



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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"Newness of Life"

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - 22nd MARCH, 2026 - A

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 pm

Thursday

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

Friday

Holy Family Cathedral 12:15 noon

Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral 8:00am

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL ADORATION HOURS

Fridays

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Saturdays

7:00 am - 8:00am in the main
Cathedral

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

8th March, 2026

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,297.74	\$ 456.11
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,221.76	\$ 316.35
9:00 am	\$1,792.05	\$ 655.09
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 843.40	\$ 231.60
Parham	\$ 720.00	\$ 262.07
Villa	\$ 873.30	\$ 136.15
Diocesan Schools	\$ 25.00	-

Thanks for your Generosity

Stations of the Cross continues every Friday at 7:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.

DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON SALT FISH CAKES, FISH & BAKES will be on sale Fridays after Stations of the Cross. We look forward to your support and fellowship.

BIBLE QUIZ

COMPETITION UPDATE!! NEW DATE

- **APRIL 17th!** Due to the slow registration, for this to be deemed a competition, it has been decided to give groups some more time to register. A team is made up of no more than 3 persons. For persons who have not experienced the competition since there was a pause, this is how it is done: The questions are asked, the teams have a time limit to discuss and write the answers on the paper provided which is collected after each question, and recorded by the scorers. A simple process which does not require individuals to speak. Get ready. Register! **BOOKS TO STUDY: Genesis chapters 37 - 50 and St. Paul's letter to Philemon. REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Call the Pastoral Centre at 560-2693. May the Word of God be a light and a lamp in our lives!

A workshop on bereavement, "The Journey Through Grief" will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Villa.

BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between **CRAIG H FERNANDEZ** of **Paradise View** and **BRITNEY S DEIB** of Langfords. Anyone knowing of any reason why this couple should not be married in the Catholic Church should contact one of the priests.

UPCOMING IN MARCH

- **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**— Wednesday 25th March, 2026 at Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00pm
- **24 HOUR ADORATION - Friday 27th March to Saturday 28th March - 8:00am to 8:00 am**
- **FESTIVAL OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday 28th March - 9:00am to 12:00 noon**
- **SATURDAY - 28th MARCH - Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00pm**
- **PALM SUNDAY - 29th March**
Holy Family Cathedral - 9:00am.
ONE PARISH MASS

UPCOMING IN APRIL

- **HOLY THURSDAY - WASHING OF THE FEET - 2nd April, 2026** at Holy Family Cathedral at 7:00pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April, 2026** - Stations of the Cross from Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Tyrells to Mt Tabor Retreat Centre - 8:00am.
- Persons wishing to park at the Cathedral - buses will be available for transportation to and from. The buses will leave the Cathedral at 7:30 a.m.
- The Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.
- **HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL**—Bonfire begins at 10:00pm. Parishioners are reminded to bring their candles.
- **EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April, 2026**
9:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral
9:00 am at Parham
11:00 am at Potters
11:00 am at Villa

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12th** April, 2026 - 3:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.
- **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 26th** April, 2026

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The funeral Service for Mrs. Gweneth A. Bryan will be held on Wednesday 25th March, 2026 at 10:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral.

The funeral Service for Leroy Cabey will be held on Friday 27th March, 2026 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.

The funeral Mass for Ms. Inez Henry the mother of Louise Henry will be held on Wednesday 1st April, 2026 at 10:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral.

The funeral Mass for Yvonne Watkins will be held on Wednesday 8th April, 2026 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. Tributes begin at 1:30pm. May their souls Rest In Peace.

S. J. A. Entrance Exams

Application Forms for eligible students wishing to enter **Forms 1, 2, 3 or 4** are now available at the school's office Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. The deadline for receiving application forms is **Thursday, May 07, 2026 before 2:00 pm.** The Entrance Exams for students wishing to enter **Form 1** will be held **Saturday, May 09, 2026 at 8:00 am.**

NEW ADMISSIONS OPEN!

St. John's Catholic Primary School and St. John's Catholic Preschool are now accepting applications for the Academic Year 2026 - 2027.

How to Apply: Collect application forms at the school office, email: sjcpsprimary@gmail.com to request a form or call 462-0113.

Deadline: April 30th, 2026

COUPLES FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES

Afternoon High Tea, Fashion & Gala Entertainment - Sunday 19th April, 2026.
Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Place: Holy Family Cathedral Grounds
Cost: \$40.00
Proceeds in Aid of continued Outreach & Caribbean Conference in July.

