



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family
Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

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Villa

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"The God-Given Leadership of Our Lord"

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 23RD November, 2025

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 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.

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.

The funeral Mass of Mrs. Colette Simon will be held on Thursday 11th December, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:00 pm. Details of her funeral will be given in a subsequent announcement.

The death is announced of Mr. Rudy Looby. Details of his funeral will be given in a subsequent announcement.

**SALE! SALE! SALE
EVERYTHING MUST GO
SKIRTS, PANTS, BLOUSES,
SHIRTS, TOYS
\$5.00 YARD SALE
HFC grounds— 7:00 am**

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: We join the universal Church in celebrating **World Youth Day 2025** at the local level. Guided by the words of Jesus, *"You are also my witnesses because you have been with me,"* we are invited to reflect on the call to be living witnesses of faith, hope, and love in today's world. With all young people, families, and parishioners may this celebration inspire us to walk with Christ and share His light with the world.

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.

Special Donation Envelopes are being distributed for this fundraiser.

Couples for Christ Ministries Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 18th December, 2025.

TICKETS COST \$10.00 EACH

1st prize (1) Smart Television
2nd prize (1) IPAD
3rd prize (1) Microwave Oven
4th prize (1) Food Hamper
5th prize (1) Resort Day Pass
Plus TEN Consolation Prizes
Proceeds are in aid of Christmas Meal and Gift Outreach.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 16th November, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$2,405.56	\$ 850.85
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,943.47	\$ 490.50
9:00 am	\$2,580.34	\$ 498.90
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 314.35	\$ 173.25
Parham	\$ 400.00	\$ 165.85
Villa	\$ 907.74	\$ 215.55
Diocesan Schools	\$ 160.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

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.

Theme: The God-Given Leadership of Our Lord.

It is vital for any organization to have capable leadership. We experience it on the parish level and on the local and national levels as well. That is why we test candidates on their leadership capabilities. We listen to their speeches. Their past is checked. And only if they are honest people and do a good job, do we elect and reelect them.

Leadership as far as God's kingdom is concerned is God-given, not elected by a constituency. However, since Jesus of Nazareth is the man in whom God dwells in such a way that he is called the "Son of God" and even simply "God" we do not have to worry about his honesty and capability. "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God." Jesus now living and "sitting at God's right hand" is the leader of all who try to realize the kingdom of God in themselves and their fellow humans.

The way the Bible describes Jesus as leader is necessarily bound up with a particular time and culture. It speaks of Jesus as the King of God's kingdom! Meditating on the Christ event, the New Testament writers described our Lord after the image they had of their great King David, who was God's vicegerent ruling "the kingdom of God" on earth. In Jesus they saw all Hebrew aspirations fulfilled: the kingdom of God established in our history. "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." Jesus is King/Leader of God's kingdom. Do you see the Lord Jesus as capable of giving direction to your life?

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



Lectio Divina

"The Son of God and King of all"

Read: David is anointed King of Israel. Paul encourages us to give thanks for having a share in the communion of saints and in God's kingdom of light. The title "King of the Jews" is above Jesus' head as he hangs on the cross. The good thief recognizes Jesus as Saviour and King.

Reflect: Christ is like no earthly king. The cross shows us the kind of king Jesus is. He cares enough to be rejected. He is the king of love who cares enough to suffer and die for us. In the first reading the Israelites made David their king. What they expected of a king was that he would be like God. For them, that meant especially that the king should look after those who couldn't look after themselves. That was the ideal. Now, in Jesus we see that ideal king made real, as Jesus, the Son of God and King of all, heals our helpless, broken humanity through his death on the cross. Through our baptism, Christ makes us part of his royal family and asks us to imitate his kingship by being his co-worker in charity.

Pray: Give thanks to Christ your King for his endless love.

Act: Join a procession for Christ your King today if there is one near you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 23rd November

First Reading

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122: 1-5

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel

Luke 23: 35-43



"So you are the king of the Jews?"

Monday 24th November

Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20

Daniel 3: 52-56

Luke 21:1- 4

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and
companions, martyrs

Tuesday 25th November

Daniel 2: 31-45

Daniel 3: 57-61

Luke 21: 5-11

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and
martyr

Wednesday 26th November

Daniel 5: 1-6, 13,14,16,17,23-28

Daniel 3: 62-67

Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 27th November

Daniel 6: 12-28

Daniel 3: 68 - 74

Luke 21: 20-28

Friday 28th November

Daniel 7: 2-14

Daniel 3: 75-81

Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 29th November

Daniel 7: 15-27

Daniel 3: 82-87

Luke 21: 34-36

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

This reading highlights the formal unification of the twelve tribes of Israel under King David, signifying the beginning of his reign as king over the united kingdom. The tribes recognized David as king for three key reasons: he was one of them, he had proven himself as a capable military leader, and God had promised him this kingship. David then made a covenant with them, establishing a foundation for his rule based on mutual promises before the Lord.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

This reading reflects on the supremacy of Christ as the image of God, the creator of all things, and the reconciler of all creation through his death and resurrection. It emphasizes being thankful for the inheritance received through Christ, who has delivered us from darkness and transferred us into his kingdom. Believers are called to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord by recognizing Christ's preeminence in all things and celebrating the peace he brings to the whole universe.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

This Gospel reading is a powerful illustration of contrasting responses to Jesus at the crucifixion, highlighting themes of **mockery, humility, and the promise of salvation**. While some jeered at Jesus from a position of power, including the religious leaders and soldiers, one of the criminals on the cross acknowledged his own guilt and the innocence of Jesus, humbly asking to be remembered. Jesus' promise to the repentant thief, "today you will be with me in paradise," shows that salvation and grace are available to those who turn to Him, even at the last moment.

SAINT OF THE DAY

Monday 24th November, 2025

St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs

The Mishnah records in the temple Jerusalem had thirteen chests or treasuries for offerings. As people dropped their money into the funnels, the copper coins would clang. So, the more you put in, the bigger the noise, thus attracting people's attention. In contrast, the two tiny coins which the widow dropped in would hardly have made a sound. Jesus criticized the hypocrisy of making a show of one's religion. Here, he is also challenging a half-hearted service of God. The rich put in many coins, but it's only a fraction of their wealth. Therefore, their offering to God is small in comparison to that of the widow. Her offering would have attracted little attention among the people in the Temple, but it attracted much attention from the Lord, as she gives all she has and so it's a total giving of self and an expression of complete trust in God. Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions also made a total self-giving in their martyrdom and thousands more Vietnamese Christians suffered greatly in waves of anti-Christian persecution from the nineteenth century onwards. Whether our deed is great or small, the Lord notices our dedication and self-giving. He knows when it's genuine.

***"Even in great difficulty, we are to
trust in the Lord."***

Tradition related that Catherine was the daughter of Constus, the Roman governor of Alexandria. After seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, she became a Christian and was martyred during the persecution in the time of Emperor Maxentius. As a third-century woman, endowed with great learning, who was martyred on a cartwheel for converting many to the Christian faith by her eloquence. Catherine's patronage is very broad indeed. She is patron saint of philosophers, theologians, maidens, female students, preachers, lawyers, the dying, wheelwrights, mechanics and potters.



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