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BISHOP OF ST THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
His Excellency Jerome Feudjio

FOREWORD

With heartfelt gratitude and renewed faith, I present to you the **2026 COMPENDIUM** of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This annual publication continues to be a vital resource for our Diocesan family, offering guidance, connection, and inspiration as we journey together in Christ.

As we conclude the Jubilee Year of Hope, we reflect on the many graces and blessings that have accompanied us throughout this sacred time. Our shared experiences of prayer, service, and community have deepened our commitment to living as witnesses of hope in a world that longs for healing and peace. Though the Jubilee year comes to a close, the spirit of hope remains alive in our hearts and in the mission of our local Church.

Within these pages, you will find the **Directory**, which offers updated contact information and descriptions of our parishes, schools, and ministries. It is a tool to help us stay connected and engaged in the life of our Diocese.

The **Liturgical Calendar** continues to guide our worship and spiritual rhythm, inviting us to enter more fully into the mysteries of our faith. The **Pastoral Calendar**, integrated within, outlines the many events and initiatives planned for the year – each one a testament to the dedication of our clergy, religious, and lay faithful who serve with love and devotion.

This **COMPENDIUM** is more than a reference; it is a reflection of our shared mission to build a Church rooted in faith, hope, and love. I encourage you to use it as a companion throughout the year, allowing it to support and inspire your personal and communal journey.

I extend my sincere thanks to all who contributed to this publication. Your work is a blessing to our Diocese and a sign of the collaborative spirit that continues to strengthen our community.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless us as we move forward together, united in the joy of the Gospel.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name "Jerome Feudjio". The script is fluid and cursive.

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands

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Ecclesiastical Province of Anchorage-Juneau

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Juneau

Diocese of Fairbanks

Ecclesiastical Province of Atlanta

Archdiocese of Atlanta

Diocese of Charleston

Diocese of Charlotte

Diocese of Raleigh

Diocese of Savannah

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Baltimore**

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Diocese of Arlington
Diocese of Richmond
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Diocese of Wilmington

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Boston**

Archdiocese of Boston
Diocese of Burlington
Diocese of Fall River
Diocese of Manchester
Diocese of Portland
Diocese of Springfield in
Massachusetts
Diocese of Worcester

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Chicago**

Archdiocese of Chicago
Diocese of Belleville
Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Peoria
Diocese of Rockford
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Cincinnati**

Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Diocese of Cleveland
Diocese of Columbus
Diocese of Steubenville
Diocese of Toledo in Ohio
Diocese of Youngstown

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Denver**

Archdiocese of Denver
Diocese of Cheyenne
Diocese of Colorado Springs
Diocese of Pueblo

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Detroit**

Archdiocese of Detroit
Diocese of Gaylord
Diocese of Grand Rapids
Diocese of Kalamazoo
Diocese of Lansing
Diocese of Marquette
Diocese of Saginaw

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Dubuque**

Archdiocese of Dubuque
Diocese of Davenport
Diocese of Des Moines
Diocese of Sioux City

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Galveston-Houston**

Archdiocese of Galveston-
Houston
Diocese of Austin
Diocese of Beaumont
Diocese of Brownsville
Diocese of Corpus Christi
Diocese of Tyler
Diocese of Victoria

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Hartford**

Archdiocese of Hartford
Diocese of Bridgeport
Diocese of Norwich
Diocese of Providence

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Indianapolis**

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Diocese of Evansville
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Ben
Diocese of Gary
Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Kansas City**

Archdiocese of Kansas City in
Kansas
Diocese of Dodge City
Diocese of Salina
Diocese of Wichita

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Las Vegas**

Archdiocese of Las Vegas
Diocese of Reno
Diocese of Salt Lake City

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Los Angeles**

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Diocese of Fresno
Diocese of Monterey
Diocese of Orange
Diocese of San Bernardino
Diocese of San Diego

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Louisville**

Archdiocese of Louisville
Diocese of Covington
Diocese of Knoxville
Diocese of Lexington
Diocese of Memphis
Diocese of Nashville
Diocese of Owensboro

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Miami**

Archdiocese of Miami
Diocese of Orlando
Diocese of Palm Beach
Diocese of Pensacola–
Tallahassee
Diocese of St. Augustine
Diocese of St. Petersburg
Diocese of Venice in Florida

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Milwaukee**

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Diocese of Green Bay
Diocese of La Crosse
Diocese of Madison
Diocese of Superior

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Mobile**

Archdiocese of Mobile
Diocese of Biloxi
Diocese of Birmingham
Diocese of Jackson

**Ecclesiastical Province
of New Orleans**

Archdiocese of New Orleans
Diocese of Alexandria
Diocese of Baton Rouge
Diocese of Houma–Thibodaux
Diocese of Lafayette in Louisiana
Diocese of Lake Charles
Diocese of Shreveport

**Ecclesiastical Province
of New York**

Archdiocese of New York
Diocese of Albany
Diocese of Brooklyn
Diocese of Buffalo
Diocese of Ogdensburg
Diocese of Rochester
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Diocese of Syracuse

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Newark**

Archdiocese of Newark
Diocese of Camden
Diocese of Metuchen
Diocese of Paterson
Diocese of Trenton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Oklahoma City**

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Diocese of Little Rock
Diocese of Tulsa

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Omaha**

Archdiocese of Omaha
Diocese of Grand Island
Diocese of Lincoln

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Philadelphia**

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Diocese of Allentown
Diocese of Altoona–Johnstown
Diocese of Erie
Diocese of Greensburg
Diocese of Harrisburg
Diocese of Pittsburgh
Diocese of Scranton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Portland**

