

First Communion Days in our Parish

As we continue to teach our faith and serve our Catholic Community, including the young members of our parish, we are happy to announce the dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion with our schools and in our parish.

The Girls' RC will celebrate their First Communion on Tuesday 1st June at 9.00 a.m., the Boys' RC on Wednesday 2nd June at 9.00 a.m., the Parish First Communion will be celebrated on Corpus Christi, Thursday 3rd June at 9.00 a.m..

The Boys' Government will make their First Confession on Thursday 10th June and their First Communion on Sunday 13th June. The Girls' Government will make their First Confession on Tuesday 15th June and their First Communion on Sunday 20th June.

Let us pray for our young people as they celebrate this important day in their lives, as well as for our catechists and all those involved in our faith formation programmes.

Vicariate Pastoral Council meeting

will be held on Saturday 5th June at 9.30 a.m. in El Patio

Happy Arrival Day to all our People in Trinidad & Tobago.

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Mass will be celebrated on Monday 31st May at 7.00 a.m.

Parish Services 10.00 a.m. Saturdays

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

Pathways in Marriage is coming to our Vicariate. Stay in touch for more Details....

Confession

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



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Msgr. Christian Pereira
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Deacon Kester De Verteuil

OFFICE HOURS

FR. RUDY MOHAMMED:
AVAILABLE ON
TUESDAYS AND
FRIDAYS
10.00AM - 12NOON

MSGR. CHRISTIAN
TUESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS
2.00 PM—5.00 PM
SATURDAYS
9.00 AM—11.30 AM

THE PSRS
MONDAYS & SATURDAYS
9.00AM - 12NOON AND
TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS
9.00AM - 5.30PM
FRIDAYS
9.00AM - 4.00PM

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TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND
AT WEEKEND MASSES
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SATURDAYS 10.00AM—
12NOON

Solemnity of the Trinity

This special solemnity of the *BLESSED TRINITY*, is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. In the 4th and 5th centuries Arian heresy, which denied Jesus as equal to God, swept through the Church. This prompted the universal church to emphasize that the three persons of the Blessed Trinity is ONE GOD in faithfulness to the biblical revelation that our God is FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. Even though the feast was celebrated in the early church, it was Pope John XXII who declared it a Feast of the Universal Church in 1334.

One special religious practice emphasizes this Profession of Faith ; the **Sign of the Cross** made on the body in several forms, as well as at the start of prayer services and on entering our places of worship. We usually add the Trinitarian formula: "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

In the early 4th Century , the concluding words were added : "As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

It is worth noting that Christopher Columbus in 1498 dedicated our land to the Blessed Trinity when on entering the waters he sighted the three hills. He called "IERE" (the original name for our country) "La Trinidad" . On this Feast we pray for our nation that we may be more faithful to the God in whose honour our country is dedicated.



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Do This in Memory of Me...

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, popularly called by its Latin title, **Corpus Christi**, (“**Body of Christ**”), is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

In the Middle Ages, people feeling unworthy to receive Christ in communion, preferred to look at the Blessed Sacrament. This resulted in the introduction of the elevation of the bread and chalice during Mass, and soon after public displays in the form of Benediction rituals.

The actual *Feast of Corpus Christi* was introduced in 1264 and tradition tells of the prayers and hymns for the feast being written by St. Thomas Aquinas. The feast is celebrated on the second Thursday after Pentecost (60 days after Easter), and is an invitation to Catholics to reaffirm their belief in the Eucharist.

The most obvious religious tradition associated with this feast is the Corpus Christi procession . This popular procession includes carrying the Blessed Sacrament, visible in a vessel called a monstrance (*Latin monstrare, "to show"*)

The Corpus Christi procession is an exercise of devotion and a public testimony to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus (*John Cha 6*)

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As we seek to maintain the tradition of the **Corpus Christi procession** in our parish, we invite schools and other organisations to allow the children to demonstrate their understanding and appreciation of this gift of the Eucharist, by encouraging them to attend the one Mass at 9.00 a.m. Mass and participate in the procession after the Mass.

Other Corpus Christi Masses in our parish are **7.00 p.m.** on Wednesday 2nd June at **Valencia and Santa Rosa.**

All parishioners, especially children are encouraged to attend **Eucharistic Adoration** during the few days preceding the Feast or at least spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Church or in the Adoration Chapel..

Catechism of the Catholic Church The Eucharist §§ 1322 - 1419

- 1324 “The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.”
- 1325 “The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God’s action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.”
- 1326 “Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.”
- 1327 “In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.”



After Elections... let us work with one another !!

Now that elections are over, we congratulate the victorious candidates and look forward to the challenge of building a Nation of Truth, Justice and Righteousness.

As a church, we are committed to what is best and we work with all whose love for God gives them a sense of responsibility to make our land, all that Columbus envisioned it to be, when he named it after the Blessed Trinity. God bless our nation!!!