



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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"Constant Renewal under the Guidance of the Spirit"

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 25th 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

- 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 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.

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 the HFC parking lot, on the 8th June, 2025. 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 Pentecost Fiesta Singing Competition will be opened to All Age Groups. Please give your Name, Number and Gospel Song at the Pastoral Centre or call Tarik Mussington at #778-2721 for more details.

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.

All Liturgy Committee members are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 27th May, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

The Crowning of Mary will be held on Wednesday 28th May, 2025 at the Shrine at 5:00pm. Parishioners are asked to bring flowers.

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 and Lots of Drinks.* Tickets are **\$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 *18th May, 2025*

| Cathedral | 1st | 2nd |
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| Saturday | \$ 687.84 | \$ 159.69 |
| Sunday 7:00 am | \$ 863.60 | \$ 167.10 |
| 9:00 am | \$1,735.91 | \$ 500.36 |
| Hispanic | \$ 352.00 | - |
| Out Stations | | |
| Potters | \$ 370.25 | \$ 75.00 |
| Parham | \$ 368.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Villa | \$ 773.90 | \$ 305.00 |
| Diocesan Schools | \$ 95.00 | |

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.

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL will host

3 DAYS OF HEALING & ADORATION with Fr. Jesse Maingot. Join us on Pentecost weekend as he brings his Eucharistic Mission message. Jesus waits for us all in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't miss this opportunity to experience anew the precious gift of the Eucharistic through Adoration.

June 5th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Talk by Fr Jesse Maingot on Eucharist Adoration

June 6th

Talk and Healing Ministry by Fr. Jesse

June 7th

Talk Adoration and Holy Mass and Reconciliation

All choir members and musicians of HFC, Villa and Potters are invited to a joint choir practice on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm at HFC in preparation for Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Please make every effort to attend and to be on time.



Jubilee 2025

Grandparents, Families, Children, Elderly
May 30th - 1st June

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

In anticipation of the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, set within a yearlong celebration of hope, we remember the words of Pope Francis to families in his exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (AL): The incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world. We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that "yes" given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the "yes" of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary. (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 65) When the Word was made flesh, the greatest gift of Hope was delivered to the human race. The story of Christ's birth is retold every year to remind us of this long-awaited gift that arrived in the form of a child. Every family experiences a similar moment of untold joy and hope with a child's arrival. The joy of love in families is rooted in hope despite the challenges and trials that life presents us. The letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that love hopes all things. It does not despair of the future. In fact, every family is a symbol of hope for future generations.

Love, especially familial love, is rooted in the abiding promise of the Christ Child who came to renew all things and bring us everlasting peace. For this reason, despite the various trials, challenges, and sufferings--whether hidden or revealed--which every family experiences, Christian hope endures. Many families demonstrate a strong sense of calling to bear their crosses with decisive hope.

◇ KEY SAINTS

Holy Married Saints and Families

- St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, multiple feast days), the earthly parents of Jesus, who together form the Holy Family and exemplify a model of family life centered on faith, love, and obedience to God's will. St. Joseph is honored for his humility and obedience as a protector and provider, while Mary, Mother of God, is revered for her perfect discipleship and love through her acceptance of God's will.
- Sts. Joachim and Anne (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, feast day July 26), parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. After years of keeping a steadfast faith and trust in God amidst the trial of infertility, Sts. Joachim and Anne received an angelic prophecy of a birth of a child, Mary, Mother of God. They are the patron saints of grandparents and infertile couples.
- Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth (c. 1st century BC-1st century AD, feast day November 5), parents of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner parents of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. A devout elderly couple who faced infertility for many decades before God intervened, their story illustrates themes of hope, patience, and prayer.
- Sts. Aquila and Priscilla (c. 1st century, feast day July 8), a married couple and early Christian missionaries mentioned by Paul as "co-workers in Christ Jesus" (Romans 16:3). They are recognized for their hospitality, commitment to the Church, and willingness to risk their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 67: 2-3, 5,6,8

