



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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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - 2nd November, 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

Couples for Christ Ministries invites you to a **Christian Life Program**, where you can experience God's love. This will be held at the Pastoral Centre, Michael's Mount. This event will continue on **Sunday 9th November, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome to be a part of this enriching journey of faith, family, and community.

Our faith teaches us to pray for the dead. The blessing of the graves will be held on Sunday 2nd November, 2025 at 4:30pm.

The SSVP Villa Conference expresses sincere thanks and much appreciation to all those who supported the Hannah Royer Pre-Independence Lunch. Your generosity and support is a blessing for our outreach programs.

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Viella Charles will be held on Friday 7th November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00 pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Rose Margetson will be held on Tuesday 11th November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 1:00 pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Elma Skerritt will be held on Tuesday 18th November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Service for Ms. Francillia David will be held on Friday 21st November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Service for Mrs. Evelyn George Isaac will be held on Monday 24th November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how non-baptized people or those who have never been confirmed are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. The process offers several benefits for adults considering joining the Catholic Church. The inquirer deepens his understanding of the Catholic faith and develops a closer relationship with God and the community. The process covers the core beliefs, practices, and traditions of the Catholic Church, reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) for those un-baptized; personal transformation leading to personal growth and a renewed sense of purpose. Registration is open for persons 18 years and over wishing to be part of this process.

Save the Date!

Join us on **Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.** for our Annual **Harvest Bazaar Fundraiser** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**.

Tickets are **\$30** and will be available at **Holy Family Pastoral Centre**. *We look forward to your support!*

Holy Family Cathedral - The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **Friday 5th December, 2025 from 7:00 pm**. Tickets cost **\$40.00** and can be purchased from any member of the Committee and at the **Pastoral Centre**. Special Donation Envelopes will be distributed for this fundraiser.

VACANCY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day Care Centre for Seniors has a vacancy for a cook. Please address your application to The Board of Management, SSVP Day Care Centre for Seniors. Applications can be left at the Day Care Centre or emailed to ssvpsjb@gmail.com. Deadline for receipt of applications will be November 05, 2025.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION *26th October, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$2,549.90	\$1,058.20
Sunday 7:00 am	-	-
9:00 am	\$3,739.03	\$1,253.53
Out Stations		
Potters	-	-
Parham	-	-
Villa	-	-
Diocesan Schools	\$105.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

St Joseph's Academy will start its Christmas adult choir practice on Wednesday 5th November beginning at 7:00pm. Venue: Room 20 at SJA. All Old Boys, present and former parents, teachers and friends are welcome.

START OF THE CATECHETICAL SESSIONS 2025 -2026:

First Holy Communion

Tuesday 4th November - 4 – 5:15 p.m.

Current Confirmation Groups -

Saturday 8th November

Sunday School

Sunday 9th November - 10:30 – 11:30 am

Monday Religious Education:

Monday 10th November - 4 – 5 p.m.

Newly Registered Confirmation

Group -November 15th - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

New Feature: Adult Share Your Faith Session – **4th Sunday of Every Month** - 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

SUPPORT THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY:

There are envelopes at the entrances of the doors for your donation to the programme. Thank you for your contribution. Please drop them in the collection bags/baskets when you are ready to return them. We appreciate your support! Thank you.

2025 LOCAL CELEBRATION OF WORLD YOUTH DAY. "You also

are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This theme encourages young people to be witnesses of peace and fraternity. The event is celebrated locally in parishes and dioceses worldwide on the Solemnity of Christ the King, which falls on November 23, 2025.

This year, there will be three days of celebration: Youth in Concert, titled "UNMASK", showcasing the various talents and creativity of our young people; a Youth Seminar and Mass on Sunday, Feast of Christ the King.

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, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Yvonne Watkins, Anthony Mathurin, Shirley Dyer.

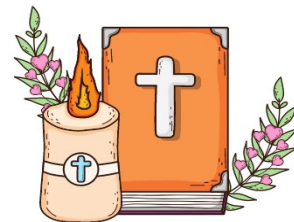
The Jubilee Prayer (Amended)

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

Prayer for Protection during the Hurricane Season.

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA



"Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord.."

Read: Wisdom reminds us that the holy souls are at peace with God. Saint Paul writes of Christ's victory over death. Jesus describes the Last Judgement, when we will be judged on our love.

Reflect: Death seems so final, but faith assures us that death has been transformed by Christ's cross and resurrection into the beginning of our life in all its fullness with God. There is sadness as we remember those we miss dearly. But that sadness is not empty, since we have hope in the resurrection. And so, we pray for the souls of the departed, that they might be forgiven their sins and welcomed into God's Kingdom. November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is our purification after death which enables us to stand before God with a renewed heart. We support the faithful departed by praying that God might shower his mercy upon them and draw them ever closer to himself. Saint Catherine of Genoa said, "a great happiness is granted to the Holy Souls that grows as they draw nearer to God." And so, we pray, Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

Pray: Pray for the faithful departed and for the comforting of the bereaved.

Act: Visit the graves of family and friends to pray for them.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd November

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: 1-6

Second Reading

Romans 6: 3-9

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46



"I Was In Prison & You Came To See Me."

Monday 3rd November

Romans 11: 29-36

Psalm 69: 30-31, 33-34, 36

Luke 14: 12-14

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Tuesday 4th November

Romans 12: 5-16

Psalm 131: 1-3

Luke 14: 15-24

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Wednesday 5th November

Romans 13: 8-10

Psalm 112: 1,2,4, 5, 9

Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday 6th November

Romans 14: 7-12

Psalm 27: 1,4, 13-14

Luke 15: 1-10

Friday 7th November

Romans 15: 14-21

Psalm 98: 1-4

Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday 8th November

Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27

Psalm 145: 2-5, 10-11

Luke 16: 9-15

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

The first reading provides a reflection on the true fate of the righteous, asserting that despite appearances of suffering or death to the foolish, their souls are in God's care and are at peace. The passage emphasizes that God tests the faithful like gold, ultimately leading to eternal life and a future where they will shine and judge nations, while those who reject God are scorned in a future judgment. The central message is a call to trust in God's love and power, understanding that true value is found not in worldly success but in righteousness, which leads to immortality with God.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

The second reading reflects that baptism signifies a spiritual union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection, meaning believers are freed from the dominion of sin and no longer need to live as slaves to it. Instead, they are united with Christ in his new life, transitioning from an "old self" dominated by sin to a "new life" of righteousness. The key message is that this new life is not about overcoming sin through personal effort but is a result of being "crucified with Christ," which breaks the power of sin over them.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The Gospel reading today teaches us that one will be judged based on how they have shown love and mercy to others, particularly those in need, because in serving the "least of these," they are serving Jesus. The parable illustrates that those who are judged as "sheep" are blessed for caring for the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned, while the "goats" are condemned for neglecting them. The reflection focuses on the idea that love is not an abstract concept but is demonstrated through tangible acts of kindness and that our actions toward vulnerable people are a reflection of our relationship with God.

SAINT OF THE DAY

November 3, 2025

Saint Martin de Porres' Story

"Father unknown" is the cold legal phrase sometimes used on baptismal records. "Half-breed" or "war souvenir" is the cruel name inflicted by those of "pure" blood. Like many others, Martin de Porres might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. It was said that even as a child he gave his heart and his goods to the poor and despised. He was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother. That irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society.

When Martin de Porres was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin de Porres applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor.

It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" When his priory was in debt, he said, "I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me."



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