

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 4, 2011

### TODAY (Violet)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

### NEXT WEEK (Violet)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

*In the gospel we are admonished to prepare the "way of the Lord." What is this "way of the Lord"? It is the way John the Baptist lived, with a life turned to the presence of Christ; it is the way of life into which Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. Left to our own human limits, we cannot prepare for or bring ourselves to this kind of living. The work of salvation is God's. Our preparation is openness to divine initiative.*

*Living Liturgy*

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

#### December 3, Saturday

6:00 p.m. +Anitius & Agatha Julien rb their Family

#### December 4, Sunday

7:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish Family  
9:30 a.m. Fountain of Life Prayer Group

#### December 6, Tuesday

12:15 p.m. Special Intention Philliper Felix rb her Family

#### December 7, Wednesday

6:30 a.m. B'day Msgr. Michael Kosak

#### December 8, Thursday

12:15 p.m. B'day Gloria Rivera rb Lucy

5:30 p.m. St. Ann Parish Family

#### December 9, Friday

6:30 a.m. B'day Marie E. Petrus rb Sacred Heart Society

#### December 10, Saturday

8:30 a.m. +Richelle Gibs rb Iris Skerrette

The December issue of *The Catholic Islander* is available at the doors of the church. Please read it, and pass on the good news to a friend.

### **Deepen your spiritual journey**

Listen to Advent music and meditations this month on the *Catholic Islander Radio Hour*. The program can be heard on WSTA 1340 AM on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. or at [www.catholicislander.com](http://www.catholicislander.com) after the broadcast.

### WEEK IN PREVIEW

**Mon.** OFFICE CLOSED

**Tues.** 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

**Wed** 8:30-11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available for Prayer and Counseling  
10:30 a.m. Service at Grigg Home for Aged

**Thurs.** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Masses at 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.**  
7:00 p.m. Deacon Candidates Formation

**Fri.** 8:30 -11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available for Prayer and Counseling

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Sat.** 8:30 a.m. — 10 10:45 a.m. Levels 7, 8 & 9  
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 classes)

### PEW CARDS

**Please do not remove the Pew Cards from the Church.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26  
Tues. Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14  
Wed. Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30  
Thu. Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
Fri. Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19  
Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Postponement

Bishop Herbert Bevard had to postpone his visit this weekend due to an emergency in the States. He will celebrate the 9:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 11, and install the deacon candidates into the Ministry of Acolyte. A reception will be held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass next week. All those who are contributing any food stuff should bring it to the kitchen after the 7:00 a.m. or before the 9:30 a.m. Mass next weekend. Non-perishable foods may be dropped off during the week.

### **ADVENT RETREAT HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

**December 12-14, 2011**

**Fr. Stanislaus Birungi (Fr. Stash)** will be conducting an Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Catholic Church  
December 12, 6:30 p.m. Retreat begins  
Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. Confessions until 8:00 p.m.  
Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Retreat with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT**

Ss Peter and Paul Cathedral Restoration

Sunday February 11, 2012

Bishop's Reception 6:00 p.m. (Champagne & Hors D' Oeuvres)

Grand Harbour Ballroom at the Frenchman's Reef Hotel

Tickets are available, priced at \$150.00 per person of which \$90.00 is tax deductible. Ad packages are available upon request. For Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel reservations, contact Charlotte Banks at **774-3166 Ext. 213** to secure pricing of \$165.00 per room, not per person (price is all inclusive in taxes and gratuities). Special entertainment, door prizes, 40/60 raffle, grand prize drawing with music by Milo's King Band.

For tickets contact Maria Jones at **778-0484**

### **BOOKSTORE NEW ARRIVALS**

Praying with Scripture During Advent, Family Prayers for Advent and Christmas, & Christmas Novena Prayer Books.

Individual Christmas Cards for family members, Priest, Deacons, Religious and members serving in the Military are now available, along with boxed cards. Penny Catechism now in stock.

### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Next weekend, December 10-11, the annual collection for Retired Religious will be taken at all the Masses in the Diocese. About 58% of Religious men and women are past age 70; 7% are past age 90. Most elderly religious receive on average, a Social Security benefit of just \$4, 402 per year. Health care and living costs in most religious communities far exceed income. Please be generous.

**Liturgy Schedules** for the month of December are available in the in the Sacristy. All those involved in the Liturgy are asked to pick up their schedules after Mass. Thank you!

### **STEWARDSHIP**

The end of the year is fast approaching. Now is the time to pray and to meditate about how you can become better stewards. Everything we have comes as a gift from God. To show our faith and thanksgiving we can return a part of God's gift to help the church carry out its works. To verify our records, please put your names on your Offertory Envelopes during the next few weeks.

**PARISH UP-DATE:** Thank you to all our parishioners who are responding to our request to update our records. We would appreciate that each family filling out the registration forms found at the entrances of St. Joachim & Ann Church., and St. Ann Chapel. Upon completion, please drop the form in the Collection Basket, or in the Office.

**Funeral of Elvina Philipps** will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011. Viewing at 9:30 a.m., and Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**OUR SICK.** Please keep in the charity of your prayers the sick amongst us. Alberta Hendrickson, Agneta C. Petersen, Magdalene James, Lucinda Pemberton, Mary Denis, Catherine Decembre, Leona Javoit, Emile Durant, Yolanda Hector, Pricilla Brown, Doreen Pemberton, Zephrine Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Steve Beharry, Olive Alexander, E. Joseph Jones, Margaret Carter, Abel Javois, Catherine Panchoo, Stanislaus Prescott, Marv E. Jon, Frances Allen, Julie Dizon, Irene Prevot, Josephine Prescott, Hyacinthe Bright, Steve Keith, Doreen Henry, Anthony Smith, Catherine Samuel, Larry Cook, Marie Gilbert, Fenton Pierre, Omar Dubois, Frank Albany, Mary Martin, Mary Bishop, Bernadette Koupie, Keith Scantlebury, Centelia Matthews, Claude Steele, Olive Le Cointe, Maria Hall, Weena Mc Farlane, Stephanie Jordan, Derick James, Walter E. Durant Sr., Clementina Tuitt, Mary-Jane Gaston, Joseph Mathurine, Kay Colon, Bernadette Megahy. **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.

### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Fr. Simon Obeng, Fr. Alejandro Sanchez, Fr. Jose Herrera, Fr. Eric Hoag, 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. Charler, Akeem Greenidge, Ganisia Lashan, Alex Hector, Leslie Pemberton **Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.**