



# 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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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26th 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

**COLOURS OF LOVE**  
will be held at **INDIES GREENS**  
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From 8:00 PM

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**HFC Pastoral Centre**

**HFC Liturgical Dance Group & The  
Xclamation Mas Troupe** will host a Cake  
Sale on Sunday 2nd February, 2025  
immediately after the 9:00 am Mass.  
Please support.

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**Legion of Mary will host an Adoration**  
to the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 31st  
January, 2025 immediately after the  
12:15pm Mass until 7:00pm in Holy  
Family Cathedral chapel.  
All are invited.

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## **LET US CELEBRATE THIS 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. Holy Family Cathedral is a  
Sacred Site. It is Pilgrimage Sunday on 9th  
February. All the Parishes in the  
Diocese will be on Pilgrimage. The  
colour of the day is green or you can  
purchase a branded Jubilee T-shirt to be  
worn on that day.

**T-SHIRTS** - This is the last week to order  
your shirts. Children sizes \$35.00 and  
Adult sizes \$40.00. Complete the order  
forms after Mass.



## **SUNDAY WORD OF GOD -**

"I hope in your Word" Ps. 119:74

**Today**, January 26, 2025, we celebrate  
the 6th 'Sunday of the Word of God' 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 **TODAY** 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.

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**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.

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** *19th JANUARY, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>\$5,170.36</b>	<b>\$ 465.60</b>
<b>Sunday 7:00 am</b>	<b>\$1,462.85</b>	<b>\$ 288.37</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>\$3,035.01</b>	<b>\$ 847.28</b>
Out Stations		
<b>Potters</b>	<b>\$ 101.35</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Parham</b>	<b>\$ 867.40</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>
<b>Villa</b>	<b>\$ 725.50</b>	<b>\$ 278.19</b>
<b>Diocesan Schools</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	

**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.

## Catholic Education Week 2025

The Diocese of St. John's-Baseterre celebrates Catholic Education Week during the period January 26th to February 1st, 2025.

Catholic Education Week represents an opportunity for all Catholic schools across the Diocese to celebrate their unique Catholic identity, the critical role that Catholic schools continue to play in their respective locale, and the significant value and strength they add to the education sector and the faith formation.

This year's celebration coincides with the Holy Year, the Year of Jubilee which is being observed under the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In this great celebration, Pope Francis invites us to "fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain a new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision..." In light of this invitation to look to the future with an open spirit, Catholic Education Week 2025 will be celebrated under the theme '**Catholic Schools: Inspiring Hope**'. Today we are delighted to welcome representatives from the faculty and student body of the St. John's Catholic Primary and Pre-School, the Christ the King High School and St. Joseph's Academy. Let us pray that our schools will continue to be beacons of hope in our community.



## 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

*"These prophetic words come true..."*

**Read:** The people listen to God's word with respect and devotion. That Holy Word teaches us that we are united as the Church in one Body, with different tasks, all coordinated by Christ the Head, who was sent to bring Good News to the poor and liberty to captives.

**Reflect:** We are united as the Body of Christ, each with our own vocation, but called to work together in praise of God and in the service of our neighbour. As Christ is anointed by the Spirit to bring liberty, consolation and mercy, so are we anointed by that same Spirit, and share in his same mission.

**Pray:** "Today, these prophetic words come true, even as you listen." Pray the words of Isaiah read by Jesus. Reflect on how this prophecy came to fulfilment in Christ and how you participate in Christ's mission of mercy "today". What is God calling you to do to bring that Good News to those who need to hear it?

**Act:** Look for ways in your family and community to be an instrument of consolation and mercy.

## LECTIO DIVINA



### **This Sunday's Readings**

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

*Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10*

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

*Psalms 19: 8-10, 15*

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

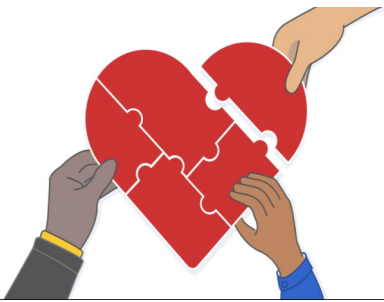
*1 Corinthians*

*12: 12-30 or 12: -14, 27*

#### ***Gospel***

*Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21*

***"There are many members and one body."***



### **Readings for Monday to Saturday**

#### **Monday 27th January**

Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28

Psalm 98: 1-6

Mark 3: 22-30

***St. Angela Merici, virgin***

#### **Tuesday 28th January**

Hebrews 10: 1-10

Psalm 40: 2 & 4, 7-8, 10-11

Mark 3: 31-35

***St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor***

#### **Wednesday 29th January**

Hebrews 10: 11-18

Psalm 110: 1-4

Mark 4: 1-20

#### **Thursday 30th January**

Hebrews 10: 19-25

Psalm 24: 1-6

Mark 4: 21-25

#### **Friday 31st January**

Hebrews 10: 32-39

Psalm 37: 3-6, 23-24, 39-40

Mark 4: 26-34

***St. John Bosco, priest***

#### **Saturday 1st February**

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Luke 1: 69-75

Mark 4: 35-41

***Blessed Virgin Mary***

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

This reading deals with a time when the Babylonian exile has ended and many of the captives have returned home only to be met with the frustrations of the reconstruction. Word filters back to those who remained in Babylon, and two influential Jews return to aid the reconstruction. One is Ezra the priest. The other is Nehemiah the cupbearer of the Persian king, who eventually rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem.

Today's passage describes the reestablishment of religious worship in the restored and repopulated city. Notice that the word is not only read, but also explained and agreed upon by the listeners' "Amen." Ezra, reading and explaining the Bible, prefigures Jesus in the synagogue of his hometown

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

Paul brings out our diversity in unity. We are one and responsible for one another. Each one of us should do his/her part of the job as well as possible and so contribute to the well-being lifestyle as you live it with of all. Apply this to your Christian your fellow Christians. You should not try to "go it alone." Such an approach never works. As is true for members in the family and for religious in community life, we need our mutual inspiration. This involves giving and taking.

Apply this also to the committees of your parish council. They can call upon a diversity of talents. In what field are you proficient? Your priest is the teacher (preacher), but you may be particularly adept in the area of showing hospitality, making strangers feel at home, or in some other area that is just as important!

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

We should make note of a few points in this narrative. Jesus entered the synagogue on the sabbath "according to his custom." Hence, besides healing and expelling demons, Jesus took time for regular worship. Those in favor of "Horizontal Christianity" (worship God in your neighbor only/mainly!) should pay attention. Jesus found worship important. Moreover, Jesus read Scripture, sat down to explain it, and applied it to a situation, i.e., to himself: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." These are important elements in both private and communal Scripture reading.

### **Saint of the Day - 17th January, 2025**

#### ***Saint Angela Merici's story***

Angela Merici has the double distinction of founding the first of what are now called "secular institutes" and the first teaching order of women in the Church.

Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a "company" of women.

Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela's sight was restored.

At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their "mother and mistress," Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows.

Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia's Church of Saint' Afra. Four years later the Company's Rule that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope.

In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula, to teach girls. Angela's words continue to inspire the Ursuline nuns' mission of education, a mission that spread worldwide. The Company of St. Ursula also continued to exist and is federated worldwide today with members in 30 countries. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.





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