Archdiocese of Portland in
Oregon
Diocese of Baker
Diocese of Boise
Diocese of Great Falls–Billings
Diocese of Helena

**Ecclesiastical Province
of St. Louis**

Archdiocese of St. Louis
Diocese of Jefferson City
Diocese of Kansas City–Saint
Joseph
Diocese of Springfield–Cape
Girardeau

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Saint Paul and Minneapolis**

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and
Minneapolis
Diocese of Bismarck
Diocese of Crookston
Diocese of Duluth
Diocese of Fargo
Diocese of New Ulm
Diocese of Rapid City
Diocese of Saint Cloud
Diocese of Sioux Falls
Diocese of Winona–Rochester

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Antonio**

Archdiocese of San Antonio
Diocese of Amarillo
Diocese of Dallas
Diocese of El Paso
Diocese of Fort Worth
Diocese of Laredo
Diocese of Lubbock
Diocese of San Angelo

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Francisco**

Archdiocese of San Francisco
Diocese of Honolulu
Diocese of Oakland
Diocese of Sacramento
Diocese of San Jose
Diocese of Santa Rosa
Diocese of Stockton

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Santa Fe**

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Diocese of Gallup
Diocese of Las Cruces
Diocese of Phoenix
Diocese of Tucson

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Seattle**

Archdiocese of Seattle

Diocese of Spokane

Diocese of Yakima

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Washington**

Archdiocese of Washington

Diocese of Saint Thomas in the
Virgin Islands

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CONFERENCE**

**Ecclesiastical Province
of San Juan**

Archdiocese of San Juan

Diocese of Arecibo

Diocese of Caguas

Diocese of Fajardo–Humacao

Diocese of Mayagüez

Diocese of Ponce

**EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE
OF THE PACIFIC**

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Agaña**

Archdiocese of Agaña

Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

**Ecclesiastical Province
of Samoa–Apia**

Diocese of Samoa–Pago Page

ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF WASHINGTON

The Ecclesiastical Province of Washington DC comprises the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

Archdiocese of Washington DC

Statistics

Area -----2,104 sq mi (5,450 km2)

Population (as of 2017)

Total -----2,980,005

Catholics-----655,601 (22.0%)

Parishes -----139

Schools -----93

Information

Denomination-----Catholic Church

Rite-----Roman Rite

Established -----July 29, 1939 (85 years ago)

Cathedral-----Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

Patron saint -----Our Lady of the Immaculate
Conception

Secular priests -----277

Current leadership

Metropolitan Archbishop-----His Eminence Robert Cardinal
McElroy

Auxiliary Bishops -----Most. Rev Roy Edward Campbell
Most Rev. Juan Esposito-Garcia
Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala

Bishops Emeritus -----Most Rev. Donald William Wuerl
His Eminence Wilton Card. Gregory

Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands

THE BISHOP

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Born: September 30, 1955

Ordained Priest: September 29, 1990

Appointed Bishop: March 2, 2021

Ordained Bishop: April 17, 2021

Coat of Arms of Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio



To the viewer's left is a display of the arms of the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and to the right, the personal arms of Bishop Jerome Feudjio. In the chief green field is the blue and silver (white) letter "M", an emblem of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The center field of red speaks of the dignity of St Jerome, the patron of Bishop Feudjio. The base field of gold carries the "tree of peace" of Cameroon, and the banner carries the

Bishop's motto.

Read more:



Scan this QR code for details about the Bishop's Coat of Arms.

FORMER DIOCESAN BISHOPS

Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard

Ordained: May 20, 1972

Appointed Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands: July 7, 2008

Episcopal Ordination and Installation: September 3, 2008

Retired: September 18, 2020

Died: September 20, 2025

Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.

Ordained Priest: June 9, 1979

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago: January 24, 1995

Episcopal Ordination: March 20, 1995

Appointed Coadjutor of the Diocese of St. Thomas: May 4, 1998

Installed as Bishop of St. Thomas: June 30, 1999

Transferred to the Diocese of Youngstown: March 28, 2007

Most Reverend Elliott G. Thomas

Ordained Priest: June 6, 1986

Episcopal Ordination and Installation: December 12, 1993

Retired: June 30, 1999

Died: February 28, 2019

Most Reverend Sean P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

Ordained Priest: August 29, 1970

Appointed Coadjutor: May 30, 1984

Episcopal Ordination: August 2, 1984

Installed as Diocesan Bishop: October 16, 1985

Transferred to Diocese of Fall River: August 11, 1992

Most Reverend Edward J. Harper, C.Ss.R.

Ordained Priest: June 18, 1939

Consecrated Bishop: October 6, 1960

Named First Residential Bishop of St. Thomas: April 20, 1977

Retired: October 15, 1985

Died: December 2, 1990

Coat of Arms of the Diocese



Blue Field and Silver Wavy Border:

The blue background represents the vast and serene Caribbean Sea that surrounds the Virgin Islands. The silver (white) wavy border further emphasizes the maritime nature of the Diocese, symbolizing the waves of the ocean.

Thirteen Silver Stars:

These stars are a nod to the original thirteen colonies of the United States, underscoring the historical connection and the status of the Virgin Islands as a U.S. territory. The stars also symbolize guidance and hope, much like the stars that guide sailors at sea.

