

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.

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, ...”do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

Today's Focus... God's Overflowing Promises

Beginning with the covenant with Abraham, God has made many promises: we find them fulfilled in Christ, and continue to find them fulfilled.

Flowers

Persons wishing to donate flowers can contact the parish office. Flowers can be donated for birthdays, anniversaries or in memory of a loved one.

God Sent Us A Saviour

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us and entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God sent us a Saviour.

~Roy Lessin~

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“Jesus’ parents took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.”

*December 28th, 2014
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6; 12-14

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

January 4th, 2015

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12



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:

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

*“The shepherd went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph
and the Infant lying in a manger.”
(Luke 2:16)*



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, Avis Cartwright, Iris Cartwright, Patsy Demeritte, Mildred Edgecombe, Darrian Ferguson, Alex Hilton, Andrew Knowles, Oswald Knowles, Zion Knowles, Claudia Benoit Joseph, Ida Major, Vickae Moore, Antoinette Noguez, Avis Rolle, Winston Russell, Ernest Thompson, 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, 29th St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	1 John 2:3-11 Resp. Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Gospel Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday, 30th	1 John 2:12-17 Resp. Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Gospel Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday, 31st St. Sylvester I, Pope	1 John 2:18-21 Resp. Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Gospel John 1:1-18
Thursday, 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Numbers 6:22-27 Resp. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel Luke 2:16-21
Friday, 2nd St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen	1 John 2:22-28 Resp. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Gospel John 1:19-28
Saturday, 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Philippians 2:1-11 or 1 John 2:29—3:6 Resp. Psalm 8 or Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Gospel Luke 2:21-24 or John 1:29-34

LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC ROSTERS

LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Marissa Demeritte
Whitley Albury

Cheryl Albury
Eva Edgecombe
Eileen Bain
Ethel Collie
Roxanne Chipman
Dianna Murray
Benita Rahming
Theres Saunders
Beatrice Strachan
Francis Williams
Vernon Ritchie (reserve)

January 1st, 2015—The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—(11.00pm)

Rickell Curry
Vann Gaitor

Ethel Collie
Joseph Curry
Terez Curry
Dale Ferguson-Joseph
Vernon Ritchie

Beatrice Strachan
Cheryl Russell
Herman Russell
Linda Major
Gordon Major

Gary Young (reserve)

January 1st, 2015—The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—(9.00am)

Wardissa Brown
Ambrosine Ingraham

Maria Collie
Insa Frith
Jillian Ferreira
Gordon Major

Diana Murray
Cheryl Russell
Herman Russell
Eric Wilmott (reserve)

Sheila Rolle
Francis Williams
Gary Young

January 4th, 2015—Epiphany of the Lord

Deline Gittens
Letitia Ellis

Cheryl Albury
Monty Braithwaite
Roxanne Chipman
Jason Knowles

Dale Ferguson-Joseph
Jillian Ferreira
Eva Edgecombe
Veronica Hutchinson
Vernon Ritchie
Gordon Major (reserve)

January 11th, 2015—Baptism of the Lord

Tennille Percentie
Dedrie Woods

Ethel Collie
Joseph Curry
Terez Curry
Jillian Ferreira
Insa Frith

Gary Young
Linda Major
Vernon Ritchie
Sheila Rolle
Eric Wilmott
Benita Rahming (reserve)

Collection envelopes 2015

Collection envelopes for 2015 are now available in the courtyard.

Children's Liturgy

December 28th, 2014

January 4th, 2015

January 11th, 2015

No Children's Liturgy

Ingrid Farrington/Marita Knowles

Nicole Morley

Commentators

Dec. 25th (8.00pm) & Dec. 31st, 2014 (11.00pm)

Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st, 2015 (9.00am)

Bryant Collie

Alexia Edgecombe

December 28th, 2014 & January 4th, 2015

January 11th & 18th, 2015

David Rahming

Joy Smith

Presentation of the Gifts

December 28th, 2014

January 4th, 2015

January 11th, 2015

Lana Edgecombe
& Family

Barbara Knowles
& Family

Vincente Demeritte
& Family

January 18th, 2015

January 25th, 2015

February 1st, 2015

CCD Children

Tanya Pratt
& Family

Janet Sands
& Family

Men's Security Surveillance Team Roster

December 28th, 2014

January 4th, 2015

January 11th, 2015

January 18th, 2015

Andrew Treco

Gregory Nesbitt Jr.

