



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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"Christian Love Guided by Faith"

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 13th July, 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

REGISTRATION FOR CATECHETICAL GROUPS:

Over the years, recurring patterns have highlighted the value of engaging parents prior to registration for the Sacraments and Religious Education formation. As a result, the catechists feel that holding sessions with parents beforehand would help clarify expectations and foster greater collaborative efforts in supporting parents, children and young people throughout spiritual formation. To this end, registration will be initiated at the end of two mandatory parents' sessions to be held in September. This is for all Catechetical groups. Details will be given in subsequent announcements.

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 dsjbchancery@gmail.com.

Transportation is an asset. Further details are published on the Diocesan website - diocesedsjb.org.

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 to the school's office.

The Memorial Mass for Genevieve Marian Ashterman Edwards (sister of Patrick Thomas) will be held on Monday 21st July, 2025 at 3:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified professionals to teach the following: Biology, English Literature, Principles of Business, Social Studies and Spanish at Christ the King High School.

Cover letter and CV should be submitted to christtheking268@gmail.com. **Deadline for submission is Monday 21st July, 2025.**

J ' O U V E R T M O R N I N G BREAKFAST at St. Lwanga Youth Centre, Stapleton Lane on Monday 4th August from 5 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Choose from a variety of dishes for \$30.00. Tickets are available at the Pastoral Centre, after the weekend Masses and from any Catechist. Proceeds are in aid of the Diocesan Jubilee of Catechists in September. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

FIND YOUR VOICE, FIND YOUR PASSION - A workshop for teenagers -this workshop will equip you with the tools to grow, inspire, and lead: Speak with confidence and clarity, unlock your leadership potential, explore your passion and purpose, and connect with like-minded peers. Date: August 20 - 25, 2025 Venue: St. Lwanga Youth Centre. Get ready to take on the new school year with confidence. Registration will be open soon.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 6th July, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,478.40	\$425.24
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,435.00	\$294.40
9:00 am	\$2,990.51	\$705.89
Hispanic	-	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$347.40	\$65.00
Parham	\$295.00	\$97.00
Villa	\$504.05	\$214.45
Diocesan Schools	\$50.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

The Society of the Divine Word (SVD) joyfully celebrates its 150th Anniversary, commemorating the founding of the congregation by St. Arnold Janssen in Steyl, the Netherlands, (Holland), on September 8, 1875, under the theme: **Witnessing to the Light, from Everywhere, to Everyone.**

How To Join the Celebration!

We invite all parishioners to be part of this joyful occasion by sharing:

- Personal memories or testimonies
- Photos with SVD priests or brothers
- Reflections on how a Divine Word Missionary touched your life or strengthened your faith.

Send your contributions to: svdantigua@gmail.com or contact **Fr. Pierre** directly. Let us give thanks and praise for **150 years of faith, mission, and service.** Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the mission of the Divine Word around the world.

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 Dyier, 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

Christian Love Guided by Faith

In observing the animal world, we can be touched by the apparent affection a female is able to give to her puppies. But it shocks us when we see how cruel that same animal can be to other animals that are not her offspring. Seemingly a woman has the same affectionate love for her baby. The instinctive emotional part of love is apparently the same. But there is a great difference. Human love is not merely emotional. It also contains an element of insight. Besides loving her own baby, a mother also loves other children. This element of insight is even more decisive when love is elevated from the mere human level to the sacred, namely, Christian love, called charity. The insight that guides charity is faith. Today's Liturgy deals with love of God and all human beings regardless of race, creed or color. Paying attention to the insight of faith, which guides it, is important.

LECTIO DIVINA



"All people are worthy of being loved."

Read: Deuteronomy teaches that God's law is not beyond our reach or comprehension, since God has written it, his commandments in our hearts, commandments which are summed up in love of God and neighbour. In this parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus explains that the love of neighbour is universal in its application. Jesus himself shows us a universal love by dying for all and in him all things hold together through that love.

Reflect: The parable of the Good Samaritan powerfully demonstrates that all people are worthy of being loved, regardless of race, religion or circumstance, and the parable prompts us to ask ourselves, "What is my response to people in need? Do I stop and offer help, or do I pass by? That help may be direct involvement, or indirect support through contribution to charities, trained and skilled in helping the hungry, the sick, the homeless or any other physical or emotional need. The whole focus of the parable is the call to have eyes to see the needs of others and a heart that is willing to love, because if we fail in loving our neighbour, how can we be sincere in loving God?

Pray: Pray for a heart that is more open to others.

Act: Reach out to someone who needs your support or help.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 13th July

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37



"Who is my neighbor?"

Monday 14th July

Exodus 1: 8-14, 22

Psalm 124: 1-8

Matthew 10: 34—11: 1

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Tuesday 15th July

Exodus 2: 1-15

Psalm 69: 3, 14, 30-31, 33-34

Matthew 11: 20-24

St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor

Wednesday 16th July

Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12

Psalm 103: 1-4, 6-7

Matthew 11: 25-27

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday 17th July

Exodus 3: 13-20

Psalm 105: 1 & 5, 8-9, 24-27

Matthew 11: 28-30

Friday 18th July

Exodus 11: 10-12 :14

Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-18

Matthew 12: 1-8

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

Saturday 19th July

Exodus 12: 37- 42

Psalm 136: 1 & 23-24, 10-15

Matthew 12: 14-21

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

The Book of Deuteronomy (which means "Second Law") is a series of sermons or meditations on the Law of Moses. This passage seems to have been composed during the exile in Babylon. The author lets Moses speak figuratively. We should heed the voice of the Lord. It is not far away. It is in your heart. In Christian terminology, follow your informed conscience, through which God speaks to you.

This reading prepares us to listen to the Gospel, which deals with God's commandments. Make the Responsorial Psalm your prayer when you need guidance in life.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

We have read in the "Wisdom literature" of the Bible that Wisdom in God was personified and seen as an agent through whom God had created the world and preserved it. Paul sees God's Wisdom incarnated in Jesus Christ. God revealing himself and acting in Jesus is the same God who creates and preserves the universe. Hence, creation is basically good though corrupted by evils. Christ's task was to restore things, "to reconcile all things for him." In baptized Christians God's design has been restored; we are reconciled with God "by the blood of his cross."

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Jesus' commandment of love of God and neighbor is actually a combination of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 9:18. We cannot love God without loving our neighbor, nor conversely is love of neighbor possible without love of God. The insight of faith helps us to see the reason why. Faith tells us that all human beings are God's children. He loves all of them. You cannot possibly love parents and exclude their children from your love. The other way around, faith tells us that what you do for the least of your brothers you do for God.

Love of God must motivate you; otherwise you will confine your love to those you like, and eventually behave like the priest and Levite in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Being a good Samaritan requires faith, which tells me that all people, regardless of race, creed, or color, are brothers and sisters of one heavenly Father.

Saint of the Day - July 16th, 2025

The Story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition—which may not be historical—that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

Reflection

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word sister is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



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