



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

Good Samaritan
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"Can We Stand Correction?"

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 17th August, 2025 - C

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am

St. Anthony's Potters 6:00pm

Wednesday

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

There is a vacancy at **St. Joseph's Academy** to teach **Physical Education** and Sports in Forms One, Two and Three. Suitably qualified applicants may apply, as soon as possible to the Principal, **St. Joseph's Academy P.O. Box 234** or by email: sjaantigu@gmail.com or drop off a hard copy to the school's office.

The next **Marriage Preparation** course will be held in **September**. Interested couples can register at the Parish Office.

A vacancy exists for a Parking Lot Attendant for the Diocesan Car Park on Church Street, St. John's. Interested applicants can apply in writing to the Chancery's email at dsjbchancery@gmail.com.

Transportation is an asset. Further details are published on the Diocesan website - diocesesjb.org.

The Funeral Mass for Mr. Alexis Mathurin (husband of Jean Mathurin) will be held at Holy Family Cathedral on **Wednesday 20th August at 2:00 pm**. Tributes begin at 1:30 pm. *May his soul rest in peace.*

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday 7th September, 2025. Parents wishing to have their child baptized must register at the Pastoral Centre. Please bring the child's birth certificate when registering and the names of two confirmed Catholics.

REGISTRATION FOR CATECHETICAL GROUPS:

New Groups: Sunday/Monday Pre-Communion Group - children born in 2018
First Communion Group - children born in 2017 (attending Catholic School or those in the non-Catholic schools who completed the required pre-communion sessions)
Confirmation Group - young people born in 2012.

Registration will be held at the end of **two mandatory parents sessions** to be held on September 16th & 17th 2025 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. This is for all Catechetical groups. **Parents, please take note.**

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER - Our school is seeking a dedicated, dynamic, and qualified Primary School Teacher to join our team. The successful candidate should be capable of teaching at any grade level within the primary school and be committed to fostering a positive and engaging learning environment.

Education and Skills Requirements:
Bachelors in Education (will be an asset)
Trained Teacher's Certificate and/or Diploma in Education
Minimum of five (5) CXC subjects
Minimum of 3 years teaching experience
Excellent oral and written communication skills. Strong analytical and problem-solving capacity. Open-minded and Team oriented.

Application Details: Interested applicants should submit the following:

A cover letter

A detailed résumé/CV

Copies of qualifications and references

Application Deadline:

Wednesday, 20th August, 2025

Email [applications](mailto:sjcpsprimary@gmail.com) to:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

10th August, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,984.69	\$510.84
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,531.49	\$342.07
9:00 am	\$2,430.54	\$773.44
Hispanic	-	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$320.00	\$160.55
Parham	\$480.00	\$110.00
Villa	\$1,016.54	\$320.75
Diocesan Schools	\$145.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

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, 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, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt, Yvonne Watkins, Anthony Mathurin, Derrick Louisor.

Prayer for Protection during the Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER (AMENDED)

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

"Can We Stand Correction?"

"Leave me alone! Mind your own business!" is the usual reaction when others interfere with our way of life. We want to be happy in our own little world, with our good and perhaps also bad habits!

Children do not like to be corrected by parents or teachers. Grown-ups unduly resent their employers' attempts to enhance their working methods. Parishioners may concede that priests should preach on sin, but they do not want them to go into details in which the audience may be involved! And in the "closed society" of the South in the sixties, people who came in to encourage blacks to stand up for their rights were termed "outside agitators." They were told: "Go home and leave us alone!"

Today's Second Reading compares life with a race course. We should persevere in running the race of life. But no team is going to succeed without a coach who observes every player and corrects the technique of each. Can we stand honest correction? The First Reading and Gospel tell us about Jeremiah and Jesus of Nazareth, who did not leave people alone. In the name of God, they had to speak. Their sermons were corrective and aimed at restoring life as it should be!



LECTIO DIVINA



"Christ & His Word Are The Fire That Enlightens & Purifies.."

Read: Jeremiah's words are perceived as a threat rather than a means to save the people, and so he is thrown into a muddy cistern to die. Hebrews encourages us to rid ourselves of everything that is contrary to the Gospel, and Jesus declares that he has come to set the world alight with his Word.

Reflect: Sometimes the truth is unwelcome news. Good intentions are misconstrued as meddling, or worse, they are seen as having an ulterior, self-serving motive. Likewise, the Good News of Jesus Christ can be an unwelcome call to a different way of life, which can lead to division in families and communities. However, the division occasioned by acceptance or rejection of the Good News is not to bring about a breakdown in society. Rather, it is a catalyst to change, leading people to question the meaning of their existence, instead of remaining indifferent. And so, Christ and his Word are the fire that enlightens and purifies rather than destroys and breaks apart.

Pray: Meditate upon the situations of strife in your family life, your work, community or church. Ask for the openness to accept the truth and to stay true to Christ's transforming way of love despite opposition.

Act: Be Christ's instrument of change in your community by your acts of faith, justice and love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 17th August

First Reading

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40: 2-4, & 18

Second Reading

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel

Luke 12: 49 -53



I Have Come To Bring Fire Upon The Earth

Monday 18th August

Judges 2: 11-19

Psalm 106: 34-37, 39-40, 43-44

Matthew 19: 16-22

Tuesday 19th August

Judges 6: 11-24

Psalm 85: 9, 11-14

Matthew 19: 23-30

St. Ezequiel Moreno, bishop

St. John Eudes, priest

Wednesday 20th August

Judges 9: 6-15

Psalm 21: 2-7

Matthew 20: 1-16

St. Bernard, abbot and doctor

Thursday 21st August

Judges 11: 29-39

Psalm 40: 5, 7-10

Matthew 22: 1-14

St. Pius X, pope

Friday 22nd August

Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22

Psalm 146: 5-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 23rd August

Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17

Psalm 128: 1-5

Matthew 23: 1-12

Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Rose of Lima, virgin

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Jeremiah the prophet ("spokesman of God") corrected the power structure of his society. Israel was God's chosen people, living with him in a sacred partnership (covenant). He wanted those in power to realize this, but they did not like to be corrected by the man of God.

This reading prepares us to understand today's Gospel in which Jesus predicts his passion and death. Suffering and endurance is part of each serious Christian's life, and faith in God should help us to stand it. "Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me"

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Wherever the ancient Romans built cities, one finds the ruins of an amphitheater. They loved the games. This passage uses sporting language to encourage us not to follow the easy way as Christians but rather to make even painful decisions, if necessary (Gospel). Life is the arena of the local amphitheater. A cloud of witnesses/spectators watches us. Sins are hindering clothes. Take them off when you are running.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. As a good coach, he inspires and perfects your faith and self-confidence. And he gives the reason for your efforts, namely, the joy of heaven. He himself endured the opposition of sinners (Gospel). The lesson for you and me is: Do not abandon the struggle!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus refers to "baptism by immersion." In other words, he says: "I will be immersed in pain and death." And he shows that he is human by feeling anguish!

Jesus could not conceive of himself as running a popularity contest. Those who follow him must be willing to make even painful decisions. "Avoiding the occasion of sin" could be such a decision!

Saint of the Day - August 21st, 2025

Saint Pius X's Story

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.



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