

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013



TODAY (Violet)

Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

NEXT WEEK (Violet)

Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

John the Baptist prepared “the way of the Lord” by calling the people to repentance so they would not be “thrown into the fire” of “the coming wrath.” John announced impending judgment and offered a baptism of repentance. John also announced One to come who would enact that judgment and bring a baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire of judgment will destroy those who are fruitless; the fire of the Spirit will help the faithful bear good fruit. Advent is, in the end, about jumping into the fire.

Living Liturgy

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

December 7, Saturday

5:00 p.m. St. Ann’s Parish Family

December 8, Sunday

7:00 a.m. +Catherine Panchoo rb her Family
9:30 a.m. B’day Marie Petrus rb Sacred Heart Society
The Immaculate Conception, December 9, Monday

12:15 p.m. +Ernestine Navarro rb her Family
Thanksgiving rb Anthony Gaston

December 10, Tuesday

12:15 p.m. +Evenor & Rachelle Gibs rb Iris Skerrette

December 11, Wednesday

6:30 a.m. +Ford, Christina & Bernadette Eloï rb Maria

December 12, Thursday

12:15 p.m. Most Rev. Elliott Thomas

December 13, Friday

6:30 a.m. Lucy Bough rb Family

5:30 p.m. Our Lady Pro Life

December 14, Saturday

8:30 a.m. +Peter Isaac & Martina Elliott
rb Eugenia Johnson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1:26-38
Tues.	Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thurs.	Zec 2:14-17	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

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Mon. OFFICE IS CLOSED

Mon. 12:15 p.m. Mass- Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tues. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Groups

Wed. & Fri. 8:30–11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe
Available for Prayer and Counseling
10:30 a.m. Service at Grigg Home for Aged

Fri. 5:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Closing with Benediction

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sat. 8:30 -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)

Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard asks us to please join Pope Francis and the Global Church in a Wave of Prayer (Bulletin Insert) Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Pope Francis will launch a worldwide movement to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our mist, by praying and acting to end hunger. At noon local time, a global wave of prayer will begin in Tonga and will progress around the worldwide until it reaches American Samoa some 24 hours and more than 164 countries later.

We welcome back Fr. Mike... and many thanks to Fr. Simon & Fr. Louis for their continuous and faithful service to the Lord.

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



PLAN AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS

When shopping, please remember to purchase Frozen Foods: Chicken, Ham, Turkey etc. for Catholic Charities –Soup Kitchen. Frozen Foods will be accepted till December 20. Thanks.

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, Zephine Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Steve Beharry, 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 Tuit, 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, Arkuright Johnson, Corona Nicholas, Evarice Xavier, Rosemary Jones, Ishvelle Christopher, Marie Urgent, Iandrally Nelson, Marie St. Ange, Gerard Hall, Louis Javois, Marilyn Rogers, Steven Ross, Mabel Richardson, Clytie James, Vera Irwin, Conrad Edwin, Matthew Josep, Wilhelmina Cooke. Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.

KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014
Venue: Grand Harbour Ballroom at the Marriott
Frenchman's Reef Hotel
 The Fifth Annual Keys and Sword Benefit tickets are now available for purchase from your Church Office. Tickets are available at St. Ann's Church Office
Office hours are 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Tel. 340-778-0484; Fax 340- 779-3151

Bookstore: Pre-Christmas Sale; Christmas tree ornaments \$1- \$3.00. New shipment of Rosaries. Check out the Carpenter Rosaries—\$6.00. Advent Wreath & Candles. Come see, Come browse.

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands is seeking volunteers to assist with its Annual Food Drive, which will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at various locations around the island. The collected items will be used to feed and clothe the homeless, in our various programs. To participate in this most worthy event:

Please call: 777-8519, St. Thomas, or 773-0132, St. Croix.

St. Patrick's Church Prayer Vigil against Abortion will take place December 10, 2013, from 4-5:00 p.m., behind the Bank of Nova Scotia, Sunny Isle. They pray the 15 decades of the Rosary with the Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel, in reparation for the terrible evil of the killing of our unborn. The vigil takes one hour, and all are invited to join us.

Support Elderly Religious

Helping aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year, the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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. Cecil Corneille, Sanil-Dale Tison, Darryl D'Souza, Brian Krauser, Gemma Emmanuel, Levi Denios, Natasha & Ivone Alcalá, 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, Jeffrey Centeno, Anthony Camacho, Aubrey Camaho, Austin Carino, Kernatha Auguste, Masline Noel, Darwin Richards, Jeremiah L. Charlery, Alex Hector, John Gines, Henisha Williams, Nkosi Dennie, Jeremy Morgan, Sasha Chastaner, Eduardo A. Molina, Comeron Childres, Kareem Alexander. Jainea Louis, Tyquavias & Jemel Dawson, Enja Gumbs, Luis D. Molina, Rodney A. Fabio 111, Kareem Pedro, Rashad A. Richards. Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.