



Diocese of Saint Thomas
IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

DIRECTORY EXTRACT:

WHO WE ARE

THE CHURCH IN THE USA
ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF THE USA
DIOCESE OF ST THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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THE HOLY FATHER
Pope Francis



BISHOP OF ST THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
His Excellency Jerome Feudjio

Coat of Arms of Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio



Brief Description:

To the viewer's left is a display of the arms of the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and to the right, the personal arms of Bishop Jerome Feudjio. In the chief green field is the blue and silver (white) letter "M", an emblem of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The center field of red speaks of the dignity of St Jerome, the patron of Bishop Feudjio. The base field of gold carries the "tree of peace" of Cameroon, and the banner carries the Bishop's motto.



Read more:

Scan this QR code for details about the Bishop's Coat of Arms.

FOREWORD

With great joy and gratitude, I present to you the 2025 COMPENDIUM of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This comprehensive publication marks a significant milestone for our diocese as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope in communion with the Universal Church.

In these pages, you will find a wealth of information that reflects the vibrant life of our Diocesan community. The Directory provides detailed contact information and descriptions of our parishes, schools, and various ministries, serving as a valuable resource for all who seek to connect with and participate in the life of our local Church.

The Liturgical Calendar guides the liturgical year, helping us journey together through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. It is a tool to deepen our understanding and celebration of the mysteries of our faith, fostering a greater unity in our prayer.

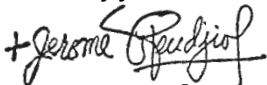
The Pastoral Calendar, included in the Liturgical calendar, outlines the many events, programs, and initiatives planned for this year. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our clergy, religious, and lay faithful who strive to bring the Gospel to life in our communities. From retreats and pilgrimages to educational programs and social outreach, these activities are designed to nourish our spiritual growth and strengthen our bonds as a diocesan family.

This publication is not just a collection of dates and information; it is a reflection of our shared mission to live out our faith with love and commitment. I encourage you to use it as a guide and a companion throughout the year, allowing it to inspire and support you in your personal and communal journey of faith.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the creation of this publication. Your efforts are a blessing to our diocese and a testament to the spirit of collaboration and service that defines our community.

May the Lord bless you abundantly as we embark on this new year together, united in faith and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jerome Feudjio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio,

Bishop of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands

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Apostolic Nunciature

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LIST OF ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF THE USA & SUFFRAGAN DIOCESES

Ecclesiastical Province of Anchorage-Juneau

Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau

Diocese of Fairbanks

Ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta

Archdiocese of Atlanta

Diocese of Charleston

Diocese of Charlotte

Diocese of Raleigh

Diocese of Savannah

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Baltimore**

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Diocese of Arlington
Diocese of Richmond
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Diocese of Wilmington

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Boston**

Archdiocese of Boston
Diocese of Burlington
Diocese of Fall River
Diocese of Manchester
Diocese of Portland
Diocese of Springfield in
Massachusetts
Diocese of Worcester

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Chicago**

Archdiocese of Chicago
Diocese of Belleville
Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Peoria
Diocese of Rockford
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Cincinnati**

Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Diocese of Cleveland
Diocese of Columbus
Diocese of Steubenville
Diocese of Toledo in Ohio
Diocese of Youngstown

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Denver**

Archdiocese of Denver
Diocese of Cheyenne
Diocese of Colorado Springs
Diocese of Pueblo

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Detroit**

Archdiocese of Detroit
Diocese of Gaylord
Diocese of Grand Rapids
Diocese of Kalamazoo
Diocese of Lansing
Diocese of Marquette
Diocese of Saginaw

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Dubuque**

Archdiocese of Dubuque
Diocese of Davenport
Diocese of Des Moines
Diocese of Sioux City

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Galveston–Houston**

Archdiocese of Galveston–Houston
Diocese of Austin
Diocese of Beaumont
Diocese of Brownsville
Diocese of Corpus Christi
Diocese of Tyler
Diocese of Victoria

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Hartford**

Archdiocese of Hartford
Diocese of Bridgeport
Diocese of Norwich
Diocese of Providence

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Indianapolis**

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Diocese of Evansville
Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Ben
Diocese of Gary
Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Kansas City**

Archdiocese of Kansas City in
Kansas
Diocese of Dodge City
Diocese of Salina
Diocese of Wichita

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Las Vegas**

Archdiocese of Las Vegas
Diocese of Reno
Diocese of Salt Lake City

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Los Angeles**

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Diocese of Fresno
Diocese of Monterey
Diocese of Orange
Diocese of San Bernardino
Diocese of San Diego

