

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.

Darren Antonio Sr., Alice Anthony, Paul Barnett Sr., Rosemary Black, Guy-Philippe Berlin, Donadee Colebrooke, Sonia Darville, Cora Davis, Janet Davis, Carol & Sylvia Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Hartman Johnson, Edward Kerr, Ann Treco-Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Paula Lundy, Ida Major, Dellucose McPhee, Vanessa Moss, Derek & Donnell Musgrove, Takeru Perigord, Martha Roberts, Kyandre Sands, Jayde Smith, Noble Smith, Lucinda Symonette, Camille Turnquest, Anastasia Wilson, and Jacinta White, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).

Daily Scripture Reading

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Stephen, The First Martyr  
1st Reading: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Resp Ps: 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17  
Gospel: Matt. 10:17-22
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
1st Reading: 1 John 1:1-4  
Resp Ps: 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Gospel: John 20:14, 2-8
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
1st Reading: 1st John 1:5-2:2  
Resp Ps: 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8  
Gospel: Matt. 2:13-18
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
1st Reading: 1 John 2:3-11  
Resp Ps: 96:1-2a, 2b-3-11  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-35
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
1st Reading: Sirach 3-2-6, 12-14 or  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Resp Ps: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5  
Gospel: Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
1st Reading: 1 John 2: 18-21  
Resp Ps: 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13  
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Closure of Parish Office...The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, December 26th, 27th & 28th reopening on Thursday, December 29th. Then closed at 12.00noon on Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd reopening on Tuesday, January 3rd.

**Happy Birthday Greetings to...**Teneko Campbell, Christine Gomez, Jabari Wilmott (Today), Erskine Davis, Alexander Frazer, Alexander Mackey, Janae White (Mon.), Edward Brice, Tahanna Davis, Mag Lowe, Marc Major, Heather McQueen, Michael Smith, (Tues.), Andretti Demeritte, Richa Springer (Wed.) Julie Bingham, Ida Major, Crystal McIntosh, Frances Ramsey-Morley, Samantha Lamb-Turnquest, Tracey Barone, Chace Carey (Sat.).. and to all celebrating this week!

~Commentators & Lectors~

- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) – 25th December**  
9:00 am Brianne Gibson 1st Reader  
Marcia Gibson 2nd Reader/Commentator
- New Year's Eve – 31st December**  
10.00pm Derry Ferguson 1st Reader  
Bryant Collie 2nd Reader/Commentator
- The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – 1st January, 2023**  
9:00 am D'Renique Antonio 1st Reader  
Naka Morley 2nd Reader/Commentator

**New Year's Eve Mass** – Saturday, December 31st - 10.30 pm  
**New Year's Day Mass** – Sunday, January 1st 2023 – The Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God – 9:00 am  
**Mass at 800am on Monday, January 2nd**

Enjoy your Christmas Holidays!

Christmas Message 2022

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to those on whom his favor rests”. (Luke: 2:14)

Dear Parishioners,  
Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was born as one like us in every way but sin. It reminds us too that Jesus shares his divine life with us all through Baptism. Christmas reminds us that, as the divine and human were one in Jesus, we too need to nurture the divine life within us so that it integrates with the human in us progressively as our lives go on. Jesus taught us how to do this through daily prayer, participating in celebrations of the sacraments, meditating on the scriptures and loving others selflessly – particularly the sick, the poor and anyone in need.

\*\* Christmas this year will once again be very different for many of us due to the changes of 2021. Although we are on the tail end of the COVID-19 pandemic, it still impacts our lives, and while there are vaccinations and boosters, the crisis aftermath is not over. People are still contracting the virus and so we are still learning the lesson to coexist with this virus which is not going anywhere any time soon.

Yet the promises of God remain sure and steadfast. The familiar Scripture passages of the Christmas story contain many themes, including: “Do not be afraid” or “fear not”. The shepherds as well as Mary, Joseph, and Zechariah all needed this reassurance from the angels.

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in a town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11).

As we celebrate our Savior’s birth and enter into a new calendar year 2023, our trust in God is one way to manage fear and uncertainty. During Advent we focus on the waiting, reflecting and preparing. It is time again to reflect on the birth of Jesus which shows God’s love for us.