Crossed Gold Keys and Gold Sword:

The gold keys are a symbol of Saint Peter, who is often depicted holding the keys to the kingdom of heaven. This represents the authority and spiritual leadership of the Church. The gold sword represents Saint Paul, known for his missionary journeys and martyrdom. Together, the keys and sword highlight the patron saints of the Cathedral in Charlotte Amalie, Saints Peter and Paul, symbolizing faith, leadership, and sacrifice.

The coat of arms of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is a beautiful amalgamation of local heritage, historical ties, and spiritual symbolism, reflecting the unique identity and mission of the Diocese.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St. Thomas comprises the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands, specifically the islands of St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Water Island. First erected as the Territorial Prelature of the Virgin Islands on July 23, 1960, it was established as the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands on April 20, 1977.

Our Diocese is within the Ecclesial Province of Washington, D.C., the only Suffragan diocese to the Archdiocese of Washington.

We have a diverse community of faithful with varied backgrounds, from the islanders to the Hispanics, the Haitians to the French Community. This is a reflection of our rich religious and cultural heritage, which further enriches our worship and the way we celebrate and live the faith.

Pastorally, the Diocese is divided into two deaneries, which all together have nine (9) Parishes. St Thomas – St John Deanery consists of Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral; Holy Family Parish; Ste Anne's Parish; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish; and Our Lady of

Mt Carmel Parish (in St John Island). St Croix Deanery comprises Holy Cross Parish; St Ann's Parish; St Patrick's Parish; and St Joseph's Parish.

The Diocese of St. Thomas belongs to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and it has observer status with the Antilles Episcopal Conference (AEC):

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Carriacou, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Petit Martinique, Saba, St. Eustatius, St Kitts Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH

The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul is the principal church of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Located in Charlotte Amalie, this historic cathedral is known for its beautiful architecture and stunning murals.

Although its genesis is actually in 1773, the current structure dates back to 1848 and has undergone significant restoration efforts, especially after the damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. Dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, it serves as the mother church of the diocese and is a central place of worship and community for local Catholics.

The cathedra (seat of the Bishop) is found in this church. The cathedral's mission is to continue Jesus Christ's ministry by preaching the Gospel, furthering the community's faith, and providing meaningful liturgies. It is open to visitors and offers regular Masses and confessions among other things, making it a spiritual and cultural landmark in the Virgin Islands.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS OF THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of St Thomas is divided into two Deaneries¹. Each of these deaneries is further divided into Parishes as follows:

St Thomas – St John Deanery

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
Holy Family Catholic Church
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
Saint Anne's Catholic Church
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church

St Croix Deanery

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
Saints Joachim and Ann Church
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

QUICK INFO:

Country: -----United States of America
Territory: -----Saint Thomas, Saint Croix, and Saint
John in the United States Virgin
Islands
Ecclesiastical province: -----Washington
Area: -----52 sq mi (135 km²)

¹ A Deanery (also known as a Vicariate Forane) is a grouping of neighboring parishes within a Diocese, organized by the Bishop based on geographic location. Each deanery is overseen by a Dean, who is a priest appointed by the Bishop.

The Dean's responsibilities include: promoting and coordinating pastoral activities within the deanery; ensuring that the clergy in the deanery lead lives consistent with their vocation and perform their duties diligently; overseeing the proper conduct of religious functions and the maintenance of church properties; ensuring that parish records are accurately kept and that the rectories are well-maintained; providing support and resources for the clergy, especially in difficult pastoral situations.

This structure helps to facilitate better communication and collaboration among parishes and ensures that the pastoral needs of the community are effectively met.

Population (as of 2010)

Total: -----108,612

Catholics: -----30,000 (27.6%)

Parishes: -----9

Rite: -----Roman Rite

Established: -----April 30, 1960 (64 years ago)

Cathedral:-----Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

PATRONAGE OF THE DIOCESE

While the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul honors the two great apostles as its patrons, the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands has long fostered a deep devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This Marian title, promoted worldwide by the Redemptorist Fathers, holds special significance in the Virgin Islands, where the Redemptorists played a foundational role in the Diocese's early years.

The first bishop of the Diocese, Edward John Harper, C.Ss.R., was a member of the Redemptorist Order, and it is widely held that he consecrated the Diocese to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, although no formal decree has been located. Today, this devotion continues vibrantly throughout the Diocese, especially in the Parish named in her honor in Mafolie, St. Thomas.

In recent years, internal discussions have emerged about (re)consecrating the Diocese to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, reaffirming her maternal role in guiding the local Church's mission of evangelization, unity, and service.

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Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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Diocesan Chaplain:

Very Rev. Anthony Abraham
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Youth Ministry

Diocesan Coordinator:

Rev. Ronan N. Sarmiento
St. Anne's Church,
Frenchtown

Family Life Apostolate

Diocesan Coordinator:

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Hispanic Ministry

Diocesan Coordinator:

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Apostleship of the Sea and Cruise Ship

Diocesan Coordinator:

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Diocesan Buildings and Facilities

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IV. Diocesan Councils & Committees

College of Consultors

Vicar General (ad tempus)

Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci

Chancellor of the Diocese:

Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Religious

Very Rev. Anthony Abraham

Members:

Rev. Louis Kemayou

Rev. Mathias Njong

Rev. Touchard G. Tignoua

Rev. Robert Kenfack

Council of Priests (Presbyteral Council)

President:

Diocesan Bishop:

Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio

Secretary:

Chancellor:

Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Ex Officio Members

Vicar General:

Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci

Episcopal Vicar for Clergy & Religious:

Very Rev. Anthony Abraham

Priest Representatives of the Bishop in Various Ministries and Services:

All are already included above

Deans:

All are already included above

Appointed Members:

Rev. Louis Kemayou

Rev. Mathias Njong

Rev. Touchard G. Tignoua

Rev. Robert Kenfack

Diocesan Finance Council

President:

Diocesan Bishop:

Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio

Ex Officio Members:

Diocesan Financial Officer:

Mr. Warren Bush

Chancellor

Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Appointed Members:

Ms. Esther Felix

Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

Mr. Louis de Lyrot

Mr. Martin Emanuel, Sr.

