



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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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19th JANUARY, 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**

Parishioners are advised that the Week Day Mass in Villa on Wednesday's has been suspended.

Only Bible diaries are being sold at a cost \$90.00. These are available at the Pastoral Centre.

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.

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

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SUNDAY WORD OF GOD - "I hope in your Word" Ps. 119:74

On Sunday, January 26, 2025, the 6th 'Sunday of the Word of God' will be celebrated in all the dioceses of the world, and on this occasion, it will be held in the context of the Jubilee Year. This is a deeply pastoral initiative that Pope Francis introduced to make people understand how important the Word of God is in the daily life of the Church and in Christian communities. In this context the Word is not confined to a book, but always remains alive and active becoming a concrete and tangible presence in people's life. The motto chosen by the Holy Father for the 2025 edition is a verse from Psalm 119; "I hope in your Word".

Here are some practical ways to celebrate the Sunday in your home:

- Enthroned the Bible in a prominent place
- Read Psalm 119, pause and reflect on verse 74
- Encourage family and friends to do the same

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 12th JANUARY, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,685.40	\$ 592.56
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,379.28	\$ 414.84
9:00 am	\$2,113.92	\$ 626.60
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 435.65	\$ 294.40
Parham	\$ 643.95	\$ 122.67
Villa	\$ 701.17	\$ 332.50
Diocesan Schools	\$65.00	

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, Bernard Mckennon.

Reflection: *I suppose that weddings in every culture are joyous and momentous occasions. No wonder the prophets and biblical writers used the symbolism of the bride-bridegroom relationship for the God-human, God-people of God relationship. Today in almost every place in the world, weddings are meticulously prepared and executed. How then the wedding planners in Cana could run out of wine? Jesus comes to the rescue, but necessary adjustments must be made; the water prepared for the ritual ablutions after the wedding must be given way to more and better wine. The joyful party must go on!*



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 soon. On the Sunday of the Pilgrimage we are encouraged to wear the Jubilee branded shirts. The Jubilee colour for our Diocese is green. Order for T-shirt orders is now open. Please fill out the order forms which will be available at the doors. Be people of Hope. **Pilgrims of Hope!** Remember: **“Hope does not disappoint”**

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

“For a Child is born to us...”

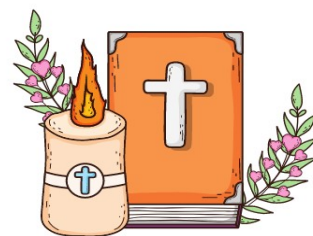
Read: “For a child is born to us...” That long-awaited child is Jesus, the Messiah, fully human and fully divine, who as a boy takes his place in the Temple, as “Wonderful Counselor,” teaching the teachers.

Reflect: The image of the Niño, the child Jesus, is an important part of Catholic devotion in many countries, such as Spain, the Czech Republic and the Philippines. In Rome, there was huge outcry when the Bambino Gesù was stolen from the Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli. People felt bereft. The image of the little child brings us comfort, and if we lose sight of him, we can feel anxious, like Mary and Joseph in the Gospel. But Jesus asks us if we are looking for him in the right place. “Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” Jesus is totally dedicated to the Father's will and to the things of God. This means that we find Christ in good things, in godly things, and we will lose him when we wander away from them.

Pray: Reflect on the different facets of your life. Look for Christ where there is goodness, justice, love, peace, and joy. Do any of your actions draw you away from Christ?

Act: Set aside anything that takes you away from following Christ faithfully.

LECTIO DIVINA



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 97: 1-6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel

John 2:

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' "



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 20th January

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Psalm 110: 1-4

Mark 2: 18-22

St. Fabian, pope & martyr

St. Sebastian, martyr

Tuesday 21st January

Hebrews 6: 10-20

Psalm 111: 1,2, 4,5, 9 & 10

Mark 2: 23-28

St. Agnes, virgin & martyr

Wednesday 22nd January

Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17

Psalm 110: 1-4

Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 23rd January

Hebrews 7: 25—8:6

Psalm 40: 7-10, 17

Mark 3: 7-12

St. Marianne Cope, virgin

St. Vincent, deacon & martyr

Friday 24th January

Hebrews 8: 6-13

Psalm 85: 8 & 10-14

Mark 3: 13-19

St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor

Saturday 25th January

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22

Psalm 117: 1-2

Mark 16: 15-18

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Once the Prophet Hosea (8th century B.C.) had mentioned his own broken marriage as an example of Israel's unfaithfulness to God, later Biblical writers also began to compare the relationship between God and humans with the intimate love of husband and wife. In this reading it is one of Isaiah's disciples who takes up this theme to console the people of his day: "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." He assures them that although past infidelity was punished with defeat and exile to Babylon, God forgives and takes his people back as his spouse.

God's word to you in this passage could be a question: How do you see yourself in relation to God? Is the promised reward or love the main incitement of your Christian life-style? God loves you. "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The setting is the congregation in Corinth, Greece, with an active charismatic movement. Some of its members have been overemphasizing the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the gift of speaking in tongues. Paul stresses that God loves all of us and gives his same Spirit of love to all members, but he respects our individualities. We are different from one another: "There are different workings [ministries, gifts] but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Accept people as different! Apply this to your family, friends, parish. Loving people only if they want to think exactly the way you do is narrowminded. It is something done in "closed societies." Outgrow this!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In reading the fourth Gospel, we should keep in mind that for the author, who wrote it some 60 years after the death and resurrection of our Lord, the miracles are primarily signs or symbols that unveil the mystery of the Christ event. John refines and molds the living traditions found among the congregations of his day to bring out his point. It requires study to see all the subtle hints and allusions in these narratives. In today's passage, Jesus reveals his glory and gives us a first inkling of who he is. He assumes the role of the groom by giving wine to the wedding guests.

Saint of the Day - 17th January, 2025

Saint Agnes of Bohemia's Story

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her.

Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and King Henry III of England, Agnes was faced with a proposal from Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. She appealed to Pope Gregory IX for help. The pope was persuasive; Frederick magnanimously said that he could not be offended if Agnes preferred the King of Heaven to him.

After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she and seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. Saint Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess.

Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was "senior sister." Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother's offer to set up an endowment for the monastery.

Devotion to Agnes arose soon after her death on March 6, 1282. Canonized in 1989, her liturgical feast is celebrated on March 6.

Reflection

Agnes spent at least 45 years in a Poor Clare monastery. Such a life requires a great deal of patience and charity. The temptation to selfishness certainly didn't vanish when Agnes walked into the monastery. It is perhaps easy for us to think that cloistered nuns "have it made" regarding holiness. Their route is the same as ours: gradual exchange of our standards—inclinations to selfishness—for God's standard of generosity.



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