

**Fish Fry Fridays**  
 Continues every Friday until April 4th, 2025.  
 Immediately after Stations of the Cross.  
**Dinners are \$15.00**  
 Conch Fritters will also be on sale.  
 Sunday breakfast will be available for sale after both Masses.  
 Tickets are now available for the **Lenten Sacrifice - Fish Out**, from Committee Members or the Parish Office.  
**Cost \$15.00**  
**Date:** Saturday, April 12th from 12noon to 5pm in the Parish Hall.  
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**Causes of Spiritual Blindness**  
 Sin, which hardens the heart and darkens the mind, making it difficult to perceive spiritual truths.  
 Influence of Satan, who actively blinds the minds of unbelievers to prevent them from accepting the gospel.  
 Pride and self-reliance, which can lead to spiritual blindness.  
 Lack of faith, weak faith, or refusal to accept spiritual concepts.  
 Choosing to live without a relationship with God or giving in to a sinful lifestyle.  
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**Please continue to pray for our Elect:**  
 Kim Ritchie, Shavaldo Turnquest and Jasmine Dames as they continue their journey to full initiation into the Church.

**Prayer for the Week**  
 Eternal Father, Your word states that You will forgive me of my wickedness and will remember my sins no more! Thank You for Your mercy towards me because it is through Your grace and mercy that my sins have been washed away! You remember my sins no more because You demonstrate Your love for me. While I was still a sinner, Your love surrounded and continues to surround me, Amen.

Lent Word Search

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

Alms Giving  
Forgiveness  
Penance  
Repentance  
Sin

Cleansing  
Confession  
Mercy  
Temptation  
Abstinence

Prayer  
Ash  
Penitance  
Forty Days  
Fasting

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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 opens the blind man's eyes!"

"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."  
(Isaiah 66:10-11)

30th March 2025

4th Sunday in Lent – 2nd Scrutiny

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:16, 6-7,10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John:9:1-41

6th April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent - 3rd Scrutiny

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45



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  
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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**SUNDAYS:** 7.00am & 9.00am  
**WEEKDAYS:** 6.15 am  
Wednesdays - Adoration at 5.30pm followed by Mass  
**HOLIDAYS:** 8.00 a.m.  
Bible Study Monday 6.15pm—  
Virtual (CONFESSIONS:  
**SUNDAY:** by appointment  
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**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.

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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.

Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Donnalee Colebrooke, Carol & Sylvia Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Larry Higgs, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, George Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Christina Moss, Drucilla Moss, Saintalus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Martha Roberts, Jayde Smith, Joy Smith,

### Daily Readings

**31 March 2025 – Monday**

*1st Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-21*

*Resp Ps: 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b*

*Gospel: John 4: 43-54*

**1 April 2025 – Tuesday**

*1st Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12*

*Resp Ps: 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9*

*Gospel: John 5: 1-16*

**2 April 2025 – Wednesday**

*St. Francis of Paola, Hermit*

*1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-15*

*Resp Ps: 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18*

*Gospel: John 5: 17-30*

**3 April 2025 – Thursday**

*1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14*

*Resp Ps: 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23*

*Gospel: John 5: 31-47*

**4 April 2025 – Friday**

*St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop & Doctor*

*1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22*

*Resp Ps: 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23*

*Gospel: John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30*

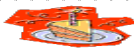
**5 April 2025 – Saturday**

*St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

*1st Reading: Jeremiah 11: 18-20*

*Resp Ps: 7: 2-3, 96c-10, 11-12*

*Gospel: John 7: 40-53*



### Happy Birthday Greetings to...

Eileen Bain (Today), Dr. Margo Beneby, Veronica

Hutchinson (Mon), Gregory Culmer (Tues), Hernande Nelson, Shantell Whyllly, (Wed), Dionette Miller, Raymond Johnson (Thurs), Deborah Higgs, Tyrone Miller, Betty Moss (Fri), Reno Mackey, Daryl Dorsett, Antonice Woodside, Marainda Munroe (Sat). and to all celebrating this week!

