

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 24th August, 2014

***A warm welcome is extended to all those
visiting with us today.***

***2014 Catholic Archdiocesan Appeal
Parish Report New Providence
Up to July 16th 2014***

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. Francis Xavier	\$69,200.00	143
Sacred Heart	38,900.00	53
Our Lady's	26,800.00	131
St. Joseph's	30,200.00	160
St. Anselm	30,200.00	49
St. Bede	11,200.00	19
St. Thomas More	28,000.00	37
St. Cecilia	12,300.00	51
Queen of Peace	7,800.00	113
Holy Family	30,200.00	245
St. Paul's	44,700.00	12
Resurrection	11,200.00	31

The 2014 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is still in progress. Our donors' goal for this year is 500. We thank the **143** person's who have contributed to the 2014 Appeal and look forward to an additional **357** person's making their contributions. Remember, no gift is too small and none is too large. Please make your pledge/payment today.

Archbishop Pinder's 10th Anniversary

The commemorative supplement celebrating the 10th Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Pinder is available at a cost of \$5.00 per copy. Interested persons can pick up a copy from the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Sick & Shut-In:

Please pray for and visit the sick and shut-ins of our parish. Some of these persons are: Henry Ferguson, Carmetta Rolle, Gwendolyn Taylor, Mizpah Tertullien, Arthur Symonette, Rita Wood and Ronald "Ding" Woods.

Wedding Anniversaries:

Wedding anniversary greetings are extended to: Andre & Jacklyn Moxey, 14 years Tuesday, 26th August; Anthony & Tracy Reid and Keith & Monique Mason, both celebrating 20 years Wednesday, 27th August; Donovan & Claudine Moxey, 20 years Thursday, 28th August; Luke & Brendalee Lindor, 33 years Friday, 29th August and Earl & Beatrice Wilmott, 17 years Saturday, 30th August.

In memory of George and Minette Sherman, flowers adorning the altar were donated by the Sherman Family.

Youth/Young Adult News

All youth and young adult gatherings are closed for the summer.

A Youth Rally will take place here at St. Francis beginning Wednesday, 27th through Friday, 29th August from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Father Oswald Ferguson will preside. The youth of our parish are encouraged to attend these three nights of spiritual renewal.

CCD/RCIA NEWS

A meeting for all new and returning teachers for our CCD programme will take place in St. Benedicts Hall on Saturday, 30th August at 10:00 a.m.

Registration for new and returning students in our CCD programme will take place on Saturday, 13th and Sunday, 14th September after each Mass. New students are asked to bring a copy of their baptism certificates. Registration for all students is \$10.00.

Sunday, 21st September, 2014 is Catechetical Sunday. During the 8:30 a.m. mass, teachers from our Schools and those in our CCD & RCIA programmes will be commissioned to carry out their ministries. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness."

CCD resumes on Monday, 22nd September at 6:00 p.m. for students 13 years and older and on Saturday, 27th September at 10:00 a.m. for students 5 to 12 years old.

On Monday, 6th October, at 6:00 p.m., a Parents Meeting will take place in the Cathedral for parents of students enrolled in the Monday night programme. On Saturday, 18th October at 10:0 a.m. a Parents Meeting will be held for students in the Saturday programme. All parents and/or guardians are asked to be in attendance.

Persons wishing to become Catholic and those Catholics who have not yet received their First Communion or Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA programme. Weekly sessions will resume on Wednesday, 17th September at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Archdiocesan Youth Trivia Competition

Come One...Come All! The Youth and Young Adult Ministry of our Archdiocese will present its first annual Archdiocesan Trivia Competition. Teens, 15 to 19 years old are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled competition between the youth of our sister parishes. The trivia kicks off on Friday, 5th September, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Youth from the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Thomas More will compete in this initial competition. In order for St. Francis parish to be well represented at this Trivia, youth from our parish are invited to submit their names to the parish office. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Bernard Higgs, Ms. Deangela Ferguson, Mr. Donald Adderley or Ms. Branishka Lewis.

This Week's Readings:

Monday:

Week I of the Psalter

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/
Psalm 96/Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/
Psalm 96/Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday:

St. Monica, Married Woman (331-387)

Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16/Psalm 131/
Luke 7:11-17
Or

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18/
Psalm 128/Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday:

St. Augustine, Bishop and doctor (354-430)

1 John 4:7-16/Psalm 119/
Matthew 23:8-12
Or
1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Psalm 145/
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday:

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 1:17-25/
Psalm 33/Mark 6:17-29
Or
Jeremiah 1:17-19/
Psalm 71/Mark 6:17-29

Saturday:

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab/
Psalm 85/Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday:

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Week II of the Psalter

Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalm 63/
Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

Chuckle:

Mother gone bananas!

It had been a very long day, and the mother had it up to her eyebrows with problems and commotion.

"If you don't turn down that rap CD," she shrieked to her teenaged son, "I'll go absolutely bananas!"

"It may be too late," her son said sheepishly. "I turned it off about fifteen minutes ago."