Ms. Bernadette Patrick

Ms. Keya Chongasing Garner

Mr. Aubrey Washington

Ms. Debra Gottlieb

Ms. Justina Abraham

Rev. Mr. Clement Daniel

Ms. Mona Bedminster

Ms. Cydrenia Ferness

**Diocesan Communications
Board**

Chairperson:

Diocesan Bishop:
Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio

Ex Officio Members:

Vicar General:
Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci

Chancellor:
Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Director of Communications:
Elvis Nsaikila

Assistant Director of
Communications:
Clovis Tang Kwale

Editor of the Catholic
Islander:
Bernadette Patrick

Appointed Members:

Rev. Louis Kemayou
Rev. Joseph Toko

**Diocesan Catholic Education
Board**

Chairperson:

Diocesan Bishop:
Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio

Ex Officio Members:

Chancellor of the Diocese:
Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Principals of all Catholic
Schools:

Sr. Edith Itor, S.S.T.
Ms. Colleen Mae Williams
Rev. Ronan Sarmiento
Ms. Lydia Davis

Appointed Members:

Mr. Martin Emanuel, Sr.
Dr. Gwen Moolenaar
Ms Alexandria Angelique
Ms Aubrey Washington

V. Clergy & Seminarians

Priests

DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Priests incardinated into the Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

Rev. Msgr. Michael Kosak

Ordained: 6/6/1970

Sts. Joachim and Ann Church

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stannbarrenspot@gmail.com

Rev. (Cpt) Cecil Corneille

Ordained: 5/19/1995

Military Chaplain,

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Rev. Anthony Abraham

Ordained: 08/04/2008

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

P.O. Box 241, Cruz Bay,

St. John VI 00831

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olmcstjohn@gmail.com

Rev. (LTC) José Herrera

Ordained: 4/11/1989

Military Chaplain, New

Mexico

Rev. Eduardo Ortiz Santiago

Ordained: 7/30/2011

Florida (Retired)

Rev. Simon Obeng

Ordained: 12/30/1989

Military Chaplain

Rev. Kerly Francois

Ordained: 01/04/2014

St. Paul Church,

216 Nassau Street,

Princeton, NJ 08542

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Rev. Louis Kemayou

Ordained: 07/04/1992

Holy Cross Church

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Rev. Boniface Twaibu

Ordained: 01/04/2014

Catholic University of

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Rev. Simon Peter Opira

Ordained: 05/23/1993

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Rev. Touchard Tignoua

Ordained: 02/14/2015
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Shoreview, MN 55126

Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

Ordained: 12/15/ 2019
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Rev. Andrew Paul Lesko

Ordained: 09/08/ 2020
Pontifical College
Josephinum
7625 N High St.,
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(340) 774-0201

Rev. Ronan N. Sarmiento

Ordained: 6/5/2024
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Rev. (LTC) Alejandro Sanchez

Military Chaplain,
Puerto Rico

Rev. John Matthew Fewel

Texas

Rev. Bruce Anderson

Diocese of Wilmington

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Rev. Joseph Toko

Ordained: 04/05/ 1997
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Rev. Robert Kenfack

Ordained: 07/11/1998
St. Patrick's Church
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Rev. Modeste Digwou

Ordained: 07/20/2002
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Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Ordained: 04/01/2005
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Rev. Dominic C. Ukagba

Ordained: 04/ 12/2012
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Rev. Godfrey Chandy

Ordained: 7/23/2005
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Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci, V.G.

Ordained: 05/23/2015
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Rev. Rodrigue T. Dzomo

Ordained: 07/14/2006
Holy Cross Church
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Rev. Benito Moreno

Ordained: 5/19/2018
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Rev. Michael Owusu Adjei

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NECROLOGY OF DIOCESAN CLERGY

Most Rev. Elliott G. Thomas

Born: 7/15/1926
Ordained Priest: 6/6/1986
Ordained Bishop: 12/12/1993
Retired: 6/30/1999
Died: 2/28/2019

Rev. George Franklin

Born: 12/7/1957
Ordained: 6/7/1986
Died: 3/29/2024

Rev. John Kennedy Mark
Born: June 8, 1968
Ordained: 08/04/ 2001
Died: May 11, 2025

Most Rev. Herbert A. Bevard
Born: 2/24/ 1946
Ordained priest: 5/20/1972
Ordained Bishop: 9/3/2008
Retired: 19/18/2020
Died: 9/20/2025

Deacons

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dan Daniel
Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral
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St. Thomas, VI 00803

Rev. Mr. Peter C. Laurencin
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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney
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Rev. Mr. José Vázquez
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Rev. Mr. Emith Fludd
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Rev. Mr. Michael Jackson
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Rev. Mr. David Capriola
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137 Saint C Condos
Christiansted, V.I. 00820

Rev. Mr. Vincent Colianni

Holy Cross Church
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Rev. Mr. Reynold Modeste

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Christiansted 00823

Rev. Mr. Benjamin Parrilla

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Rev. Mr. Denis Griffith

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Christiansted, VI 00821-
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Rev. Mr. James Verhoff

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Rev. Mr. Bernard Gibbs

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St Thomas, VI 00803

Rev. Mr. Wilfredo Acosta

Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral
P.O. Box 11764
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Rev. Mr. Bill Willian Summer

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Rev. Mr. Edward Cave

P.O. Box 1983
Kingshill, V.I. 00851-1983

Rev. Mr. Neville Charles

P.O. Box 223455
Christiansted,
V.I. 00821-3455

Rev. Mr. Arnold Helenese

P.O. Box 1299
Kingshill, V.I. 00851-1299

Rev. Mr. Conrad Williams

P.O. Box 6154
Christiansted, V.I. 00823-
6154

Rev. Mr. Louis Soto, Jr.

