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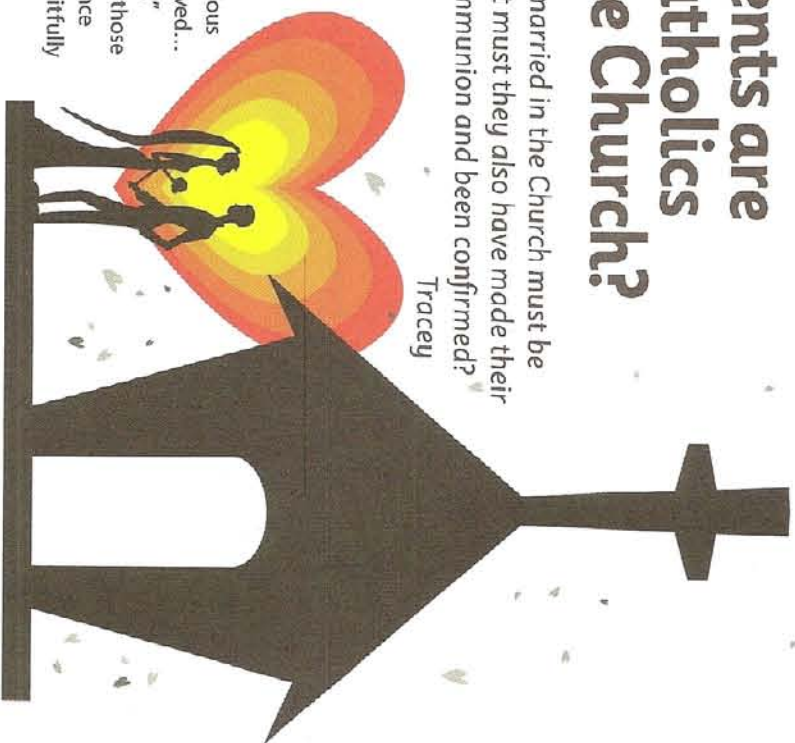
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**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**  
 Tridageth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 "WORLD MISSION SUNDAY"

9:00 a.m. Mass Plate offering: **2,057.20**  
 Second Collection: **2,888.10**

**Total: \$2,976.05**

## A Warm Welcome To All Visitors!!!

### REFLECTION

In today's gospel Jesus sums up all the teaching of the law and prophets in two commandments. A question is put to Jesus about which commandment is most important. Jesus' reply, that first we are to love God, second we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, was not a new teaching for the religious leaders. What was new and important was that Jesus presents both commandments as equal in importance. Today's passage stresses that there is no greater commandment than the two great commandments.

**BAZAAR** - Happy to announce that Lynda Russell, as Chairperson and Theresa Cargill-Burrows and Anya Symonette, as Co-Deputy Chairpersons.  
 Next Bazaar meeting is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

#### MEETING WITH FR. SIM

Parish Council - Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
 \*\*\*Please make a special effort to attend and to be on time.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** - Meeting Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM** - Next Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Instruction for parent and godparents is Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**KOINONIA RETREAT** - Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Emmaus Centre. Interested persons may contact the parish office for an application.

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE** to Guadalupe & Mexico City with Fr. Simeon Roberts will take place from July 28 - August 2, 2012. The cost is \$2,342. A deposit of -\$400.00 is due November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Interested persons should contact the Parish Office or Ms. Greta Smith at 328-8745.

Number of persons in attendance at Mass last Sunday; **222**

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We are called to this Eucharistic celebration - along with Catholics in every parish, chapel and church throughout the world - to fulfill the call we first heard at Baptism, the call to be missionaries, to share our faith.

