

Marriage Preparation 2026 Schedule

January 7 – March 11

April 1st – June 3rd

September 2nd to November 4th

For more information kindly contact the office of Family life @ 322-8919. Mrs. Eulie Elliott.

St Anselm's Youth group resumes on Friday 16th January from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All teenagers 13 years to 18 years are invited.

Meaning of the Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. It shows us how Jesus begins his public work. In all three years, the Gospel tells how Jesus is baptized by John. The heavens open, and the voice of God calls Jesus his beloved Son.

This reminds us who Jesus is and why he came.

The readings also speak about God's servant who brings justice and peace.

They show that Jesus is gentle but strong. God's Spirit rests on him, and he brings light to all people. This day reminds us of our own baptism and how we are called to follow Jesus.

Marriage Renewal Weekend

"A Weekend to Remember An experience you will never forget.."

February 13th – 15th 2026, at Emmaus Centre. Registration Fees: Early Bird \$200.00, Regular \$250.00. For more information contact Joseph & Terez Curry.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ~John 3:16~

Prayer of the Week

Dear God and heavenly father, as I come before you today at the beginning of a new week, I asked for mercy, I ask for guidance, I ask for your protection. I do not know what this week holds in store for me, but I know if I keep trusting in you, I will overcome. Help me to be a good steward in all my endeavors. Guide my thoughts, guide my words and my deeds. Help me to be a blessing to all I come into contact with. Father silence my mouth if I am tempted to say anything untoward. Keep me in perfect peace. I ask these things through the mercy of your Son our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Baptism of Jesus

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PLEASED
OPEN
JESUS
DESERT
DOVE
VOICE
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THONGS
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JORDAN
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POWERFUL
SON
NAZARETH
SPIRIT
WATER
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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.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!"

"After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Cf. Matt.3:16-17)

January 11th, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Resp. Ps. 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts of The Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Mathew 3:13-17

January 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Resp Ps:40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



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

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

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.

Darren Antonio Sr., Stafford Armbrister, Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Uthan Cornish, Laurie Curtis, Carol Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Arnold Ferguson, Clarence Ferguson, Brian Fernander, Salvacion Foody, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Supt. Buchanan Moncur, Christina Moss, Drucilla Moss, Saintalus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Valgo Shannon, Jayde Smith, Juanita Symonette, Jacinta White, Nancy Wilmott, Anastina Wilson, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you or a member of your family is ill, kindly contact the Parish Office.)

Daily Readings

12 January 2026 – Monday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 1-8

Resp Ps: 116: 12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

13 January 2026 – Tuesday

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 9-20

Resp Ps: 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

14 January 2026 – Wednesday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20

Resp Ps: 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

15 January 2026 – Thursday

1 Reading: 1 Samuel 4: 1-11

Resp Ps: 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

16 January 2026 – Friday

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a

Resp Ps: 89: 16-17, 18-19

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

17 January 2026 – Saturday

St. Anthony, Abbot

1st Reading: Ephesians 6:10-13 or 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1

Resp Ps: 16 or Ps: 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26 or Mark 2: 13-17



Happy Birthday Greetings to Kaelyn

Demeritte, Darren Pierre, Valrea Sturruip,

Kendra Cartwright (Today) Warren Brown, Darren Antonio Jr,

Phillippa Rolle (Mon) Dellareese Woods-Isaacs, Steven Miller

(Tues) Amay Darling, Natika Thompson, Felipe Major, Gregory

Edgecombe, Donnell Owens, Nya Edwards, (Wed) Danna

Kemp, Jonathan Demeritte, Creola Kelly (Thurs) Edmund

Laing, Arnold Ferguson, Jeffrey Deal (Fri) Timothy Collie,

Shimar Bain, (Sat), and to all celebrating this week!

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

The Baptism of the Lord—January 11th, 2026

7am

1st Reader – Chante Beneby

2nd Reader/Commentator – Tanya Heastie

9am

1st Reader – Criselle Ferguson-King

2nd Reader/Commentator – Anthony Butler

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18th, 2026

7am

1st Reader - Lananita Edgecombe

2nd Reader/Commentator - Dedrie Woods

9am

1st Reader - Youth

2nd Reader - Youth

Commentator - Youth

Third Sunday in Ordinary-Time January 25th, 2026

7am

1st Reader/Commentator - Phillandra Wood

2nd Reader - Delora Moncur

9am

1st Reader - Mary Musgrove

2nd Reader/Commentator - Kevin Fernander

Way of Salvation

The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist was an embarrassment to the early church. John, after all, was the precursor to Jesus: why should Jesus be baptized by him.

And Jesus was sinless: how could he be “washed” of any sinfulness? Only Mark presents the event in a simple and straightforward way. Matthew and Luke soften its impact in their versions, and John leaves it out completely. The scholarly consensus is that the baptism actually took place and was preserved by the early church in spite of its misgivings.

One way to understand the baptism of the Lord would be to see it as a link between the exodus passage through water to the promised land and the sacramental passage through the water of baptism to salvation in Jesus Christ. Jesus acted out the same passage through water that has been undertaken by others since the beginning of salvation history.

The world must be washed of all that makes it unclean: alienation from God and from each other; attacks against life and against the author of life; the oppression of God’s children and the destruction of God’s creation. The world must pass through the same waters of salvation that Jews and Christians have passed through. The Church, now sojourning on earth as an exile, is necessary for salvation. For Christ, made present to us in his Body, which is the Church, is the one Mediator and the unique Way of salvation. In explicit terms he himself affirmed the necessity of faith and baptism and thereby affirmed also the necessity of the Church, for through baptism as through a door men enter the Church.

Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 1965: 4 Gerald Darring

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Kennel & Judy Mondesir celebrating their 24th on Monday the 12th

Catechumens and Candidates

Let us pray for our Candidates: Duval Davis, Logan Forbes, Giovanni Knowles and Catechumens: Vanria Gibson and Paige Souffrant, as they begin their journey to Full Communion in the Church.

Registration for admission to Catholic Schools

Registration for CATHOLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN children wishing to enter Catholic schools in New Providence will be held from MONDAY, JANUARY 5th to FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Students entering PRE-KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BY MARCH 31, 2026 and students entering KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD by MARCH 31, 2026. Parents/Guardians MUST present a copy of the birth AND baptismal certificates before receiving a registration form. Thank you for your cooperation.

St Anselm’s Gift Day 2025!

Thank you to all who gave so generously to make Gift Day 2025 successful. We ask God’s continued blessings on you and your family in 2026.

Prayerful Sympathy

The Parish community extends prayerful sympathy to Dawn Bailey-Collie on the passing of her father, Howard Bailey who died on December 13th in Canada, and will be buried on Saturday 10th January, in Canada. May he rest in peace.