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P.O. Box 1535
Frederiksted, VI 00841-1535

NECROLOGY OF PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Arturo Romano
Watlinton
9/13/1998

Rev. Mr. Raymond Leonce
11/6/2010

Rev. Mr. Lambert Heyliger
2013

Rev. Mr. Hector Luis Rivera
4/23/2014

Rev. Mr. Clement Danet
11/7/2017

Rev. Mr. Ulric Benjamin
10/8/2019

Rev. Mr. Guillermo Huertas
2019

Rev. Mr. Norbert Xavier
7/16/2020

Rev. Mr. Hyacinth George
3/25/2021

Rev. Mr. Joseph T. Mark
4/28/2024

Rev. Mr. Roy Bruney

Rev. Mr William Kenny

Rev. Mr. Austin Media

Rev. Mr. Leonard Monsanto

Rev. Mr. Robert Brady

Rev. Mr. Angel Maldonado

Rev. Mr. Emanuel Bertrand

Rev. Mr. Carlos Calderon

Rev. Mr. Leon De Catral

Rev. Mr. Felix Francis

Rev. Mr. George W. Hicks

Rev. Mr. Miguel Melendez

Rev. Mr. Alberto Olive

Rev. Mr. James Mathews

Rev. Mr. Eugene Thompson

Seminarians of the Diocese

Rev. Mr. Modestus U. Dike

Canonical Assignment
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic
School
St Thomas, USVI

Giuseppe Njualet

2nd Theology
St. Mary of the Lake
Seminary
Mundelein, Chicago - USA

Jean-Phito Orelus

Canonical Assignment
Hometown Parish – Mexico

Gills Phillips III

4th Philosophy
Pontifical College
Josephinum
Columbus, Ohio – USA

Ulrich Donfack

Canonical Assignment
Sacred Heart Fathers –
Cameroon

Juliot Martial Voufo

2nd Philosophy
Pontifical College
Josephinum
Columbus, Ohio – USA

Elvis Arrey Besong

4th Theology
St. Thomas Aquinas Major
Seminary,
Bambui – Cameroon

Karim Terence Henri

Propedeutic
St. Mary of the Lake
Seminary
Mundelein, Chicago - USA

Narcisse Tchatie Njannou

3rd Theology
St. Thomas Aquinas Major
Seminary,
Bambui – Cameroon

VI. Institutes of Consecrated Life & Societies of Apostolic Life

Missionaries of Charity

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Community members:

Sr. Lourdes, M.C. (Local Superior)
Sr. Manjulica, M.C.
Sr. Ancella, M.C.
Sr. Willima, M.C.

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Upper Love Convent,
VI 008223

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Sr. Floriane Nkensi, S.S.T.
Sr. Edith Itor, S.S.T. (Local Superior)
Sr. Pascaline Kengran, S.S.T.

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Deliveries:

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Sr. Sylverine Fola, F.S.B.F.
Sr. Genevieve Awanga
Nkwelle, F.S.B.F.

VII. Parishes

ST THOMAS – ST JOHN DEANERY

Pastoral Dean: Very Rev. Marcel Gham, V.F.

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral

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VI 00802

Rectory

See Church address

Rector:

Rev. Mathias Njong

Parochial Vicar:

Very Rev. Marcel Gham

Permanent Deacons:

Rev. Mr. Wilfredo Acosta
(Retired)
Rev. Mr. Dan Daniel
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney
Rev. Mr. José Vázquez

Transitional Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Modestus Dike

Administrative Assistant:

Lana Trotman

Business Manager:

Bernadine J. Barnes

Parish Patron Saints:

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

Patron Feast Day: June 29

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

- Tuesday Mass is bilingual:
English & Spanish

- Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
(Novena of Our Lady of
Perpetual Help before
Mass). Adoration at 7:30
a.m.

- Mass at 12:15 p.m.

▪ Holydays of obligation: 7:00 a.m.	<i>Religious Education</i> Sundays: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Weekends: Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 a.m 8:30 a.m (Children's Mass) 10:00 a.m 12:15 p.m (Mass in Spanish) Note: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Masses are in the chapel next to the Church Office.	<i>School:</i> Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School See Directory for Schools <i>Daughters of the Holy Family of Bafoussam</i> (Sts Peter and Paul Convent) See Directory for Religious communities
<i>Confessions:</i> Wednesdays: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Saturdays: 3:45 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. or by Request	

Holy Family Church

Church

394-213 Hidden Valley
St.Thomas, VI 00802
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Administrator:

Rev. Modeste Digwou

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

Administrative Assistant:

Carmen A. White

Mailing:

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St Thomas, USVI 00805-2218

Rectory

See Church address

Rectory:

See Church address

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays

Tuesday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.

(Every last Friday of the month: Healing Mass at 6:00 p.m.)

