



VOL .08  
MAY 2025

# JUBILEE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CASTRIES

# Newsletter



# WE HAVE A POPE!





# POPE LEO XIV

“In Illo uno unum”—“In the One, we are one.”

## BIOGRAPHY OF POPE LEO XIV

Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, is the 267th Bishop of Rome and the first Pope from the Order of Saint Augustine. He is the second pope from the Americas, after Pope Francis.

Before his papacy, he served as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and was created a cardinal by Pope Francis in 2023. He spent over a decade as a missionary in Peru, where he served in various pastoral, academic, and administrative roles. He was Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023) and held key positions in the Peruvian Episcopal Conference.

Educated in mathematics, philosophy, theology, and canon law, Pope Leo XIV has served as Prior General of the Augustinian Order, Apostolic Administrator in Peru, and member of multiple Vatican dicasteries. His episcopal motto is “*In Illo uno unum*”—“*In the One, we are one.*”

Elected pope on May 8, 2025, he is known for his pastoral heart, missionary experience, and dedication to Church reform, unity, and evangelization.

On 18 May 2025, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the inauguration Mass of his pontificate, formally known as the Mass for the Beginning of the Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, excitement rippled through the Catholic population and across the globe with the joyful announcement: “*We have a Pope!*” The buzz quickly spread, sparking conversations in churches, homes, and public spaces. Curiosity grew as people eagerly asked, “*Who is he?*” and “*What do you think of him?*” These questions echoed throughout the day, as faithful Catholics and observers alike sought to learn more about the newly elected pontiff - his background, his vision for the Church, and the name he chose as a sign of his mission. The atmosphere was one of anticipation, unity, and renewed hope for the future of the Catholic Church.

The new Pope, Leo XIV, hails from the USA, and brings with him a rich background in pastoral ministry, social justice, and theological depth. His chosen name Pope Leo is a symbolic projection of the values, and direction he hopes to emphasize during his pontificate echoing Pope Leo XIII teachings on the Social Teachings of the Church.

As the world looks to this new chapter in the Church’s history, let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV and the mission entrusted to him as the successor St Peter. The inaugural Mass was held in St Peter’s Square on Sunday May 18 at 10:00 a.m Rome time.



# PARISH OF ST PHILLIP AND JAMES

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN JUBILEE

### **The Fond St. Jacques Catholic Church- Parish of Saints Philip and James**

As early as 1945, the Catholic Church purchased a plot of land extending on both sides of the road in Ti Bough (considered the centre of the Fond St. Jacques community) to construct a chapel. However, due to the increasing population of school-aged children in the community, a new school was built there instead and under the leadership of Fr Charles Gachet; this new school was completed in 1958 and blessed on June 29th that same year. It was then a combined school.

Fr. Henry Baudry was given charge of Fond St. Jacques in January 1968. During that year, he embarked on the construction of the primary school at St.Philip. It was formally opened on September 15th, 1968. Therefore, the upper floor of the building of the school in Ti Bough served as a parish hall and a presbytery which included the chapel, where the blessed sacrament was reserved and the priest's private quarters. The parish hall and presbytery chapel were blessed on October 6th, 1968. The parish hall served several purposes including a meeting place for the youth and fundraising activities such as dances and movie weekends.

The parish of Saints Philip and James was established on January 1st, 1970 with Fr. Henry Baudry as the first parish priest. Saint James in our parish name was derived from the name of the community "Fond St. Jacques" which is translated into English as Valley of St. James while St. Philip came from St. Philippe which was the name of an estate in that area. This estate may have been named after a branch of the Devaux family, Devaux St. Philippe.

The site of the current Fond St. Jacques Primary School, in St. Philip was originally purchased in 1963 to build a church but due to public resistance, the school was built there instead.

Parishioners were of the view that Ti Bough was more central than St. Philip and would be a better location for the church. In 1966, land was purchased in Ti Bough near the school and presbytery and the construction of a church, measuring 60 feet wide and 105 feet long, with a large front porch, commenced in earnest in late 1970. The cornerstone was placed on March 14, 1971.

The priest's efforts ensured that the major parish constructions were well supported by the benevolence and volunteerism of his parishioners. All the stones, sand and a large quantity of lumber were obtained through "koudmen". The workers were paid for five days of the six day week and the sixth day was their contribution to the parish.

Despite the zeal and generosity of parishioners and others, financial hardships slowed the church's completion; work had to be stopped on several occasions. Nonetheless, with financial assistance from the Propagation of the Faith (Rome) and Adveniat- the German Bishop's Mission Aid Organization the building was eventually completed in the second quarter of 1974 and the solemn blessing took place on August 5th, 1974.