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel

John 14: 23-29



***"I am going away,
but I am coming to you."***

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 26th May

Acts 16: 11-15

Psalm 149: 1-6,9

John 15: 26—16:4

St. Philip Neri, priest

Tuesday 27th May

Acts 16: 22-34

Psalms 138: 1-3, 7,8

John 16: 5-11

***St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop,
religious***

Wednesday 28th May

Acts 17: 15, 22— 18: 1

Psalm 148: 1,2,11-14

John 16: 12-15

Thursday 29th May

Acts 18: 1-8

Psalm 98: 1-4

John 16: 16-20

St. Paul VI, pope

Friday 30th May

Acts 18: 9-18

Psalm 47: 2-7

John 16: 20-23

Saturday 31st May

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Luke 1:39-56

***Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary***

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

This passage continues the First Reading of last Sunday. Paul and Barnabas had baptized Gentiles without having them first circumcised and telling them to observe the law of Moses. Some Christians from Jewish backgrounds did not agree. Hence, Paul and Barnabas decided to go up to Jerusalem and ask the apostles for a decision. There was a lengthy discussion on the issue now brought out in the open: Should Christianity be a renewal movement in the framework of Judaism, or should it outgrow it to a certain extent? The consensus was that in the spirit of the founder, Jesus Christ, there should be profound renewal, yet also continuity. A compromise was then reached: Gentiles may join the Church by baptism alone and do not have to be circumcised, but they should follow a few laws in order to facilitate social contact with Christians from Jewish background.

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

Utilizing the language of vision, the sacred writer describes the splendor of the Church, seen in the earthly and heavenly Church in one perspective. The language is highly symbolic. The Church has a particular brilliance which is the divine indwelling. In order to understand the symbolism of this passage one must remember that in New Testament thinking the Church is the "Israel of God," succeeding the "Israel of the flesh."

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Continuing the main thought of today's readings, this passage from John wants us to keep in mind that Jesus did not outline all the institutional details of the Church he founded. He left this up to the apostles and their successors. However, Jesus specified that in organizing the Church they should be true to his words and Spirit, the Paraclete: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything." We should have confidence that Jesus keeps his promise. Preparing for Pentecost, pray often: "Come, Holy Spirit and enkindle in us the fire of our love."

Saint of the Day - May 26th

Saint Philip Neri

St Philip Neri was always quick to say that all the miracles done through him were the work of the Holy Spirit. All his life Philip had a great devotion to the Holy Spirit, in response to his mystical experience of 1544, when, while praying in the catacombs of Rome, he experienced the Holy Spirit as a ball of fire entering him and filling his heart; a living flame of love that made his heart swell. Saint Philip, the founder of the Oratorians, described the Holy Spirit as "the master of prayer," who "causes us to abide in continual peace and cheerfulness, which is a foretaste of Paradise." Led by the Holy Spirit, Philip Neri became renowned for his joy, his sense of humour, his great charity and his passionate preaching, which focused on encouraging people to lead a good life. In the face of trials or persecution, Saint Philip said "we must keep our eyes on God." May the Spirit of Truth, the Helper, fill our hearts and minds with truth and love, so that we might serve God in our neighbour, in peace and cheerfulness.

St Augustine of Canterbury - May 27th

Saint Augustine and his fellow missionary monks were not the first to bring the Gospel to British shores. His, rather, was a reviving and expansion of what had gone before. Pope Gregory the Great had great missionary zeal as Pope, and so he chose Augustine, a fellow monk from his community to lead a small group to the Kingdom of Kent. However, they almost didn't reach their destination, as the monks took fright at the enormity of the task. The example of Saint Augustine of Canterbury teaches us that we overcome our missionary fear through confidence in Christ. Moreover, just as Pope Francis had called the Church to reach out to the margins, so did Gregory the Great in sending Augustine to a land where Christianity had dwindled. Mission is not only about breaking new ground, but is also about turning over and refreshing soil that has been left fallow. We are to reach out to those who are on the margins of society, and plant the seeds of God's Word of love, that they might flourish. May our love of Christ also rekindle the flame of faith in others who have lost heart through the challenges of life.



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