



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family  
Cathedral  
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres  
Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

Good Samaritan  
Donovans



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*"Shall All Be Saved & You Be Rejected?"*

**21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 24th 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

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

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Save the date. The Marriage Enrichment Weekend will take place on October 3-5, 2025. Information on venue and cost in subsequent announcement.

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 [dsjbcchancery@gmail.com](mailto:dsjbcchancery@gmail.com).

Transportation is an asset. Further details are published on the Diocesan website - [diocesesjb.org](http://diocesesjb.org).

**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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. This is for all Catechetical groups. **Parents, please take note.**

**A Thanksgiving Mass for the Celebration** of the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of the Society of the divine Word, SVD will take place on Monday, 8th September 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 6pm. Let us give thanks with the Society of the Divine Word as they continue to "witness to the Light, from Everywhere, for Everyone."

## **"GOD HAS CALLED US TO LIVE IN HOLINESS"**

Saint John the Baptist is one of the very few saints who has more than one feast in the liturgical calendar. We celebrate both John's birth and his death, indicating his pivotal importance as the last prophet before the coming of Christ, as the one who prepares the way for our Saviour. John could be seen as the bridge between the Old Testament and New Testaments. Saint Paul instructs us that we are to live by the Holy Spirit and not by uncontrolled emotions in such a way that we make irrational, unspiritual choices. Thus, we are to be led by the Spirit and not "led by lust." This is also the message of Saint John the Baptist, as he challenges King Herod who has not respected the marriage of his brother. Saint Paul says that God has called us to live in holiness. John the Baptist is a martyr for this call to holiness, which he preached as a message of repentance and conversion of life, so that people would be ready to welcome Christ. Herod and Herodias didn't want to listen and wished to silence John. In contrast, may our ears be open to his call to holiness.

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** *17th August, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$2,687.68	\$793.32
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,984.15	\$474.15
9:00 am	\$1,339.47	\$668.20
Hispanic	-	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$520.80	\$94.20
Parham	\$1,685.34	\$358.00
Villa	\$966.80	\$309.00
Diocesan Schools	\$165.00	-

**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 Dyer, 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

*"Shall All Be Saved & You Be Rejected?"*

"Safety first." "Better safe than sorry." Nowadays, safety is almost an obsession. We have our savings. We pay our social security. We insure our cars, our homes, our lives, and we buckle our safety belts faithfully. But what about our ultimate safety, our eternal salvation?

It gives you an unpleasant feeling if you miss the bus, train, or airplane. Your feeling is even more miserable if you know that it was your own fault because you wasted time doing unnecessary things that could have been done later. Should we not then seriously consider the possibility that we might come too late for the kingdom of God? Could it happen that though we have been paying our church dues and taking part in the Eucharistic Banquet, we will not be saved? Shall all be saved and you yourselves be rejected?

This is a serious question in a time when the confessionals are not frequented very much anymore. Perhaps your parish has communal penitential services. Do you take part in them? Penance, conversion, a realistic and humble look at oneself...this is an integral part of the Biblical message. We are not allowed to do away with it in the name of contemporary psychology.



## LECTIO DIVINA



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

**Read:** Isaiah prophesies the gathering of the nation is praise of the Lord. The Letter to the Hebrews teaches us the importance of correction in our Christian life and Jesus preaches that those of the nations who will gather in heaven will enter by the narrow door.

**Reflect:** When I was a toddler, one of my favourite toys was a globe into which you had to fit different shapes. No matter how hard you tried, the round shape wouldn't go into the square hole and the yellow triangle wouldn't go into the oval space. We might think of today's Gospel in a similar fashion, "Do your best to enter by the narrow door." Jesus wants us to take on the right shape for heaven, and that shape is Christ's. Our lives are to be configured to that of Christ so that our will is united to his. This means that we have to accept correction and be willing to change so that we can grow more like Christ in our thoughts, words and deeds. To accept that you were wrong takes the strength of humility.

**Pray:** Let's pray for the willingness to be refashioned by Christ and the patience needed to undergo the process.

**Act:** Resolve to take on a single penance as an expression of your self-offering to Christ.

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday 24th August**

#### ***First Reading***

Isaiah 66: 18-21

#### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Psalm 117: 1-2

#### ***Second Reading***

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

#### ***Gospel***

Luke 13: 22-30



*"For many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."*

### **Monday 25th August**

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8-10

Psalm 149: 1-6 & 9

Matthew 23: 13-22

***St. Joseph Calasanaz, priest  
St. Louis***

### **Tuesday 26th August**

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Psalm 139: 1-6

Matthew 23: 23-26

### **Wednesday 27th August**

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Psalm 139: 7-12

Matthew 23: 27-32

***St. Monica***

### **Thursday 28th August**

1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13

Psalm 90: 3-5, 12-14 & 17

Matthew 24: 42-51

***St. Augustine, bishop & doctor***

### **Friday 29 August**

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8

Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 10-12

Mark 6: 17-29

***The Passion of St. John The Baptist***

### **Saturday 30th August**

1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11

Psalm 98: 1, 7- 9

Matthew 25: 14-30

***Blessed Virgin Mary***

## **WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME**

This reading from Third Isaiah rejects all clannishness on the part of the Jewish people. Although they are God's chosen people, this does not mean that others cannot be saved. When the Messiah will establish God's kingdom on earth, people from all over the world will come to Jerusalem to worship. The early Christians saw this vision fulfilled when the Gentiles joined the Church. And it will be fully realized when the Son of Man, Jesus, will gather all nations into his own.

It often happens that people who joined the Church at a late age make those born and raised in the family ashamed by being more serious than they are. We should be appreciative, "for steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever".

## **WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME**

"Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines": suffering and pain are part of the human condition. Guided by God, the Hebrew sages searched for some insight into the mystery of both mental and physical pain. "The discipline of God" might be one. It is better to be punished now than later. Suffering, if well accepted, may open our eyes to the real values of life and lead to repentance.

## **WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Luke puts a question into the mouth of "someone": "Will only a few people be saved?" He answers by placing three parables of our Lord in a row. The first parable is the one about the narrow door. There are a few conditions if we want to be saved. We know them! "Oh, when the Saints go marchin' in...."

The second parable is directed to those who are late. They have not repented in time and miss the boat by their own fault: "Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

The third parable warns Israel not to have pretensions as God's chosen people. Only those who repent, both Jews and Gentiles, will be saved. Constant conversion is part of a Christian life-style!

## **Saint of the Day - August 21st, 2025**

*The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist*

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.





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