

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014



TODAY (Violet)

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

NEXT WEEK (Violet)

Gn 12:1-4a
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

This gospel story teaches us that temptation comes most surely when we are most vulnerable. It is essentially an enticement to put our own desires and needs first, to do what we think is best for ourselves at the moment, to give in to our impulses without considering too seriously the consequences. It is thinking of ourselves first. Resisting tempting, then, is really a matter of resisting self-centeredness. Like Jesus, we must choose instead to surrender ourselves to God who alone should be the center of our lives.

Living Liturgy

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

March 8, Saturday

5:00 p.m. B'day Hendricks Pascal rb his Mother

March 9, Sunday

7:00 a.m. St. Ann's Parish Family

9:30 a.m. B'day Annieva Mc Farlane rb Mc Farlane Family

March 11, Tuesday

12:15 p.m. +Matthew Ojera (Uncle of Fr. Simon)

March 12, Wednesday

6:30 a.m. +Ronness Lynch rb Eunice George

March 13, Thursday

12:15 p.m. Special Int. Msgr. Michael Kosak

March 14, Friday

6:30 a.m. Joseph, Maria & Family

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Pro Life

March 15, Saturday

8:30 a.m. 90th Birthday Josephine Browne rb her Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tues.	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thurs.	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48

Bookstore: St. Benedict Rosaries, Crosses on a cord and Crucifixes; Saints Bracelets now in store.

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Mon. OFFICE IS CLOSED

Tues. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wed. & Fri 8:30–11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available
For Prayer and Counseling

Wed. 7:00–8:15 p.m. Understanding and Defending
the Catholic Faith (Deacon Denis Griffith)

Fri. 6:30 a.m. Holy Mass
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sat. 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Levels 7, 8 & 9 Confirmation
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. First Communion and
Levels 3, 4, .5, & 6

**(PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP THE
STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS)**

PLEASE SUPPORT BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014
Our Lenten call is to look back at our collaboration with God's plan and to those we can help. The Annual Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend as we enter the Lenten Season. We prayerfully ask that you join your fellow parishioners in making a sacrificial gift. Your gift will provide needed support to Catholic Charities and its programs of hope and assistance to the truly needy; our four Catholic schools where our faith takes root in the lives of our young people, the formation of our seminarians and the evangelization outreach to the entire dioceses.

UNDERSTANDING AND DEFENDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Deacon Denis Griffith will help you to understand and explain your Catholic Faith during A Seminar which he will give on Wednesdays during Lent-7:00-8:15 p.m. (beginning Wednesday, March 12.) **All are invited!**

“Coming: St. Croix March for Life, Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Strand, in Frederiksted by the War Memorial. We will sing hymns, have inspiring talks and witnessing from the youth who went on the March for Life in Washington. Bishop Bevard will be there. There will be a Rosary March to St. Patrick’s Church for Mass with Bishop Bevard. Reception follows. Please come and witness to the rights of the unborn.”

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Inc. (ICM) will celebrate its 100 years of service to the Caribbean between July 9th and July 14th, 2014. The Religious Order began its service in the Caribbean with St. Croix being its first mission to the region. ICM is inviting all interested parishioners to be a part of its Planning Committee which will meet on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the ICM Caribbean Center, No. 33B, Estate Hannah’s Rest, Frederiksted, St. Croix at 3:00 p.m. Interested individuals are to call Sisters Florine Bailey and Claina Letang at 772-0132 for more information.

A LENTEN JOURNEY

The Lenten Journey is a time of Sacrifice throughout the Universal Church. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on **GOOD FRIDAY** and all Fridays during Lent. **All Catholics who have reached their 18th birthday, and are less than 60 years old are bound to observe the Fast**, by which they are limited to a single full meal during the course of the day. **All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to observe days of fasting and abstinence during which no meat may be eaten. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.** Lent is also a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized.

St. Lucian Choir practice for Easter Services begins on Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Your giving is the key to the success of the church plans and programs. To help us meet our obligations, please pray about **TITHING** and becoming **GOOD STEWARDS**, by obtaining Offertory Envelopes available in the Marian Hall, as a weekly reminder to support your church.

F I R E

- F = Faith (Fr. Simon Peter)
- I = Intercession (Sr. Patricia Alexander)
- R = Repentance (Fr. John Mark)
- E = Evangelization (Deacon Joseph Mark)

“Come Away by Yourselves to a Deserted Place And Rest Awhile.” (Mk 6:31)...
St. Ann Church, Barrenspot, on Saturday, March 22. The Day of Prayer will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Holy Mass, and conclude at 3:30 p.m. with Benediction. Bring your lunch. A drink will be provided.

