

# St Francis of Assisi Church

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8 & 10.30am.

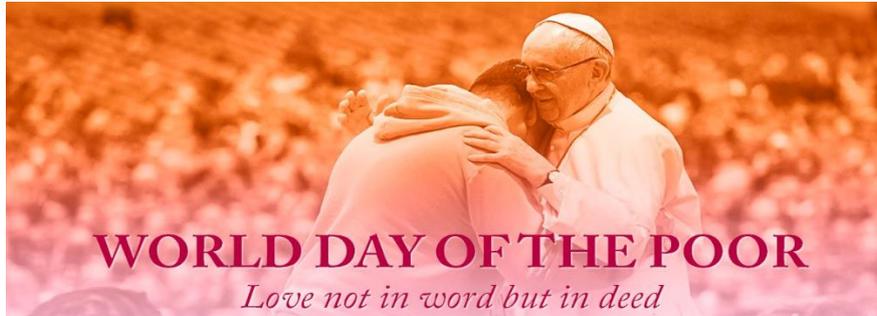
(Confessions are available after each Sunday Mass)

WEEKDAYS: Monday no Mass, Tuesday to Friday 7am, Saturday 8am

Thursday 6-7pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## NEWSLETTER

## 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (in year A)

To prepare for Sunday Mass it is a good idea to read and give thought to the readings in your missal or Bible. Here are some questions to ponder.

**First Reading** [Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31] Of all the things said in this reading about the 'perfect wife', which you think is the most admirable? Could the same thing be said of the perfect husband?

**Second Reading** [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6] Ignoring for a moment any natural fear of death, how would you feel about coming to the Lord today?

**Gospel** [Matthew 25:14-30] Talents in the parable represent gifts of God. What do you reckon are the most important gifts that you have received?

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells a parable of a very rich man who entrusts a great deal of his wealth to other people. Some use the money to make a profit and some don't even try to make a profit or use the money at all. When the rich man comes back and asks how they've done, he praises and rewards those who have made a profit and gives them even more. Those who haven't used it at all he criticises and takes away from them the little they have. In the parable it sounds as if the Lord is punishing, but in effect he is just reminding us of what will inevitably happen if we do not use the gifts we have been given.

Jesus is not threatening us but wants us to be aware of what we are doing to ourselves. If you go to your doctor with an ailment and she prescribes medication for your healing, she may even say, "If you don't take this medication you are going to be in serious trouble." She is not threatening you, but simply reminding you of the consequences of what you might do or not do. In a similar way Jesus is warning us not to lose the gifts we have. A loving person who is very considerate and thoughtful of others is using his gift of love and in the process becomes more loving. Anyone who has such a gift but does not use it will not grow more loving but on the contrary, will lose what little love they ever had. That is why Jesus explains, "Those who have will be given more and they will have more than enough, but those who have nothing will lose even what they have."

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - THIS SUNDAY

To be observed throughout the diocese and the whole Catholic world and within our parish. Each person is asked to show an act of kindness to a someone in need on this day.

### Pope Francis writes

*We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor.*

**FOR OUR PARISH A VERY PRACTICAL SUGGESTION** for World Day of the Poor:  
**ADOPT-A-STUDENT APPEAL** :Fuller information is attached with this Newsletter.

This is also a good day for the St Vincent de Paul Society to start their Christmas collection. This year we are expecting rather less from Companies because they have contributed so much to victims of the hurricanes. So in addition there will be a box at the back of the church to receive non-perishable items for the hampers that they distribute to families in need.

## THE FEAST OF CHRIST KING - NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**Our Diocesan Mass this year will be celebrated  
in the Cathedral on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

It will be followed by Thanksgiving Celebrations for Bishop Jason Gordon before he departs for Port-of-Spain in December to take up his new appointment.

Hopefully, all of our parish will be there.

Although we will still have our usual Masses next weekend, it is expected that numbers will be few as most people will be going to Mass in the cathedral.

