



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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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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"Christian Joy Tempered by Trials"

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 11th May, 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

The Legion of Mary will Pray the Rosary every **Wednesday at 5:15 pm** during the month of May.

Parishioners are advised that Bible Study begins on **14th May at 6:30 pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Father Wacuma will be the facilitator.

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

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**.
- 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**.

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.

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.

WITHOUT LIMITS CHARITY presents **"Changed By Grace"**. A concert that promises to be an experience! There will be talented performers from the Parish. This event is scheduled to take place at the Multipurpose Centre, Perry Bay, on Saturday, **May 31st, 2025**, starting at 6 pm sharp. Tickets are available after the week-end Masses, or can be purchased at Exotic Antigua and at the Pastoral Centre. A donation of \$90 for open seating and \$125 for VIP. Without Limits Charity is a charity created to instill a positive change for people who are overlooked in society.

THANK YOU: The Catechetical and Youth Ministry extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the Lenten Pantry Drive. The young people packaged 14 food bags for needy families. May God continue to bless you.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION *4th May, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$1,570.85	\$493.30
Sunday 7:00 am	\$2,111.74	\$583.15
9:00 am	\$2,478.44	\$716.91
Hispanic	\$323.40	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$475.00	\$146.65
Parham	\$485.00	\$163.95
Villa	\$622.39	\$446.37
Diocesan Schools	\$40.00	-

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.

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



Jubilee 2025

Musical Bands

May 10th - 11th

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

The hearing and making of sound are part of the human experience. Music has an important, natural role for humanity, and sacred music adds a sacramental quality to this.

Music as the Beauty of Paradise touching hearts Our late Holy Father Pope Francis had a great love and appreciation for music and the work of musicians. In an audience in November 24, 2018, he said to an international gathering of choirs: "Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allow a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of Paradise."

Music as accompaniment and unity "Never stop this commitment, such an important commitment to the life of our communities... In moments of joy and sadness, the Church is called to always be close to people, to offer them the company of faith." Music inspired by Scripture Addressing musicians at the 4th International Conference on Music, Feb. 9-10, 2021, Pope Francis spoke about the inspiration that Sacred Scripture has given to many musical works.

Music as harmony, consolation, beauty On June 8, 2024, Pope Francis addressed musicians at an audience: "Music creates harmony, thereby reaching everyone, consoling those who suffer, rekindling enthusiasm in the downhearted, and bringing forth wonderful values such as beauty and poetry, which reflect God's harmonious light."

Music as creation God therefore called man into existence, committing to him the craftsman's task. Through his "artistic creativity" man appears more than ever "in the image of God", and he accomplishes this task above all in shaping the wondrous "material" of his own humanity and then exercising creative dominion over the universe which surrounds him. With loving regard, the divine Artist passes on to the human artist a spark of his own surpassing wisdom, calling him to share in his creative power. Obviously, this is a sharing which leaves intact the infinite distance between the Creator and the creature, as Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa made clear: "Creative art, which it is the soul's good fortune to entertain, is not to be identified with that essential art which is God himself, but is only a communication of it and a share in it."

NOTABLE MUSICAL SAINTS AND BLESSED

- ♦ *St. Cecilia* (c.200-c.235, feast day November 22) is the patron of music and musicians.
- ♦ *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* (1880-1906, feast day November 8) played the piano for hours before entering religious life.
- ♦ *Bl. Carlo Acutis* (1991-2006) was recently beatified. He taught himself to play the saxophone.
- ♦ *St. Ephrem the Syrian* (306-373, feast day June 9) wrote over 400 hymns. He was called the Harp of the Spirit.
- ♦ *Bl. Bartolo Longo* (1841-1926) experienced a great conversion. He promoted the recitation of the Rosary. He played violin, flute, and piano, and directed a band.
- ♦ *St. Peter Claver* (1581-1654, feast day September 9) was a Jesuit priest who served enslaved people in Colombia. He formed a choir who sang so beautifully that it inspired tears and conversions to the faith.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 100: 1-2, 3, 5

Second Reading

Revelation 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel

John 10: 27-30

"My Sheep Hear My Voice & I Know Them."



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 12th May

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalms 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4

John 10: 1-10

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, martyrs
St. Pancras, martyr

Tuesday 13th May

Acts 11: 19-26

Psalms 87: 1-7

John 10: 22-30

Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday 14th May

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

Psalms 113: 1-8

John 15: 9-17

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Thursday 15th May

Acts 13: 13-25

Psalms 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27

John 13: 16-20

St. Isidore, Farmer

Friday 16th May

Acts 13: 26-33

Psalms 2: 6-11

John 14: 1-6

Saturday 17th May

Acts 13: 44-52

Psalms 98: 1-4

John 14: 7-14

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

Paul and Barnabas had the joyful experience of making many converts, but they also had to face the pain of rejection. Though persecuted, they could not but be "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Life is never a continuous success story. When things do not go your way, think of Paul and Barnabas and their disciples, and with great faith make the Responsorial Psalm your prayer to God: "We are his people: the sheep of his flock." God cares!

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

In veiled language, the sacred writer encourages his fellow Christians who are in "the time of great distress." The phrase "white in the blood of the Lamb" signifies being cleansed from sin through Jesus' meritorious death on the cross.

God's word to us is that a Christian life does not shield us from disappointments and even suffering. Be conscious of God who will eventually wipe every tear also from your eyes.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In using the imagery of shepherd and flock, Jesus brings out the same message as that of the Second Reading. When you are depressed, keep up your courage! Jesus cares. No one shall snatch you out of God's hand unless you yourself turn away from him. Jesus knows you and your problems!

Saint of the Day - May 13th

The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Reflection

The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people—not Sister Lucia—have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event for which they are now the only reliable interpreters. They have, for example, claimed that Mary's request that the world be consecrated to her has been ignored. Sister Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith prepared a June 26, 2000, document explaining the "third secret."

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response "Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38).

Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the Church's teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the Bishop of Rome.



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