



# 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 OF LENT** - 23rd March, 2025 - C

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

### Mondays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am

### Tuesdays

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am  
Potters - 6:00 pm

### Wednesdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am

### Thursdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am  
Villa - 6:00 pm

### Fridays

Holy Family Cathedral  
6:00 am & 12:15 pm

### Saturdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 8:00 am

Catholic Radio is offering a new service for our community. Families can now have funeral announcements broadcasted on Catholic Radio to inform friends, relatives, and the wider community about the passing of their loved ones and the details of the funeral services. For more information and to arrange for a funeral announcement, please contact the **Pastoral Office at 562-2693**. *May this service bring comfort and support to our parish members during their time of loss.*

**Stations of the Cross** are held at **7:00 pm** every Friday evening for the season of Lent.

**All active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary** are invited to the annual ACIES meeting on **Sunday 23rd March, 2025** in Holy Family Cathedral. This meeting starts promptly at **3:00pm**. All are kindly asked to make an effort and to be on time.

**Couples for Christ Ministries** will host a **Take Away Breakfast** on Saturday 29th March, 2025 on Holy Family Cathedral grounds from **7:30am to 10:00am**. Proceeds are in aid of our outreach program. **Tickets cost \$15.00** and can be purchased from any member of the group or at the **Pastoral Centre**.

**The Charismatic Renewal** has scheduled a Lenten Retreat for Sunday, March 30th from 1 pm - 6 pm at Mount Tabor Retreat Centre. Our focus is Pilgrims Of Hope. Hope does not disappoint in trials, suffering, grief, loss of limbs, etc. This is open to all in need of Spiritual Growth. There is a cost of \$25 that will go to the Retreat Centre. Come and share this time with us. For further information contact Daisy-belle Riley at 774-6085.

## **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Weekend**

**Retreat:** The Confirmation Candidates from both Parishes who will be confirmed this year will be on Retreat from April 4-6 at Mount Tabor. Please pray for our young people.

**LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** Join the Catechetical and Youth Ministries this Lent as we "Give Hope" to needy families through our Food Drive. Drop your non-perishable food items in the box provided at the main door in the Cathedral or at the Pastoral Centre.

## **St. Joseph's Academy Entrance Exams and Interviews**

- Application Forms for students wishing to enter **Forms 1 - 4** are now available at the school's office. Office hours are from **8:00 am - 2:00 pm**.
- The final date for submitting applications for **Form 1** students is **Thursday, May 8**.
- The exam for students wishing to enter **Form 1** will be held on Saturday, May 10, beginning at **8:00 am**.
- Interviews for students wishing to enter **Forms 2 - 4** will begin on Monday, **May 26, 2025**.

**A Workshop on Grief and Loss, 'A Lenten Journey Through Grief'** will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. Interested individuals can collect a registration form at the Pastoral Centre or at OLPH Parish Office. Please contact **Fr. Pierre** for further information.

**Holy Family Cathedral's Parish Council** will host a takeaway breakfast on Sunday 20th April 2025 immediately after the 9:00 am Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 and all proceeds will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the Cathedral.

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 16th March, 2025**

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,532.55	\$ 607.29
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,762.08	\$ 378.57
9:00 am	\$2,535.93	\$ 670.45
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 148.00	\$ 54.70
Parham	\$ 638.72	\$ 213.55
Villa	\$ 916.99	\$ 243.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 20.00	

Thanks for your Generosity

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Good Friday will be our Second Jubilee Pilgrimage. This will be from Our Lady of Perpetual Help to Mount Tabor Retreat Centre — more information in the coming weeks. There are still a few more Jubilee shirts remaining for sale. Call the office to check for available sizes.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Persons who were Altar Servers and those interested in becoming Altar Servers are invited to a Training Session on Saturday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

**Catholic Radio** - invites all to Small Ffryes Beach on Easter Monday (21st April, 2025) to its Annual Beach Lime Fundraiser. There will be lots to eat and drink on **SALE**. Please support.

All Liturgy Committee members are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday 26th March, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Pastoral Centre.

On Tuesday 25th March we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. There will only be one Mass at Holy Family Cathedral at 6:00pm. NB. ..No morning Mass and no Mass at Potters.

**The Sacrament of Baptism will be** celebrated on Sunday May 11th. Parents wishing to have their children baptized are asked to bring a copy of the birth certificate for registration and the names of two confirmed Catholics as god-parents.

#### **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, Andrea Canterbury, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skeritt.



## **Jubilee 2025**

**24 Hours for the Lord**  
28th March

Pope Francis has chosen a meaningful theme for the 12th edition of 24 Hours for the Lord, held in the context of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025: "You are my hope" (Ps 71:5). This theme reflects the heart of the Jubilee Year, inspired by "Spes non confundit"—"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). Throughout this Holy Year, the Church invites the faithful to become "Pilgrims of Hope," seeking renewal through God's mercy.

#### **What is 24 Hours for the Lord?**

This worldwide initiative highlights the sacrament of reconciliation as central to the life of the Church. It is a time set apart to experience God's mercy, reminding the faithful that in confession, they do not face a judge but a loving Father who welcomes, consoles and offers the grace of renewal. As Pope Francis has said, "Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life" (Misericordia et misera, No. 3).

#### **How Can You Participate?**

On Friday, March 28, through Saturday, March 29, parishes worldwide are encouraged to open their doors for 24 hours, offering extended opportunities for confession, preferably in a setting of Eucharistic adoration. Many communities will begin with a Liturgy of the Word on Friday evening, preparing the faithful for reconciliation, and conclude with anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday afternoon.

This initiative calls all Catholics to rediscover the power of confession and place God's mercy at the center of their lives. The 2025 Jubilee of Hope is an invitation to renewal—an opportunity to step forward as Pilgrims of Hope, strengthened by the love and forgiveness of God.

A handbook has been prepared for the Jubilee Year with suggestions to help parishes and Christian communities organize this event. While providing guidance, it allows for flexibility to adapt to local traditions and needs.

### ***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***

*Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15*

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

*Psalms 103: 1-4, 6-11*

### ***Second Reading***

*1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12*

### ***Gospel***

*Luke 13: 1-9*

***"I have been looking for figs in this tree..."***



## **Readings for Monday to Saturday**

### **Monday 24th March**

2 Kings 5: 1-15

Psalm 42: 2, 3; 43: 3-4

Luke 4: 24-30

### **Tuesday 25th March**

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10

Psalm 40: 7-11

Hebrews 10: 4-10

Luke 1: 26-38

## ***Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord***

### **Wednesday 26th March**

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9

Psalm 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Matthew 5: 17-19

### **Thursday 27th March**

Jeremiah 7: 23-28

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9

Luke 11: 14-23

### **Friday 28th March**

Hosea 14: 2-10

Psalm 81: 6-11, 14 & 17

Mark 12: 28-34

## ***Day of abstinence from meat.***

### **Saturday 29th March**

Hosea 6: 1-6

Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-21

Luke 18: 9-14

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

In constantly reforming our lives, we must check where God fits into our set of values. The tradition found in this reading teaches that God is not far away. Moses experienced him in the situation of the desert. Last week the image of "a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch" was used to teach about God's presence. Today it is again fire that symbolizes God's closeness. By using this imagery, the Old Testament teaches exactly the same thing that Paul taught in concise language: "In him [God] we live and move and have our being". Moses experienced God as "One who cares," and during his life he grew in intimacy with God. An example to be followed! Meditate on God's closeness and care by reading the Responsorial Psalm.

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

Paul indicates how we should read the Bible. The sacred writers did not relate ancient traditions just to inform us. Neither does the Church want us to listen to them every three years in order to entertain us. The Bible is not a bedside story book! Inspired by God, the authors of the Bible want to teach us religious values by relating traditions of the past. In this passage, Paul refers to some events, as he knew them from the Old Testament, and observes: "These things happened as examples for us.... They have been written down as a warning to us." In reading the Bible, we should always try to find the point (God's word to us) and apply it prayerfully to our own situation.

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

This Gospel tradition refers to violent reprisals by the Romans who occupied Israel during Jesus' lifetime. There were constant uprisings on the part of the Jewish people that finally culminated in the wholesale destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. According to popular thinking, disaster and suffering were caused by sin. Jesus corrects this way of thinking, but takes these incidents as a stepping-stone to teach about penance and reform using the parable of the fig tree to illustrate his lesson. This lesson is God's word to you and me. Check your priority of values and ask yourself where God fits in! Stating that everything is all right means stating that you are "old" and not growing anymore as a person. We need constantly ongoing reform and growth into what God has designed us to be for all eternity.

## ***The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord***

19th March, 2025

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.





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