



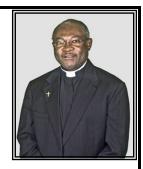
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2025



Luke 10:25-37 There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to donate the sanctuary candle in memory of someone or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the office and schedule a date.

A free will donation is welcome.

THE MASS INTENTION

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SICK MINISTRY

The Sacrament of the Sick is a fundamental practice in the Catholic Church intended to provide comfort, peace and spiritual strength to those who are seriously ill or aging.

Communion to the Sick by Priest: First Friday of the month. Or call the Church Office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: REFLECTION

Sometimes we need to be helped out of our rationalizations for not doing what our listening heart prompts us to do. At other times we are asked to be the one who can speak truth lovingly to a friend who struggles to do what compassion askes of him or her. Heeding the voice of God to know the right action requires listening in prayer and in honest conversation with trusted friends and openness to hearing the cacophonous cries of needy neighbors.

MASS INTENTIONS: - WEEKEND, July 12th — 13th, 2025

Sat. 12th 4:00 p.m. B/D Blessings Gabriel Delgado

Sun. 13th 7:15 a.m. For the people of the parish

> 9:00 a.m. + Malcolm Evans, Jr. by wife/children

+ Rita Schuster by family 11:00 a.m.

July 15th — 18th DAILY MASSES

Tue. 15th 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Mark Bass

Wed 16th 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Jadriel John by godmother

Thu 17th 6:30 a.m. Special Intention for Guye family

> ---No Mass ---8:15 a.m.

Fri. 18th 6:30 a.m. Morris Moorehead by his family

NEXT WEEKEND July 19th — 20th

19th 4:00 p.m. + Judge Julio Brady by his wife Sat.

 $Sun. \ 20^{th}$ 7:15 a.m. B/D Blessings Carmen Paraliticci

> 9:00 a.m. + Bertie and Agatha Thomas by family B/D Blessings Akeela Moorehead 11:00 a.m.

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God. our Father, all the elements of vour nature obey command. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love as you turn our fears into praise of your goodness. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle: be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou. O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

DAILY

14 -Monday Ex 1: 8-14,22 Mt 10: 34-11:1 <u> 15 - Tuesday</u>

R Ex 2:1-15a E Mt 11:20-24 16 - Wednesday

Ex 3:1 -6, 9-12

Mt 11: 25-27

17 -Thursday Ex 3: 13-20 Mt 11:28- 30

D

<u> 18 - Friday</u>

Ex 11:10-12:14 Mt 12: 1-8

19 -Saturday

Ex 12:37-42 A Mt 12: 14-21

I <u> 20 - Sunday</u>

Gn 18:1-10a N Col 1:24-28

G Lk 10:38-42 Sacraments

Baptism

Please register at the office between 9-2 p.m. The Sacrament is celebrated the last Sunday of the month after the 11:00a.m. Mass.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9:00—10:00 a.m. or by appointment

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six (6)months before the wedding date.

Funeral

No Funeral on Thursdays or Weekends. Please contact the Church Office. No date is to be set without consulting the Church Office.

Directory

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On Friday, June 13, 2025, Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio ordained Modestus U. Dike as a Deacon. The event took place in Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Charlotte Amalie, during a Eucharistic celebration presided at by the Bishop himself.

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

Recent Appointments in the Diocese

Rev. Michael Oswusu Adjei St. Patrick's Parish, St. Croix Parochial Vicar as of 6/5/25

Rev. Joseph Nguele Toko All Catholic Schools in the diocese Superintendent as of 6/14/25

Rev. Ronan Sarmiento Sts. Peter & Paul School, St. Thomas Principal as of 7/1//25

Sister Edith Itor St. Mary's School, St. Croix Principal as of 7/1/25

May the Lord continue to assist them as they carry out their new assignments.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Is burning for a Special Intention by the Parrilla family.

<u>Student Mass:</u> On Thursdays at 8:15a.m. will be in recess during the month of July. We will return in August.

The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life, 19th Annotation Retreat September 2025 to May 2026:

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are offered as an eight-month retreat in daily life that follows a practice of daily meditation and contemplation of scripture reading. Through this experience, retreatants deepen their experience of God's presence in their lives.

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<u>St. Mary's School</u>- The school office will re-open on August 4th from 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Students return to school on August 18th.

Bishop's Appeal 2025

We have conclude the public phase of the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you to all who have responded with generosity and faith. Your support brings renewed hope to our church through Catholic education, charitable outreach, and pastoral ministry. Though the public phase ended, contributions to the Appeal will be gratefully accepted through December 31, 2025. If you have not yet had a chance to give, please consider doing so today. *Online Giving*: catholicvi.com or by mail Diocese of St. Thomas (Memo Bishop's Appeal) P.O. Box 301825 St. Thomas, V.I. 00803 Thank you for your continued support.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend our second collection is for the Maintenance and Repairs of the parish. Please be generous.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION: LIVESTREAMING: Our Church is equipped with Livestream capability. We still need young people in the Communication's Ministry who would help us operating these equipment during the weekend masses. When streaming, you can get us at: https://vimeo.com/holycrossusvi Church.

<u>MEN FELLOWSHIP:</u> "THAT MAN IS YOU" Welcome Back Men! Saturdays @ 7:00 a.m. All men are welcome. Hot breakfast and coffee served. If you have any questions, contact Nick 757-672-2157 or Jeff Jones at jeffbmttx@gmail.com

<u>VICTORIA'S KITCHEN:</u> Feed the less fortunate at Holy Cross on Thursdays! Your donations help support this worthy cause. You can place your check in the collection basket payable to Holy Cross Church, attention: <u>Victoria's Kitchen</u>



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THE HAIL MARY PRAYER WITH THE PETITION TO RLIND SATAN

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.



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