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Louisville**

Archdiocese of Louisville
Diocese of Covington
Diocese of Knoxville
Diocese of Lexington
Diocese of Memphis
Diocese of Nashville
Diocese of Owensboro

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Miami**

Archdiocese of Miami
Diocese of Orlando
Diocese of Palm Beach
Diocese of Pensacola–Tallahassee
Diocese of St. Augustine
Diocese of St. Petersburg
Diocese of Venice in Florida

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Milwaukee**

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Diocese of Green Bay
Diocese of La Crosse
Diocese of Madison
Diocese of Superior

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Mobile**

Archdiocese of Mobile
Diocese of Biloxi
Diocese of Birmingham
Diocese of Jackson

**Ecclesiastical Province
of New Orleans**

Archdiocese of New Orleans
Diocese of Alexandria
Diocese of Baton Rouge
Diocese of Houma–Thibodaux
Diocese of Lafayette in Louisiana
Diocese of Lake Charles
Diocese of Shreveport

**Ecclesiastical Province
of New York**

Archdiocese of New York
Diocese of Albany

Diocese of Brooklyn
Diocese of Buffalo
Diocese of Ogdensburg
Diocese of Rochester
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Diocese of Syracuse

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Newark**

Archdiocese of Newark
Diocese of Camden
Diocese of Metuchen
Diocese of Paterson
Diocese of Trenton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Oklahoma City**

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Diocese of Little Rock
Diocese of Tulsa

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Omaha**

Archdiocese of Omaha
Diocese of Grand Island
Diocese of Lincoln

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Philadelphia**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Diocese of Allentown
Diocese of Altoona–Johnstown
Diocese of Erie
Diocese of Greensburg
Diocese of Harrisburg
Diocese of Pittsburgh
Diocese of Scranton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Portland**

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
Diocese of Baker
Diocese of Boise
Diocese of Great Falls–Billings
Diocese of Helena

**Ecclesiastical Province
of St. Louis**

Archdiocese of St. Louis
Diocese of Jefferson City
Diocese of Kansas City–Saint
Joseph
Diocese of Springfield–Cape
Girardeau

**Ecclesiastical Province of Saint
Paul and Minneapolis**

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and
Minneapolis
Diocese of Bismarck
Diocese of Crookston
Diocese of Duluth
Diocese of Fargo
Diocese of New Ulm
Diocese of Rapid City
Diocese of Saint Cloud
Diocese of Sioux Falls
Diocese of Winona–Rochester

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Antonio**

Archdiocese of San Antonio
Diocese of Amarillo
Diocese of Dallas
Diocese of El Paso
Diocese of Fort Worth
Diocese of Laredo

Diocese of Lubbock
Diocese of San Angelo

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Francisco**

Archdiocese of San Francisco
Diocese of Honolulu
Diocese of Oakland
Diocese of Sacramento
Diocese of San Jose
Diocese of Santa Rosa
Diocese of Stockton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Santa Fe**

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Diocese of Gallup
Diocese of Las Cruces
Diocese of Phoenix
Diocese of Tucson

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Seattle**

Archdiocese of Seattle
Diocese of Spokane
Diocese of Yakima

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Washington**

Archdiocese of Washington
Diocese of Saint Thomas in the
Virgin Islands

**PUERTO RICAN EPISCOPAL
CONFERENCE**

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Juan**

Archdiocese of San Juan
Diocese of Arecibo
Diocese of Caguas
Diocese of Fajardo–Humacao
Diocese of Mayagüez
Diocese of Ponce

**EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF
THE PACIFIC**

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Agaña**

Archdiocese of Agaña
Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Samoa–Apia**

Diocese of Samoa–Pago Page

ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF WASHINGTON

The Ecclesiastical Province of Washington DC Compromises of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

Archdiocese of Washington DC

Statistics

Area -----	2,104 sq mi (5,450 km ²)
Population (as of 2017)	
Total -----	2,980,005
Catholics-----	655,601 (22.0%)
Parishes-----	139
Schools -----	93

Information

Denomination-----	Catholic Church
Rite -----	Roman Rite
Established-----	July 29, 1939 (85 years ago)
Cathedral -----	Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Patron saint -----	Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
Secular priests -----	262

Current leadership

Metropolitan Archbishop-----	His Eminence Wilton Card. Gregory
Auxiliary Bishops-----	Most. Rev Roy Edward Campbell Most Rev. Juan Esposito-Garcia Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala
Bishop Emeritus-----	Most Rev. Donald William Wuerl

Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands

THE BISHOP

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Born: September 30, 1955

Ordained Priest: September 29, 1990

Appointed Bishop: March 2, 2021

Ordained Bishop: April 17, 2021

FORMER DIOCESAN BISHOPS

Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard

Ordained: May 20, 1972 (Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Appointed Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands: July 7, 2008

Episcopal Ordination and Installation: September 3, 2008

Retired: September 18, 2020

Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.

