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Michael's Mount

Parham

Potters

Villa

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12th October, 2025 - C

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am St. Anthony's Potters **6:00pm**

<u>Wednesday</u>

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00pm

Thursday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am St. Francis of Assisi, Villa **6:00pm**

Holy Family Cathedral 12:15 noon

Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral 8:00am

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 5th October, 2025

Cathedral		1st	2nd
Saturday	6:00 pm	\$2,188.24	\$ 816.45
Sunday	7:00 am	\$2,500.12	\$ 471.01
	9:00 am	\$1,973.55	\$ 584.76
Hispanic		-	-
Out Stations			

Potters	\$296.00	\$ 67.00
Parham	\$815.00	\$280.00
Villa	\$ 490.45	\$ 175.55
Diocesan Schools	\$ 150.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

Parishioners, please save the date — Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 5th December, 2025.

The HFC Dancers & The Xclamation Mas group would like to thank persons who supported their cake and pastry sale. May God continue to bless you.

************* OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

All are welcome to join the Legion of Mary group to recite the Rosary every Wednesday in October at 5:15pm at the Lady of Fatima Shrine.

will celebrate the Independence of Antigua & Barbuda during the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday 26th October. There will only be ONE MASS in the Parish. All parishioners are asked to wear their National Dress. There will be an Agape immediately after Mass. Persons are kindly asked to bring a dish to share.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Villa Conference will host: MS HANNAH **ROYER** - Pre-Independence take away lunch on Sunday 26th October, starting 11am - until 2:30pm. Kindly support this event as we continue to raise funds to assist the less fortunate. Tickets are \$25 and \$30 for a fish meal. We look forward to your usual support.

The Administrator (Fr. Lawrence Malama) will host a meeting for all persons who would like to be a part of the committee for the Christmas Dinner. The meeting will be on Thursday 16th October at **5:30 pm** at the Pastoral Centre.

OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH!

In a special way during the month of October we remember that every one of us is called to be a missionary—someone who shares God's love with others. Mission Month is a time to pray for people around the world who are helping those in need, especially in places where life is difficult. Let's ask ourselves: How can I share Jesus' love today?

Mission Month 2025 will be held under the theme "Missionaries of Hope among the Nations".

FINAL NOTICE: Final day for REGISTRATION & MEETING for new Catechetical groups will be held on Tuesday 14th October at 5:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Parents with children for the following: Please note the group and date of birth: Pre-Communion - 2018;

First Communion - 2017; Confirmation - 2012;

(Groups Post Communion - Pre-Confirmation - children born between 2013 - 2016 – sessions for these stages are held on Sundays after Mass 10:30 -11:30 a.m.)

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 three-day event will be held on Sunday 19th October, Sunday 26th October, and 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. For more information, please contact 770 -2285 723-0480, or ٥r email magopaul11@gmail.com.

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. Ioan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dvier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt, Yvonne Watkins, Anthony Mathurin,, Shirley Dyer.

Prayer for Protection during the Hurricane Season.

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of vour 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 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 vour Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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.

The death is announced of Mrs. Viella Charles. Details of her funeral will be announced subsequently. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

October 11-12, 2025

This Celebration is an authentically Christian way of life centered on imitating the Virgin Mary's virtues, following her example of faith and conformity to Christ, and allowing her to inspire deeper devotion to the Trinity and compassionate action.

Prayer to Our Mother of Africa: Mary, Our Mother of Africa, hear the drumbeat of our prayers. May Your Son Jesus continue to bring us joy, receive our tensions, and forgive us our sins. Help us to walk in His light. Help us to help others do the same. And bring us to life everlasting with the Holy Saints and Angels. Amen.

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

LECTIO DIVINA



"To Become More Aware Of God's Presence."

Read: Naaman is cured of his leprosy in the Jordan, and he praises God. Saint Paul describes his missionary efforts to bring the message of salvation to people. Christ heals the ten lepers and yet only one returns to praise God.

Reflect: Today's readings prompt us to reflect on our awareness of God's action in our lives. Do I see a connection between the events of the day and God's action, or have I overlooked this? Jesus heals the ten lepers, but only one returns. None of them fail to notice that they have been cured, but only one returns to Jesus. It's not simply a lack of gratitude, but also a lack of awareness of God's action in that moment. Saint Ignatius encourages us to reflect on the day through a prayer called the examen. This retrospective prayer helps us to become more aware of God's presence and of how he helps us in both the joys and sorrows of life. This increased awareness prompts us to greater gratitude; a gratitude for those around us, for what we have in life, and for God's constant loving care.

Pray: Spend time today giving thanks to God for his blessings.

Act: Show gratitude to someone who has helped you. They, too, are a blessing from God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sunday 12th October</u> First Reading

2 Kings 5: 14-17

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98: 1-4

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Gospel

Luke 17: 11-19



"Praising God In A Loud Voice..."

Monday 13th October

Romans 1: 1-7 Psalm 98: 1-4 Luke 11: 29-32

Tuesday 14th October

Romans 1: 16-25 Psalm 19: 2-5 Luke 11: 37-41

St. Callistus I, pope & martyr

Wednesday 15th October

Romans 2: 1-11 Psalm 62: 2-3, 6-7, 9 Luke 11: 42-46

St. Teresa of Avila, virgin & doctor

Thursday 16th October

Romans 3: 21-30 Psalm 130: 1-6

Luke 11: 47-54

St. Hedwig, religious St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

Friday 17th October

Romans 4: 1-8 Psalm 32: 1-2, 5 & 11 Luke 12: 1-7

St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Saturday 18th October

2 Timothy 4: 10-17 Psalm 145: 10-13, 17-18 Luke 10: 1-9

Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

It is worth our while to read the whole story of Naaman the Syrian in 2 Kings 5. Notice that Naaman was a foreigner, not a member of God's chosen people. This foreigner received salvation and was very grateful. He pledged to worship the God of Israel from that moment on. In line with the opinion of his time, Naaman needs two mule-loads of earth, since the God of the land of Israel can be worshiped only on his own land.

Our Lord's comment on this narrative is also noteworthy: "There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian". The point of this story is clearly that salvation from evil will be given to all. God's salvific will is universal! "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power". This narrative prepares us to read the Gospel.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

We who are redeemed from evil should heed Paul's words to Timothy: "If we have died with him [i.e., died to evil by faith and baptism], we shall also live with him." A Christian life is a sign of gratitude and appreciation for the salvation from evil that God has bestowed upon us.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Notice that the only one who came back to thank our Lord was a Samaritan. Recall that "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans" (Jn 4:9). The point is similar to that of the First Reading. All of us are contaminated by evil (leprosy-sin), but redeemed from evil by faith sealed by baptism.

Salvation from evil is given not only to us, but to all nations. And converts are often more appreciative and grateful than those of the household of faith. Ingratitude is a common human failing. We should be grateful for God's saving presence to us. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise".

SAINT OF THE DAY - October 18, 2025 *Saint Luke's Story*

Saint Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the *Gospel* writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- The Gospel of Mercy
 The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

REFLECTION

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully compliments those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.





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