parents, please take note. We
look forward to our faith journey
together.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

The **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**
with Bishop Robert Llanos will take place
from **October 4-6, 2024** at the Verandah
Resort & Spa. The cost is USD \$468.00
per couple for the entire weekend. Call
your Parish office to register.
Registration ends on September 30th,
2024.

CATECHETICAL SESSIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

Sunday School group:

For parents who registered for this day,
the first session with you and the
children will be **TODAY** Sunday
22nd September after 9 a.m. Mass.
Please meet at the Pastoral Centre.

Monday Religious Education:

Tuesday 24th at 4:45 p.m. in the Pastoral
Centre.

Class: Parents who registered for this
group, the first meeting for you and the
children will be on Monday 23rd at 4:45
p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

First Communion newly registered
group: Parents and children are invited
to the orientation session on Tuesday
24th at 4:45 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

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.

**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. The process offers
several benefits for adults considering
joining the Catholic Church. The
inquirer deepens his/her understanding
of the Catholic faith and develops a
closer relationship with God and the
community. The process covers the core
beliefs, practices, and traditions of the
Catholic Church, reception of the
sacraments of Initiation (Baptism,
Confirmation, and Eucharist) for those
un-baptized; personal transformation
leading to personal growth and a
renewed sense of purpose. Registration
is still open for persons 18 years and
over wishing to be part of this process.
Sessions will commence in October

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 15th September, 2024

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$2,423.14	\$ 941.75
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,735.84	\$ 419.67
9:00 am	\$2,846.35	\$ 756.13
Potters	\$ 230.00	\$ 10.000
Parham	\$ 445.00	\$ 200.00
Villa	\$ 486.32	\$ 274.07
Donovans	\$ 223.00	\$ 43.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 130.00	

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

World Mission Sunday - October 20, 2024

World Mission Sunday, celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October, is a day set aside by the Catholic Church to remember and support the mission work being done around the world. Pope Francis has chosen the theme **“Go and invite everyone to the banquet,”** inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet in Matthew 22:9. This theme emphasizes two core aspects: Going Out: It's a call to be active and engaged in spreading the faith. Inviting Everyone: It calls on us to welcome everyone to the feast of the Eucharist and the ultimate banquet in the Kingdom of God. Details of Mission Month activities in our Diocese will be given in subsequent announcements.

***** ST VINCENT DE PAUL: FEAST DAY—27th September

St. Vincent was born on April 2nd, 1581 near Ranquine, southwest France to a peasant family. He was a highly intelligent youth. The town is now known as Saint Vincent de Paul, Landes, France. He was the third son of the farmer Jean de Paul. The children of farmers of the sixteenth century had no time for diversion since they had to work in the fields during early childhood. St. Vincent had to take the cattle to pasture: the sheep, the cows, and the pigs. He had to lead the animals to the plains and forests for them to find pasture. St. Vincent did this everyday, barefoot and with humble provisions. As a youth Vincent was alert and his father had ambitious plans for him. He was sent to the Franciscan School de Dax 5 kilometers from de Pouy, the farming village of the region. Dax is a prosperous city of wide streets and beautiful mansions. St. Vincent was happy with his studies and desired to leave his farm life. He felt ashamed of his origins and of his own father.

St. Vincent de Paul said : “As a young man, when my father took me to the city I was ashamed of going with him and of recognizing him as my father because he went poorly dressed and limped. I recall on one occasion in the school where I studied I was told my father came to see me, a poor farmer. I refused to go out and see him.”

Lectio Divina

READ: Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee. Jesus taught his disciples. He told them that the Son of Man would be delivered and killed, and on the third day he would rise. The disciples did not understand Jesus' words. They came to Capernaum. When they were already inside the house, Jesus asked them about what they were discussing on the way. They were hesitant to tell him that they were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the one who would want to be the first must be the last and the servant of all. He took a child, put him in their midst while placing his arms around the child. Then Jesus taught his disciples that whoever would welcome the child, would welcome Jesus and the One who sent Jesus.