If you are scheduled to be a **Eucharistic Minister** or a **Reader** next weekend, don't let that stop you going to the Cathedral Mass instead. And there is no need to tell us beforehand that you won't be here as scheduled; we will check at the beginning of each Mass who is available.

### HEALING SERVICE **not a Mass as originally announced**

Especially for persons suffering from loss or who are grieving Please bring your candles  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – at 6pm in the Cathedral**

**COLLECTIONS** last week's collection came to **\$3,405.35**.

**RENOVATIONS OF OUR JESUIT HOUSE.** The house and gardens attached to the church are the property of the Jesuits, though used regularly by our parishioners and others. The house needs renovating and we will soon be asking for your help, reckoning it will cost something like \$43,000.

The agreement the Society of Jesus has with the diocese is that the Jesuits pay half and the parish half.

So be prepared: we will soon start begging

### Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Team Presents: **ERUPT!**

Friday, November 24th at the Living Water Community from 7:30pm.

Food, drinks and snacks will be on sale so walk with money to spend!

**Please would you also pray for these people who are ill :** Stanislaus Alexander, Dorothy de Gale, Norma Laura Herrera, Basil Cozier, Kenneth Miller, Veronica Tavernier, Carlos Noel Phillips, Phillip Alleyne, Lucille Alleyne, Joan Mahon, Mervin Mahon, Carolina Restrepo, Marie Edmund, Carlyle Glean, Taylor Pluna, Peter-Xavier Iweze, Lourdes Rouco, John Griffith, Teresa Hodge, Shimisha Butcher, David Gittens, Annie Bromham, Alison Howard, Noel Shirley, Natari Edwards, Carol Rowe, Marie Conibert, Aurelija Vasilevskiene, Anna Teelan and Joyce Blennman.

A shortened form of Fr Michael's homily can be found in the Advocate on Sunday

and after the Sunday on: *Michael A J Barrow Youtube*



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# Adopt-a-Student Emergency Appeal

*"Bad things do happen in the world, like war, natural disasters, disease. But out of those situations always arise stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things."*



Dozens of our students have been left dazed and despondent following the destruction of their homes, loss of loved ones, and disruption of the lives of their families caused by recent hurricanes. Many are cut off from their sources of material and emotional support, and **they need our help and support.**

## There are three ways to help:

### Option 1

### Donate

Give generously to the **Adopt-a-Student Emergency Appeal**. Funds collected will be used to help meet the urgent needs of students for the purchase of food and other essentials and the payment of rent where necessary.

**How to make your monetary donation:**

- Online via TouchNet at [https://secure.touchnet.net/C24201\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=25](https://secure.touchnet.net/C24201_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=25)
  - Pay at the cashier in the Bursary, indicating that the donation is for the **Adopt-a-Student Emergency Appeal**
  - Send an email to [bursary@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:bursary@cavehill.uwi.edu) authorizing a salary deduction for a stated amount and timeframe
  - Complete a salary deduction form and submit it to the Bursary
- All monetary donations are tax deductible. You will need to provide your National Registration Number

### Option 2

### Adopt

For some students their situation is so dire they will need a sustained source of support. We invite those who can to adopt an individual student and commit to meeting their day-to-day expenses.

### Option 3

### Open your home

Recovery in affected islands is expected to be slow and challenging and several of our students will have no home to return to when the Christmas holiday comes around. We invite you to open your home to a student or two, now if called upon, but especially during the holiday period.

**For further information on how to make your commitment to this Emergency Appeal contact:**

- The Office of Student Services: Telephone **417-4165/6/7**;  
Email: [studentservices@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:studentservices@cavehill.uwi.edu)
- The Office of Public Information: Telephone: **417-4077**;  
Email: [publicinformation@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:publicinformation@cavehill.uwi.edu)
- The Student Enrolment and Retention Unit: Telephone **417-4994**;  
Email: [seru@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:seru@cavehill.uwi.edu)

**Thank you for your kindness and generosity!**

Professor Clive Landis  
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