



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
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 1st June, 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

All choir members and musicians of HFC, Villa and Potters are invited to a joint choir practice on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm at HFC in preparation for Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

Please make every effort to attend and to be on time.

Join Us for 3 Days of Adoration and Healing at Holy Family Cathedral

You're invited to a special three-day Eucharistic mission with **Fr. Jesse Maingot from Trinidad**, taking place at Holy Family Cathedral. This powerful event will include:

- Healing Ministry
- Inspirational Talks on Eucharistic Adoration
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Holy Mass
- Reconciliation (Confession)

Schedule:

- Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 PM
- Friday, June 6th at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, June 7 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and again from 4:00 PM, leading up to the concluding Mass at 6:00 PM

Come and encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you're seeking healing, peace, or a deeper relationship with Christ, this is a grace-filled opportunity you won't want to miss.

Jesus is waiting for you. Let Him renew your heart through the gift of the Eucharist.

On Sunday June 1st, people around the world will come together to recognize those living with a history of cancer, raise awareness of surviving the disease and celebrate life.

Parishioners are advised that **Sunday 15th June, 2025 is Father's Day**. A special envelope will be distributed for the support of the priests.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Joseph's Conference invites you to its *Annual Fathers' Day lunch* on **June 15th** on Holy Family Cathedral grounds from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Contribution: **\$25.00**. A scrumptious meal awaits you. Please support.

SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUMMER: Summer Camp, Youth Leadership Conference, Youth Well-Being Workshop, Jubilee of Youth. Please support these initiatives by dropping your donation in the boxes at the three doors in the Cathedral. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION: We pray for the 22 candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Sunday 15th June, Trinity Sunday. We also pray for their parents.

Holy Family Cathedral Parish presents **Pentecost Sunday Fiesta** in the HFC parking lot, on 8th June, 2025. There will be food from different countries on sale and lots of entertainment for the whole family.

Tickets will be on sale for \$25.00. All proceeds will go towards the ongoing development of our parish.

The Pentecost Fiesta Singing Competition is open to All Age Groups. Please give your Name, Number and Gospel Song at the Pastoral Centre or call Tarik Mussington at #778-2721 for more details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

25th May, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,044.14	\$ 439.75
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,770.15	\$ 550.97
9:00 am	\$2,949.25	\$ 701.87
Hispanic	\$ 524.65	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 516.30	\$ 166.25
Parham	\$561.70	\$ 103.00
Villa	\$1,134.12	\$ 324.80
Diocesan Schools	\$ 524.65	-

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 Skeritt.

"What does God want us to do"

"Lord, what about him?" We spend a lot of energy thinking about what others are doing, whether we measure up to them or whether they are falling short on the mark. There's a competitive streak in us that can become a distraction rather than a force for good. And so, rather than concentrating on what God wants us to do, we spend our time thinking about what other people are doing. Here Peter is wondering about what is going to happen to John, the beloved disciple. Saint Peter is distracted by the uncertainties of the future, and so for a moment he forgets about what's most important, that is, following Christ. Christ has called each of us to follow him, but he has not called us to be another person or live someone else's life. He has called you and me, personally. So, others might be doing great things for Christ; we might have a simple life. Both are good and are a just cause for giving praise to God.



Jubilee 2025

Grandparents, Families, Children, Elderly

May 30th - 1st June

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

In anticipation of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, set within a yearlong celebration of hope, we remember the words of Pope Francis to families in his exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (AL): The incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world. We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that "yes" given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the "yes" of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary. (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 65) When the Word was made flesh, the greatest gift of Hope was delivered to the human race. The story of Christ's birth is retold every year to remind us of this long-awaited gift that arrived in the form of a child. Every family experiences a similar moment of untold joy and hope with a child's arrival. The joy of love in families is rooted in hope despite the challenges and trials that life presents us. The letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that love hopes all things. It does not despair of the future. In fact, every family is a symbol of hope for future generations.