LENTEN PANTRY DRIVE

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PRE-COMMUNION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

All children 7 years old—from Catholic and non-Catholic schools—must now attend Pre-Communion sessions before registering for First Holy Communion. Sessions: April 2026 - June 2027 (excluding school breaks)

Registration: Open now
Requirement: Mandatory for all children before First Communion.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take note and register early. For further details, please contact the Parish or Catechetical Office.

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 servants 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, Anthony Mathurin, Shirley Dyer.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUSH TEA & BAKE SALE

Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Price: \$25.00

Place: St. John's Catholic Primary School Grounds

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

VACANCY: SPANISH TEACHER

St. John's Catholic Primary School is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for the position of **Spanish Teacher.**

Requirements:

✓ Certification or Qualification in Spanish

✓ Experience teaching at the primary level (preferred)

How to Apply: Send your application letter and resume to:

sjcpsprimary@gmail.com

Application Deadline: April 3rd, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd March

First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130: 1- 8

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel

John 11: 1- 45



"I am the resurrection. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, shall live."

Monday 23rd March

Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Psalm 23: 1-6

John 8: 1-11

St. Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop

Tuesday 24th March

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalm 102: 2,3,16-21

John 8: 21-30

Wednesday 25th March

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10

Psalm 40: 7-11

Hebrews 10: 4-10

Luke 1: 26-38

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday 26th March

Genesis 17: 3-9

Psalm 105: 4-9

John 8: 51-59

Friday 27th March

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm 18: 2-7

John 10: 31-42

Day of abstinence from meat

Saturday 28th March

Ezekiel 37: 21-28

Jeremiah 31: 10-13

John 11: 45-56

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

Using the language of vision (i.e., the famous vision of the "dry bones"), Ezekiel sees the Jews in exile to be as dead as the bones of dead men scattered on a battlefield. The Lord brings these bones back to life, and breathes a new spirit into them and resettles them upon their own land. The prophet refers to the exiles' return to their home country, where they will start a new life. Reapplied to us today, the message, God's word, is: A Christian who is indifferent and/or disappointed by church life, confused about changes, a person about to give up, is like those dry bones. God promises: "I will put my spirit in you that you may live." A Christian believes this and can pray: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption".

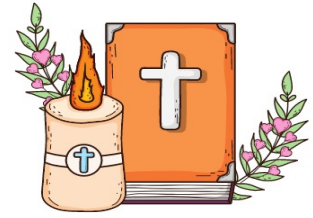
WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

Guided by God, Paul states that those who are "in the flesh," that is, those who look at life solely from the viewpoint of the flesh, get nowhere. But as a baptized Christian you are not "in the flesh," at least you should not be. If you act as if you are still "in the flesh," you are not your real self. You have not sufficiently died to your old self. The Spirit dwells in you. Let him animate you. The main point is that as a Christian you should respond to this internal power in you. Only then will you really be alive. Note that Paul uses "Spirit of God," "Spirit of Christ," "Spirit," and even "Christ" interchangeably. In each case the point is the divine indwelling seen as a principle of life.

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

John relates Jesus' miracles as "signs," earthly realities that indicate a full reality to come. Inspired by God, what does John wish to indicate by relating this miracle of Jesus? We notice that the evangelist places the Lazarus story just before the passion narrative. Significantly, he remarks: "From that day on they planned to kill (Jesus)". This passage teaches: Jesus, calling himself the resurrection and the life, will die to inaugurate the resurrection of human beings. "Just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes". John suggests that you should put your faith in Jesus as many Jews did when they witnessed the raising of Lazarus.

LECTIO DIVINA



"Never to lose hope, even in hopeless situations."

Read: Ezekiel prophesied of a renewed people shaped by God's spirit to live their covenant with Him. St. Paul explains that we can fulfil God's will with the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. The gospel of John gives us the greatest of all the signs that Jesus did: the raising of Lazarus.

Reflect: The raising of Lazarus encourages us never to lose hope, even in hopeless situations. It is never too late for God to renew an individual or a community. But how can we collaborate with God to experience His power? The answer is not simply faith, as none of the characters in the story believed that Jesus would or could raise Lazarus; rather, it lies in practical obedience to this wonder-working God and in following His will. The characters in the story obey the Lord's commands fully, so Lazarus was restored to life. Perhaps some of us are entrapped by the death of sin. Others may find themselves in despair or the bondage of sinful habits and attitudes. Jesus is ready for a miracle. But are we prepared to cooperate with Him? The answer lies in our hearts.

Pray: Lord, give me a heart that will cooperate with your will.

Act: Let us unbind (forgive) those who wronged us and allow a new relationship to blossom.

The Parish would like to congratulate Ms. Kia Casimir for winning the National Youth Solo Competition which took place last Sunday (15th March, 2026). Congratulations!



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