\*\* May Christ be born again into each of your hearts this Christmas season. As the divine life within us becomes integrated, increasingly may we find ourselves empowered to live as Jesus taught. As it matures, may it form us to think, speak and behave increasingly like Christ himself. May Christ himself empower us to love as he did and to reflect his face to others.

Christmas, therefore, reminds us of who we can become. It encourages us to nurture the divine life Jesus shares with us. As we do so we find the ‘peace on earth’ the angels sang of growing in our hearts. We can become people of peace in our families and among our friends.

On behalf of our pastoral team; Deacon Ricardo Demeritte and myself, our staff; Mrs. Marian Edgecombe, Mrs. Marcia Gibson, Mr. Larry Higgs, Mr. Frederick Demeritte and Ms. Tracy Newbold, I wish all a Christmas of renewed peace and happiness.

Fear not, and Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Noel Clarke, Parish Priest

Weekly Memory Verse (Challenge yourself)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

~ Romans 15:13 ~

**For unto us is born this day a Saviour! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving. I commit myself afresh to you.**

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Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

- Derek & Donell Musgrove celebrating their 23rd today.
- Dwight & Jacinta Higgs celebrating their 35th on Monday, December 26th.
- Donald & Antoinette Nouguez celebrating their 11th on Monday, December 26th.
- Andretti & Jaquel Demeritte celebrating their 8th on Tuesday December 27th.
- Colin & Arnette Bain celebrating their 2nd on Wednesday, December 28th.

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Save the date....

**Marriage Renewal Weekend Retreat.**

**"A weekend to remember...An experience you will never forget..."** February 10th-12th, 2023  
Emmanuel Centre contact Mrs. Eulie Elliott at 322-8919/328-4310/2, 322-7744 email: Elie.Elliott@radon.org

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Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

~Oren Arnold~

Prayer for the Week

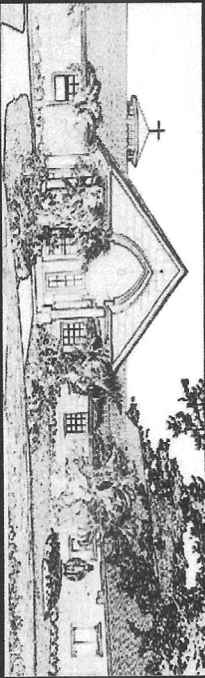
Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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| BIRTH OF JESUS | BOXING DAY     | CAROL SINGING      | HOLLY     | IVY            | MINCE PIES | SHEPHERDS | SNOWMAN        |          |
| CHIMNEY        | CHRISTMAS CAKE | CHRISTMAS PUD-DING | MISTLETOE | MULLED WINE    | PARITY     | STAR      | TINSEL         |          |
| CRACKERS       |                |                    | PRESENTS  | QUEEN'S SPEECH | REINDEER   | WISOMEN   | WRAPPING PAPER | YULE LOG |

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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.**

***"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."***

***"A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel." (Cf. Isaiah 9:5)***

December 25th, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas Day)

1st Reading Isaiah 62:11-12

2nd Reading Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Luke 2:15-20

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January 1st, 2023

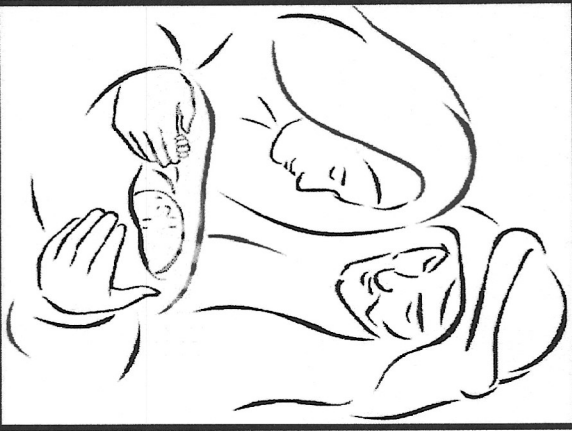
The Solemnity of Mary,

Holy Mother of God

1st Reading Bk of Num. 35:1-6a,10

2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 2:16-21



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D.,  
C.M.G., KC\*HS, Archbishop of Nassau.

Fr. Noel Clarke, Parish Priest

Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 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!*