



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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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19th 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

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 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** or **723-0480**, or email magopaul11@gmail.com.

We will celebrate the 44th 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 from 11am - until 4:00pm. Kindly support this event as we continue to raise funds to assist the less fortunate. Tickets are \$25 for chicken and pork, and \$30 for a fish meal. We look forward to your usual support.

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 Office**.

We look forward to your support!

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

Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

With special gratitude to all our Clergy and Religious Sisters who serve in the Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre. These missionaries have left home, family and friends to serve in this Caribbean local Church. Let us pray in a special way on this World Mission Sunday for them, their homelands and their families. Represented in this Diocese are missionaries from Togo, Zambia, St. Lucia, United States of America, Indonesia, Ghana, Croatia, Poland, Ukraine, India, Kenya, Ireland, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea and Trinidad and Tobago. May God bless them and their ministry.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION *12th October, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,403.15	\$443.21
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,407.90	\$266.19
9:00 am	\$1,969.95	\$466.23
Hispanic	-	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$475.00	\$95.35
Parham	\$854.00	\$218.00
Villa	\$1,064.97	\$259.05
Diocesan Schools	\$105.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

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.

The death is announced of Mrs. Rose Margetson. She passed peacefully on Monday 13th October at Premier Senior Living Nursing Home. May her soul Rest In Peace.

WE'RE HIRING!!

Position: Cook

Location: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day Care Centre for Seniors, Michael's Village, St. John's.

Do you enjoy preparing wholesome meals and creating a warm, welcoming dining experience? Well, the Society's Day Care Centre is seeking a dedicated and caring cook to join our team.

Responsibilities include:

- Preparing daily meals for approximately 20 senior patrons.
- Managing kitchen operations and maintaining cleanliness and safety.
- Overseeing meal service and the dining area.

We're looking for someone with a passion for cooking, good organizational skills and a heart for serving seniors.

To Apply: Send your resume/CV to The Board of Management

Email: ssvpsjb@gmail.com

Application Deadline: November 05, 2025

Come be a part of a caring community that makes a difference every day!!

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, Elma Skerritt, 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



"Persevere in our prayer."

Read: When Moses' arms are raised to God, the Israelites win the battle. Paul urges Timothy to keep preaching, even when it is unpopular. Christ teaches about perseverance in prayer through the parable of the widow and the unjust judge.

Reflect: Weariness can overtake us both in activity and in prayer. The challenges we face at work or at home can weigh us down, a bit like Moses' arms. We can find it hard to carry the burden further. Likewise, in prayer, we may have prayed long and hard about a difficult situation and still it persists. Again, like Moses, the raising of our arms in prayer might fall in weariness, in doubt or despair. Christ encourages us to persevere in our prayer, and not to give up in the dark, heavy times. However, we are to remember that Moses' arms were held up by others. He couldn't do it alone. Similarly, we are to remember the communion we have with others in the Church and support them when they are struggling in life or in prayer. We hold each other up, so that together we persevere in our pleading with God and in our fidelity to him.

Pray: Hold others up to God in your prayer today.

Act: Offer practical support to someone today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 19th October

First Reading

Exodus 17: 8-13

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121: 1-8

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 2

Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8



"Defend My Rights Against My Adversary."

Monday 20th October

Romans 4: 20-25

Psalm Luke 1: 69-75

Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday 21st October

Romans 5: 12, 15, 17-21

Psalm 40: 7-10 & 17

Luke 12: 35-38

Wednesday 22nd October

Romans 6: 12-18

Psalm 124: 1-8

Luke 12: 39-48

St. John Paul II, pope

Thursday 23rd October

Romans 6: 19-23

Psalm 1: 1-4 & 6

Luke 12: 49-53

St. John of Capistrano, priest

Friday 24th October

Romans 7: 18-25

Psalm 119: 66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

Luke 12: 54-59

St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Saturday 25th October

Romans 8: 1-11

Psalm 24: 1-6

Luke 13: 1-9

Blessed Virgin Mary

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

On their way to the promised land, the Jews pass through territory controlled by another nomadic tribe, amalek. A tribal war breaks out. Moses picks out a high spot and like the other army commanders of his day holds the staff in his hand. From there he guides the battle. But note that Moses' staff is called "the staff of God." In verse 16, the victory is expressly attributed to God. What did the sacred writer want to bring out by relating this ancient tradition? His lesson is: God fought on our father's side in the past, and he will help us now.

Why do we read this episode about two warring bedouin tribes in a desert some 3,200 years ago? We do not read it just for information. As believers, we pray and meditate on the point that God wants to bring out through this narrative. It could be: "In the battle of life, I am with you!" with this in mind, we make the words of the Responsorial Psalm our prayer to God.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul insists that preachers should know the Bible and use it as the source of the wisdom they preach. With Scripture the man of God (priest-preacher) is well-equipped for his job. This implies that we should listen with faith when the Bible is explained in church. But why did Paul not recommend Bible reading by all? Simply because Bibles were not printed in his day and the vast majority of the faithful were illiterates. In our literate age with Bibles available, we should read prayerfully for ourselves (Vatican II: Constitution on Divine Revelation, 22).

Like the "Biblia Pauperum" (Bible stories, painted on the walls of medieval cathedrals for the illiterate poor), paraphrased and pictorial Bibles are all right for children and people with a low reading ability. Literate Christians read God's word in a translation as close as possible to the original, try to understand it with the help of introductions and footnotes, and apply it as God's word to their own life situation, as we do with today's Bible readings.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

It is important to pay attention to the point of this parable. Jesus does not compare God with the unjust judge insofar as he is lazy and unconcerned, nor insofar as the reason why he finally gives swift justice is concerned. The point is that like the widow we should persevere in prayer with a great faith! If we do so, God will be with us in the battle of life.

SAINT OF THE DAY - October 23, 2025 *St. John of Capistrano's Story*

It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the 14th century. One-third of the population and nearly 40 percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the Church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John of Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John of Capistrano's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from interference in their stricter observance. John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.



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