

# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

**TODAY (Violet)**

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

**NEXT WEEK (White)**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

In this gospel, the state of affairs is not what it appears to be. Mary is not unfaithful, but faithful. Mary is with child, but a virgin. The infant is not only an earthly child, but also a heavenly One. Yet the infant is not heaven-bound but an earth-bound Emmanuel. Joseph is not the father, but in a father's role names the Child Jesus. When the spirit of God is at work, and we cooperate as did Mary and Joseph, something altogether new happens: mystery abounds, "God is with us."

*Living Liturgy*



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**December 21, Saturday**  
5:00 p.m. St. Ann's Parish Family

**December 22, Sunday**  
7:00 a.m. +Marie Derima rb Theme Derima  
9:30 a.m. B'day Sylvana Tang rb Ruth Samuel

**December 24, Tuesday**  
5:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory  
12 Midnight. Priests Intentions

**December 25, Wednesday**  
10:00 a.m. St. Ann's Parish Family

**December 26, Thursday**  
12:15 p.m. B'day Ashton George rb his Grandparents

**December 27, Friday**  
6:30 a.m. +Vincent Priess rb his Mother

**December 28, Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. B'day Alexander Walcott rb his Mother

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Tues. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a	Lk 1:67-79
Wed. <b>Vigil Mass</b> Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Mt 1:1-25
<b>Midnight</b> Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
<b>Day</b> Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-18
Thurs. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
Fri. 1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sat. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2	Mt 2:13-18

**WEEK IN PREVIEW**

**Mon. OFFICE IS CLOSED**

**Tues. 5:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass**  
**12 Midnight Solemn Mass**

**Wed. 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass**

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

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**



*CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS to all*  
*Remembering you this Christmas season and*  
*praying that the rich blessings that comes to us*  
*through Jesus Christ will be poured out on you*  
*over and over and over*  
*Msgr. Michael Kosak Fr. Simon Peter Opira*



<b>CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2013-2014</b>	
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.

**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**

**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.

**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.

**Rejoice—Rejoice**

On Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bishop Herbert Bevard will ordain three men to the priesthood. Deacon Boniface Twaibu and Deacon Kerly Francois were stationed here at St Ann's during the past year. Deacon John Ferrel is the Editor of the Catholic Islander. Let us thank Almighty God for this great gift to the Catholic Church, in the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:**

God's chosen people were taught in what spirit they were to make their offerings:

*"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back to you sevenfold" Sir 35:7-10.*

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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 Javoit, 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 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, Iandralyn 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.

**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, Jeffry Centeno, Anthony Camacho, Aubrey Camaho, Austin Carino, Kernatha Auguste, Masline Noel, Darwin Richards, Jeremiah L. Charlery, 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, Luis D. Molina, Rodney A. Fabio 111, Kareem Pedro, Rashad A. Richards. Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.