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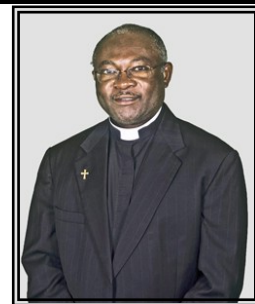
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 20, 2025



[Luke 10:38-42](#) Today's gospel tells the [story of Martha and her sister Mary](#). Of the two sisters, Martha is the busiest in attending to all her chores. This in fact was the reason why she tells Jesus about her being busy all the time. Mary was the one who sat on her feet and listen to Jesus. While Martha is still much occupied with all the chores, Mary sat down and is willing to hear Jesus.

Sometimes, we are always delighted to let Jesus be the center of everything we have. We are proud to have Jesus in our lives so we take advantage of the time to be with Him through our good deeds. We are ready to always listen to His words in our hearts. We give Jesus the priority He deserves and we are Mary in this situation.

Yet, most of the time we are Martha. We are pre-occupied with so many things in this life. We are always busy with what keeps our blood running. We neglect our duty to Jesus as

His most willing servant. We forgot Jesus and we are Martha in this sense. The gospel in Luke 10:38-42 only gives us two side of the coin. Whether we be like Martha who keeps getting busy and neglect her duty as a Christian or we become Mary. If we are Mary, we must leave our chores behind and offer Jesus our time. It gives us our options but Jesus wanted us to be like Mary. Forget everything for the Kingdom of God and everything will be in place.



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

IS OUR APPEAL TO GOD FOR OUR LOVED ONES.

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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.

"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: REFLECTION

There was never any question in the early church about women becoming disciples. Both Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus and the word he spoke (vv.38-39). The controversy swirled around what women would do with what they learned while sitting at Jesus' feet. The Answer Luke gave was quite understandable for his time. Today's gospel invites us to reflect on what answer Jesus might give today to the question of a woman's place in the ministries of the church as they have now evolved.

MASS INTENTIONS: – WEEKEND, July 19th — 20th, 2025

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

Sun. 20th 7:15 a.m. B/D Blessing Carmen Paralicci

9:00 a.m. + Bertie and Agatha Thomas by family

11:00 a.m. B/D Blessings Akeela Moorehead

DAILY MASSES July 22nd — 25th

Tue. 22nd 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Chris Booth

Wed 23rd 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Jada Clarke by mother

Thu 24th 6:30 a.m. + Cruz Santana by family

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

Fri. 25th 6:30 a.m. + Albert and Christian Lindquist

NEXT WEEKEND July 26th — 27th

Sat. 26th 4:00 p.m. B/D Blessings Z'Qui Chapman

B/D Blessings Edward J. Modeste

Sun. 27th 7:15 a.m. -----

9:00 a.m. 1st Wedding Anniversary Dr. Prasad

+ Delano King by wife /children

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

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your 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

21 -Monday

Ex 14: 5-18

Mt 12: 38-42

22 - Tuesday

Sg 3:1-4b

Jn 20:1-2,11-18

23 - Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13: 1-9

24 -Thursday

Ex 19: 1-2,9-11,
16-20b

Mt 13:10- 17



25 - Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20: 20-28

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26 -Saturday

Ex 24:3-8

Mt 13: 24-34

27 - Sunday

Gn 18 :20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

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.

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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 In Memory of Hector Manuel "Manny" Aponte by his mother Mireya.

Student Mass: 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.

A Commitment of : **Daily Prayer, *Meeting twice a month with an individual spiritual director* Gathering Wednesday evening from 5:00- 6:30 p.m. (twice a month) for group reflection, companionship and faith-sharing.* Registration is ongoing. Only the first 24 retreatant are accepted. To apply, please contact: Sr. Cecilia Foleng at folengcecilia@gmail.com (340)422-4020

St. Mary's School- 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 Peter's Pence. 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.

MEN FELLOWSHIP: "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**

VICTORIA'S KITCHEN: 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: Victoria's Kitchen



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PRAYER WITH THE
PETITION TO
BLIND 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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