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### Commentators & Lectors

#### 4th Sunday of Lent - March 30th-Second Scrutiny

**7:00am** 1st Reader/Speaker - Vann Gaitor  
2nd Reader/Commentator/Narrator - Arthur Seymour  
Man - Bursel Wood

**9:00am** 1st Reader /Speaker– Dr. Lester Gittens  
2nd Reader/Commentator/Narrator– Kevin Fernander  
Man– Anthony Butler

#### 5th Sunday of Lent—April 6th Third Scrutiny

**7:00am** 1st Reader - Alexia Edgecombe/Commentator/Narrator  
2nd Reader - Kenra Knowles/Speaker

**9:00am** 1st Reader - Deline Gittens/Commentator/Narrator  
2nd Reader - Mary Musgrove/Speaker

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The CAAA has begun. No amount is too big or too small. Contributions can be made at the Parish Office, via Bank Transfer or at the Chancery Office.

Representatives: Sharon Noville, Rosemary Burton, Christine Greene, Fr. Clarke or Deacon Demeritte.

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### Prayerful Sympathy

Prayerful sympathy to Ms. Olive Major-Dean on the passing of her daughter, Donna Hepburn who died on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at Life Changers Ministries. May her soul rest in peace.

## Reflecting on the Word

It is striking that in the story of the man born blind the man's neighbors enter into a debate—once he is healed—as to whether it is in fact the same man. It is as if they have difficulty recognizing him once the blindness that was for them his defining feature is gone. It is also noteworthy that they refer to him as “the one who used to sit and beg.” For them, he was not a person with a name and a story, but simply a part of the landscape, wholly defined by his blindness and his begging. Furthermore, despite the fact that they know nothing about him, and seem to want to know nothing about him, they presume that his blindness must be the result of sin—either his sin or that of his parents.

Part of the irony of the story is that it is the man's neighbors who are really the blind ones. It is they who cannot see beyond their presumptions and prejudices and truly perceive the blind man. Moreover, they cannot truly see Jesus, saying that they know that he is a sinner. As Jesus heals the man's physical blindness, he is also trying to heal the blindness of the bystanders by giving them the eyes of faith, so they can see what the blind man now sees: that if Jesus were not from God he would not be able to do anything.

Though we might think of healing physical blindness as a great miracle, the Gospel of John seems to be saying that it is spiritual blindness that truly needs to be overcome, and it is the healing of the spiritual blindness that is the greatest miracle. ~*Living the Word*~

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### Wedding Anniversary

*Trevor & Nicole Tucker celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

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## Schedule for the Lenten & Easter Season

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7pm

**\*\*Reconciliation/Penance Service - Tuesday, 8th April at 7pm. (Various Priests will be present)**

**\*\*Wednesday 9th April, Chrism Mass at 7pm. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**

Sunday, 13th April - Palm Sunday - One Mass at 8:45am Procession will leave the church grounds at 8:15am

Thursday, 17th April - Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30pm

Friday, 18th April - Good Friday Children's Liturgy at 9:00am, Adult Liturgy at 1:00pm

Saturday, 19th April - Holy Saturday –Morning Prayer at 8:30am, Easter Vigil at 9:30pm

Sunday, 20th April - Easter Sunday - 9:00am Mass

Monday, 21st April - Feast of St. Anselm's/Easter Monday - 8:00am Mass

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### Marriage Preparation Classes

An invitation is extended to all **Engaged** or **Courting** couples to register for the **Spring Marriage Preparation Classes** beginning Wednesday, **April 2nd, 2025.**

A small donation of \$150.00 per couple is required. (Which includes text books)

**Venue:** Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm - **Duration:** 10 weeks

Application forms are available via the Archdiocesan website (<https://archdioceseofnassau.org/familylife>) or the Office of Family Life. Please contact your Parish Priest to commence this process.