



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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"What the Lord Jesus Means to Christians"

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 4th May, 2025 - C

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Parishioners are asked to note that the Weekday Mass schedule has returned to its normal time:

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

JUBILEE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Today, we pray for the twenty-two young people from **Holy Family Cathedral Parish** and **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish** as they are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, continuing the mandate to be witnesses to their faith. You are invited to the celebration at **4:00 p.m.** The young people from **Holy Family Cathedral** are:

Letrell Anthony, Kristina Butros, MayaAnn Crawford, David Doumet, Amaia Emanuel-Yearwood, Nia Gomes, Alejandra Gonclaves, Lynnier Greene, Vernon Henry, Alyssa Jardine, Skylar Joseph, Zariya Joseph, Ashlyian Lewis, Kayden Lewis, Joneiker Lopez, Dejanae Meade, Sunday Mitchel, Mekhi Prosper, Jean Regelan, Ruez Titre, Shane Walsh, Grace Zreibi.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Nia Gomes, Lynnier Green, Vernon Henry, Ashlyian Lewis, Ruez Titre

All Parents/Guardians/Adults are invited to a watch party and discussion for the series **"Adolescence"**. The first episode will be shown on Friday, **May 9, 2025 at 7 p.m.** at the **St. Lwanga Youth Center** at Stapleton Lane.

We hope that all will take the time to come and engage in lively dialogue about the issues presented in this series.

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.

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.**

Christ the King High School is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Please collect an application form from the school's office or send an email request to ckhs1933@outlook.com.

Application Deadline is Friday **16th May, 2025.**

FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

What is your superpower? In honour of Mental Health Awareness Month, the youth night on May 16th will be an interactive session facilitated by psychologists Regina Apparicio & Alisha Thomas, focusing on identifying your strengths and using them to your daily advantage. Youth! Come on out to the St. Lwanga's Youth Centre on Stapleton Lane from 6:30pm-8:30pm to take a strength-based approach to wellbeing

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 27th April, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$3,103.90	\$540.10
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,615.02	\$450.44
9:00 am	\$2,607.03	\$575.89
Hispanic	\$237.90	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$538.35	\$167.65
Parham	\$615.40	\$135.45
Villa	\$576.82	\$375.00
Diocesan Schools	\$70.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

The Charismatic Renewal Pre-Pentecost Lunch will be on **May 31st** on Holy Family Cathedral Grounds. Dishes on Sale

- ◇ *Ducanna & Saltfish*
- ◇ *Potato Dumpling*
- ◇ *Coconut Dumpling*
- ◇ *Fungi, Chop up & Saltfish*
- ◇ *Bull Foot Soup*
- ◇ *Seasoned Rice*
- ◇ *Lots of Drinks*

Tickets are only **\$25.00** and can be purchased at the Pastoral Centre or from any member of the Charismatic Renewal Prayer group.

Proceeds are in aid of our ongoing Food Program.

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.

St. John's Catholic Primary School is now accepting applications for the academic year 2025 – 2026. The deadline for accepting applications is Friday 30th May 2025. Application forms can be collected from the school's office between 8am and 2pm Monday to Friday or send an email request to sjcpsprimary@gmail.com.

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 Skerritt.

Dear Parishioners, We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to **Without Limits Charity**.

We are a charity created to instil a positive change for people who are overlooked. Our values, life experiences, interests and our close and long-standing friendships have played a role in creating Without Limits.

We strive to improve the lives of those in need by creating fundraising events that can inspire and motivate individuals. For **Without Limits** this puts things into perspective for us. By helping others to realize their worth, it is our hope that it becomes contagious enough to ripple throughout communities, inspiring other individuals to do the same and to make a difference.

We are presently preparing for our fundraiser, **Changed By Grace**. This event is scheduled to be held at the **Multipurpose Centre, Perry Bay** on **Saturday May 31st, 2025**, starting at **6pm** sharp.

