



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
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"Search for happiness"

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 16th FEBRUARY, 2025 - C

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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

Please support the Charismatic Prayer Group bake sale TODAY Sunday 16th February 2025 immediately after the 7:00 am and 9:00am Masses. Proceeds are in aid of our feeding program.

The next marriage preparation class will be held in March 2025. Interested couples can collect a registration form at the Pastoral Centre or at Tyrells Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Friday immediately after the 12:15pm Mass until 7:00pm in Holy Family Cathedral chapel. All are invited.

2024 - Christmas Dinner Summary

INCOME

Donations \$26,910.49
Ticket Sales \$25,608.50
Bar & Cake Sales \$ 6,277.89

Total \$58,796.88

EXPENSES

Overall Expenses \$18,993.75

NET PROFIT \$39,803.13

Parishioners, Thank You once again for your donations/contributions. The profits will be used for the maintenance of Holy Family Cathedral and the Presbytery.

Jubilee News

The Fruits of the Jubilee: The Jubilee Year is an invitation to embark on a spiritual journey. That journey can entail a physical aspect, like a pilgrimage, but more importantly, it is a call to an interior renewal of the heart. It is a time to reflect, seek God's mercy, and renew our commitment to faith, hope, and love.

Ways to Celebrate: - Make a pilgrimage - Engage in Acts of Mercy - Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Participate in Special Liturgies - Deepen Your Faith - Spread Hope and Unity.

Jubilee Celebration in February:

15-18 Jubilee of Artists

21-23 Jubilee of Deacons

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

Parishioners are advised that priests are available for confessions immediately after the weekday Masses and after Mass on Saturdays until 12:00 noon. You can also call the Parish Office and make an appointment to see a priest for confession.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

9th February, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,554.61	\$ 471.48
Sunday 7:00 am	XXX	XXX
9:00 am	\$5,336.81	\$1,884.48
Out Stations		
Potters	XXX	XXX
Parham	XXX	XXX
Villa	XXX	XXX
Diocesan Schools	\$ 170.00	

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, 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, Yvonne Watkins, Bernard Mckennon, Andrea Canterbury, Colette Simon, Lilian Hynes.

Reflection: Jesus addresses the twelve apostles and a diverse crowd, including the impoverished, hungry, suffering and marginalized. He assures them that their hardships are temporary and that they are blessed. Jesus' primary mission is to offer salvation to the weak and scorned, the outcasts of society. He instructs that the wealthy and the poor face misfortune and that Christians should exercise charity, truth and justice in their regard. Jesus urges the faithful to rely on God's omnipotence for true happiness, as those who trust the Lord are fortunate. His teachings are timeless, calling on Christians of all ages to enact justice and charity for the needy and those at the existential and physical fringes of society and the world.

Theme: Search for Happiness

There is no being in the world who does not want to be happy. There is only a difference of opinion about what happiness is and how to attain it. Happiness implies that certain desires are being satisfied; and since a human being's desires are never fully satisfied, a happy person trusts, has hope for more to come. Happiness that is present is beautiful, but it always prompts the question: What about tomorrow? Since no person is happy alone, our hope for present and future happiness has to do with others who will not disappoint us. There are people who want instant happiness. "I am only young once; hence let me live it up!" Others search for happiness in an affluent life. But what about getting old and finally facing the end? Many want happiness if necessary at the cost of destroying the well-being of others. It requires a sound philosophy of life to obtain a happiness that fully satisfies the human heart, which goes on searching restlessly. Christianity is such a philosophy (wisdom) of life. Today's Bible readings offer a few thoughts to those who are searching.

There is a vacancy at St. Joseph's Academy to teach **Art** at the Forms 1 – 2 level and **English A** (Language) at the Form 1 level. Suitably qualified applicants may apply as soon as possible to *the Principal, St. Joseph's Academy, P.O. Box 234* or by email: sjaantigua@gmail.com or drop off a hard copy at the school's office.

"Life in Christ."

Read: Those who rely on the Lord find happiness in this life, even in the midst of trial or sorrow. They are fortunate, or blessed, because they are building their lives on that which lasts.

Reflect: Luke's presentation of Christ's Beatitudes divides the joys and sorrows up into a contrast like Jeremiah's prophecy in the first reading. On the face of it, the Beatitudes seem to present the seeming contradiction of joy and fortune in adversity. However, there is a hidden ingredient in the Beatitudes which makes all the difference, and the ingredient is life in Christ. There is no joy in grinding poverty, rejection, or loss of a loved one, unless we are clinging to the one who will lift us up and let his face shine upon us. As Saint Peter says, if our hope is unfounded, "we are the most unfortunate of all people." But our hope is built upon the truth of the resurrection, and this changes our sorrow to joy.

Pray: Reflect upon what the tree of your life is rooted in: the abundant, living water of God or a puddle of earthly satisfaction which will not last the test of time.

Act: Be an instrument of Christ's peace and joy to the poor or sorrowful of heart.

LECTIO DIVINA



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 1: 1-4 & 6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

"Fortunate are you who are poor."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 17th February

Genesis 4: 1-15,25

Psalms 50: 1 & 8, 16-17, 20-21

Mark 8: 11-13

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, religious

Tuesday 18th February

Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10

Psalms 29: 1-4, 9,10

Mark 8: 14-21

Wednesday 19th February

Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22

Psalms 116: 12-15, 18-19

Mark 8: 22-26

Thursday 20th February

Genesis 9: 1-13

Psalms 102: 16-18, 19-23, 29

Mark 8: 27-33

Friday 21st February

Genesis 11: 1-9

Psalms 33: 10-15

Mark 8: 34-9:1

***St. Peter Damian,
bishop & doctor***

Saturday 22nd February

1 Peter 5: 1-4

Psalms 23: 1-6

Matthew 16: 13-19

The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Guided by God, the writer of this poem offers his ideas on lasting happiness, for which human beings are ever restlessly searching. His observation is: Unhappy is the person who trusts in humans alone. Comparing such a person with a shrub in the desert clearly expresses the reason why there can be no lasting happiness.

On the contrary, happy the person who trusts in the LORD! Again, the comparison gives the reason. Such a person is like a fruitful tree planted beside water. The Responsorial Psalm continues that same idea of trust in the Lord.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

As already mentioned happiness implies hope for more to come. Paul deals with our restless desire for more that reaches even beyond the grave. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." Christianity is that philosophy of life which offers hope to our "restless heart till it rests in [God]" (St. Augustine).

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

We should see this sermon as a challenge to perfection directed to all who seriously search for happiness. "Blessed are you who are poor.... Woe to you who are rich." It is true that the poor feel the insufficiency of the human condition, hence the need for God more keenly than the rich do. Matthew's version speaks of the "poor in spirit," which refers to responsible stewardship. If the haves are constantly aware that they do not own anything, but that they are just God's stewards, and that having more means more responsibility (social justice, charity by sharing), then they too will receive their reward in heaven. God's word to the wealthy Christian is: With your money and talent for management, are you actively involved in any program to make the poor help themselves? If there is none, start one! "More will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Lk 12:48).

Saint of the Day - 17th February, 2025

The Story of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order

Can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver bonding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless.

In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers.

Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders.

Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in Wisconsin.

Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities.

Reflection

The time in which the seven Servite founders lived is very easily comparable to the situation in which we find ourselves today. It is "the best of times and the worst of times," as Dickens once wrote. Some, perhaps many, feel called to a countercultural life, even in religion. All of us are faced in a new and urgent way with the challenge to make our lives decisively centered in Christ.



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