

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2012

TODAY (Violet)

Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

NEXT WEEK (Violet)

Zep 3:14-18a
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

John calls us to ask whether our path is taking us closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Smooth paths—those unmarred by false knowledge, misguided perceptions, forgotten values—are those which help us focus on God and root out anything that keeps us from God. Smooth paths are those which increase our love for God and others, prompting us to bring others along the same smooth and straight path on which we are journeying toward final fulfillment with God.

Living liturgy

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

December 8, Saturday

6:00 p.m. B'day Marie Petrus rb Sacred Heart Society

December 9, Sunday

7:00 a.m. St Ann Parish Family
9:30 a.m. +Richelle Gibs rb Iris Skerrette

December 11, Tuesday

12:15p.m. B'day Sylvan Tang rb Ruth Samuel

December 12, Wednesday

6:30 a.m. B'day Bishop Elliott Thomas rb Elbe

December 13, Thursday

12:15 p.m. +Lowell Schuster rb Lucy

December 14, Friday

6:30 a.m. +Roland Johnson rb Eugenia Johnson

December 15, Saturday

8:30 a.m. +Marilyn Kosak rb John Kosak

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tues. Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed. Zac 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Thurs. Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri. Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Mt 17:9a, 10-13

PLAN AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS:

Frozen Foods will be collected this month for Catholic Charities and The Soup Kitchen.

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Mon. OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Wed. 10:30 a.m. Service at Grigg Home for Aged

Day of Adoration beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 a.m., and ending with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Simon will be available for CONFESSION between 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Sts. Joachim and Ann Church

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
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
(PLEASE PICK THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASS)

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Although the economy is sluggish, your generosity continues to support your church and other charitable agencies. Please put St. Ann's on top of your Christmas list, especially now, when we are beginning to "feel the pinch." God is Love!

FOURTH ANNUAL KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT, JANUARY 26, 2013

His Excellency, Bishop Herbert Bevard will present the 2013 Keys and Sword award to HIS EMINENCE, SEAN CARDINAL O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP THE ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON
Bishop's Reception 6:00 p.m. at The Grand Ball Room Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel
7:15 p.m. Dinner, Dancing, Awards, Raffles, Door prizes
Tickets are available from each Parish office.
Proceeds support the Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral Restoration Project

For more information, please call **Charlotte Banks or Lillia King at 774-3166 ext. 213**

Offertory Envelopes

2013 Offertory Envelopes are available in the Marian Hall. A box is reserved for those who used the envelopes faithfully in 2012. Anyone wishing to start using the envelopes, please complete the sign-up sheet with your name, address, tel. # and box no. We encourage you to be a good steward and give an acceptable portion of your time, talent and treasure for the work of the kingdom. Religious Calendars for 2013 are available in the Marian Hall. Help yourself. One calendar for each home, please! THANK YOU

CONGRATULATION! to our parishioner, Florence John-Jules, a recipient of the St. Croix Rotary Club's---Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Florence, a 41 years employee of Catholic Charities, was honored October, 25, 2012.

Coming Events:

Come prepare your hearts for Christmas by attending the Penance Service at St. Ann Church, Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

A Pre-Christmas Mass with Bishop Bevard for all Catholic School students and teachers will be on Wednesday, December 19, 9:30 a.m. at Sts. Joachim & Ann Church.

Year of Faith
(Every Friday—Day of Intercessory Prayer)
[6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.]
Please be faithful to your Holy Hour pledge each Friday.
Everyone is invited to make a visit before the Blessed Sacrament even for a few minutes each Friday. The power of prayer has no boundaries

Bookstore

Advent began on December 2nd. The bookstore has Advent Wreaths and Advent Candle Sets. Also on display are individual Christmas cards or boxed Christmas cards. Come see, Come browse!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Give those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to today's second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

St. Joseph's Church, Mt. Pleasant, has a Day of Adoration every Tuesday beginning with Mass at 6:30a.m., and concluding with Benediction at 6:00 pm.

Funeral of Ginette Bacame will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Viewing at 9:00 a.m., and Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Catholic Islanders for the month of December are available at the doors of the church. Please read them, and pass on the good news to a friend.

Advent Rally: Come and join us to Praise the Lord, with Fr. Anthony Abraham, Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Frederiksted.

OUR SICK: Please keep in the charity of your prayers the sick amongst us. Doris Encarnacion, Alberta Hendrickson, Agnetta C. Petersen, Magdalene James, Lucinda Pemberton, Mary Denis, Catherine Decembre, Leona Javoit, Pricilla Brown, Doreen Pemberton, Zephryne Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Steve Beharry, Olive Alexander, Joseph Jones, Abel Javoit, 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, Fenton Pierre, Omar Dubois, Mary Bishop, Bernadette Koupie, Keith Scantlebury, Centelia Matthews, Claude Steele, Olive Le Cointe, Maria Hall, Stephanie Jordan, Derick James, Walter E. Durant Sr., Clementina Tuitt, Mary-Jane Gaston, Joseph Mathurine, Kay Colon, Bernadette Megahy, Celestine Clovis, Troy Jones, Ann Marie Marius, Maurille Philemon, Steve Gardiner, Varonica Fleming, Stephen Williams, Monika Schoenbohm, Yvonne Monroe, Martha Campbell, Anna Lindo, Desmond Etienne, Joseph Plant, Charles Gilbert 111, Mervyn Tyrell, Linda White, Kianna Ireland, Francis Davinci, Peter Joseph John, Theresa Larichere, Junie Matthews, Louis Lawrencin, Grace Xavier, Melissa Brooks, Wilberto Bennet, Claudelle Mathurin., Norbert Auguste, Michelin James, Enis Hilaire, Magdalene Greene. Norman Francis, Adeline Le Cointe, Linda White, Reuben Henry, Phillip Joseph. Brenda Plaskett, Jennifer Degazo, Marie Christopher, Olaf smith. **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. 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 Holloway, 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. Charler, Alex Hector, John & Felicity Matinez-Gines, Henisha Williams, Nkosi Dennie, Jeremy Morgan, Sasha Chastanet, Eduardo A. Molina, Comeron Childres, Jainea Louis, Tyquavias & Jemel Dawson, Enja Gumbs. **Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.**

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

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

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