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Villa

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"The Prayer of The Lowly Pierces The Clouds"

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26th 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 event will continue **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**.

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!

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.

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.

Do You aspire to go to heaven after you die? Do you want to be remembered after you die? Praying for the dead might not make sense to nonbelievers but for Catholics, it is part and parcel of the faith tradition, rooted in Old Testament readings and supported by the Catechism and the Church's funeral liturgy. 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.

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

19th October, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,214.40	\$369.17
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 892.42	\$322.60
9:00 am	\$2,142.89	\$684.71
Mission Envelopes	\$1,882.77	-
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 329.25	\$ 135.00
Parham	\$1,083.80	\$ 193.00
Villa	\$ 417.00	\$ 100.00
Diocesan Schools	xxx	-

Thanks for your Generosity

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 theme for **2025 WORLD YOUTH DAY**, as guided by Pope Leo XIV, is *"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 world wide 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, showcasing the various talents and creativity of our young people, a Youth Seminar and Mass on Sunday.

START OF THE CATECHETICAL SESSIONS 2025 –2026:

First Holy Communion – Tuesday
4th November - 4 – 5:15 p.m.

Sunday School – Sunday
9th November - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

N.B. The other two Confirmation
groups are already in session!

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.

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



"Our prayer is to be honest & God-Centered."

Read: Sirach teaches the importance of humble prayer. Saint Paul reflects on his faithful ministry and on eternal life. Jesus preaches the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

Reflect: 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Eastern Christianity makes much use of the phrase of the tax collector. His phrase is joined to the words of Saint Peter to become "Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." The "Jesus Prayer" is a simple, honest prayer, which acknowledges our sins, but always in conjunction with a humble petition for Christ's loving mercy. Frequent repetition of the prayer allows us to think of our relationship with Christ and how it needs to be healed. Unlike the Pharisee's prayer, which is self-congratulatory, the tax collector's prayer is honest and God-centered, and because of that, he can see how he needs to change. Just as our prayer is to be honest and God-centered, so our proclamation of the Kingdom in word and deed must reflect that honesty and divine focus. We are a missionary Church, and our message will be far more effective if we adopt the tax collector's humble, authentic attitude.

Pray: Take some time today to pray the Jesus Prayer.

Act: After deeds of charity, reflect on how genuine your love has been.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 26th October

First Reading

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel

Luke 18: 9-14



"O God Be Merciful To Me, A Sinner"

Monday 27th October

Romans 8: 12-17

Psalm 68: 2 & 4, 6-7, 20-21

Luke 13: 10-17

Tuesday 28th October

Ephesians 2: 19-22

Psalm 19: 2-5

Luke 6: 12-16

Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, apostles

Wednesday 29th October

Romans 8: 26-30

Psalm 13: 4-6

Luke 13: 22-30

Thursday 30th October

Romans 8: 31-39

Psalm 109: 21-22, 26-27, 30-31

Luke 13: 31-35

Friday 31st October

Romans 9: 1-5

Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20

Luke 14: 1-6

Saturday 1st November

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24: 1-6

1 John 3: 1-3

Luke Matthew 5: 1-12

***Solemnity of All Saints
(All Saint's Day)***

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

It seems that a regular life of prayer and worship is more difficult when the sun is shining in our lives than when we get our share of life's troubles. We forget God so easily! Nevertheless, praying makes human beings great at the very moment that they confess their insignificance before God! Their prayer, that of the lowly, "pierces the clouds." "The Lord hears the cry of the poor".

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

Paul is in jail, and feels that the end is drawing near: "I have competed well." He feels lonesome: "At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me." Yet he harbors no hard feelings: "May it not be held against them!" Faith in God is his strength: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat." Paul found strength in prayer.

God's word to us through this tradition could be: When you are depressed, try to follow Paul's example. Do not nurse hard feelings toward those who hurt you. Find strength in prayer!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

In the eyes of his contemporaries, the Pharisee of this passage was a righteous man and the tax collector the traditional crook. Yet Jesus points to the latter as the just! Why? The Pharisee was wrong because he trusted in his righteousness and thought that God owed him something for it. God does not owe us a thing. The tax collector knew this. He had no merits to set before God. He could only plead for mercy.

Prayer is an encounter between you and God. Meeting the Most High God, we should humbly realize who we are.

SAINT OF THE DAY

November 1, 2025

The Story of the Solemnity of All Saints

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

REFLECTION

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.



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