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Potters

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"The Lord Has Indeed Risen"

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th APRIL 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

29th March, 2026

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,421.73	\$ 653.32
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
9:00 am	\$6,400.66	\$ 1,614.07
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Parham	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Villa	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Diocesan Schools	\$ 70.00	

Thanks for your Generosity

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.

BIBLE QUIZ
COMPETITION - APRIL 17th
at 7:00 p.m. **BOOKS TO STUDY: Genesis chapters 37 – 50 and St. Paul's letter to Philemon**. Come and support the registered teams. You too can be part of this in the audience participation section.

May the Word of God be a light and a lamp in our lives!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES

Invites You to an Afternoon of High Tea with Gala Entertainment - Fashion, Dance, Song, Musical Pan Rendition.

Prizes for best Easter Hat, Fascinator, Hand Bag
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.

UPCOMING IN APRIL

- **EASTER MONDAY** 6th April, 2026 ...Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral

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

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

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

UPCOMING IN MAY

- **Monday 4th May** - Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral
- **Sunday 17th May** - The Ascension of the Lord
- **Sunday 24th May** - Pentecost Sunday
- **Monday 25th May** - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Mass will be at 8:00 am. (Whit Monday)

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 on **Saturday, May 09, 2026 at 8:00 am**.

CONFIRMATION 2026: We pray for the young people who will be on their weekend retreat in preparation for their final stage of preparation for Confirmation.

Weekend Retreat - April 10th - 12th at Mount Tabor

Confirmation - May 31st - We pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite their hearts to be disciples for Christ.

REFLECTION - John 20: 1-9

The Resurrection of Christ Jesus is the bedrock of our Christian faith. In John's Gospel we see how Peter and John responded differently to the empty tomb. They saw the linen clothes and the cloth that had covered Jesus' face. It was the "beloved disciple" who immediately believed what Jesus had said about the "third day." Faith in the Resurrection calls for our becoming a new dough in terms of continuous conversion which Peter proclaimed to the first Gentile, Cornelius. Yes, Christ came to reconcile both Jews and Gentiles. Amen. Alleluia!

THEME: THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED

A person who is privileged to visit the tombs of the Pharaohs in Egypt or reads about them in pictorial books is struck by those people's concern about a hereafter. The hieroglyphics for "life everlasting" appear on the murals time and again. People want to live. Easter is the feast of life. "The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia". "Alleluia — Praise the Lord!" marks all prayers and songs of this festival season. It represents the joy of Christians: The Lord's death was not a defeat but a victory! And we share in the Lord's victory over suffering and death, knowing that life everlasting with Christ will be ours. "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come".

People want to know: What is the manner of my existence after death? "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come back?" Paul calls this a nonsensical question. And he adds: "What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; but God gives it a body as he chooses and to each of the seed its own body".

This seems to indicate that our lives now are the kernels from which "earthly human beings" must grow into the persons they will be for all eternity. "That which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility. The words found in 1 Corinthians offer some insight to the inquisitive reader, but ultimately we must leave the details up to God who promised that our reward will be a hundredfold.



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, Deacon St. Clair Francis.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

As the disciples share how Jesus revealed Himself on the road to Emmaus, He suddenly appears among them, declaring, "Peace be with you." Despite their initial fear, He reassures them by showing His wounds and eating with them—tangible proof of His Resurrection. This experience transforms their hearts and strengthens their faith.

This experience reminds us of the importance of recognizing Jesus' presence in our lives, especially during moments of fear and grief. Just as He brought peace to His disciples, He offers us the same peace and assurance today. He also invites us to touch His wounds and share a meal with Him. May we open our hearts to the presence of the Risen Lord and allow His peace to fill us. Like the disciples, let us be witnesses of His resurrection, sharing the good news with others and living out our faith with renewed confidence and joy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th April

First Reading

Acts 10: 34, 37- 43

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: 1,2,16,17,22,23

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel

John 20: 1-9



“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don’t know where they have laid him.”

Monday 6th April

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Psalm 16: 1,2,5, 7- 11

Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday 7th April

Acts 2: 36- 41

Psalm 33: 4,5,18,19,20,22

John 20: 11-18

Wednesday 8th April

Acts 3: 1-10

Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9

Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday 9th April

Acts 3: 11-26

Psalm 8: 2,5 - 9

Luke 24: 35- 48

Friday 10th April

Acts 4: 1-12

Psalm 118: 1,2,4,22-27

John 21: 1-14

Saturday 11th April

Acts 4: 13-21

Psalm 118: 1,14-21

Mark 16: 9-15

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

In this speech of Peter, Luke wants to bring out the basic message of the early Church: the Lord’s rejection (“they put him to death”); God’s vindication (“God raised (him)”); and the apostles’ witness to the Christ-event (“he commissioned us to preach”). Referring to the stone rejected and made the headstone of the corner, the Church applies Psalm 118 to the death and resurrection of Christ. Indeed, “this is day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” .

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

The First Reading proclaims the living Christ, his life, death and resurrection. This Second Reading tells us about the implications of all of this for us. Through baptism you have died to your own sinful and egotistic self and you have been raised up to a new life with Christ. You are a Christian. This life is hidden. In its fullness, it will appear in the life to come. The lesson is: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” This is a strong Semitic saying with the obvious meaning: Do not be so captivated by the tinsel of life or so infected with the commercialism of the day that you lose sight of the things above!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The point of (God’s Word) seems to be: “He saw and believed.” The disciples were slow in coming to a realization of the resurrection since the Holy Spirit had not yet come to enlighten the Church concerning all these divine mysteries. We need the Holy Spirit! “God our Father, ... let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us”.

LECTIO DIVINA



Read: Today’s readings remind us of Easter reality. In the first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus, who was killed, rose again and commanded them to bear witness to him as Lord and God. St. Paul exhorts the Colossians that as believers in the risen Lord , we have all died and risen with him. As such, we ought to live genuinely as Easter people, setting our hearts on godly matters. The gospel takes us back to the first Easter morning when the disciples could no longer find the Lord’s dead body in the tomb.

Reflect: Easter reminds us that there is life after death. The Lord did not remain forever in the tomb; instead, he rose for you and me. Christ is risen! We who believe in him and are baptized in his spirit share in the power of his resurrection. We are Easter people. This means we are not meant to stay buried in the tomb of our sins, bad habits, severe addictions or depression. Nothing can hold us down anymore - sadness, discouragement, doubt, not even death. Amid the darkness of the world, with its hatred and violence, we are reminded that Christ has conquered all and that we have the power to face these challenges. We, too, can conquer all if we put our faith in him who rose from the dead.

Pray: Lord, give me the grace to remain rooted in you and face the world confidently.

Act: Face life’s challenges with faith in the power of Christ’s resurrection.



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