

Collection Envelopes 2020

Envelopes for 2020 are now available for your collection. Please note that due to the Covid 19 restrictions they will be at the parish office and you can collect between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday. Special phone (324-1235) request can be made for Sunday collection from the table at the rear of the church.

Reflecting on the Holy Family

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life. Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly "just man." Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Prayer for the Week

Father, your Son Jesus knew the joys and challenges of belonging to a human family. Through the prayers and example of the Holy Family, may we come to know ourselves as your adopted sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Family Word Search

C Q V G D H S E R V I C E P R O J E C T T G X B
L E E D K N Y E O Y W H L A R Y J Y V C P G M J
A D D M B Q H D L X E T L Y Y C U O X J R O X U
S E Z G A C R I O K N R A O U R D A M P I F O N
S L Q S A E M Q A M I O B Z E Q W P A B N R E I
M A X E C A T G C U T W T P S W Y U E W D E X F
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X P B U B R J R G J K A E R B H C N U L Q J Y R
S K E I C A D B A C K P A C K D P U Z W G N E I
C T S E M E S T E R V S A T L H I M G M O Y L N
I A A O X T L N E H G F O A E Z A S E R A C L G
E A B M R C K T E C Z K M L M B A C X P A Q O B
N H P X A E Z N C K T Z F E P J K A V I H D V R
C G E T H C C H W D M W X N V D D T D R T V E E
E Q Z B M O A E E D U C A T I O N H I T J I R A
F B A D O Z L D S K J U T S X Y L O H D D F G K
A Y O R A H Y I E S W P N H S Y M L Z L W T M S
I U T N M L O J D M P F L O T F P I O E R I T J
R F X U M F D C B A I R X W S V N C D I R H V X
N O I T A C A V A A Y C Q D C Q M J H F V Q O X

science fair	field day	talent show	backpack
volleyball	football	soccer	baseball
uniform	summer	vacation	semester
lunch break	recess	spring break	holiday
grade	classmate	teacher	prindipal
report card	service project	field trip	physical ed
academic	education	texas	fort worth
school	catholic	family	holy

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St. Anselm is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharist, seeking to live the love of God through worship, word and service.

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

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

December 27th, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

1st Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40

January 3rd, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

1st Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12



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

Fr. Noël Clarke, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS: 7.00 & 9.00am

WEEKDAYS: 6:15 am

Wednesdays - Adoration at 5.30pm & Mass

HOLIDAYS: 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study Monday

6:15pm—Virtual

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: by appointment

BAPTISMS: Call Parish Office to arrange

A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS !

Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!



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.

Sir Basil Albury, Alice Anthony, Rosemary Black, Dorothy Curry, Tommy Demeritte, Jacqueline Dyce, Michael Farrington, Hartman Johnson, Edward Kerr, Marjorie Knowles, Ruth Knowles, Marjorie Knowles, Paula Lundy, Barbara Morley, Carmel Mortimer, Shirley Pinder, Mackey Rolle, Martha Roberts, Vernon Ritchie, Kyandre Sands, Giovanni Small, Mable Smith, Dorothy Symonette, Lucinda Symonette, Jacinta White, and Monique Young, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family is ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).



Daily Scripture Reading

Monday 28 th	Holy Innocents, Martyrs <i>First John 1:5 – 2: 2</i> <i>Resp. Ps. 124:2-3, 4-5, 76-8</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18</i>
Tuesday 29 th	Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr <i>First John 2:3-11</i> <i>Resp. Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 2:22-35</i>
Wednesday 30 th	First John 2:12-17 <i>Resp. Ps. 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 2:36-40</i>
Thursday 31 st	Christmas Weekday / Sylvester I, Pope <i>First John 2:8-21</i> <i>Resp. Ps. 96:1-2, 11-12, 13</i> <i>Gospel: John 1:1-18</i>
Friday Jan 1 st	Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God <i>Number 6:22-27</i> <i>Resp. Ps.67:2-3, 5, 6, 8</i> <i>Galatians 4:4-7</i> <i>Gospel Luke 2:16-21</i>
Tuesday, 2 nd	St. Basil The Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church <i>Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 or 1 John 2:22-28</i> <i>Resp. Ps. 23 or Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4</i> <i>Gospel Matthew 23:8-12 or John 1:19-28</i>

Happy Birthday Greetings are extended to: ... and to all celebrating this week.

Tahanna Davis, Mag Lowe, Marc Major, Michael Smith (today) Andretti Demeritte, Richea Springer, London & Brooklyn Brennen (Monday) Julie Bingham, Ida Major, Crystal McIntosh, Frances Ramsey-Morley (Tuesday) Dwayne Heastie (Wednesday) Chace Carey (Thursday) Sandra Clarke, Cecilia Okwesili, Delores Paul, Danny Thompson (Friday) Daryll Higgs, Karen Laing, Valgo Shannon (Saturday)



Commentators & Lectors

Feast of the Holy Family — December 27th, 2020

7:00am Bursel Woods — 1st Reader
Dedrie Woods — Commentator/2nd Reader
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9:00 Ricardo Taylor — Commentator/1st Reader  
Alexandria Taylor — 2nd Reader

### New Year's Vigil — December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

11:00pm Lana Edgecombe — 1st Reader  
Kevin Fernander — Commentator/2nd Reader  
  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
8:00am Twana Lockhart — Commentator/1st Reader  
Jean Gomez — 2nd Reader

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## Marriage Renewal Programme

Married Couples Only...Virtual Day of Reflection & Romantic Evening ....Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Cost:\$50.00 Please make checks payable to Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Nassau Bahamas (RCANB)  
Bank: Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)/Branch # 050625/  
Account #2423895

## 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~

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## Happy Wedding Anniversary

The parish community extends Happy Wedding Anniversary to Andretti & Jaquel Demeritte celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> today.

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## Schedule of New Year's Services

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| December 28 <sup>th</sup> , Monday   | Feast of the Holy Innocents (Public Holiday) | 8am Mass                    |
| December 31 <sup>st</sup> , Thursday | New Year's Eve                               | 10pm Holy Hour—11:00pm Mass |

*“A Blessed , Prosperous and Happy New Year to you and your families.”*