

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 18, 2011

### TODAY (Violet)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Rom 16:25-27 Mt 1:1-25  
Lk 1:26-38

### NEXT WEEK (White)

Midnt: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14 ; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

*God comes. In this annunciation gospel God establishes a divine dwelling place in a most unexpected place—in the womb of Mary. By her faithful cooperation, Mary herself is shaped by God into a living Temple fit to bear the divine presence. The word is made flesh by God’s initiative—it is God-given. By fixing a place for divinity in human flesh and blood, God fixes a place for us within the divine embrace. Truly, the Lord is with us.*

*Living Liturgy*

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

#### December 17, Saturday

6:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish Family

#### December 18, Sunday

7:00 a.m. Mary Anicet rb Louis Popular

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving r b Maria Jones

#### December 20, Tuesday

12:15 p.m. B'day Anna Marie Le Blanc rb Grandmother

#### December 21, Wednesday

6:30 a.m. B'day Sylvan Tang rb Ruth Samuel

#### December 22, Thursday

12:15 p.m. Andrer Nejie rb Louis Popular

#### December 23, Friday

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory rb Elbe

#### December 24, Saturday

8:30 a.m. No Mass

### **Catholic Diocesan Youth Ministry Presents**

#### **Annual Christmas Concert**

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

St. Gerard’s Hall, Frederiksted

Caroling at 6:00 p.m. & Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your entire family to a night of singing, dancing, acting and many more. Donation \$2.00

Interested in being a part of the concert?

Please call **643-1251** for more information

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Come; prepare your hearts for Christmas by attending one of the following **Penance Services**:

**St. Joseph Church**, Sunday, Dec. 18, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**St. Ann Chapel**, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m.

### WEEK IN PREVIEW

**Mon. OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tues. 7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service**  
(Priests from other Parishes will be available for private confessions).  
Come prepare your hearts to receive the New –born Christ Child

**Wed.** Last day for drop off frozen Turkey, Chicken, Ham for the needy. Items will be given for the Local Soup Kitchen

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

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

**Fri.** 8:30 -11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available for Prayer and Counseling  
5:30 p.m. Holy Hour with Evening Prayer

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

No Religious Ed Classes

Saturday, December 24, 2011 and January 7, 2012

### PEW CARDS

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

Tues. Tues. Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Wed. Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

Thu. 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Fri. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24. Lk 1:57-66

Sat. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

2012 Offertory Envelopes and Calendars are ready and available in the Marian Hall. Those who used their envelopes faithfully in 2011 will have a box reserved with their names on it. Those wishing to start, please complete a sign in sheet along with the **Offertory Box Number**. **“Remember it is the Lord your God who gives you the power to acquire wealth.” (Dt. 8:18)** He has the right to expect dividends. Please take **one** Calendar per household.

### BOOKLET

St. Anne Chapel, Frenchtown, St. Thomas, celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Christmas day. A Booklet has been published to cover its colorful history with the Redemptorists and Diocesan Priests. Four copies are in the Bookstore. The cost is \$15.00.

**CHRISTMAS 2011 – NEW YEAR 2012**

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

11:15 p.m. Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Mass

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

Christmas Day Masses

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 31, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Old Year's Night Vigil Mass

11:00 p.m. Holy Hour

12:00 Midnight Mass

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

New Year's Day Masses

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS SHARING...**Please remember the needy when you go shopping by purchasing and donating frozen turkey, chicken or ham which will be given to the local soup kitchens. Items should be dropped off no later than Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous. *For I was hungry and you gave me food. Mt. 25:35.* Thank you for your kindness.

**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, and music by Milo's King Band.

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

**Funeral** of Margaret Carter will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Viewing at 9:30 a.m.; Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

**Yes...Christmas is coming and we would appreciate your putting St. Ann's at the top of your Christmas Gift List in order to continue upgrading our Barrenspot Hill**

**BOOKSTORE NEW ARRIVALS**

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. **The Christian Prayer and Liturgy of the Hour Guides for 2012 are now available.**

**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.

**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 Javois, Emile Durant, Yolanda Hector, Pricilla Brown, Doreen Pemberton, Zephine Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Steve Beharry, Olive Alexander, E. Joseph Jones, 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, Avril Francis, Melborne Clarke, Joseph Cornlius. **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 Comeille, 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 Jaggernauth, 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.**

**Ss. Joachim & Ann Church**

Barrenspot Hill  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands

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