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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21st September, 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 14th September, 2025

Cathedra	l e	1st	2nd
Saturday	6:00 pm	\$2,100.40	\$549.25
Sunday	7:00 am	\$1,554.56	\$473.29
	9:00 am	\$1,707.70	\$486.60
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Out Stations			
Potters		\$300.00	\$110.00
Parham		\$640.75	\$187.30
Villa		\$1,091.25	\$251.36
Diocesan Schools		\$90.00	-

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CATECHETICAL

SUNDAY

2025: Happy Catechetical Sunday! Today we celebrate and recognize the gift that catechists bring to a parish community. Today provides us an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. All Catholics are reminded to consider ways we are to witness for Iesus and to rededicate ourselves to the mission of passing on the faith. We pray for all who come forward for this ministry, those who are willing to share their faith and dare to listen to the faith stories of others. Today catechists recommit themselves to this ministry of service.

WELCOME: We welcome all parents, families, children, young people, and the Parish Community to the New Catechetical & Pastoral Year.

The Catechetical Year will commence in October. More information in subsequent announcements.

The Marriage Enrichment Weekend will take place on October 3-5, 2025.

Venue: Jolly Beach Resorts & Spa

The total cost for the All Inclusive weekend per couple will be around **US\$350**. Call the Pastoral Centre or Parish Office to register or register with any member of the Marriage Ministry.

The Holy Family Cathedral Steel Orchestra announces the restart of its beginners/intermediate steel pan classes. Ages 7 years and up are welcome. Classes commence on Saturday, September 20th and continue every Saturday from 12-noon to 1pm. Come and learn to play the steelpan and/or better your skills in a wholesome environment. Feel free to contact 770-6719 for more information.

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. Even if we do not travel far, we can still be missionaries right here—by being kind, generous, and standing up for what's right. 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".

The members of the HFC Dance Ministry & the Xclamation Mas Troupe will host a Cake and Pastry Sale on Sunday 28th September 2025 on the church grounds. Please support.

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) those un-baptized: for 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 Chancery will be closed from Tuesday, September 23 -30, 2025. Queries can be emailed to

dsjbchancery@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, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt, Yvonne Watkins, Anthony Mathurin, Derrick Louisor, Vquan George.

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 Ierusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. 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

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group celebrates its 48th Anniversary under the theme

"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Source of Hope." (Romans 15:13)

Activities:

Sunday 21st September – Mass at St. Anthony's Church Potters – **11:00 am**

Wednesday 24th September -

Praise & Worship – Presentation by Fr. Arnold Francis – **7:00 pm**

Thursday 25th September -

presentation by Fr. Arnold Francis with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing – **7:00 pm**

Friday 26th September – Eucharistic Celebration in memory of our deceased members. We invite family and friends of the deceased to join us – **7:00 pm**

The names of the deceased are:

Agnes Simon Anthony, Johnson Laudat, Ashmette Obrien, James Daley, Marie Attic, Catherine Daley, Olivette Lloyde, Magdalene Daley, Annie Jules, Alexandrina Liverpool, Esme Stevens, Martha Cooman, Delphina Tannis, Doris Skerrit, Yvonne Henry, Edmond Blaize, Cynthia Smith, Maria Blaize, Ann Simmons.

Fr. George Franklin (St Croix) Facililator

The funeral Mass of Kevin Davis will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tyrells at 2:00pm. Tributes will begin at 1:30 pm. May his soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Service of Gerald Quinland (a.k.a fork-lift) will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. Tributes will begin at 1:30pm. May his soul Rest In Peace.

The funeral Mass of Winifred Paul will be held on Friday, September 26th, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 10:00 am. May her soul Rest In Peace.

The Funeral Mass of Angelle & Shanee Prosper will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 at Holy Family Cathedral at 2:45pm. Tributes will begin at 2:00pm. May their souls Rest In Peace.

LECTIO DIVINA



"You Cannot Give Yourself Both To God & To Money"

Read: Amos challenges injustice in business, Saint Paul urges us to pray for leaders and the well-being of society, and Jesus calls us to a life of loving generosity.