Today, we are invited to "Celebrate the Hope that Saves" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist by giving generously to the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**A Mass In Thanksgiving for the service rendered to the People of The Bahamas by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC) will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. Your presence at this Mass will be a wonderful expression of appreciation.**

**"A Weekend to Remember...An experience you'll never forget..."**

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Marriage Renewal Weekend to be held Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6, 2011 at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. All married couples desiring to enhance and deepen their relationship are invited to register. Cost: \$150.00 per couple (meals and accommodations included). Deadline for application is Friday October 28, 2011. Please contact the Office of Family Life at 322-8919 or 328-4310 for more information.

**The Women's Auxiliary** wishes to thank Fr. Sim, the Choir, the Men's Group, the Ushers and the Mistress of Ceremony, Debbie Price for making their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service a memorable one. May God continue to bless you.

**Cook-out & Raffle** for Eddie Burrows - Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 on the Church grounds from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Please come out and give your support.

#### Pray this week for our Sick & Shut-ins

Omentia Adderley, Grace Jenoure, Suzette Knowles, Maria Richardson, Charles Sweeting, Inez Miller, Paulette Green, Renee' Carroll, Archiles King, Wenzel Lightbourne, George Capron, Roselda Sawyer, Keishler Johnson, Barbara Rolle, Eugie Raymond, Phillip Sturup, Stephen Burrows, Eddie Burrows, Alfreda Michel and Helen Arahna.

**Sunday Chuckle** - Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mom, "Where'd we get him?" His mother replied, "He came from heaven, Johnny." Johnny says, "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

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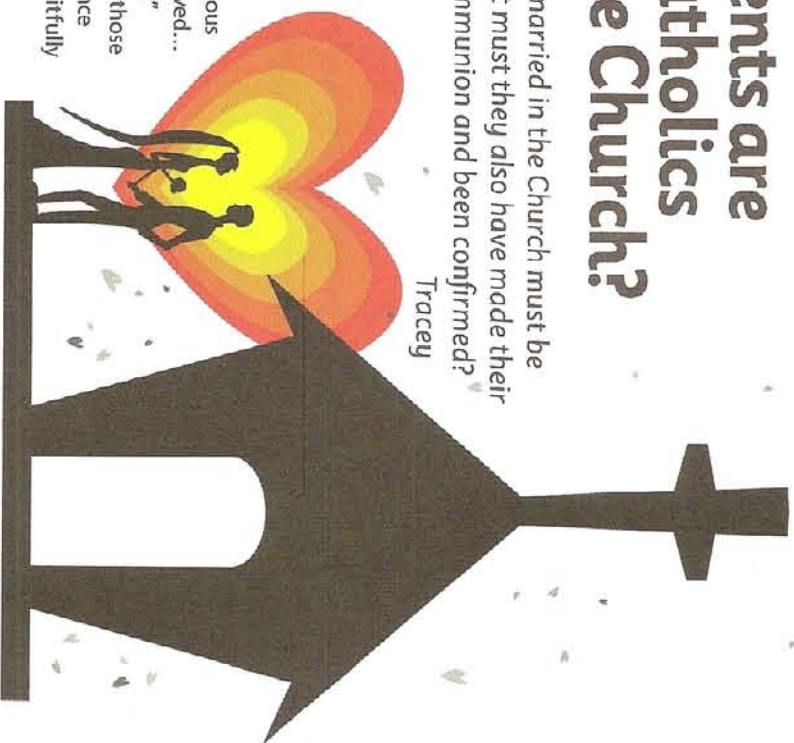
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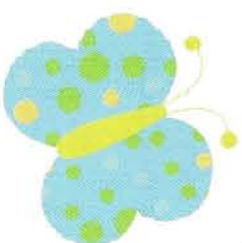
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## Gospel Summary

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as our self.

## Reflection for Families

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

## Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Read your parish bulletin together (or newspaper, etc.) to see where your family might live out this gospel message. What neighbor is in need of your help? Keep in mind that whatever you do for this person, you do also for God.

## Discussion Starters

1. A time I remember when someone showed compassion to me was when...
2. The thing about me that make it difficult for me to love completely is...
3. One sacrifice I make in order to follow these two commandments is...