RICE BOWL

Please remember that when you fast on simple meals to remember the poor. Take the money you would have spent on more expensive meals, and put it in the Rice Bowl. God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

SICK: Please keep in the charity of your prayers the sick amongst us. Doris Encarnacion, Alberta Hendrickson, Agneta C. Petersen, Magdalene James, Lucinda Pemberton, Mary Denis, Catherine Decembre, Leona Javois, Pricilla Brown, Doreen Pemberton, Zephrine Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Joseph Jones, Abel Javois, Stanislaus Prescott, Marv E. Jon, Frances Allen, Julie Dizon, Irene Prevot, Josephine Prescott, Hyacinthe Bright, Steve Keith, Anthony Smith, Catherine Samuel, Larry Cook, Fenton Pierre, Omar Dubois, Mary Bishop, Bernadette Koupie, Keith Scantlebury, Claude Steele, Olive Le Cointe, Maria Hall, Derick James, Walter E. Durant, Clementina Tuitt, Joseph Mathurine, Kay Colon, Bernadette Megahy, Troy Jones, Ann Marie Marius, Maurille Philemon, Varonica Fleming, Stephen Williams, Monika Schoenbohm, Yvonne Monroe, Martha Campbell, Anna Lindo, Desmond Etienne, Charles Gilbert 111, Mervyn Tyrell, Linda White, Kianna Ireland, Francis Davinci, Peter Joseph John, Wilberto Bennet, Claudelle Mathurin, Magdalene Greene, Linda White, Phillip Joseph, Brenda Plaskett, Olaf Smith, Catherine Royer, Fr. John Molyneuz, Eduarda Francis, Alberta Mesmai, Gerald Douglas, Sheran Mitchell, Stanley Martin Jr., Hakeem Martin, Corona Nicholas, Evarice Xavier, Rosemary Jones, Ishvelle Christopher, Marie Urgent, Iandrilyn Nelson, Marie St. Ange, Gerard Hall, Louis Javois, Marilyn Rogers, Stephen Ross, Mabel Richardson, Clytie James, Vera Irwin, Conrad Edwin, Matthew Joseph, Wilhelmina Cooke, Marlon & Stephanie Jordan, Lynette Carrabon, Craig Matthew, Lucia Felix. Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

God of all goodness, look with love on those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who serve in the armed forces of their country. In faith and hope we turn to you for comfort. Grant that we may trust in your mercy and send an angel to sustain us as we await their safe return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SERRVING OUR COUNTRY

Fr. Simon Obeng, Fr. Alejandro Sanchez, Fr. Jose Herrera, Fr. Cecil Corneille, Sanil-Dale Tison, Darryl D'Souza, Brian Krauser, Gemma Emmanuel, Levi Denios, Natasha & Ivone Alcala, Linus Felix, Camillus Thomas, Erica A. Toussaint, Nareka Selkriege, Agnes Lindsay, Patrick Rivers, Denecia Weekes, Marcus Maximin, Miguel Navarro, Jr., Mariel Chinouyaz, Audin Benjamin, Jane William, Verin Nesbitt Wescott, Michael Moorehead, Brian Halloway, Istomin & Ismael Lampe, John Noel, Pablo Montanez, Jr., Dwayne Thomas, Xandrio Tank Yuk, Robinson Ferdinand, Kimberly John-Baptiste, Kimberly Ferdinand, Mario Mason, Jr., Aaron Thomas, Valence Modeste Kelly, Iulani Greenidge, Anissa Eversley, David Best, Wayne J. Baker, Kareem James, Reginald Antoine, Marvin Delsol, Ismenio Lampe, Brian Peterson, Elsworth Stevenson, Patricia Charles, Terrance Ritter, Lawrence Ritter, Tasha Warner, Shana Antoine, James Frymyre, Kevin Purcell, Emmanuel Maldonado, Denis Duparl, Louis Encarnacion, Pedro Reyes, Patrick Vernon, James Gaston, Fabian Claxton, Collin Joseph, John A. Francis, Jon Megahy, Nyasia Reed, Jason Jaggernaut, Martin Alexis, Joel Gilbert, James Bressendroff, Darnell Noel, Jeffry Centeno, Anthony Camacho, Aubrey Camaho, Austin Carino, Kernatha Auguste, Masline Noel, Darwin Richards, Jeremiah L. Charlery, Alex Hector, John & Felicita Matinez-Gines, Henisha Williams, Nkosi Dennie, Jeremye Morgan, Sasha Chastanet, Eduardo A. Molina, Comeran Childres, Jainea Louis, Tyquavias & Jemel Dawson, Enja Gumbs, Luis D. Molina, Rodney A. Fabio 111, Kareem Pedro, Rashad A. Richards, Na'im Mohammad Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.