

# 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 a.m.
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.

As stated in today's Gospel reading John the Baptist calls to repentance that "Christian must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards." Taken from the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship~

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### Today's Focus...Speaking of Faith

The scriptures are filled with role models for us, people who boldly and willingly speak out their faith in God.

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### Flowers

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

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### Being Attentive to God's Word

**John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. Mark 1:6-7**

On a biting cold Chicago day, my sons and I were riding the mass transit train to one of the museums. The car was full of characters (including us, southerners shocked into icicles), but until the preacher boarded, we didn't really know what a character was.

Old and bearded, wearing a hat rather like a Cossack hat with "Repent" applied on it, he never stopped talking but had only a few things to say: "You think you're above everyone, but you're not. Judgment Day will come, and you'll see." And so on.

The boys pressed close to me and stared at the man and then at the floor. As we got off and walked away. "A strange figure," I said, "and hard to ignore." Perhaps we weren't suppose to.

Lord, make me attentive to your Word, breaking into life in challenging ways.

~Amy Welborn~

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*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path."*

December 7th, 2014  
Second Sunday of Advent  
First Reading  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Second Reading  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Gospel  
Mark 1:1-8

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



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**

*“O people of Zion, behold, that the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.”*

( Cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30)



## **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 Joseph, Ida Major, Vickae Moore, Jamie Moss, Antoinette Nouguez, 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, 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Resp. Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Gospel Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, 9th St. Juan Diego (Cuauhtlatoatzin)	Isaiah 40:1-11 Resp. Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Gospel Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, 10th	Isaiah 40:25-31 Resp. Psalm 103:1-2a, 3-4, 8 and 10 Gospel Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, 11th St. Damasus I, Pope	Isaiah 41:13-20 Resp. Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Gospel Matthew 11:11-15
Friday, 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Resp. Psalm Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Gospel Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday, 13th St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2 or Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Resp. Psalm 31 or Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Gospel Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

## **LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC ROSTERS**

### LECTORS

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### *December 7th, 2014 — Second Sunday of Advent*

Kevin Fernander  
Rickell Curry

Cheryl Albury  
Eileen Bain  
Jason Knowles  
Insa Frith  
Eva Edgecombe  
Jillian Ferreira  
Dale Ferguson-Joseph  
Gordon Major  
Dianna Murray  
Michael Smith  
Benita Rahming (reserve)

#### *December 14th, 2014 — Third Sunday in Advent*

Joy Smith  
Ricardo Taylor

Roxanne Chipman  
Ethel Collie  
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  
Gary Young  
Eileen Bain (reserve)

*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.

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*Children's Liturgy*

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

December 21st, 2014

**Raquel Williams/Celeste Armbrister**

**Kim Sturrup/Whitley Albury**

**No Children's Liturgy**

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*Commentators*

December 7th, 2014

December 14th & 21st, 2014

**Vann Gaitor**

**Letitia Ellis**

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*Presentation of the Gifts*

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

December 21st, 2014

Frank Benoit  
& Family

Claudine Stubbs  
& Family

CCD Children

December 28th, 2014

January 4th, 2015

January 11th, 2015

Lana Edgecombe  
& Family

Barbara Knowles  
& Family

Vincente Demeritte  
& Family

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*Men's Security Surveillance Team Roster*

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

December 21st, 2014

December 28th, 2014

Renaldo Fawkes  
Hosea Moss

Louis Isaacs Jr.  
Marcus Moss

David Rahming  
Glen Romer

Andrew Treco  
Wayde White

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*Men's Surveillance for CCD on Saturday Mornings*

December 13th, 2014

December 20th, 2014

December 27th, 2014

Lester Gittens/Gordon Major

Christmas Break

Christmas Break

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*What is Advent...What is it all about?*

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate his coming, so that in a sense we can lose the feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation, because at the end of the season, everything seems to return to pretty much the same routine. If that is the case, then our preparation may have been lacking and we have therefore been robbed of much of the true meaning of this season. ~Catholic Online~

*Reflecting on the Word*

The prophet Isaiah seems to presume that God's people have something to shout about. Isaiah's injunction to "cry out at the top of your voice" can come as something of a challenge to the reticence that many Catholics seem to feel about speaking publicly about their faith. While we do not want to be obnoxious in sharing the Good News of Christ, we are called to speak with a certain boldness and confidence that come, not from ourselves, but from our faith in the God who comes with power.

John the Baptist is presented in our Gospel as a model of one who boldly cries out to proclaim the coming of God. John makes his proclamation with words—"One mightier than I is coming after me"—but also with symbolic actions: his clothing and diet, which conjures images of the prophets of the Old Testament, as well as his ritual of baptism, which speaks eloquently of the need for conversion and purification. John's whole being, his words and his actions, cry out loudly of the coming of God.

The second Letter of Peter also calls us to live in a way that proclaims our hope in the coming of God, bidding us to live our daily lives "in holiness and devotion as particularly loud forms of proclamation, but if you devote yourself entirely to a life of holiness, putting your all into the love and service of God and neighbor, then you truly are crying out "at the top of your voice."

*Responding to the Word*

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with a joy that we cannot hold in. Fill us as the breath that accompanies the words we speak, so that all we say and do might proclaim our faith in God.

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**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](http://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:* Kimani Braithwaite, Kenalay Bullard, Timi Collie, Quo'n Curry, Clarence Ferguson III, Michelle Ferguson, Tennille Knowles, Blair Major, Marilyn Martin-Stubbs, Jaeden Murray, Donell Musgrove, Ishmael Pinder, Denisko Rahming, Petrole Rolle, Ricardo Taylor Jr., Theresa Wells, Angelo Wilmott, Shanco Smith, Doris Woods, ...**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. Instructions are for parents, Catholic and non-Catholic witnesses. Baptism will take place on Sunday, January 18th.

**Welcome!**

The parish community extends a heartfelt welcome to Mr. Fred Mitchell, Member of Parliament for the Fox Hill Community and the Executive officers and members of the Fox Hill Branch of the Progressive Liberal Party (P.L.P.) worshipping with us this morning.

**Prayerful Sympathy**

The parish community extends prayerful sympathy to Salvacion Foody on the death of her husband, Martin Foody who died on Thursday, November 27th and will be buried from St. Joseph's Parish, Boyd Road on Tuesday, December 9th at 10.00am. May his soul rest in peace.

**Rite of Acceptance**

We will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance next Sunday, December 14th. 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.**

**Collection envelopes 2015**

Collection envelopes for 2015 are now available in the courtyard.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at 6.30pm in the parish office. All members are encouraged and to please be on time.

**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!

**Books and Resources Ministry** will have various books and gift items on sale during the Sundays of Advent.

**Xavier 's College P.T.A. Steak-out Tickets**

Xavier's College P.T.A. will hold a Steak-Out on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 from 12.00 noon to 5.30pm on the school grounds, West Bay Street. Steak Out tickets are available at the parish office. (unpaid tickets will not be honored).

**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!

**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/>

**The Men's Group program** is a 26 week program for men who abuse their partners. Weekly therapy sessions are conducted by professional therapists. The cycle revolves all year round. Clients are empowered with life changing skills that will help them to live a productive and violence-free life. For more details, please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life at 322-8919 or 328-4310/2.

**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.

**Please no food or drinks are allowed in the Church, the Foyer or the Courtyard. Thank you for your co-operation!**