David Ash

Jeffrey Cooper

Wayde White

Brian Gibson

Garvin Shannon

Anastadius Clarke

Men's Surveillance for CCD on Saturday Mornings

January 3rd, 2015

January 10th, 2015

January 17th, 2015

Monty Braitwaite/ Rondell Knowles

Lester Gittens/Gordon Major

Monty Braithwaite/Rondell Knowles

"The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

~Psalm 118:14-16~

Reflecting on the Word

"This child is destined to be...a sign that will be opposed - and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword." Simeon the prophet greets the Holy Family with words grim and foreboding. Welcoming a new child into the world is a joyful time, a moment full of hope and promise. But this man, inspired by the Holy Spirit, speaks words which inspire trepidation, not expectation.

"The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. (*Lk 2:22-39; Ex 13:2, 12-13*) With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior - the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the **'light to the nations'** and the **'glory of Israel,'** but also **'a sign that is spoken against.'** The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had 'prepared in the presence of all peoples.

To welcome any child into a family is a time of joy, but every life also includes the sword of sorrow. The Holy Family is the model for all families, the "icon" of the family. Every family, according to God's plan, begins in the bond of a man-husband and a woman-wife, who share in an exclusive and life-long commitment. In responsible parenthood the married man and woman preserve the right of every child to be brought into the world within this bond of one man and one woman

Because of our encounter with the Savior and his family, we know that God's grace enables us to struggle, despite our sinfulness, to live up to his plan for the family. Though without sin, the family of the Savior was not shielded from hardship. Do we expect to attain our call to holiness without some sacrifice, toil, or self-denial? We know that forgiveness, given to us with the new-born Christ and completed on the cross, makes it possible for husbands and wives to live in a love of generous reconciliation with each other. Their deepening relationship provides the environment of security and well-being that nourishes every child's deepest hunger, the hunger for love.

~Meeting Jesus in the Liturgy~

Bible Class is closed for the holidays and will resume on Monday, January 19th, 2015.

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: Tracey Barone, Julie Bingham, Chace Carey, Sandra Clarke, Andretti Demeritte, Cecilia Higgs, Daryll Higgs, Karen Laing, Ida Major, Crystal McIntosh, Frances Ramsey-Morley, Samantha Lamb-Turnquest, Delores Paul, Jacqueline Pratt, Valgo Shannon, Richea Springer, Danny Thompson, Raychael Wright, Walton Rolle, ...**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 Trevor and Sheila Cuffy celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, December 31st.

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 will resume on Thursday, January 8th, 2015 at 4.30pm.

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.

Fundraising Committee News

- ◇ You can still get your Advent Gift Day envelopes from Fundraising Committee members or at the back of the Church.
- ◇ Sunday Morning Breakfast will resume on Sunday, January 18th in the parish hall after Mass.

Schedule of Christmas and New Year's Services

Wednesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve Vigil at 11.00pm followed by Mass

Thursday, January 1st, New Year's Day, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Mass at 9.00am

Closure of the Parish Office

The parish office will close on Wednesday, December 31st at 1.00pm and reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2015.

125th Anniversary of Catholic Education in the Bahamas

The Catholic Board of Education invites parishioners and former scholars to purchase car flags commemorating 125 years of Catholic education on The Bahamas. Flags can be purchased for \$10 at the Catholic Education Centre or at any of our schools in New Providence.

Archdiocese of Nassau
Office of Family Life

The next Marriage Preparation Course will begin on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. The classes are held at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. Couples planning to marry by June, 2015 should enroll in this course. The registration fee is \$100.00 per couple (includes text book and couple's workbook).

"A Weekend To Remember...An Experience you'll never forget..."

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring a Marriage Renewal Weekend to be held Friday, February 13th through Sunday, February 15th, 2015 at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. All married couples desiring to enhance and deepen their relationship are invited to register. **Early Bird Special** (Registration before January 16, 2015) - \$125.00 per couple. **Normal Registration Fee** (by Friday, February 6, 2015) - \$150.00 per couple., (inclusive of meals and living accommodations). Please contact the Office of Family Life at 322-8919/328-4310 or the parish office for more information. <http://faithfulunion.wordpress.com/>

Meditation:

Like all godly parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the fear and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation — the Son of God taking flesh as the son of Mary. Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings — his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission. God entrusted him as the guardian of the newborn King. God has a plan for each of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust Him for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

Prayer:

"Lord, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

~Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations~