<u>Around the Diocese</u>

BINGO NIGHT - Friday 21st February 6:30pm to 11:00pm St. Thomas More Church Grounds Madeira St. Palmdale. Tickets purchased in advance includes 2 Free Games.

SAVE THE DATE 2/28/2025 SFX BINGO NIGHT LOVE OF THE GAME ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL West Street. Bingo begins at 6:30pm until. HAPPY HOUR begins at 5pm until. Food and Drinks will be on sale.

Prayer for the Week

Our Father, As we come before you today, we lift up our hearts in prayer, seeking a week filled with hope and joy. We thank you for the gift of life and for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us. Father, in this world filled with uncertainty and challenges, we ask for your divine guidance and protection. Grant us the strength to face each day with courage and perseverance. Fill our hearts with hope, knowing that you are always by our side, guiding us through every storm. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Luke 6

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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.

"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord!"

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. (Cf. Psalm 31[30]:3-4)

<u>16th February 2025</u> <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Resp Ps:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12,16-20 Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

23rd February 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Resp Ps:103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G. KC*HS Archbishop of Nassau. Fr. Noël Clarke, Pastor Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE: SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 9.00am <u>WEEKDAYS</u>: 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. Cheryl Albury, Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Donnalee Colebrooke, Carol & Sylvia Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Insa Frith, Larry Higgs, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, George Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Drucilla Moss, Saintalus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Martha Roberts, Kyandre Sands, Jayde Smith, Mable Smith, Juanita Symonette, Jacinta White, Anastina Wilson 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).

17 February 2025 – Monday 1st Reading: Genesis 4: 1-15, 25 Resp Ps:50: 1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Gospel: Mark 8: 11-13

18 February 2025 – Tuesday 1st Reading: Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10 Resp Ps: 29: 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Gospel: Mark 8: 14-21

19 February 2025 – Wednesday 1st Reading: Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22 Resp Ps: 116: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Gospel: Mark 8: 22-26

20 February 2025 – Thursday 1st Reading: Genesis 9: 1-13 Resp Ps: 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Gospel: Mark 8: 27-33

21 February 2025 – Friday St. Peter Damian, Bishop 1st Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9 Resp Ps: 33: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Gospel: Mark 8: 34 – 9:1

22 February 2025 – Saturday Chair of St. Peter 1st Reading: 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Resp Ps: 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

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7:00am1st Reader/Commentator - Letitia Ellis
2nd Reader - Delora Moncur9:00am1st Reader - Youth
2nd Reader - Youth

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23rd7:00am1st Reader - Barbara Turnquest
2nd Reader/Commentator - Arthur Seymour9:00am1st Reader - Mechelle Martinborough
2nd Reader/Commentator - Derry Ferguson

<u>Cake Sale</u> St Anselm's Ladies Auxiliary will hold a cake sale next Sunday 23rd, after both Masses in the Parish Hall. The proceeds are towards continued work of the Church. Your kind support would be greatly appreciated.

Palm Sunday BranchesOld palm branches from last Palm Sunday can be
brought into the office in preparation of Ash
Wednesday which is on Wednesday 5th March.

<u>Reflecting on the Word</u> Another Wisdom

We all know that you must love your friends, and love those who love you. We know that you can't let people get away with slapping you in the face. We know that when someone takes something away from you, steps must be taken to have the stolen goods returned. We know that when you lend someone something, you expect them to pay it back. We know that criminals are to be judged, and wrongdoers are to be condemned. Such things are obvious. They are part of the wisdom of the ages that has been passed on to us, and which we are passing on to our children. But there is another wisdom, that revealed in God's Son and for which we pray in the opening prayer. According to this wisdom, you are to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, give people your other cheek to slap, offer more goods to those who are taking things from you, lend without expecting repayment, and go through life without judging or condemning anyone. This is the wisdom Jesus challenges us with in his sermon. So, how much "faith" are we to put in Jesus' words? Are we to take them literally, or at least very seriously? What would happen if Christians everywhere were to base their lives on such "wisdom"? Here is what the U. S. Bishops have said, on the subject. Jesus vielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers. If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.

~US Bishops, To Live in Christ Jesus, 1976:116. Gerald Darring~

Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Board of Education invites applications for the position of Finance Officer. Interested persons should contact the Catholic Education Centre for further details. Telephone number: 325-4452. Email address: **cboe@cec.edu.bs**.

Save the Date

NASSAU BAHAMAS KOINONIA 67th RETREAT

DATE: Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2025.

COST: \$70.00

WHO CAN ATTEND: Adults from 30 years to 80 years old. WHERE: Emmaus Centre, Bernard Road, Fox Hill Application forms can be printed at the Office for interested persons.

"Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." <u>Ephesians 5:2</u>