A large painting by Mr. Dunstan St. Omer (later Sir Dunstan St. Omer) covers the entire surface of the sanctuary. The mural is famous not only for the artist but also for its "Black Jesus". The head of the original image of Christ was covered but was later modified to show an Afro which according to Fr. Theophilus Joseph, then parish priest in 1978, was a hairstyle the parishioners at the time could associate with and a Christ that looked like them. The quote from the letter of St. James 2:17 "Faith without good works is dead" was also replaced with "Jesus Christ is Lord". The final touches were completed in 1978.

50 people from the community who have contributed to church life (Volunteerism, youth devotion, music ministry, catholic teaching and attendance)

Awards were given to priests and Sisters who served in Fond St Jacques and are still there (His Grace Most Rev. Gabriel Malzaire, Mgr. Michael Francis, Fr. Goodman, Fr. St. Rose, Fr. Cetoute, Fr. Albert, Fr. Sammy, Fr. Ram, Bro. Jason Biscette and Dn. Pius Bastien



# HIGHLIGHTS - ST PHILLIP AND JAMES





# JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



JUBILEE OF MOTHERS - SAINT PETER'S PARISH

## JUBILEE OF FARMERS ST BENEDICT



90 YEAR OLD MOTHER BEING HONoured AT ST LUCY'S PARISH



OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY



**MAY 25**  
**MUSICIANS**  
**JUNE 01**  
**ALTAR SERVERS**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROME?



## INDULGENCE:

is the concrete manifestation of God's mercy

**16-18 May**  
**Jubilee of confraternities**

**May 30 - June 01**  
**Jubilee of families,  
grandparents, elderly**

### REQUISITES FOR INDULGENCES

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Profession of Faith
- Jubilee Prayer
- Prayer for the Pope's intentions
- Receiving of Holy Communion
- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Pilgrimage

**WE WELCOME PILGRIMS  
TO OUR 9 CHURCHES  
EVERY 03RD SATURDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

- Inform your Point Person
- Give date and approximate time of visit
- Number of persons on pilgrimage
- Carry candles to light for intercessions at various Pilgrim Churches

### Pilgrimage Churches



**I am Luce's friend Sky  
encouraging you to  
participate**

**MANMAY BONDYÉ, ANNOU BATI LÉGLIZ-NOU  
ANSANM**



# WE CHALLENGE OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO TAKE ON THIS JUBILEE PLEDGE



## JUBILEE PLEDGE 2025

We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.

We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.



As a pilgrim of hope, I am on a mission to build  
a world where:  
I will.....

## SEND IN YOUR SCHOOL JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH WE FEATURE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

ST ALOYSIUS RC BOYS INFANT



LES ETANGS RC COMBINED SCHOOL



AVE MARIA GIRLS PRIMARY



ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT



# CONGRATULATIONS

## DEACON MATTHEW FAHARI, MTP

### **“Here I Am, Lord”: The Missionary Journey of Mathew Fahari Ngala**

#### **A Life Rooted in Faith and Purpose**

My name is Mathew Fahari Ngala. I was born on November 30, 1989, in Kenya the last-born in a family of six siblings. Growing up, my life was marked by simplicity, love, and faith. Though we faced our share of challenges, I was blessed with a strong and supportive family. My father has since gone to be with the Lord, but my mother remains a source of wisdom and strength in my life.

From an early age, I felt a stirring in my heart a deep desire to live for something greater than myself. I loved learning, helping others, and being active in my church and community. It was through these early experiences that God planted the seeds of a vocation, and I began to feel the call to religious life.

#### **Embracing the Missionary Vocation**

As I grew in faith, I discovered a particular calling to serve among the poor and forgotten. This led me to the Missionaries of the Holy Trinity of the Poor, a congregation committed to evangelization, service, and living the Gospel among the most vulnerable. I wasn't sent on a mission I came willingly, joyfully, and with purpose. I offered myself freely to this life, moved by a desire to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

My formation gave me valuable experience in teaching, pastoral ministry, community service, and leadership. But more than anything, it taught me the beauty of living a life completely surrendered to God one marked by joy, simplicity, and service.

My Journey to Saint Lucia On February 2, 2024, I arrived in Saint Lucia, not just as part of my formation, but because my heart was drawn to continue this missionary path in a new land. My first stop was Jacmel, where I spent seven months immersed in community outreach and pastoral care. Now, I serve at Saint Michael Parish in La Resource, Dennery, a vibrant and faithful community that has welcomed me with open arms.

Saint Lucia has become a special place for me not only because it is the home of our Mother House and the residence of our Founder but because it is where I have encountered God in new and powerful ways. It is here that my heart has been renewed, and my commitment deepened.

#### **A Heart Fully Given**

On March 16, 2025, I made my final vows offering my life fully and forever to God through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Then, on May 4, 2025, I was ordained to the Diaconate. These milestones are not just titles or ceremonies to me they are signs of God's faithfulness and of my desire to live for Him and His people.

