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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINRY TIME - 16th 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

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 2nd November, 2025

Cathedral		1st	2nd
Saturday	6:00 pm	\$1,567.29	\$ 423.35
Sunday	7:00 am	\$2,682.35	\$ 616.00
	9:00 am	\$2,312.79	\$ 705.97
Out Stations			
Potters		\$ 475.00	\$ 123.10
Parham		\$ 395.05	\$ 188.50
Villa		\$ 767.12	\$ 216.34
Diocesan Schools		\$ 115.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

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.

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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.

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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.

The funeral Service for Nolma Kendra John will be held on Wednesday 26th November, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00pm. May her soul Rest In Peace.

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The death is announced of Mrs. Colette Simon. Details of her funeral will be given in a subsequent announcement.

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The Antigua Barbuda Chorale (ABC) will hold its concert at Holy Family Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd November at 5:00pm.

Tickets: Adults **\$50.00** Young people 16-17years, **\$30.00** and children 15 years and under - **Free**.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Chorale or pay at the door. Come and listen to beautifully rendered music. Free parking on the cathedral grounds.

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.

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. Come and share in a delicious meal with Live Entertainment, Bingo, a well-stocked Bar, Door Prizes and lots more.

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Special Donation Envelopes are being distributed for this fundraiser.

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Couples for Christ Ministries Annual Christmas Raffle will be held in December. Further details of the Raffle will be given in a subsequent announcement.

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St Joseph's Academy continues its Adult Choir practice at the school every Wednesday beginning at 7:00 pm. The annual SJA Carol Service will be held on Friday, 12th December, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

## 2025 LOCAL CELEBRATION OF WORLD YOUTH

<u>DAY</u>. Theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27).

Friday 21st November: The entire community is invited to the Youth Charity CAN Concert titled "UNMASK". Witness the various talents of our young people. Admission: is non-perishable food or can items which the young people will package for needy families for the Outreach Programme. Time: 7:00 p.m. Venue: Holy Family Cathedral Grounds. Snacks will also

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Youth Symposium at The White House Conference Room at Dennis Bar & Restaurant, Ffyres Beach from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interested young people 12 – 18 years please call or Whatsapp 773-6833 to register. Registration fee: \$20.00.

be on sale.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Feast of Christ the King and the Catholic Church celebration of Youth: All young people are invited to Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Cathedral and are invited to sit together in the space reserved for you.

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### St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, MSC

(1850-1917, feast day November 13), also known as Mother Cabrini, founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was the first American Saint canonized by the Catholic Church. She is the patron saint of immigrants, and she devoted her life to serving Italian immigrant children in New York City. Her devotion founded 67 institutions in 35 years to help the poor, sick, uneducated and abandoned.

### 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, Cheralyn Beazer, 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



"We should take comfort from our faith"

**Read:** Malachi speaks of God's severe judgement of the unjust and of his comfort to those who have blessed his name. Saint Paul encourages perseverance in a virtuous life. Jesus warns the disciples not to confuse wars and great trials with the end of time. Instead, they are to persevere in their faith and witness.

Reflect: The kind of world Christ describes sounds very familiar; exactly like the one we live in today, with its wars, revolutions, persecution of Christians and attacks upon Christian Christ foresaw that there values. would be obstacles and difficulties for all those who desire to follow him. But he wants us to keep following him through it all. "by your patient endurance you will save your souls," says the Lord. The purpose of our endurance is to apply our faith to the challenges we face rather than use religion as an escape. We should take comfort from our faith, but that comfort is not to shield us from the world or the problems we face. Through our prayer may experience the healing and comforting of God, so that we might persevere in facing future trials with hope in him.

