

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Lord, you have called our priests and religious to ministry at this moment in history, as in the time of the apostles, when you desire that all Christians, might be witnesses to the wonders of **GOD** and the strength of your spirit. Allow our priests and religious to be witnesses to the dignity of human life, to the grandeur of love and to the power of the ministry which they have received. May their entire lives be dedicated to you; for love, only for love and for a higher love. May their commitment to celibacy born of your mission, be a joyful and happy affirmation and a total dedication to others in the service of your church. Give them strength in their weakness, and gratitude for their steadfastness. **AMEN.**



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Parish Finances

The exercise to select appropriate officers to comprise our Santa Rosa Finance Council has been completed. The persons who are entrusted to manage and administer the finances of the Parish on behalf of the Parish Priest and parishioners are: Monica Hamilton, Cecil Frederick, Anthony Chung, Judy Lake, Junior Wallace, Sherwin Williams and one person still to confirm. We are committed to professionally managing the finances of Our Parish and to communicating with you on a regular basis.

Parish Services

10.00 a.m. Saturdays

- 1st Saturday Legal
- 2nd Saturday Financial
- 3rd Saturday Family Life
- 4th Saturday National Insurance

Marriage Preparation

Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.
in the South Parish Hall

Confession

The Sacrament will be available on
Tuesdays and Fridays from 4.00 p.m. in
the Church

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THURSDAYS
2.00 PM—5.00 PM
SATURDAYS
9.00 AM—11.30 AM

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MONDAYS & SATURDAYS
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TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS
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12NOON

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Vocations to the Religious Life. The message for the 47th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS from the Holy Father on the theme: "Witness Awakens Vocations" states in the closing paragraph ...

"Every priest, every consecrated person, faithful to his or her vocation, radiates the joy of serving Christ and draws all Christians to respond to the universal call to holiness. Consequently, in order to foster vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life, and to be more effective in promoting the discernment of vocations, we cannot do without the example of those who have already said "yes" to God and to his plan for the life of each individual. Personal witness, in the form of concrete existential choices, will encourage young people for their part to make demanding decisions affecting their future. Those who would assist them need to have the skills for encounter and dialogue which are capable of enlightening and accompanying them, above all through the example of life lived as a vocation. This was what the holy Curé of Ars did: always in close contact with his parishioners, he taught them "primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that the faithful learned to pray" (*Letter Proclaiming the Year for Priests*, 16 June 2009).

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May this World Day once again offer many young people a precious opportunity to reflect on their own vocation and to be faithful to it in simplicity, trust and complete openness.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, watch over each tiny seed of a vocation in the hearts of those whom the Lord calls to follow him more closely, may she help it to grow into a mature tree, bearing much good fruit for the Church and for all humanity. With this prayer, to all of you I impart my Apostolic Blessing."

Please see the Catholic News for the full article or visit the Vatican's website at www.vatican.va

Santa Rosa Parish Meeting

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting on **Thursday 6th May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in El Patio**. There are many issues to be discussed and we would appreciate if parishioners can come prepared to share their comments with clarity and openness.

Some items include: The Cathedral Consultation, The Year for Priests; Lent, Holy Week and Easter; The Parish Feast; Corpus Christi; our catechetical programmes; Youth Ministry.

Consultation on the Cathedral

Parishioners are encouraged to review the Archbishop's Column in the Catholic News of Sunday 28th March in preparation for voting at our next Parish Council meeting. There are six (6) questions given and it is expected that we will give our position on these matters. The votes taken will be tabulated and submitted to the committee responsible for this process at Archbishop's House. Parishioners who would like to make a greater contribution are encouraged to document their comments and send it directly to the Archbishop or in care of Msgr. Christian.

Year for Priests

We are over the half way mark of the **Year for Priests** and some parishioners are preparing to close this Special Year in our parish with a special programme. Details of this will be shared at our parish meeting.

The Legion of Mary,

Day of Retreat will be held today **Sunday 25th April** at Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, Curepe starting at 10.00 a.m. and ending with Holy Mass at 2.00 p.m.. The spiritual director for the day is Msgr. Michael Stewart.

RCIA UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Confirmation of our baptized adults in the Eastern Vicariate will take on **May 2nd at 3.00 p.m.** at St. Francis R.C. Church, Sangre Grande.
2. The annual Neophytes Mass will take place at the Cathedral on **May 16th (Ascension Sunday) at 9.00 a.m.** The chief celebrant will be Archbishop Edward Gilbert.
3. The closing Mass for the RCIA programme for 2009-2010 will be celebrated on **Saturday 22nd May at 7.00 p.m.** at Santa Rosa.

Marian Devotions 2010

On May 16th, the Archdiocese begins the series of six devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at our National Marian Shrine in Laventille.



Pathways in marriage

This is a programme hosted by the Family Life Commission of the Archdiocese to renew and strengthen all Catholic Marriages. This will soon be available in our Vicariate and will be for two Saturdays from 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.. Couples are encouraged to consider participating in this programme in this *Year of the Family*. More details will soon be given.

Pilgrimage Sunday to La Divina

Let us accompany the Holy Name Sodality with our prayers and good wishes for a safe and spiritually enriching journey