REFLECT: In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' teaching on discipleship appears to be concentrated in chapters 8-10. In these chapters, Jesus kept teaching his disciples about the salvific offering of his life but his disciples were too slow to understand Jesus' teaching. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus appeared to teach his disciples of the meaning of his messiahship with a visual aid. He demonstrated his message through the help of a child whom Jesus placed in their midst and lovingly enclosed with his arms. We learn Jesus messiahship better through the humble and selfless way of a child.

PRAY: Let us pray that we may truly learn the meaning of Jesus' messiahship.

ACT: Let us do three concrete acts of humility today.

***** C A T E C H I S T P R A Y E R BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Keep the date Saturday, October 19 free! Join us for a morning of Praise, Worship, Reflection and Discussions over Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Venue and Cost will be given in a subsequent announcement. Proceeds in aid of our Catechetical Ministry's Spiritual and Community Outreach Programme.

This Sunday's Readings
22nd September, 2024

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: 54: 3-8

Second Reading: James 3: 16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 23rd September

Proverbs 3: 27-34

Psalm 15: 2-5

Luke 8: 16-18

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

Tuesday 24th September

Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13

Psalm 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday 25th September

Proverbs 30: 5-9

Psalm 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday 26th September

Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11

Psalm 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Luke 9: 7-9

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Friday 27th September

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

Psalm 144: 1-4

Luke 9: 18-22

St Vincent de Paul, priest

Saturday 28th September

Ecclesiastes 11: 9—12: 8

Psalm 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Luke 9: 43-45

**Blessed Virgin Mary / St. Wenceslaus, king
& martyr / St. Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila,
martyr & Companions martyrs**

**WHAT THE FIRST READING
SAYS TO ME**

The setting is the city of Alexandria in Egypt, a port town with a sophisticated Greek culture; the time about 50 B.C. There was a Jewish congregation there, a minority, which because of its own way of life had its opponents. Some Jews tried to find a middle way, compromising between pagan culture and the rules of their Jewish faith; others remained strict and very faithful Jews. This led to friction and even violence.

The early Church applied this passage to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in a very special way. As such, it introduces us to the theme of the Gospel: service and suffering as part of Christian life, if one takes it seriously. If, in serving the congregation, we incur disappointments caused by human strife and jealousy, we should pray with the psalmist: "For the haughty have risen up against me....Behold, God is my helper".

**WHAT THE SECOND READING
SAYS TO ME**

James refers to what can happen in any parish organization. Jealousy and strife may be part of it. "You... envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war." Church workers should go by the rules Jesus lays down in today's Gospel.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO
ME**

Mark has fashioned this tradition of Jesus and the earliest disciples to teach his Church (about 70 A.D.) that Jesus was not just a divine miracle worker and that certain spectacular preachers should not be seen as his genuine successors. The task of the Church is ministry (i.e., service), which must imply humility, more or less the simplicity of a child, and even readiness to suffer! The Church as institution, the committee on finances included, is not General Motors! In Church enterprises we must go by rules the Lord Jesus has given us. Whenever we take part in Church activities, we should keep this service idea well in mind.

Church Management is Service

Wherever people establish a group, the necessity of management arises. No enterprise can do without it and the executives of any group are human beings, hence subject to human failings, such as jealousy and strife. Furthermore, they will "manage" according to a pattern that they are used to in their own time and culture. The Christian movement came into being in the Roman empire, hence institutionalized itself according to the pattern of which it was a part—Roman law and order. In the feudalistic Middle Ages with its pompous and splendiferous kings, Church management shaped itself automatically after that system. And the Church in the United States is today inclined to manage dioceses and parishes as General Motors manages its enterprise.

From the very beginning, the Founder of the Church, the Lord Jesus had to remind his human coworkers that his movement to establish the kingdom of God on earth should not be managed by human standards alone. Today's Gospel tells us that the twelve apostles had been arguing about who was the most important! Jesus' words to them on this occasion give us an idea of how he envisioned the management of the Church—from the parish council level to the diocesan and as far as the top or Vatican level!

The key characteristic of this type of Church management is service. All of us are the Church. All of us should be active in parish activities, but always guided by the desire to serve!

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.



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