



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family
Cathedral
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Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

Good Samaritan
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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - 22nd 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

His Excellency, Most Rev. John Bonaventure KWOFIE, Archbishop of Accra, Ghana, is currently undertaking a pastoral visit to our Diocese, engaging with his clergy, Fidei Donum working in St Kitts, where he arrived on **June 18th**. He is scheduled to visit Antigua on **June 23rd**. **He will celebrate with us the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist which takes place on June 24th**, at Holy Family Cathedral at 6:30 pm. Please join us for Mass as we welcome him to the Diocese of St. John's Basseterre.

Parishioners are kindly asked to take note that the Mass for *Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist* will be celebrated on Tuesday, 24th June, 2025. Mass will be at **6:30 pm** instead of the usual time **6:00 am**.

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's Conference would like to express heartfelt thanks to all those persons and business places which supported the Fathers' Day lunch by purchasing tickets, making donations and assisting in the setting up of tents.

*Your support was greatly appreciated.
May God continue to richly bless you.*

ALL ABOARD! SUMMER CAMP 2025 will be held from June 30th to July 11th 2025 at the St. Lwanga Youth Centre.

Age Group: 5 - 12 years ,

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Cost: \$350.00 which includes daily hot meals, material and outing. Registration is now open until June 25th.

Joyce and Deacon Benjamin are both recovering from a successful surgery. Kindly continue to pray for them for a full recovery.

The members of the HFC Dance Ministry & the Xclamation Mas Troupe will host a Bake Sale on **Sunday 29th June, 2025** on Holy Family Cathedral Church grounds. Please support.

The second collection on **Sunday 29th June** will be for **Peter's Pence**.

"Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative cost of the Vatican state.

Celebrating 150 Years of Missionary Service — Society of the Divine Word (SVD) — 1875–2025

"Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation." — **Mark 16:15**

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**.

For 150 years, Divine Word Missionaries have been proclaiming the Gospel, building communities, and serving the needs of people across cultures and continents — including the Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre!

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

15th June, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,731.30	\$ 392.00
Sunday 7:00 am	\$3,626.86	\$1,160.30
9:00 am	\$5,636.92	\$1,575.43
Hispanic	\$881.65	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 215.00	\$ 137.00
Parham	\$ 620.00	\$ 279.37
Villa	\$ 416.70	\$ 127.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 90.00	-

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.

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.



Jubilee 2025

Seminarians

23rd—24th June

In the Catholic Church, seminarians are men in formation to become priests in their diocese, eparchy or religious institute or society of apostolic life. A seminarian's formation takes place in community where he receives not only intellectual formation, but also human, spiritual, and pastoral formation. Seminarians, through cooperating with God's grace, are prepared to serve the Church as priests upon ordination through their formation in imitating Christ as the Good Shepherd.

Baptism, where life devoted to imitating Christ first begins, serves as the foundation for the call to the priesthood. In preparation for this vocation, seminarians strengthen their Baptismal identity through their participation in the life of the Church. By communing with Christ in the sacraments and engaging with the intellectual tradition of the Church, seminarians begin to slowly ground themselves in the mysteries of the Trinity. Seminarians engage with these mysteries not in isolation, but rather in union with their brothers in seminary, religious institute or society of apostolic life and with the wider Church community as a whole

KEY SAINTS - HOLY COMPANIONS FOR SEMINARIANS

- ⇒ St. Joseph (1st Century A.D., feast day March 19), spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord.
- ⇒ St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584, feast day November 4), cardinal and archbishop remembered for his important role in the Council of Trent, and patron saint of seminarians.
- ⇒ St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859), priest known for his apostolic work with the poor, disaffiliated and unaffiliated. He is also known for his dedication to the sacraments, his perseverance through his academic struggles in seminary, and as the patron saint of parish priests.
- ⇒ St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897, feast day October 1), French Carmelite cloistered nun and mystic who prayed fervently for her seminarian spiritual brother.

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

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

Genesis 14: 18-20

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 110: 1-4

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel

Luke 9: 11-17



"Jesus Then Took The Five Loaves & Two Fishes"

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 23rd June

Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalms 33: 12-13, 18-20 & 22

Matthew 7: 1-5

Tuesday 24th June

Isaiah 49: 1-6

Psalms 139: 1-3, 13-15

Acts 13: 22-26

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

***Solemnity of the Nativity of
St. John the Baptist***

Wednesday 25th June

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 105: 1-4, 6-9

Matthew 7: 15-20

Thursday 26th June

Genesis 16: 1-12, 15-16

Psalms 106: 1-5

Matthew 7: 21-29

Friday 27th June

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Psalms 23: 1-6

Romans 5: 5-11

Luke 15: 3-7

***Solemnity of the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus***

Saturday 28th June

Genesis 18: 1-15

Lk 1: 46-50 & 53-55

Luke 2: 41-51

***The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary***

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

It is not clear why Melchizedek is called "a priest of God Most High." The Letter to the Hebrews refers to this passage and sees Melchizedek as a priest, foreshadowing Jesus Christ, because he blessed Abraham. Church tradition, as reflected in the first Eucharistic Prayer, refers to the bread and wine offered by this mysterious King Priest. It may be that Melchizedek had offered the gifts of bread and wine previously to God and gave them to Abraham as a sacrificial repast together with his blessing. As such they could be types of the Eucharistic bread and wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord. "Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek". Relate the Responsorial Psalm to our High Priest, Jesus Christ!

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

The early Church celebrated the Eucharist as part of a communal meal, the "agape." Even today parish activities, picnics, and potluck dinners keep the members together and impart that feeling of belonging which we all need to persevere in the Christian way of life. However, in Corinth it had gotten out of hand. The rich brought their own food and did not share it with those who had less or nothing. Hence, the meal, which should result in a closer oneness of Christians, became a means of division. Referring to this abuse, Paul invites the Christians of Corinth to meditate on the real meaning of the Eucharist. Are you aware that your partaking in the Eucharistic Banquet signifies not only your oneness with the Host, Jesus Christ, but also your oneness with the guests at that banquet, your fellow parishioners?

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The way Luke relates this tradition is clearly colored by the Eucharistic Liturgy of his Churches: Jesus took the bread, looked up to heaven, pronounced a blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples. The narrative points into a clear direction: People are in the desert and they are hungry; Jesus feeds them through the apostles. It all foreshadows the Eucharist. On our way through the desert of life, we are in need. The Lord is there with his care and love, feeding us with "the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation". "Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your body and blood in the eucharist as a sign that even now we share your life. May we come to possess it completely in the kingdom where you live for ever and ever".

Saint of the Day - June 24th

Saint John the Baptist's Story

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b).

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 session to be held September. This is for all Catechetical groups. Details will be given in subsequent announcements.



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