

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013



TODAY (Violet)

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

NEXT WEEK (Violet)

Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

The gospel begins with John questioning who Jesus is, and concludes with Jesus extolling who John is. What makes John great is that he recognizes in "the works of the Christ" the person and presence of the Messiah—"the one who is to come." This is exactly our Advent challenge: to see in the goodness around us the works of Jesus and the Presence of "the Christ." Advent calls us to look deeper and then to trust what we see. Whom we discover depends upon what we see.

Living Liturgy

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 5:00 p.m.** December 14, Saturday
 B'day Yves Beaubrun
- 7:00 a.m.** December 15, Sunday
 St. Ann's Parish Family
- 9:30 a.m.** +Steven Ryan & John Bastando
 b Judith Nelson
- 12:15 p.m.** December 17, Tuesday
 B'day Francis Mc Farlane rb his Family
- 6:30 a.m.** December 18, Wednesday
 Thanksgiving rb Maria Jones
- 12:15 p.m.** December 19, Thursday
 +Maudry Xavier rb Norbert Xavier
- 6:30 a.m.** December 20, Friday
 B'day Christina Cordrington
 rb Elvina Lawrence
- 8:30 a.m.** December 21, Saturday
 Souls in Purgatory rb Elbe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27
Tues.	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Wed.	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Thurs.	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Fri.	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Sat.	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45

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.

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will meet Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph's Hospitality Lounge and Learning Center.

WEEK IN PREVIEW

- Mon.** **OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- Tues.** 7:00 p.m. Penance Service with confessions
- 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)

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

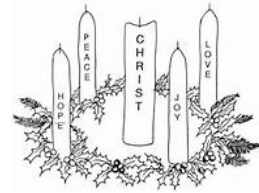
Although the economy is sluggish, your generosity continues to support your church and other charitable agencies. Please put St. Ann's on top of your Christmas list, especially now, when we are beginning to "feel the pinch." God is love!

PENANCE SERVICE

Come prepare your hearts to receive the Christ Child by attending our Penance Service, Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. Priests from other parishes will be available for private confessions.

Bookstore: Boxed or Individual Christmas Cards. New Children's Books; Liturgy of the Hours or Christian Prayer Guides for 2014. The Christopher Auto Rosaries and Prayer Card; Rosary Bracelets, and Novena Books to many of the Saints. Come see, come browse.

The telephones were not working due to a lighting strike. Hopefully, they will be up and running this weekend.



**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
St. Ann's Church Office.
Office hours are 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Telephone 340-778-0484; Fax - 779-3151

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

Offertory Envelopes

2014 Offertory Envelopes are available in the Marian Hall. A box is reserved for those who used their boxes faithfully in 2013. Anyone wishing to start using the envelopes, please complete the sign-up sheet with your name and address, telephone number, and box number. Religious Calendars for 2014 are available in the Marian Hall. Help yourself. One calendar per family.

Support Elderly Religious

Religious give thanks. "Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness.

STEWARDSHIP:

Means returning the first portion of all God has given you. It is suggested to give from substance—not abundance. Give back the first portion of all your God—given gifts. Make sharing a top priority—not something you do with your remaining time and money. *Store up for your selves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Mt 6:20-21

The end of the year is fast approaching. Now is the time to pray, and to meditate about how you can become better stewards.

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.

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, Zephriane 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 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, Arkuright Johnson, Corona Nicholas, Evarice Xavier, Rosemary Jones, Ishvelle Christopher, Marie Urgent, landralyn 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.

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.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2013-2014

Christmas Eve	Old Years Night
Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Carols 11:15 p.m.	Holy hour: 11:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	New Years day
Mass: 10:00 a.m.	Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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 20th. Thanks.