



# 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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*"God Has Reconciled Us To Himself through Christ"*

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT** - 30th 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

Chrism Mass will be held in St Kitts on Tuesday 8th April, 2025.

**Palm Sunday - Mass will be at 9:00 am** at Holy Family Cathedral. There will be **NO Mass** at 7:00 am or at 11:00 am (Hispanic). The procession begins at the bottom of Michael's Mount. Mass will be at the usual time for the out stations.

**Parishioners are advised that palms** for Palm Sunday should be brought to Holy Family Cathedral on Saturday 12th April by 10:00 am.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday (Washing of the Feet)...7:00 pm at HFC.**

**Good Friday ... 8:00 am from Tyrells** to Mt Tabor. This will be the second pilgrimage. All are asked to wear the Green Pilgrims of Hope T-shirt. The bus leaves Holy Family Cathedral at 7:30 am.

**Passion & Death of Our Lord - Veneration of the Cross: 3:00pm**

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: 10:00pm.** Parishioners are asked to bring a candle with a candle holder.

**Easter Sunday - Mass** at the Cathedral and Parham will be at 9:00am, Villa and Potters will be at 11:00 am.

**Parishioners are kindly asked to bring** to Mass the Holy Week Booklet that was purchased in 2022. It will be used during the Palm Sunday Mass and during Holy Week (Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday).

**The Charismatic Renewal** has scheduled a Lenten Retreat for Sunday, March 30th from 1 pm - 6 pm at Mount Tabor Retreat Centre. The bus will leave Holy Family Cathedral at 12:30 noon for persons wishing to attend. There is a cost of \$25 that will go to the Retreat Centre. For further information contact Daisybelle Riley at 774-6085.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Persons who were Altar Servers and those interested in becoming Altar Servers are invited to a Training Session on Saturday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

**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.

**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**.

**We pray for our Confirmation** Candidates of both Parishes who will be on their weekend retreat from April 4 - 6 at Mt. Tabor Retreat Centre. This Retreat will be conducted by Matthew Hall. The Retreat team includes two dynamic young people from Anguilla, young people who experienced this retreat in the past, catechists, priests, and Bishop Robert Llanos.

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

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,820.50	\$ 701.58
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,176.25	\$ 199.55
9:00 am	\$2,528.50	\$ 797.59
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 748.00	\$ 184.80
Parham	\$ 555.00	\$ 196.00
Villa	\$ 943.34	\$ 272.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 120.00	

Thanks for your Generosity

**ECHOES OF HOPE:** One Night **Lenten Mission Revival** on Monday 7th April at 7 p.m. in Holy Family Cathedral, for Young Adults and ALL. Our dynamic Guest Speaker is Matthew Hall from Trinidad. Matthew is a passionate Catholic, youth minister, a Religious Educator at Corpus Christi College, musician, and creative leader. Matthew is committed to forming young people in faith, purpose, and authentic community. He leads a music group, 424 Music, a young adult worship team. His expertise includes using media and storytelling to communicate hope and truth in engaging ways. Matthew is the Outreach and Training Officer of Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Port of Spain. Fire Band Reloaded will minister with Matthew at this Jubilee Lenten Revival. Come and be spiritually renewed.

**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.

**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.

**Catholic Radio announces the launch of a new** Program hosted by Fr. Arnold Francis called **"The Prophetic Word"**, this will begin on Friday April 4th at 8:00 am. He will discuss various topics and answer questions on the Catholic Faith and Culture.

Tune in to Catholic Radio 89.7FM for our special program.

#### **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 Dyer, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Andrea Canterbury, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerriitt.



# **Jubilee 2025**

**Missionaries of Mercy**

28th – 30th March

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy will be March 28-30, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating the Missionaries of Mercy at any time throughout the Jubilee Year. These resources might serve as an inspiration and reflection material for the Missionaries of Mercy in preparation for their Jubilee and for the creation and development of other resources.

