



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family
Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

Good Samaritan
Donovans



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"Hospitality"

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 20th 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

Parishioners are advised that there will be **NO** - 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 26th July, 2025.

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 - diocesesjb.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'OUVERT MORNING 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.

Jumble Sale

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a massive jumble sale on Saturday, July 26, 2025 on the grounds of the Society's Day Care Centre in Ovals.

- Time: 6:00 am - 10:00 am.
- A wide variety of clothing will be on sale.
- Prices range from \$5.00 - \$20.00
- Please come with \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 bills.

No reasonable offers will be refused. Looking forward to seeing you there.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 13th July, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$2,499.67	\$977.97
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,813.35	\$349.53
9:00 am	\$1,900.86	\$490.27
Hispanic	-	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$285.00	\$115.00
Parham	\$495.00	\$98.00
Villa	\$608.07	\$196.00
Diocesan Schools	\$125.00	-

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, 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 next Marriage Preparation course will be held in September. Interested couples can register at the Parish Office..

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

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday 7th September, 2025. Parents wishing to have their child baptized must register at the Pastoral Centre. Please bring the child's birth certificate when registering and the names of two confirmed Catholics.

HOSPITALITY: The concept of hospitality has had various connotations over the centuries. In the 6th century Saint Benedict wrote in his rule that his monks should receive the stranger as Christ himself. The abbeys were havens for the lonesome traveler. For centuries, men and women have dedicated their lives as religious Brothers and Sisters to welcoming the stranger and the suffering in their hospitals, which were centers of charity, real "guest houses." Now it is different. Though there are still a few sporadic "hospices" run by Sisters and Christian denominations still operate hospitals that bear their names, as a rule the stranger checks in at a motel and the sick person is taken care of in the community hospital, both paying for the service they receive. However, hospitality is still a Christian form of charity. Think of the family. How do we receive our guests? A visit of friends can still be an enriching experience for both the guests and the host and hostess, provided that there is mutual openness, real hospitality. Many Christians make their living by welcoming strangers and the sick: receptionists, waitresses, physicians, nurses. In doing so, they can practice service with a smile. That smile could make their service Christian! Think of the hospitality of your congregation toward strangers regardless of race, color or creed. Many parishes have a committee on hospitality, and hospitality should be practiced as parish socials which give us that feeling of belonging which we all need to keep on living the Christian life.

LECTIO DIVINA



"Only One Thing Is Needed."

Read: Abraham and Sarah welcome the Lord in a visit from three men who, mysteriously, are one. Martha and Mary welcome Christ into their home. Jesus teaches them that the most important thing is to listen to him.

Reflect: Hospitality is at the heart of today's readings. Sarah and Abraham prepare a lavish meal for their guests, and then they hear God's promise that, despite their old age, they will have a son. Martha is frustrated by Mary's inactivity when Jesus visits, since she has chosen to sit at the feet of Christ instead of preparing the meal. Hospitality isn't just about the food and the preparations; it's also about being with your guests and listening to them in friendship. In that context we come to realize that God is with us and through our guests we can hear God's promise of love. Similarly, our lives should be more than constant activity. We need to take time to listen to the Lord in prayer, so that we can be nourished by him.

Pray: Meditate on the Gospel passage, imagining that you are sitting at the feet of the Lord like Mary.

Act: When you have a meal with family or friends, acknowledge God's presence in your midst, by giving thanks to him for the food and blessings you have received.

Friday 1st August is Emancipation Day, and on Sunday 27th July we will celebrate Emancipation Sunday. The congregation is encouraged to wear their African attire on that day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 20th July

First Reading

Genesis 18: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 15: 2-5

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel

Luke 10: 38-42



"Mary Had Chosen The Part."

Monday 21st July

Exodus 14: 5-18

Psalm 15: 1-6

Matthew 12: 38-42

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor

Tuesday 22nd July

Song of Songs 3: 1-4 /

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Psalm 63: 2-6 8-9

John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 23rd July

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15

Psalm 78: 18-19, 23-28

Matthew 13: 1-9

St. Bridget of Sweden, religious

Thursday 24th July

Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20

Dn 3: 52-56

Matthew 13: 10-17

St. Sharbel Makhlef, priest

Friday 25th July

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

Psalm 126: 1-6

Matthew 20: 20-28

Feast of St. James, Apostle

Saturday 26th July

Exodus 24: 3-8

Psalm 50: 1-2, 5-6, 14-15

Matthew 13: 24-30

***St. Joachim & St. Anne, parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary***

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

In this tradition, Abraham is introduced to us as an example of hospitality. He follows the rule of hospitality common to his time and culture. The point is that he was gracious. We should see Abraham's hospitality as related to his faith, which is rewarded by God. Sarah, his wife, will have a son. "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

We should receive Christ with a mature faith. Paul had preached this mystery to the Colossians. But a mystery is something we should penetrate into ever more by faithful meditation. Just as we grow in understanding a loved one by daily conversation, so should we grow in understanding our Lord by meditatively listening to his words in Scripture and meeting him with an open mind in our fellow humans/guests.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Martha and Mary were hospitable toward our Lord, each in her own way. Martha was "burdened with much serving" in doing the household tasks.

Mary listened to Jesus' words. Both aspects of hospitality are important. But openness to the guest as a person, in this case to our Lord's message of salvation, is more important.

When we receive Christ in other human beings, we should have an open eye for this mystery. Wherever I experience goodness, God is present!

Saint of the Day - July 25th, 2025

Saint James' Story

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).



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