**Pray:** Pray for persecuted Christians and for all who live in war zones.

**Act:** Visit a sick relative or friend to bring God's comfort.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

### <u>Sunday 16th November</u> First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98: 5-9 **Second Reading** 

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Gospel

Luke 21: 5-19



"I am he; the time is near at hand"

### <u>Monday 17th November</u>

1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Psalm 119: 53,61,134,150,155,158 Luke 18: 35-43

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

### Tuesday 18th November

2 Maccabees 6: 18-31 Psalm 3: 2-7 Luke 19: 1-10

Dedication of the Churches of Peter & Paul St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

### Wednesday 19th November

2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31 Psalm 17: 1, 5,6,8, 15 Luke 19: 11-28

### Thursday 20th November

1 Maccabees 2: 15-29 Psalm 50: 1,2,5,6,14,15 Luke 19: 41-44

### Friday 21st November

1 Maccabees 4: 36,37,52-59 1 Chronicles 29:10-12 Luke 19: 45- 48

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Saturday 22nd November

1 Maccabees 6: 1-13 Psalm 9: 2-4,6,16 &19 Luke 20: 27-40

St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr

# SALE! SALE! SALE EVERYTHING MUST GO SKIRTS, PANTS, BLOUSES, SHIRTS \$5.00 YARD SALE

HFC grounds— 7:00 am Saturday 29th November, 2025

### WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

This reading is a prophetic passage about the coming Day of the Lord, which will be a day of judgment and purification for the wicked, but a day of deliverance and rising for those who fear God. This passage is a powerful reflection on divine justice, which separates the righteous from the unrighteous through a final, intense cleansing, a theme of purifying fire and judgment found throughout the scriptures.

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### WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

This reading reflects that Christians should not be idle but should work diligently and quietly to earn their own living, setting an example for others. The passage emphasizes work as a Christian duty, uses Paul's own example of toiling to avoid being a burden, and includes a stern warning to avoid "busybody" believers who are not working. Ultimately, it calls for a lifestyle of quiet, honest labor to support oneself and contribute to the community, and warns that those who refuse to work should not be supported.

### WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

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This gospel reading contains Jesus' warnings about false prophets and the destruction of the temple, but ultimately serves as a message of hope and endurance for his followers. The passage encourages believers not to be terrified by calamities, false teachings, or persecution, but to remain steadfast in their faith, which will lead to spiritual "gain" rather than physical salvation. Key themes include the temporary nature of earthly structures, the importance of discerning truth, and finding spiritual perseverance through trust in God.

### SAINT OF THE DAY

November 17, 2025

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Elizabeth was a princess of Hungary who was married to Louis of Thuringia. She was widowed at an early age and so she devoted her energies to prayer and to caring for the sick at the hospital she had built. Elizabeth became a Third Order Franciscan and today she is their patron saint. During their married years, Elizabeth was already dedicated to giving alms to the poor and caring for the afflicted. Louis came to support her in her charity by witnessing miracles that showed that what Elizabeth was doing was truly God's work. One such miracle concerned a leper names Helias. Elizabeth had instructed that the sick man should be placed in the bed in which she and Louis slept. Louis returned to find him there and was at first scandalized, but upon pulling back the sheets, the leper appeared as Christ on the cross. In the life of Elizabeth, it is recorded that "Almighty God opened the eyes of his soul." Christ healed the blind man who begged, "Lord that I may see!" May the Lord open the eyes of our souls, like Louis. May he open our hearts to others' needs like Saint Elizabeth.

### St. Cecilia—22nd November, 2025

Saint Cecilia, an early Church martyr, is the patron saint of music. connection to music stems from a sentence in her Acts, which described her singing to God alone in her heart while musicians played at her forced marriage to the pagan Valerian. The word organis, referring to instruments, was misunderstood in the Middle Ages as if Cecilia had been playing the organ and so since then she has often been portrayed this way in religious art. Music is a great blessing, and in prayer it can enrich our liturgies greatly. It can help to raise our minds and hearts to God. Cecilia's prayer and faith led her to fix her mind so firmly on God that she looked beyond earthly marriage to the life of heaven. She made a vow of virginity consecrated her life wholly to God.





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