



# 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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*"Christian Joy Tempered by Trials"*

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 18th 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

## **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**.

**St. John's Catholic Primary School** is now accepting applications for the academic year 2025 – 2026. The deadline for accepting applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sjcpsprimary@gmail.com).

Parishioners are advised that Sunday 15th June, 2025 is Father's Day. A special envelope will be distributed for the support of the priests.

**Holy Family Cathedral Parish** presents Pentecost Sunday Fiesta in HFC parking lot immediately after the 9:00 am Mass. There will be food from different countries on sale and lots of entertainment for the whole family. Tickets will be on sale for \$25.00. All proceeds will go towards the ongoing development of our parish.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Joseph's Conference** invites you to its Annual Fathers' Day lunch on June 15th on Holy Family Cathedral grounds from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contribution: \$25.00. A scrumptious meal awaits you. Please support.

**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.

**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**

*11th May, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	2,043.34	\$680.70
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,816.05	\$408.85
9:00 am	\$2,670.21	\$676.65
Hispanic	\$493.35	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$484.00	\$156.07
Parham	\$657.60	\$167.10
Villa	\$1,090.06	\$430.75
Diocesan Schools	\$175.00	-

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 Skeritt.

### **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*

Holy Family Cathedral will host a Eucharistic Mission - a time of Adoration and Healing with Fr. Jesse Maingot from Trinidad. Fr. Jesse will be offering a Triduum from June 5th - 7th at 7:00 pm nightly. This will include Eucharistic Adoration, a Healing Event, Reconciliation, Holy Mass and more. Jesus waits for us all in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't miss this opportunity to experience anew the precious gift of the Eucharist through Adoration.



# Jubilee 2025

## Confraternities

May 16th - 18th

Confraternities are Christian voluntary associations, often coordinated by lay women or lay men to promote charitable works, devotional life, or a particular mission in the Church. Wellknown examples include the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, National Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Order of Malta, and Knights of Peter Claver, among many others.

### **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

The active and engaged mission of the lay faithful are essential to the work of the Church. While each of us on our own are called to this missionary fervor, it is also helpful for members of the lay apostolate to come together under a common charism, history, purpose, or passion for charity, devotion, or spirituality. This synodal "journeying together" can thus enrich the cultures in which the laity find themselves.

Pope Francis shared this message with members of confraternities: "I encourage you to cultivate, with creative and dynamic effort, your life as an association and your charitable presence, which are based on the gift of Baptism and which involve a journey of growth under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to Members of Various Italian Confraternities, January 16, 2023). Regardless of the origins or foundations upon which your ministries rest, the Holy Father's exhortation is for lay women and men in their associations to always look forward with evangelism, synodality, and a missionary spirit.

The Second Vatican Council called on all the laity to "work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven" (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, no. 31.) And when the laity walk together, they can be a united force of hope in society, something that is yearned for by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Working side by side offers a diversity of gifts to be used as a force for good in the world, transforming it ever closer to the realization of God's kingdom.

The popular piety at work in confraternities also constitutes a powerful witness of the spirituality of the Catholic Church. Continue to share that spirituality with your families, friends, colleagues, and neighbors in a way that is inviting and in so doing, can offer a hope to those who are seeking God's graces in their lives.

Draw close to Christ, the source of your own hope, in this Jubilee Year, by drawing closer together as a community of the laity and closer to the charism, charity, or common bond that inspires your actions. Allow the love of Jesus to flow from you, both as an individual and together as a confraternity or association. In this way, you will be messengers of hope to the world.

### **KEY SAINTS AND BLESSEDS** *Holy Companions for Confraternities and Associations*

- ◇ Mary, Queen of the Apostles, the Blessed Mother who joins in prayer with the Apostles in the Upper Room (the Cenacle) at Pentecost, where the outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred, and the Church began her mission in the world.
- ◇ St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660, feast day September 27), patron of charities, volunteers, and hospitals and co-founder of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Confraternity of Charity. A native of France, Vincent was a humble, compassionate priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor.
- ◇ St. Vincent Pallotti (1795-1850, feast day January 22), founder of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate and the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (in 1835), who believed that all (ordained, consecrated, and lay alike) are called to be apostles, co-responsible for the Church's mission.