Love, especially familial love, is rooted in the abiding promise of the Christ Child who came to renew all things and bring us everlasting peace. For this reason, despite the various trials, challenges, and sufferings--whether hidden or revealed--which every family experiences, Christian hope endures. Many families demonstrate a strong sense of calling to bear their crosses with decisive hope.

KEY SAINTS—*Holy Married Saints and Families*

- St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, multiple feast days), the earthly parents of Jesus, who together form the Holy Family and exemplify a model of family life centered on faith, love, and obedience to God's will. St. Joseph is honored for his humility and obedience as a protector and provider, while Mary, Mother of God, is revered for her perfect discipleship and love through her acceptance of God's will.
- Sts. Joachim and Anne (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, feast day July 26), parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. After years of keeping a steadfast faith and trust in God amidst the trial of infertility, Sts. Joachim and Anne received an angelic prophecy of a birth of a child, Mary, Mother of God. They are the patron saints of grandparents and infertile couples.
- Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, feast day November 5), parents of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. A devout elderly couple who faced infertility for many decades before God intervened, their story illustrates themes of hope, patience, and prayer.
- Sts. Aquila and Priscilla (c. 1st century, feast day July 8), a married couple and early Christian missionaries mentioned by Paul as "co-workers in Christ Jesus" (Romans 16:3). They are recognized for their hospitality, commitment to the Church, and willingness to risk their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

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

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-9

Second Reading

Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23 Or

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel

Luke 24: 46-53



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 2nd June

Acts 19: 1-8

Psalm 68: 2-7

John 16: 29-33

St. Marcellinus & St Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday 3rd June

Acts 20: 17-27

Psalms 68: 10-11, 20-21

John 17: 1-11

St. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

Wednesday 4th June

Acts 20: 28-38

Psalm 68: 29-30, 33-36

John 17: 11-19

Thursday 5th June

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11

Psalm 16: 1-2 & 5, 7-11

John 17: 20-26

St. Boniface, bishop & martyr

Friday 6th June

Acts 25: 13-21

Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20

John 21: 15-19

St. Norbert, bishop

Saturday 7th June

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31

Psalm 11: 4-5 & 7

John 21: 20-25

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The wording of this tradition on the ascension of our Lord is clearly conditioned by the limited understanding of the universe during the writer's lifetime. The wording is not part of divine revelation. There is no absolute up or down. Heaven is not a place somewhere up in outer space. Heaven is a situation outside our concepts of time and space. What the evangelists have tried to do is describe the final appearance of Jesus and/or the fact that the Lord Jesus is "sitting at God's right hand," which is a Hebrew idiom for sharing power with God. Luke's message is: Christ has died ("after he had suffered"), Christ is risen ("he presented himself alive to them"), Christ will come again ("this Jesus will return"). That is the way we word it in our second Memorial Acclamation at Mass.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

This pericope is made up of two small passages. The first presents the ascension of Christ as a priestly act, and the second indicates the meaning of this mystery for us. The ascension is the solemn entrance into the heavenly sanctuary where the Liturgy of the Lamb is celebrated. In its wake, the entire community of believers sets out along the "new and living way" inaugurated by Christ to attain full salvation and liberation. We should make sure we are part of that company.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In comparing the way Matthew (A), Mark (B) and Luke (C) describe the last apparition of the Lord Jesus to his disciples, we see some differences. This should not shock us. The sacred authors took existing traditions at face value, and simply used them to proclaim their message-which is that the Lord is alive, is with God, prays for us in heaven, and communicates his Spirit. This message is God's word to us, not all these details. In the tradition used by Luke, Jesus stresses penance as part of the Christian message. Notice that the disciples returned to Jerusalem "with great joy." In witnessing for Christ, we should be full of joy as well, knowing that the Lord's Spirit dwells in us.

Saint of the Day - June 5th *Saint Boniface's Story*

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control.

During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

Let us extend a hearty welcome to a Holy Spirit sister - Sr. Yustina Intan SSpS from Indonesia. She has been assigned to Antigua to work in our Diocese for the next three years.



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