



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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SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY "BAPTISM OF THE LORD"- 12th JANUARY, 2025 - C

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CENTRE.**



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**

Bible diaries are being sold at a cost **\$90.00**. These are available from Mr. Gilbert Laudat and at the Pastoral Centre.

BAPTISM

The next parish Baptism will be held on Sunday 19th January, 2025. Parents with young children are requested to register at the Parish Office. Please bring the child's birth certificate and the names of two confirmed Catholics as god-parents.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship Presents

"A SESSION FOR MEN"

AGES: 18years and Over

TIME: 5:00 pm

Date: January 19th, 2025

Venue: St Lwanga Youth Centre,
Stapleton Lane

Theme: **STRONGER MEN FOR A
STRONGER CHURCH**

Presenters: Fr Pierre Tevi-Benissan
Dr. Radcliffe Robins

The different groups and associations in our parish are requested to present their calendar of activities during this year before the end of January at the Pastoral Centre. They should also present a list of the officials and their contacts.

COLOURS OF LOVE

will be held at INDIES GREENS
on

February 14th, 2025

From 8:00 PM

Tickets cost \$175.00

and can be purchased at
**Exotic Antigua, Party Paradise,
OLPH Parish Office
HFC Pastoral Centre**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION <i>5th January, 2025</i>			<i>1st January, 2025</i>		<i>29th December, 2024</i>		<i>25th December, 2024</i>		<i>22nd December, 2024</i>	
Cathedral	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$2,438.75	\$ 628.83	\$2,575.04	-	-	-	\$3,109.71	\$ 660.18	\$1,464.20	\$ 389.40
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,511.37	\$ 248.45	-	-	-	-	\$3,675.86	\$ 681.54	\$1,798.55	\$ 464.34
9:00 am	\$1,831.18	\$ 659.59	\$1,731.25	\$ 350.92	\$7,260.22	\$1,672.70	\$2,126.83	\$ 478.56	\$1,854.01	\$ 561.31
Out Stations										
Potters	\$ 460.68	\$ 152.67	\$ 190.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 382.00	\$ 154.50
Parham	\$ 371.80	\$ 96.85	\$ 565.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 380.34	\$ 140.00
Villa	\$ 977.10	\$ 325.30	\$ 648.53	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 755.85	\$ 204.39
Diocesan Schools									\$ 95.00	-

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 Dyer, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer, Jean Mathurin, Yvonne Watkins.

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - Pilgrim of Hope

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5)

Have you started any serious thoughts about this Jubilee Year? What are you waiting for? Do not be left behind in receiving all the graces to be received during this year. Be part of 1.39 billion Catholics worldwide celebrating this great Jubilee.

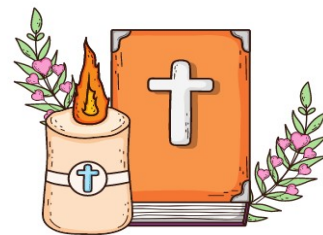
This Jubilee Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into the right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. There will be opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith. This will be done through pilgrimages, pious visits to sacred sites (these sites have already been identified in our Diocese) and works of mercy and penance. For the next few weeks, please pay special attention to the information given to sharpen our understanding of this great year and to prepare us for the first parish pilgrimage to be held on February 9th. On that Sunday we are encouraged to wear the Jubilee branded shirts. The colour of that day is green. T-shirt orders will start next week. **Pilgrims of Hope!** Be people of Hope. Remember: **"Hope does not disappoint"**

NEW CONFIRMATION GROUP: Parents please note that this group will have their first session on Saturday 18th January at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Theme: The Servant of Yahweh -

Every time we discover a new aspect in one we love, we stop in wonderment. "I did not know him/her as such!" And this deeper insight and sharing in a person's self results in greater appreciation, intimacy, and love. Today we celebrate the Lord's baptism by John in the Jordan. Matthew relates Jesus' baptism as another epiphany (manifestation), declaring that the Lord Jesus is the Servant (Son) of Yahweh. His call in life is that of the Servant as depicted in today's First Reading.

LECTIO DIVINA



"Not Worth To Untie His Sandal"

Read: John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah, whose arrival is announced by heavenly sign and sound. As Jesus prays after baptism, he is revealed as God's Son, the One who will save the people and renew them with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Reflect: The identity of John the Baptist and of Jesus are clarified in today's readings. John makes it clear that he is not the Messiah. He is the humble herald of the One who is to come, "not worthy to untie his sandal." As Jesus is baptized, his identity as Son and Saviour is confirmed by the Holy Spirit and God the Father. The Father is well pleased in his Son, who carries out his saving will. Our own identity as Christians is also tied to our Baptism and expressed in this great Sacrament. We are adopted as sons and daughters of God, as brothers and sisters of Christ and heirs to the Kingdom of God. God is well pleased with us, if we seek to do his will like, John the Baptist and Christ his Son.

Pray: Reflect upon your status as a beloved son or daughter of God and brother or sister of Christ.

Act: Find out the date of your Baptism and give thanks for such great a gift from God.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 104: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30

Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

"I Baptize You With Water"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 13th January

Hebrews 1: 1-6

Psalm 97: 1-2, 6-7, 9

Mark 1: 14-20

St. Hilary bishop & doctor

Tuesday 14th January

Hebrews 2: 5-12

Psalm 8: 2,5-9

Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday 15th January

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9

Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday 16th January

Hebrews 3: 7-14

Psalm 95: 6-11

Mark 1: 40-45

Friday 17th December

Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11

Psalm 78: 3,4, 6-8

Mark 2: 1-12

St. Anthony, abbot

Saturday 18th January

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Psalm 19: 8-10, 15

Mark 2: 13-17

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Isaiah's central message is an announcement of salvation for the people of God. He reveals God as a Shepherd-King, attracting and ever caring for his people.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul proclaims that the "grace of God has appeared" in Christ. This has set us on the road to salvation by giving us the gifts of God, especially Baptism, and by calling us to lead lives dedicated to Christ.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire": fire is a familiar biblical image that points to the presence of God. Here it could indicate the Holy Spirit's purifying and sanctifying activity at baptism. "Like a dove": Israel is often compared with a dove. Here it stands for the new Israel, the community founded by Jesus, and our Lord himself representing it. Luke has Jesus pray after his baptism, just as he has him pray often before important decisions in his life. This was an important moment in the life of Jesus, namely one in which he received a clear awareness of the great mission he had to accept. Pray often to the Holy Spirit for fidelity to your calling in life!

Reflection: John preached the Baptism of repentance for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus, being the Messiah, humbly accepts the baptism of John even though he was without sin and did not need to be baptized with John's baptism. This fact makes us think if Baptism is just the washing from sin or something more. Seeing what happened to Jesus when He prayed after His Baptism leads us to conclude that when we are baptized, we do not just become cleansed of sin but also become the "beloved children of God" by adoption.

Saint of the Day - 17th January, 2025

Saint Anthony of Egypt's Story

The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables."

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

Reflection

In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.



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