#### **A Message to Young People**

To the young people reading this: I know the world offers many paths, but there is no joy like the joy of living for Christ. If you feel even the smallest call to the priesthood or religious life, I encourage you listen. Take a step. Ask questions. Pray. God often calls in quiet, unexpected ways, but He never stops calling.

I came to this vocation not because I had all the answers, but because I believed that with God, I could make a difference. And I still believe that because I have seen lives touched, hearts healed, and hope restored.

#### **Conclusion**

Looking back on my journey from my childhood in Kenya to the mission fields of Saint Lucia I see God's hand in everything. He has shaped me, guided me, and continues to walk with me every step of the way. I entrust this new chapter of my life to His grace, the support of my religious family, and the prayers of the faithful. May I always be a servant of Christ faithful, humble, and full of love for His people.

**And may others hear the call and say, as I did: Here I am, Lord. Send me.**

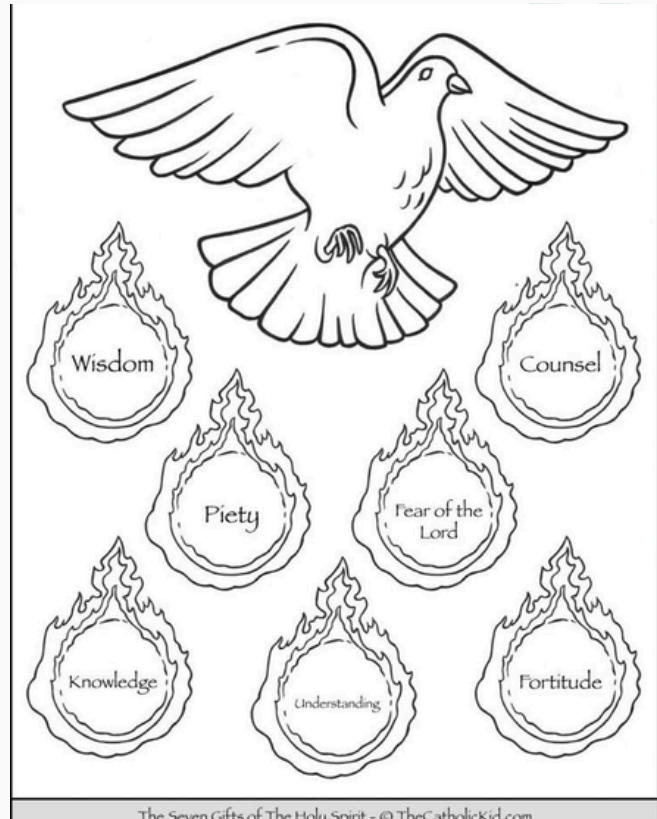


# CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

PENTECOST JUNE 8TH



Do you know how many days after Easter the Church celebrates Pentecost?



The Seven Gifts of The Holy Spirit - ©TheCatholicKid.com

## Arrival of the Holy Spirit Pentecost

### Quiz

- A sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_ came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)  
a) Wind b) Trumpet c) Thunder
- They saw what seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ that separated and came to rest on each of them. (Acts 2:3)  
a) Sunlight b) Tongues of fire c) Birds
- All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:4)
- They began to \_\_\_\_\_ as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)  
a) Speak in other tongues b) Heal people c) Dance from joy

How many flames can you find?

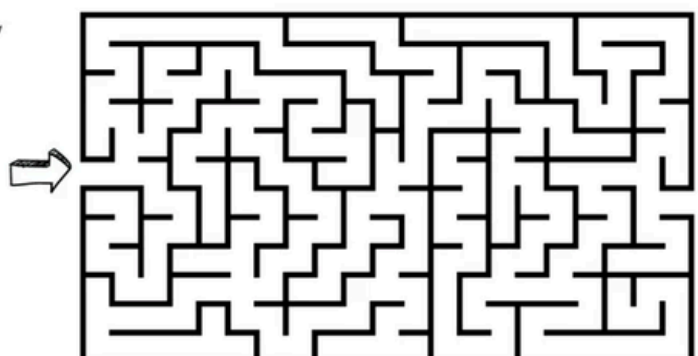


Find all the words written below.

d	l	d	j	e	n
n	d	o	o	r	y
i	a	v	y	i	l
w	y	e	n	f	o
f	l	a	m	e	h
s	p	i	r	i	t

Holy Spirit  
Flame  
Wind  
Fire  
Dove  
Joy  
Day

### Maze



# JUBILEE IN PHOTOS



**ST BENEDICT DISTRIBUTING FOOD FROM  
THE JUBILEE OF FARMERS TO THE VARIOUS HOMES**



**MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR MUSICIANS**





# CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

**JUNE  
09  
2025**

**JUBILEE  
PILGRIMAGE & RALLY**

ALL ROADS LEAD TO  
SOUFRIERE  
FOR OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$20  
AFTER MAY 25TH \$25

# SAVE THE DATE



**PILGRIMS OF HOPE,  
RENEWING THE CHURCH BY THE  
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