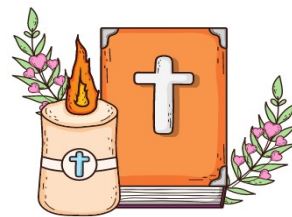
This event is a concert which promises to be an experience that all should attend. Tickets are available after Mass from either Kim or Ann Marie, or from anyone of the truly talented performers. In addition, you can purchase tickets from Exotic Antigua and at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. For a donation of **\$90** for open seating and **\$125** for VIP, tickets can be easily purchased.

We would like to encourage each and everyone of you to attend this very uplifting production.

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

LECTIO DIVINA



"Do You Love Me More Than These Do?"

Read: The Apostles stand before the Sanhedrin and are ordered not to preach in the Name of Jesus, but they refuse out of obedience to God. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles, and Peter's love and mission are renewed.

Reflect: The little details in the Gospel can mean a great deal. Jesus sits by a charcoal fire and asks Simon Peter to profess his love. There is only one other charcoal fire mentioned in John's Gospel, and it is the brazier outside the High Priest's courtyard, where Peter denied Jesus three times. The passages are linked as a mirror image. Now, by this fire on the lakeside, Peter is asked to declare his love three times, with the smell of the charcoal to remind him of his denial. The third repetition of the question saddens Peter, as it both draws forth his sense of shame, but also his understanding that Jesus has healed him of his guilt and sin. Christ not only takes away our sins, but he also heals our sense of guilt, if we keep following him in love.

Pray: Meditate upon Christ's words. Replace "Simon, son of John" with your own name and respond to Jesus in love.

Act: Christ commissioned Peter to look after his sheep. Look for an opportunity to care for others.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13

Second Reading

Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel

John 21: 1-19

"It was full of big fish..."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 5th May

Acts 6: 8-15

Psalm 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30

John 6: 22-29

Tuesday 6th May

Acts 7: 51—8:1

Psalm 31: 3 -4, 6 - 8, 17 & 21

John 6: 30-35

Wednesday 7th May

Acts 8: 1-8

Psalm 66: 1-7

John 6: 35-40

Thursday 8th May

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 66: 8-9, 16-17— 20

John 6: 44-51

Friday 9th May

Acts 9: 1-20

Psalm 117: 1-2

John 6: 52-59

Saturday 10th May

Acts 9: 31-42

Psalm 116: 12-17

John 6: 60-69

***St. John of Avila, priest & doctor
St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of
Molokai, priest***

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

The disciples had experienced the Lord Jesus as living after his crushing death on the cross. They shared their joy with others. His death was not a defeat but a victory. Indeed, he had a message for a better future. And since he was alive, his message of repentance and forgiveness of sins was still valid. The power structure of those days told the disciples to stop talking about this man, but, full of his Spirit, they could not comply. Are we so convinced of Jesus and what he stands for that we share our experiences spontaneously through word and example?

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The writer uses the apocalyptic language of vision. He consoles Christians with our common faith that the Lord Jesus is alive and exalted with God. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain...": Jesus is compared with the sacrificial lambs that were presented as sin offerings in the temple of Jerusalem. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

"I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth": this saying is conditioned by the Hebrews' understanding of the universe. For them, the earth is a plate, heaven is up, and down is "sheol," the netherworld, where the dead go. "The one who sits on the throne" is God. "The Lamb" is Jesus Christ. "The four living creatures" represent all of life: the lion, mobility; the bull, strength; the man, wisdom; the eagle, swiftness.

God's word to us could be: Be consoled. Whatever your problems are, the Lord Jesus is alive and powerful. Turn to him in faith!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The tradition found in this reading brings out what the risen Lord meant to the disciples in the view of John who relates it, and at the same time what he means to us. The Lord is always with us, though often, like the disciples, we do not recognize him.

A meal is the symbol of togetherness. At the meal described by the author, Peter experienced the Lord's mercy. When we share the Eucharistic meal with our Lord, we should get to know and love him evermore

Saint of the Day - May 10th *Saint John of Avila's Story*

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

Reflection

Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-halfheartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.



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