### **This Sunday's Readings**

#### ***First Reading***

*Acts 14: 21-27*

#### ***Responsorial Psalm***

*Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-13*

#### ***Second Reading***

*Revelation 21: 1-5*

#### ***Gospel***

*John 13: 31-35*



### **Readings for Monday to Saturday**

#### **Monday 19th May**

*Acts 14: 5-18*

*Psalms 115: 1-4, 15-16*

*John 14: 21-26*

#### **Tuesday 20th May**

*Acts 14: 19-28*

*Psalms 145: 10-13, 21*

*John 14: 27-31*

***St. Bernardine of Siena, priest***

#### **Wednesday 21st May**

*Acts 15: 1-6*

*Psalms 122: 1-5*

*John 15: 1-8*

***St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, & companions, martyrs***

#### **Thursday 22nd May**

*Acts 15: 7-21*

*Psalms 96: 1-3, 10*

*John 15: 9-11*

***St. Rita of Cascia, religious***

#### **Friday 23rd May**

*Acts 15: 22-31*

*Psalms 57: 8-10, & 12*

*John 15: 12-17*

#### **Saturday 24th May**

*Acts 16: 1-10*

*Psalms 100: 1-3 & 5*

*John 15: 18-21*

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

On their way home from their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas re-visit the congregations that they have previously founded. Notice the encouragement "to persevere in the faith...: 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships if we are to enter into the kingdom of God.'"

Indeed the Christian can sing: "[God] Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations. I will praise your name forever". We have reason for abundant joy, but we must be ready to undergo trials as a condition to enter God's kingdom.

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

Utilizing the language of vision, the sacred writer consoles those who must "undergo many hardships". According to the ancients, storms at sea were thought to be caused by evil monsters; hence, "sea" stood for threat and peril. Accordingly, the words "the sea was no more" mean that all peril had passed. The author also sees "the holy city, a new Jerusalem": God had been present in the sanctuary of the old Jerusalem temple; now there will be a new kind of divine presence, enjoyed by all the members of God's people. All these new things are initiated in their lives as Christians, but they will be fully realized only later.

During the Easter Season, meditation on God's saving presence may help us to persevere in the faith.

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

In this reading, Jesus is seen looking forward to his glorification, his enthronement as Son of Man, King of God's reign. And God will be glorified in him.

Today, Christ is no longer visibly present to his Church. He knows that we are subjected to trials. Waiting for his return, the disciples and all of us must support one another with our mutual love and concern. This life-style, mutual support in love, is so characteristic of Christians that others should be able to recognize us by it!

### **Saint of the Day - May 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Saint Cristóbal Magallanes & Companions' Story*

Like Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, SJ, Cristóbal and his 24 companion martyrs lived under a very anti-Catholic government in Mexico, one determined to weaken the Catholic faith of its people. Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed; foreign clergy were expelled. Cristóbal established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, Jalisco. He and the other priests were forced to minister secretly to Catholics during the presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924-28).

All of these martyrs except three, were diocesan priests. David, Manuel and Salvador were laymen who died with their parish priest, Luis Batis. They all belonged to the Cristero movement, pledging their allegiance to Christ and to the Church that he established, to spread the Good News in society—even if Mexico's leaders had made it a crime to receive baptism or celebrate the Mass.

These martyrs did not die as a single group but over 22 years time in eight Mexican states, with Jalisco and Zacatecas having the largest number. They were beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

### **Reflection**

Every martyr realizes how to avoid execution, but refuses to pay the high price of doing so. A clear conscience was more valuable than a long life. We may be tempted to compromise our faith while telling ourselves that we are simply being realistic, dealing with situations as we find them. Is survival really the ultimate value? Do our concrete, daily choices reflect our deepest values, the ones that allow us to "tick" the way we do? Anyone can imagine situations in which being a follower of Jesus is easier than the present situation. Saints remind us that our daily choices, especially in adverse circumstances, form the pattern of our lives.





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