Reflect: Today's readings explore the connection between our actions and our intentions. Why do we choose to do things that benefit other people? Is our support of the local community merely so we can have a quiet life? Do we help others just so that they will help us? The swindling and corruption attacked by Amos is a much more obvious type of injustice than the manipulation presented in the Gospel. The astute servant is making discounts to buy friends. There is no concern for the welfare of the debtors, as he is acting purely out of self-interest. Therefore, in this instance, the wicked servant is astutely using another person's money for personal gain. Jesus encourages his disciples not to be astute in the crafty sense of the word, but wise, as he teaches us to use money well and to "make friends" rather than buy them through our own generosity. Here the concern for the other is genuine, and our love is genuine.

Pray: Pray for your local community, for your country and for all who hold positions of authority.

Act: Make a donation to help the poor in your community.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 21st September

First Reading

Amos 8: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-8

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel

Luke 16: 1-13



"No Servant Can Serve Two Masters."

Monday 22nd September

Ezra 1: 1-6

Psalm 126: 1-6

Luke 8: 16-18

Tuesday 23rd September

Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20

Psalm 122: 1-5

Luke 8: 19-21

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

Wednesday 24th September

Ezra 9: 5-9

Tobit 13: 2-4, 7-8

Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday 25th September

Haggai 1: 1-8

Psalm 149: 1-6 & 9

Luke 9: 7-9

Friday 26th September

Haggai 2: 1-9

Psalm 43: 1-4

Luke 9: 18-22

St. Cosmas & St. Damian. martyrs

Saturday 27th September

Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15

Jeremiah 31: 10-13

Luke 9: 43-45

St. Vincent de Paul, priest

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

Amos of Tekoa (750 B.C.) is the well-known prophet of social justice. Though living in the Southern Kingdom, he went to the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the sanctuary of Bethel, where he delivered his message. Imagine that during the worship service in your church, a stranger would stand up and address the congregation as Amos did! ("New moon" and "sabbath": the first day of each lunar month and the sabbath were days of rest; the "ephah" was a standard of measure. Small wonder that the priest of the sanctuary told Amos to leave.

God's word is that we should be concerned about the rights and needs of fellow humans, God is! "He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor".

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

Our petitions during Mass should be universal, not only for the needs of the congregation. We pray that all human beings may be saved. We pray for our politicians and those in authority that they may do an honest job. Do you try to make the petitions your prayer?

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The Longer Form of today's Gospel consists first of the parable of the wily manager. Notice that the owner, Jesus, does not praise the dishonesty of the manager, but rather his cleverness in acting decisively in a moment of crisis. The second part consists of statements on the right use of money, Since this is the topic of the First Reading, and the Shorter Form restricts itself to these statements, obviously the Church wants to focus our attention on these statements concerning trustworthiness.

"You cannot serve both God and mammon": the meaning is obvious. If you sever the management of your possessions from your religious faith, you will soon be going by a double standard. The motto "To each his / her own" should be our guide whenever we handle money and do business. Only then can God trust us.

Saint of the Day - September 27th, 2025—St. Vincent de Paul, priest

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 in the village of Pouv, in the province of Guvenne and Gascony, Kingdom of France, to peasant farmers. His father was Jean de Paul and his mother was Bertrande de Moras. There was a stream named the "Paul" in the vicinity, and it is believed that this might have been the derivation of the family name. He wrote the name as one word, Depaul (possibly to avoid the inference that he was of noble birth), but none of his correspondents did so. He had three brothers (Jean, Bernard, and Gayon) and two sisters (Marie and Marie-Claudine). He was the third child and demonstrated a talent for literacy early in life. He also worked as a child, herding his family's livestock. At age 15, his father sent him to a seminary, which he paid for by selling the family's oxen.

For three years, Vincent studied at a college in Dax, Aquitaine. It adjoined a monastery of the Friars Minor, where he resided. In 1597, he enrolled in theology at the University of Toulouse. The atmosphere at the university was rough. Fights broke out between various factions of students which escalated into armed battles. An official was murdered by two students. Nevertheless, he continued his studies, financing them by tutoring others. He was ordained on 23 September 1600, at the age of Château-l'Évêque, nineteen, in near Périgueux. This was against the regulations established by the Council of Trent which required a minimum of 24 years of age for ordination, so when he was appointed parish priest in Tilh, the appointment was appealed in the Court of Rome. Rather than respond to a lawsuit in which he would probably not have prevailed, he resigned from the position and continued his studies. On 12 October 1604, he received his Bachelor of Theology from the University of Toulouse. Later he received Licentiate in Canon Law from the **University of Paris**.





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