Ordained Priest: June 9, 1979

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago: January 24, 1995

Episcopal Ordination: March 20, 1995

Appointed Coadjutor of the Diocese of St. Thomas: May 4, 1998

Installed as Bishop of St. Thomas: June 30, 1999

Transferred to the Diocese of Youngstown: March 28, 2007

Most Reverend Elliott G. Thomas

Ordained Priest: June 6, 1986

Episcopal Ordination and Installation: December 12, 1993

Retired: June 30, 1999

Died: February 28, 2019

Most Reverend Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

Ordained Priest: August 29, 1970

Appointed Coadjutor: May 30, 1984

Episcopal Ordination: August 2, 1984

Installed as Diocesan Bishop: October 16, 1985

Transferred to Diocese of Fall River: August 11, 1992

Most Reverend Edward J. Harper, C.Ss.R.

Ordained Priest: June 18, 1939

Consecrated Bishop: October 6, 1960

Named First Residential Bishop of St. Thomas: April 20, 1977

Retired: October 15, 1985

Died: December 2, 1990

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St. Thomas comprises the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands, specifically the islands of St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Water Island. First erected as the Territorial Prelature of the Virgin Islands on July 23, 1960, it was established as the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands on April 20, 1977.

Our Diocese is within the Ecclesial Province of Washington, D.C., the only Suffragan diocese to the Archdiocese of Washington.

We have a diverse community of faithful with varied backgrounds, from the islanders to the Hispanics, the Haitians to the French Community. This is a reflection of our rich religious and cultural heritage, which further enriches our worship and the way we celebrate and live the faith.

Pastorally, the Diocese is divided into two deaneries, which all together have nine (9) Parishes. St Thomas – St John Deanery consists of Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral; Holy Family Parish; Ste Anne’s Parish; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish; and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish (in St John Island). St Croix Deanery comprises Holy Cross Parish; St Ann’s Parish; St Patrick’s Parish; and St Joseph’s Parish.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH

The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is the principal church of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Located in Charlotte Amalie, this historic cathedral is known for its beautiful architecture and stunning murals.

Although its genesis is actually in 1773, the current structure dates back to 1848 and has undergone significant restoration efforts, especially after the damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. Dedicated to the

Apostles Peter and Paul, it serves as the mother church of the diocese and is a central place of worship and community for local Catholics.

The cathedra (seat of the Bishop) is found in this church. The cathedral's mission is to continue Jesus Christ's ministry by preaching the Gospel, furthering the community's faith, and providing meaningful liturgies. It is open to visitors and offers regular Masses and confessions among other things, making it a spiritual and cultural landmark in the Virgin Islands.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St Thomas is divided into two Deaneries¹. Each of these deaneries is further divided into Parishes as follows:

St Thomas – St John Deanery

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
Holy Family Catholic Church
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
Saint Anne's Catholic Church
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church

St Croix Deanery

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
Saints Joachim and Ann Church
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

¹ A Deanery (also known as a Vicariate Forane) is a grouping of neighboring parishes within a Diocese, organized by the Bishop based on geographic location. Each deanery is overseen by a Dean, who is a priest appointed by the Bishop. The Dean's responsibilities include: promoting and coordinating pastoral activities within the deanery; ensuring that the clergy in the deanery lead lives consistent with their vocation and perform their duties diligently; overseeing the proper conduct of religious functions and the maintenance of church properties; ensuring that parish records are accurately kept and that the rectories are well-maintained; providing support and resources for the clergy, especially in difficult pastoral situations. This structure helps to facilitate better communication and collaboration among parishes and ensures that the pastoral needs of the community are effectively met.

COAT OF ARMS OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, established in 1960, serves the Catholic community in this beautiful Caribbean region. The coat of arms of the Diocese is rich in symbolism, reflecting both the geographical and spiritual heritage of the area. The blue field and silver wavy border, the thirteen silver stars, the crossed gold keys, and the gold sword.



Scan the QR code to read more.

QUICK INFO:

Country:	United States of America
Territory:	Saint Thomas, Saint Croix, and Saint John in the United States Virgin Islands
Ecclesiastical province:	Washington
Area:	52 sq mi (135 km ²)
Population (<i>as of 2010</i>)	
Total:	108,612
Catholics:	30,000 (27.6%)
Parishes:	9
Rite:	Roman Rite
Established:	April 30, 1960 (64 years ago)
Cathedral:	Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul