

Around the Parish

Parish Ministries

Baptismal Prep.	First two Wednesdays in each month at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Adults:	Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Children:	Saturdays at 10.am
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)	Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation II	Thursdays at 4:15 p.m.
Bible Class	Monday at 7:00p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	As advised.
Fundraising Meeting	Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
Hospitality Ministers	as advised
Ladies Guild	3rd Sunday of month at 4:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary	Thursdays at 6:00p.m.
Lectors	Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Parish Council	Every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
St. Vincent De Paul	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
Y.S.B. in Christ	Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
Altar Servers	Saturdays at 12:15 p.m.
Children's Breakfast	Mon.- Fri. 7:00a.m.-8:45a.m.
Cubs	Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Scouts	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m..
Brownies	Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
Girls Guides	Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	2nd & 4th Wednesday at 8.00pm Upper Room, St. Augustine's Monastery

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is requesting your kind assistance! Please lend a helping hand!

“When I was hungry you fed me, thirsty you gave me to drink, naked you clothed, sick and in prison you visited me.....What ever you do to the least of these my brethren that you do unto me.”

The Drop-in-Centre

Operating Hours: Sat. 8:00a.m. –12:00noon, on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

All the people in today’s readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Today’s Focus... The Duty of Delight

On today’s “joyful” Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that among our duties as followers of Christ is to reflect God’s joy for all the world to see.

Flowers

Person interested in donating flowers for the Christmas season can contact the parish office.

Advent is a time to recognize both our holy longing and the healing love God has for us, despite the many barriers we put up between ourselves and God. We can start simply and just rest at the edge of our beds in the mornings, open our hands and whisper, "Come, Lord Jesus!" If we let ourselves feel what is in our hearts, we know they are filled with love. We can carry that experience with us as we go through even the busiest of our days. We may not know exactly where to begin or how to fill this longing in our hearts but it is simple. God waits with infinite love and with arms outstretched to meet us. The words we say don't matter. We can speak as if God is a friend we have not seen in a long time, but one with whom we can sit in a comfortable silence. It's just about taking the first step. Even if we are fearful about this next step, we can say to God what is in our hearts.

In this Advent season, it's time to risk, to make the first step, to find our way back home.

“Loving God, I don't have the right words. I'm not sure where to begin, but I know you are the hope and promise of the peace to come in my life. Be with me this day. Let me look at my life and my day today and open my heart completely as I begin, "Come, Lord Jesus.”

~Creighton University Online Ministries~

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“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.”

December 14th, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21st, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G.

Msgr. Preston A. Moss

Fr. Junior Calixte

Rev. Mr. Raymond Forbes

Ethel M. Collie

MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKDAYS:

HOLIDAYS:

CONFESSIONS:

BAPTISMS:



**JOHN
the
baptist
appeared
in
the
desert**

Archbishop of Nassau

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Deacon

Administrator

SUNDAYS: 9.00am

6:15 a.m.— Wednesdays - Adoration at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.15pm

8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY : 8:45 a.m.— 8:55 a.m. or by appointment

Third Sunday in each month; except July, August and Lent

A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.”
(Cf. Philippians 4:4-5)*



Let us Pray



*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen. Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen. **Royston Burton, Rosemary Black, Camille Bain, Enid Burnside, Michelle Butler, Avis Cartwright, Iris Cartwright, Patsy Demeritte, Mildred Edgecombe, Darrian Ferguson, Oswald Knowles, Zion Knowles, Claudia Benoit Joseph, Ida Major, Vickae Moore, Jamie Moss, Antoinette Noguez, Avis Rolle, Winston Russell, Bernard Turnquest, Jacinta White, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital.** (If you, or a member of your family, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).*

Daily Scripture Readings



Monday, 15th	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Resp. Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Gospel Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday, 16th	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Resp. Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Gospel Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday, 17th	Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Resp. Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Gospel Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday, 18th	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Resp. Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Gospel Matthew 1:18-25
Friday, 19th	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Resp. Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Gospel Luke 1:5-25
Saturday, 20th	Isaiah 7:10-14 Resp. Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Gospel Luke 1:26-38

LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC ROSTERS

LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 14th, 2014 — Third Sunday in Advent

Joy Smith
Ricardo Taylor

Eileen Bain
Roxanne Chipman
Joseph Curry
Terez Curry
Lesley Hutchinson
Benita Rahming
Herman Russell
Theres Saunders
Beatrice Strachan
Sheila Rolle
Eric Wilmott (reserve)

December 21st, 2014 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lee Doris Duncombe
Diana Ferreria

Monty Braithwaite
Maria Collie
Veronica Hutchinson
Linda Major
Vernon Ritchie
Cheryl Russell
Theres Saunders
Francis Williams
Eric Wilmott
Roxanne Chipman (reserve)

December 25th, 2014 — The Nativity of the Lord—Midnight

Eugene F. Newry	Monty Braithwaite	Roxanne Chipman	Vernon Ritchie
Phyllandra Bain	Ethel Collie	Lesley Hutchinson	Theres Saunders
Proclamation:	Terez Curry	Veronica Hutchinson	Sheila Rolle
Simone Cambridge	Joseph Curry	Insa Frith (reserve)	

December 25th, 2014—Christmas Day

Kavon Rolle	Maria Collie	Michael Smith	Francis Williams
Sophia Knowles	Cheryl Russell	Gordon Major	Linda Major
	Herman Russell	Eric Wilmott	
	Diana Murray (reserve)		

December 28th, 2014 —The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—9.00am

Lectors

Marissa Demeritte
Whitley Albury

Cheryl Albury
Eileen Bain
Joseph Curry
Terez Curry

Eucharistic Ministers

Maria Collie
Beatrice Strachan
Eva Edgecombe
Monty Braithwaite (reserve)
Dianna Murray
Benita Rahming
Theres Saunders

St. Francis Island Wide Advent Penance Service

An island wide (New Providence) Advent Penance Service will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Wednesday, December 17th at 7.00pm. All are invited to attend.

Children's Liturgy

December 14th, 2014

Kim Sturup/Whitley Albury

December 21st, 2014

No Children's Liturgy

December 28th, 2014

No Children's Liturgy

Commentators

December 14th & 21st, 2014

Letitia Ellis

Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st, 2015 (midnight)

Bryant Collie

Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st, 2015 (day)

Alexia Edgecombe

December 28th, 2014 & January 4th, 2015

David Rahming

January 11th & 18th, 2015

Joy Smith

Presentation of the Gifts

December 14th, 2014

Claudine Stubbs
& Family

December 21st, 2014

CCD Children

December 28th, 2014

Lana Edgecombe
& Family

January 4th, 2015

Barbara Knowles
& Family

January 11th, 2015

Vincente Demeritte
& Family

January 18th, 2015

CCD Children

Men's Security Surveillance Team Roster

December 14th, 2014

Louis Isaacs Jr.
Marcus Moss

December 21st, 2014

David Rahming
Glen Romer

December 28th, 2014

Andrew Treco
Wayde White

January 4th, 2015

Gregory Nesbitt Jr.
Brian Gibson

Men's Surveillance for CCD on Saturday Mornings

December 20th, 2014

Christmas Break

December 27th, 2014

Christmas Break

January 3rd, 2015

Lester Gittens/Gordon Major

Reflecting on the Word

On this Sunday, traditionally known as Advent's joyful Sunday, the scripture readings are filled with talk about rejoicing; indeed, in places they seem quite insistent that we rejoice. Paul tells the Thessalonians not only that they must rejoice, but also that they must 'rejoice always' and give thanks in all circumstances. This seems like a tall order. After all, isn't joy an emotion that is beyond anyone's power to command?

But perhaps the joy spoken about in the scriptures is not simply the emotion that arises unbidden in us, but rather a disposition that we cultivate deliberately by acknowledging God's goodness in all the circumstances of our lives. The twentieth-century Catholic social activist Dorothy Day wrote that when we act lovingly we begin to feel loving, so certainly acting joyfully brings joy to others—this in turn makes us feel joyful. She believed -we are called to the "duty of delight."

When we bring joy to others, even and perhaps especially when we do not feel particularly joyful ourselves, we are like a mirror that reflects God's joy in Creation. Like John the Baptist, we are not the light, but bear witness to the light. Yet even as we bear witness to God's joy, we come to share in it ourselves, caught up in what we reflect.

Responding to the Word

God of joy, fill our hearts. Let our lives reflect your light to the world to bring joy to those in darkness.

Bible Class is held every Monday evening at 6.30pm in the parish hall.

Thank You!

Thank you all parishioners for your generosity. May God abundantly reward you for your continued faithful weekly support to the parish.

Your **PRIEST** is someone's son. Your **SON** could be someone's priest!
For information on vocations contact: archdioceseofnassau.org

Vocation Prayer

Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.

Happy Birthday Greetings are extended to: Cheryl Albury, Adam Bowleg, Simone Cambridge, Jamine Clarke, James Curry, Richelle Demeritte, Henry Matthew, Dominique Moss Jr., Serenity Moss, Charlotta Rahming, Vernon Ritchie, Teko Rolle, Theres Saunders, Shenice Smith, Elizabeth Wilmott-Fox, Frederick White, **...and to all celebrating this week.**

Baptismal Instructions

Parents or guardians wishing to have their baby baptized in the month of January are reminded to collect the forms from the parish office and return them along with a copy of the child's birth certificate to the parish office before attending the first session scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th, 2015. Instructions are for parents, Catholic and non-Catholic witnesses. Baptism will take place on Sunday, January 18th.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

The parish community extends Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

- ◇ Michael & Kimberley Larrow celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary on Monday, December 15th.
- ◇ Kendal & Samantha Higgins celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, December 16th.
- ◇ Kimani & Dominique Braithwaite celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 18th.
- ◇ Lester & Deline Gittens celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 19th
- ◇ Cedric & Acheabea Dyer celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 19th.

Rite of Acceptance

We will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance this morning. We welcome those persons who will begin their initial journey into becoming full members of our faith community. Let us pray and support them on their journey.

Fundraising Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee Meetings are held on Thursdays at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All persons interested in joining the committee are invited to attend. **Breakfast is served after Mass each Sunday morning in the parish hall at a cost of \$2.00.**

Parish Advent Gift Day

Today is the our Parish Advent Gift Day. Gift Day envelopes are available from the ushers. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you for your continued support!

Collection envelopes 2015

Collection envelopes for 2015 are now available in the courtyard.

The Jesse Tree is in the foyer

Please take a tag and purchase a much needed item for the needy in our community eg., the prison inmates and the sick and shut-ins at the Geriatric Hospital. Thank you!

CCD News

CCD is closed for the Christmas break. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015 at 10.00am with a Mass.

Confirmation II last day of class is Thursday, December 18th at 4.30pm. The time for class has been changed to 4.30pm to 6.00pm. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 8th, 2015 at 4.30pm.

Catholic Books and Resources Ministry

The Catholic Books and Resources Ministry will have books and religious gift items on sale after Mass on the Sundays of Advent. Along with the standard items, there will be special featured items as follows:

Sunday, December 14th—unique gifts from Abbey Press (purchase of these gifts support the seminarians at St. Meinrad's Seminary)

Sunday, December 21st—Italian made gift rosaries and Catholic gifts for children and teens

Free 'Flu Vaccines

Free 'Flu vaccines are available at St. Jude's Medical Center, Market Street. Please call 322-4023 for an appointment. Thank you!

Thank you!

The family of the late Martin Foody would like to thank Msgr. Moss, Fr. Calixte and all the St. Anselm's parishioners for their love and support during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you all.

Parade of Nations

The Parade of Nations will be held at Mass on Epiphany Sunday, January 4th, 2015. We are asking for persons from different countries to participate in this parade. Sign-up sheets are available after Mass at the back of the church.

It's Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday! The third (rose-colored) candle on the Advent wreath is lit today. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website~