#### **Key Saints**

##### *Saints Who Inspire the Missionaries of Mercy*

The Missionaries of Mercy are called to be living witnesses of God's boundless mercy. Throughout history, the Church has been blessed with saints whose lives exemplify compassion, forgiveness, and evangelization. These holy men and women serve as models and intercessors for those entrusted with the ministry of mercy.

##### *Saints of Divine Mercy and Confession*

- St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938, feast day October 5) – The Apostle of Divine Mercy, who received the revelations of Jesus recorded in her Diary, inspiring the devotion to the Divine Mercy.
- St. John Vianney (1786–1859, feast day August 4) – The Curé of Ars, known for spending countless hours in the confessional, leading souls to reconciliation with God.
- St. Leopold Mandic (1866–1942, feast day May 12) – A Capuchin friar dedicated to the sacrament of reconciliation, renowned for his gentle and compassionate approach to penitents. Missionary Saints of Mercy
- St. Francis Xavier (1506–1552, feast day December 3) – A tireless Jesuit missionary who brought the Gospel to Asia, embodying mercy through evangelization and service.
- St. Damien of Molokai (1840–1889, feast day May 10) – The priest who ministered to lepers in Hawaii, offering them dignity and the love of Christ.
- St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997, feast day September 5) – Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, who saw the face of Christ in the poor and abandoned

#### **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**

Joshua 5: 9-12

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalms 34: 2-7

### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

### **Gospel**

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**"Bring out the finest robe and put it on him!"**



## Readings for Monday to Saturday

### **Monday 31st March**

Isaiah 65: 17-21

Psalm 30: 2 & 4-6, 11-12, 13

John 4: 43-54

### **Tuesday 1st March**

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12

Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

John 5: 1-16

### **Wednesday 2nd March**

Isaiah 49: 8-15

Psalm 145: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18

John 5: 17-30

**St. Francis of Paola, hermit  
St. Pedro Calungsod, martyr**

### **Thursday 3rd March**

Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm 106: 19-23

John 5: 31-47

### **Friday 4th March**

Wisdom of Solomon 2: 1, 12-22

Psalm 34: 17-21 & 23

John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**St. Isidore, bishop & doctor.  
Day of abstinence from meat.**

### **Saturday 5th March**

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Psalm 7: 2-3, 9-12

John 7: 40-53

**St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest.**

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

In the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated the Passover. Their motivation was not to get something. They offered their lambs as a sign of gratitude to Almighty God. Our Passover Lamb is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Note that the setting of our weekly Passover is the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, and these sentiments should be your motivation for taking part in it. "We offer you [God] in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice .... Through him [Jesus Christ], with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever".

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

The message of this reading is that God, in Christ, has reconciled us to himself. Apply this to yourself. Whether you are "the prodigal son" or "the righteous son" of today's Gospel, you need reconciliation, which is not bought with good works, but given freely!

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

We note first that the popular name of this parable, "The Prodigal Son," is misleading. The parable of "The Merciful Father" would be a better name. It is all about "a man," called "father" thirteen times and obviously representing Almighty God, who cares for both the son who ran off and the law-abiding son who remained home.

Luke indicates those to whom the parable is directed: the tax collectors and sinners (the son who ran off), and the Pharisees and scribes, the righteous observers of the law (the son who remained home). The latter observed the law but their motivation was wrong. They tried to buy salvation by scrupulous external observance. Their attitude was like that of the oldest son: "All these years I served you."

Unloving service is not far from servitude. Parents are annoyed when fear and calculation are the only reasons why the children obey them. Both sons were wrong. Hence, no matter with which one you must identify yourself, return to your Father who is merciful!

## **Saint of the Day for April 5th**

### *Saint Vincent Ferrer's Story*

The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is.

Despite parental opposition, he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna—who would figure tragically in his life. Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination. The Western schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid, though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope. In the service of Cardinal de Luna, Vincent worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do. He remained stubborn, despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all of the cardinals.

Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ," though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgment. He became known as the "Angel of the Judgment."

Vincent tried unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding, and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.





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