Weekends

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. (Haitian Creole/French)

Youth Mass every 3rd Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Office Hours:

Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays – Fridays:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays:

10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Confession:

20 minutes before every weekend mass and every Wednesday during Adoration

Extra Info:

- CCD classes every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Visit of the Sick and Shut-ins every Friday (Call the office for a special visit)
- Baptism every 4th Sunday of the month. (Call the Parish office for details).
- Marriage Preparation is by request; make arrangements 6 months ahead of the wedding date.
- Funerals: contact the church to make arrangements. No afternoons of Saturdays.
- Upper Columban Hall is available for hosting events, please call the office for details.
- Gift Shop is open after every weekend Mass and on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Church

8i Estate Elizabeth
Saint Thomas, VI 00803
(340) 774-0885
Email:
olphsecretary@outlook.com

Rectory

See Church address

Administrator:

Rev. Joseph Toko

Permanent Deacons:

Rev. Mr. Bernard Gibbs
(Retired)

Administrative Assistants:

Elizabeth Harris (Volunteer)
Linda Sibilly (Volunteer)

Secretary in Training:

Jennifer Esteem

Maintenance:

Mr. Gene Laplace

Office Hours:

Tuesdays - Fridays:
9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays

Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration from
7:00 a.m till Mass time
Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 12:00 a.m.
Fridays: 12:00 p.m.
Saturdays: Baptisms,
meetings, and marriages
when fixed

Weekends

Saturdays (Vigil): 6:00 p.m.
Sundays:
6:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Daily, before and after Mass
Saturday:
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Sunday:
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
(By appointment, or as
needed)

Anointing of the sick and sick calls:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of
each month, or as needed.

Religious Education:

Coordinator:
Elizabeth Harris
Period: September - May

CCD Classes:

Saturdays 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Confirmation Classes:

Candidates are expected to
prepare for the sacrament in
the Parish, even if they
attend Sts Peter and Paul
Catholic School

Saint Anne Church, Frenchtown

Church

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Rectory

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Devotion to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday: 7:00am

Adoration

Thursday: 5:30pm

Administrator:

Rev. Ronan N. Sarmiento

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Tuesdays - Fridays:
7:00 a.m.

Weekends:

Saturdays (vigil): 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m.

Sick Visit

Friday: 9:00am

Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm or by
appointment

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Church:

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Permanent Deacons:

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Rev. Mr. Michael Jackson Sr.
Rev. Mr. Peter C. Laurencin
Rev. Mr. Cassius Mathurin

Rectory:

See Church address

Pastor:

Rev. Anthony Abraham

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Godfrey Chandya

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays

Tuesdays: 6 p.m. (at Coral Bay)
Wednesdays: 6 p.m.
Thursdays and Fridays:
7 a.m.

Weekends

Saturdays (vigil): 6 p.m.

Sundays:

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. (at Coral Bay)

5:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Parish Feast Day:

July 16

Visiting the sick

Wednesdays/Thursdays

Senior Centers (2)

Weekly visit on Mondays &
Thursdays

RCIA

Weekly classes on Mondays

Steel Pan practice

Tuesdays & Saturdays

ST CROIX DEANERY

Pastoral Dean: Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci, V.G.

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Church:

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Sabbatical, priest in residence:

Rev. Rodrigue T. Dzomo, S.J.

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Rev. Mr. David Capriola

Rev. Mr. Vincent Colianni

Rev. Mr. Reynold Modeste

Rev. Mr. Benjamin Parrilla

Rectory:

See Church address

Parish Secretary:

Ms. Serena Anduze

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Business Manager:

Ms. Penrose Gardiner

Pastor:

Rev. Louis Kemayou

Office Assistant:

Ms. Deviann Leonce

Mass Schedule:

St Mary's Catholic School
See Directory for Schools

Weekdays:

Mondays – Wednesdays:

6:30 a.m.

Thursdays:

6:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m. (School Mass)

Saturdays: 8:15 am

Weekends:

Saturdays (vigil) 4:00 pm

Sundays

7:15 am (Mass in Spanish)

9:00 am

11:00 am (Mass with the
Youth)

Saint Patrick Church

Church

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Minister:

Nereida Washington

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Rev. Michael Owusu Adjei

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Alvin Milligan

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Nancy Soto	5:00 p.m.
Patricia Santiago	
<i>Parish Feast Day:</i>	Average Mass Attendance for
March 17	weekend Masses: 120
<i>Mass Schedule:</i>	<i>Saint Patrick's Catholic School</i>
	See Directory for School
<i>Weekdays:</i>	
Mondays - Saturdays:	
8:00 a.m.	
<i>Weekends:</i>	
Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m.	
Sunday:	

Saints Joachim and Ann Church

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<i>Clergy in Residence:</i>	<i>Parish Feast Day:</i>
Msgr. Michael Kosak, P.A.	July 26
(Pastor Emeritus)	
<i>Rev. Simon Peter Opira</i>	Number of Christian Families:
(Medical leave)	500

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays:

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

12:15 p.m. (Shrine of Our
Lady of Barrenspot Hill)

Wednesdays & Fridays:

7:00 a.m. (St. Ann's
Chapel)

Weekends:

Saturdays (vigil):

4:00 pm (St. Ann's Chapel)

Sundays:

7:00 a.m. (St. Ann's Chapel)

9:30 a.m. (Sts. Joachim &
Ann Church)

Children's Mass: First Sunday
of the month at 9:30 a.m.

St Joseph Church

1946-2026: Celebrating 80 years of service!

