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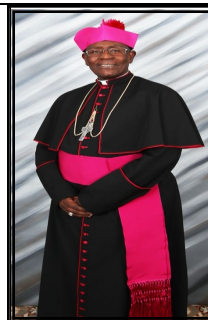
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2nd SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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PEACE is the second theme we mark on our Advent journey. Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when He arrived. He gives us inner peace. Because of His work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelled by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace (*John 14:27*). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again. The Hebrew word for peace is *Shalom*. *Shalom*, as we heed the advice of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord." (*Matthew 3:3*)



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C December 08, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Louis Kemayou
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MAINTENANCE: Mr. Michael Matthews

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

MARRIAGE: Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Call anytime

FUNERAL: Thursdays and Fridays
Please call prior to final arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

CONFESsION: Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.

or by Appointment

Weekday

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. (Shrine)

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)

HOLY HOUR

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ."

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer, From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "prepare the way of the Lord."

Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Today we see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah. Baruch's prophecy, which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of Dec. 01, 2024

09- Monday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

10 - Tuesday Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

11 - Wednesday St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

12 - Thursday Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

13 - Friday St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

14 - Saturday St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

15 - Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 07, 2024

- 4:00 p.m.:** - B'day Blessing Veronique Fedee rb Luna William
- B'day Blessing Msgr. Michael Kosak

7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 08, 2024

- B'day Blessing Eddie Jacob rb Mother
- B'day Blessing Gerald Bedminister rb Parents
- God's help and guidance Lilly Burton rb Family

9:30 a.m.: - B'day Blessing Matheo Victor rb Family

- B'day Blessing Julianna Joseph Jean
- +Rosemarie Castro rb Family
- B'day Blessing Fr. Prince Agyeman

7:00 a.m.: Monday December 09, 2024

- 5:30 a.m.:** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 p.m.: Tuesday December 10, 2024

- Spl. Int. Melvina Albert and Family

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday December 11, 2024

- +Edward Browne rb Family

12:15 p.m.: Thursday December 12, 2024

- +Cathie Felixia Burton

7:00 a.m.: Friday December 13, 2024

- God's help and guidance Lilly Burton rb Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Joachim Church: B'day Blessing Matheo Victor rb Family

St. Ann Chapel: B'day Blessing Matheo Victor rb Family

Shrine: B'day Blessing Eddie Jacob rb Mother

Altar Flower: B'day Blessing Yves Beaubrun rb Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "A" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "B" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, December 14, 2024 pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Special Mass of Obligation:** Two Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 09, 2024 in honor of the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

▪ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Charismatic Prayer Meeting is scheduled every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall. All are invited.

▪ **Funeral:** The funeral service for Joseph W. Baker is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

▪ **Catechesis Announcement:** This series of Catechesis will continue in the Marian Hall every Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. However, a retreat will be conducted from December 13-15, 2024 at the Donder's Residence in Christiansted at 6:00 p.m.

▪ **Family Life Apostolate In The Diocese:** Couples who are celebrating 25, 35, 45, 50+ yrs. this year are reminded to register by completing the World Marriage Certificate form available in the Sacristy. On the Feast Day of Holy Family on December 29, 2024, a special blessing and award ceremony will be held to honor registered couples.

▪ **Bookstore:** Come visit the Bookstore. We have **just received** a new collection of Christmas Cards. We also have an assortment of Christmas gifts for the entire family along with St. Benedict crosses and Medals. Come See! Come Browse!

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** The offertory Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the Marian Hall. We sincerely thank you for sharing your wealth with your Church in 2024. For those who do not have an Envelope and wish to have one, please complete the form (on clipboard in the Marian Hall) and a Box will be made available to you with your name next weekend. May God richly bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

2024 — 2025

As we participate to the success of the Religious Education's program, parents are kindly asked to bring their child(ren) on time. Classes are on Saturdays beginning at 9:00am with the Holy Mass.

Classes for ALL LEVELS - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND ALSO PICK UP THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES

SHARING HOPE - ADVENT 2024

If we have received the Good News, how can we keep it for ourselves?



Catholic Churches of Saint Croix invite you to the Advent Challenge

Think about four people who don't go to Church and invite them to come with you on a Sunday of Advent:

1st Sunday _____ (NAME) 2nd Sunday _____ (NAME)

3rd Sunday _____ (NAME) 4th Sunday _____ (NAME)

The best gift we can give to someone is the possibility to have an encounter with Jesus, our Savior.

