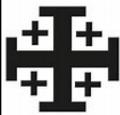


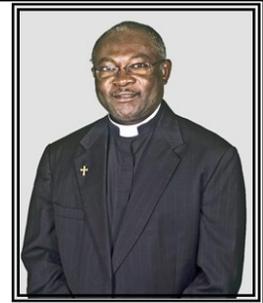


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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 27, 2025



Luke 11:1-13 Our gospel for today is from Luke 11:1-13. This is the day that our Father in heaven taught us His prayer. This is when we are taught how to ask for the blessings from God. "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find." This is what God has told us to do in times when we are in dire need.

The gospel tells us a very big lesson that we must also pass down to our children. The Lord's Prayer is a very powerful prayer that our Lord Jesus gave us when we asked Him to teach us to pray. Even though we memorized the prayer word for word, it is ineffective if we will not put all our heart in it. The Lord's Prayer is very effective if we seek to put our soul mind and heart in the prayer. It is a guide that will bring us to talk to God heart by heart. We must put our whole being when we pray the Lord's Prayer. To note, we must ask for forgiveness first for the sins then after that is the time to ask God everything. Remember that when we pray, it is not important whether you utter very long words or not. What is inside your heart is enough to talk to God in a way you can express your gratitude. Then ask for everything for He will grant it. Maybe not now, not tomorrow but soon. The only thing you should put in mind is that God never fails you when you know how to reach for Him. Luke 11-1:13 tells us the importance of praying.



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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.
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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

It is tempting to think that we need to bargain with God to receive good gifts. Today's gospel teaches us that God Stands ready and eager to open the door to whoever knocks and to give whatever we ask, just as parents desire to give goods gifts to their children. The gospel challenges the idea that God sends suffering to test or challenge or strengthen us and insists that God desires only good for us. We do not have to badger God to give us good things.

MASS INTENTIONS: – WEEKEND, July 26th — 27th, 2025

Sat. 26th 4:00 p.m. B/D Blessings Z'Qui Chapman
 B/D Blessings Edward J. Modeste
 Sun. 27th 7:15 a.m. + Agustin Lorenzo, Guillermo Lorenzo,
 Angelica Peneda, Rosa Maria Reye,
 Cristobal Done by Aurelia Done
 9:00 a.m. 1st Wedding Anniversary Dr. Prasad
 + Delano King by wife and children
 11:00 a.m. + Rita Schuster by family

DAILY MASSES July 29th — August 1st

Tue. 29th 6:30 a.m. + Graciano Belardo by family
 Wed 30th 6:30 a.m. In Honor of St Anthony of Padua by
 Terrence T. Joseph
 Thu 31st 6:30 a.m. In Honor of St Anthony of Padua by
 Terrence T. Joseph
 8:15 a.m. - - -No Mass - - -
 Fri. 1st 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Beatrice Wallace

NEXT WEEKEND August 2nd — 3rd

Sat. 2nd 4 :00 p.m. + Ole Vinding by Highfield family
 Sun. 3rd 7:15 a.m. + Margarita de Jesus Lauriano by family
 9:00 a.m. + Malcolm Evans, Jr. by wife/children

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

28 -Monday

Ex 32: 15-24,30-34

Mt 13: 31-35

29 - Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11;34:

5b-9,28

Jn 11:19-27

30 - Wednesday

Ex 34 :29 -35

Mt 13: 44-46

31 -Thursday

Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53



1 - Friday

Lv 23:1,4-11,

15-16,27,34b-37

Mt 13: 54-58

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2 -Saturday

Lv 25:1,8-17

Mt 14: 1-12

3 - Sunday

Eccl 1 :2;2: 21-23

Col 3:1-5,9-11

Lk 12:13-21

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 in Memory of Frank and Edris McNamara by children.

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 Parish Insurance. 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.

ASSUMPTION: The solemnity of the Assumption will be celebrated at 6:30 am in Church.

MARRIAGE: *There is a promise of convalidation between Gregorio Sanchez Sanchez and Damalis Griselda Batista Henriquez on August 15, 2025; Solemnity of the Assumption. Please keep the candidates in your prayers*

FUNERAL: *A funeral mass will be held on August 1, 2025 at 9:00 am for the eternal rest of ELROY WILLIAMS*

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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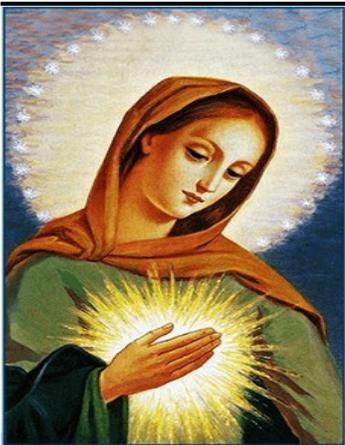
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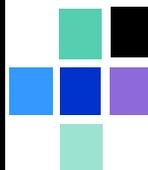
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PRAYER WITH THE
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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, **spread 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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