AN ADVENT MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC PARISHES IN ST. CROIX, VI

Living the message of Hope in our Diocese: Advent 2024

Come and Join us on every Sunday of Advent for Catechesis, Adoration, and Confession.

Sunday, December 8 – 3 pm - Saint Ann

Living Hope in Our Families

Sunday, December 15 – 3pm - Saint Patrick

Living Hope in Our Parishes

Sunday, December 22 – 3 pm - Holy Cross

Living Hope for Adults and Elderly

Meeting Times
THURSDAYS 8 AM

St. Joseph High School

#3 Mount Pleasant, Frederiksted, VI 00840

We are seeking volunteers to help organize a student art show fundraiser. If you're interested in volunteering, fill out our volunteer form at the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/zYXVAfRr6QZd9FC57>



PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from all sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

FATIMA PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen!

Towels
Wash cloth
Hand towels
Socks
Fleece/ blankets
Body lotion
Tooth paste
Head ties
Crossword puzzles
Ensure
Hand sanitizer
Pampers

The suggested items are provided to assist with donations as we begin our holiday giving towards this year's campaign to the Tree of Love and Compassion. Thanks for your continued generosity to this effort for the aged, the sick and homebound within the Parish.

<u>Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule</u>		
Venue	Date	Time
Chapel:	Tuesday 12/24/24 Christmas Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Joachim Church:	Tuesday 12/24/24 Christmas Carols Night Mass	10:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
December 25, 2024		
Chapel:	Wednesday 12/25/24	7:00 a.m.
Joachim Church:	Wednesday 12/25/24	9:30 a. m.
	Holy Hour 12/31/24	10:00 p.m.
	Night Mass 12/31/24	11:00 p.m.
	New Year's Day - 1/01/25	9:30 a.m.

Please pray for the members of our Parish who are sick or suffering...

Gavin A. Navarro, Maria Hall, Eugenie Samuel, Gloria Roddy, Omar Dubois, Carla D. Beharry, Kimbel President, Madonna Remy, Patrice John, Francis Charles, Eldon Serrant, Alex Albert, George John, Gloria John, Annel Sylvestre, Julius Francis, Francis (Frankie) Xavier, Charles Philip, Joseph Vigier, Ferdin Tobierre, Juditha Joseph, Anisha Hendricks, Louise L. Henry, Worrell George, Polly Joseph, Mary Vincent, James Eugene, Anne Marie Eugene, Valerie Leon, Keeyan Scotland, Vel Beau brun, Agatha Joseph, Paulina Isaac, Mary N. Elliott, Princilla J. Eugene, Agatha Edwards, Alejandro Ayala, Anna Guiste, Kaishia Toussaint, Ruth Royer, Melanie Popo, Eugenia Johnson, Edita Emmanuel, Melvina Albert, Elisa Harrison, Cornelia Willie, Celine Bradshaw, Uralise Eugene, Mabel Williams, Steven C. Mayers, Cynthia Richards, Lynette Ettinoffe, Kieran St. Ange, Mercedes Samuel, Leonard Joseph, Sr., Peter Nestor, Christiana Worrell, Shana Alexis, Khadijah Lake, Joanita Philip, Evarista Samson, Carston Lewis, Shari Lewis, Bernadine Christmas, Arthur Weiss, Callista Julien, Juliette Abraham, Melanie Lockhart, Frances Molloy, Richard Schrader, William Matthews, Teddy Charlery, Pauline Corbitt.

Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.

Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

Aliyah Brooks, Justin Joseph, Malachi Gaston, Meriano Jacobs, Marquis Joseph, Natasha Massicott-Alcala, Erica Toussaint, Herman Bardouille, Jr., Nicholas Philogene, Alexander Buchanan, Rashad A. Richards, Tre'Von Portor, Akeem Grenidge, Enja Gumbs, Ganesia Milligan, Marvin Del Sol, Adrian Nelson, Brianna Nelson, Shawn Pryce, Michael Matthews, Rodney A. Fabio, III, Christopher Samuel, Recqiem Serrano, Jahkeel Richardson, Valence Modeste, Dante Modeste, Dazante Morgan, Alex Lewitt

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Tuesday to Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



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