Church

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Esther Felix

Parish Groups:

- Neocatechumenal Way
- Cursillo

Parish Feast Day:

Sunday closest to May 1st, St.
Joseph the Worker.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:30 am

Wednesday: 6:30 am

Thursday: 6 pm (Spanish)

Friday: 6:30 am

Weekends

Saturdays (vigil): 4:30 pm

Sundays:

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Mass in Spanish)

11:00 a.m.

The Church has A/C and
handicap-accessible facilities,
as well as an ample parking lot.

Saint Joseph's High School

See Directory for Schools

Devotions:

- SACRED HEART SOCIETY,
First Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
- DIVINE MERCY, Every other
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- SANTO NIÑO, First Saturday
at 4:00 p.m.
- PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Fridays at
5:00 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL
HELP, Every Wednesday at
6:30 a.m.
- DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF
FATIMA, Mass every first
Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

VIII. Catholic Schools

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School

Founded: 1924

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Rev. Mr Modestus Dike

Accounts Officer:

Ms Cydrenia Ferness

Administrative Assistant:

Ms Shaina Querrar

Saint Joseph High School

Founded: 1965

Motto: "Where Faith Meets Excellence"

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Aldon Rogers

Food Service:

Kimberly Baptist

Office Assistant:

Laurie Thomas-Jacobs

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Gwenhilda Phillips

St Patrick Catholic School

Founded: 1866

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(Volunteer)

School Accountant:

Penrose Gardner

Headmaster:

Rev. Robert Kenfack

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Sr. Edith Itor, S.S.T.

IX. Lay Associations & New Religious Movements

These associations and movements are active in the Diocese at the Parish level, but (some) are still in the course of being (re)organized at the Diocesan level. They are deliberately classified here according to the Parishes where they are active.

To give updates and more information on these (such as mailing addresses, contact persons, and leadership of the groups), please send an email to the address directoryupdates@diocesestvi.org.

ST THOMAS – ST JOHN DEANERY

Legion of Mary

Presidium Mary, Queen of Angels
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church

Curia Immaculate Conception
Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral

Presidium Maria, Arca de la Alianza
Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral
(Hispanic Community)

Presidium Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces
St Ann's Church, Frenchtown

Presidium Mary, Mystic Rose
Holy Family Church

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services

Charismatic Regional Service Team
Holy Family Church
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church

Children of Mary

Holy Family Church

Knights of Columbus

Council 6187
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral

Magnificat Ministry

Sts Peter and Paul Church

Prayers, Hymns and Praise Steel Orchestra

Holy Family Church

St. Joseph Workers

Holy Family Church

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Young Vincentians
Holy Family Church

**Sons of Joseph and Mary
Men's Prayer Group**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church

**Sovereign Military Hospitaller
Order of St. John of Jerusalem
of Rhodes and of Malta**

(The Order of Malta)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church

World Apostolate of Fatima

Sts Peter and Paul Church
St Ann's Church, Frenchtown

Grupo de Oración

Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral
(Hispanic Community)

ST CROIX DEANERY

**Blue Army of Our Lady of
Fatima**

Holy Cross Church

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Services**

*Charismatic Regional Service
Team*

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot

Disciples of the Holy Spirit

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot

**Gabriel Project/Rachel
Project**

Holy Cross Church

Legion of Mary

Holy Cross Church

Lumen 2000

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot

Magnificat Ministry

Holy Cross Church

Men's Fellowship

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot
St Patrick's Church

Movimiento de Cursillos

St Joseph's Church

Neocatechumenal Way

St Joseph's Church
St Joachim and Ann Church
Holy Cross Church

**Regional Catholic Youth
Conference (RCYC)**

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot

Sacred Heart Society

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot
St Joseph's Church

Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Our Lady of the Angels

Franciscan House

Sts Joachim and Ann Church,
Barrenspot

**Secular Order of Discalced
Carmelites**

Star of the Sea Community

Holy Cross Church

**Shepherds of Christ
Associates**

St. Joseph Church

**World Apostolate of Our Lady
of Fatima**

Holy Cross Church

Youth Group

St. Ann Church

**LITURGICAL AND PASTORAL CALENDAR
FOR THE DIOCESE OF SAINT THOMAS
IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

PREPARED ACCORDING TO
THE ROMAN GENERAL CALENDAR
AND THE USCCB LITURGICAL CALENDAR

LITURGICAL YEAR 2026

In accordance with the
third typical edition of the Roman Missal

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Pastors should take care that in the liturgy not only are the laws governing valid and lawful celebration observed, but also that the faithful take part with full awareness, and in active and fruitful participation (SC, 11).

Since the celebration of the Eucharist, like the entire liturgy, proceeds by means of tangible signs that foster, strengthen, and give expression to faith, the utmost care must be taken to choose and to arrange those forms and elements provided by the Church which in the given circumstances of persons and places will best foster active and full participation and best meet the spiritual needs of the faithful (IM, 20).

ABBREVIATIONS EMPLOYED IN THIS LITURGICAL CALENDAR

CB -----	Ceremonial of Bishops
CIC-----	<i>Codex Iuris Canonici</i> (Code of Canon Law)
IM-----	General Instruction of the Roman Missal
IH -----	General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours
LY -----	Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (Roman Missal)
OM-----	Order of Matrimony
PC-----	Instruction regarding Proper Calendars
RM-----	Roman Missal
SC-----	<i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i> , Conciliar Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
Go. -----	Gospel
ps., pss. -----	psalms
Ps. -----	Psalter
wk -----	Week
Prop-----	Proper
ORD. -----	Ordinary

PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2025

First Sunday of Advent -----	November 30, 2025
Ash Wednesday -----	February 18, 2026
Easter Sunday -----	April 5, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord -----	May 14, 2026
Pentecost Sunday -----	May 24, 2026
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -----	June 7, 2026
First Sunday of Advent -----	November 29, 2026

CYCLES — LECTIONARY FOR MASS

Sunday Cycle: YEAR A
November 30, 2025 to November 22, 2026

Weekday Cycle: CYCLE II
January 12 to February 17, 2026
May 25 to November 28, 2026

Sunday Cycle: YEAR B
November 29, 2026 to November 21, 2027

The cycles given above have been used in the preparation of this calendar. The readings from the Proper of Time and Proper of Saints have been used for all Solemnities and Feasts since they must take the place of the weekday readings for those respective days. The readings from the weekday cycle generally are to be used even on days on which a Memorial or Optional Memorial of a Saint occurs. The exceptions to this rule are the Memorials or Optional Memorials which have “proper readings” (usually only the Gospel) assigned to them in the Lectionary for Mass and which must be used on those days. Substitutions from the Commons or Proper of Saints may be made for the other readings suggested for those Memorials or Optional Memorials. The Priest Celebrant, however, should not omit “too often or without sufficient cause the readings assigned for each day in the weekday Lectionary” (Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, no. 83). **In this calendar, Optional Memorials are designated by the use of italics within brackets.**

The Scripture citations and Lectionary numbers for all readings are from the *Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, second typical edition (1998/2001), and the *Lectionary for Mass Supplement* (2017), which are based on the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ, editio typica altera* (1981), as emended. The spellings of the names of Saints and Blesseds are from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* (2011), based on the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia emendata* (2008).

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Nov. 30, 2025 – Jan. 11, 2026	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
Jan. 12 – Feb. 17, 2026	Weeks 1 - 6, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Feb. 18 – May 24, 2026	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
May 25 – Aug. 1, 2026	Weeks 8 - 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Aug. 2 – Nov. 28, 2026	Weeks 18 - 34, Ordinary Time	
	Vol. IV	
Nov. 29, 2026 – Jan. 10, 2027	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. Scripture citations are based on the New American Bible with the revised New Testament and may differ slightly from the citations given in the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ* (1981) due to differences in versification.
2. “On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no Obligatory Memorial occurs, an Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated” (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 15). This is indicated in the calendar by “BVM” in brackets. The readings and prayers may be selected from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman Missal, or in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

3. This liturgical calendar has entries for Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day since they are inscribed in the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, but it does not include other civic holidays commonly celebrated in this country (for example, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Respecting these liturgical norms (cf. GIRM, nos. 368-378), the Roman Missal offers appropriate Masses, but this calendar makes no suggestions for those holidays.
4. The 2026 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025. During the year 2026:
 - a. Thursday, May 14, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. All other ecclesiastical provinces of the United States of America have transferred this Solemnity to the following Sunday, May 17; on Thursday, May 14, the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle, is observed.
 - b. In a notification dated December 8, 1998, of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. n. 2671/98/L), the Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary becomes an Optional Memorial in years when it conflicts with another Obligatory Memorial. Therefore, Saturday, June 13 is a weekday in Ordinary Time, as well as the Optional Memorials of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday.
 - c. Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Saturday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated.

ABBREVIATIONS OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

Amos -----	Am	1 Kings -----	1 Kgs
Baruch -----	Bar	2 Kings -----	1 Kgs
1 Chronicles -----	1Chr	Lamentations -----	Lam
2 Chronicles -----	2 Chr	Leviticus -----	Lv
Daniel -----	Dn	1 Maccabees -----	1 Mc
Deuteronomy -----	Dt	2 Maccabees -----	2 Mc
Ecclesiastes -----	Eccl	Malachi -----	Mal
Esther -----	Est	Micah -----	Mi
Exodus -----	Ex	Nahum -----	Na
Ezra -----	Ezr	Nehemiah -----	Neh
Ezekiel -----	Ez	Numbers -----	Nm
Genesis -----	Gn	Obadiah -----	Ob
Habakkuk -----	Hb	Proverbs -----	Prv
Haggai -----	Hg	Psalms -----	Ps(s)
Hosea -----	Hos	Ruth -----	Ru
Isaiah -----	Is	1 Samuel -----	1 Sm
Jeremiah -----	Jer	2 Samuel -----	2 Sm
Job -----	Jb	Sirach -----	Sir
Joel -----	Jl	Song of Songs -----	Sg
Jonah -----	Jon	Tobit -----	Tb
Joshua -----	Jos	Wisdom -----	Wis
Judges -----	Jgs	Zechariah -----	Zec
Judith -----	Jdt	Zephaniah -----	Zep

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts of the Apostles---	Acts	1 John -----	1 Jn
Colossians -----	Col	2 John -----	2 Jn
1 Corinthians -----	1 Cor	3 John -----	3 Jn
2 Corinthians -----	2 Cor	Jude -----	Jude
Ephesians -----	Eph	Luke -----	Lk
Galatians -----	Gal	Mark -----	Mk
Hebrews -----	Heb	Matthew -----	Mt
James -----	Jas	1 Peter -----	1 Pt
John (Gospel) -----	Jn	2 Peter -----	2 Pt

Philemon ----- Phlm
 Philippians ----- Phil
 Revelation ----- Rv
 Romans ----- Rom
 1 Thessalonians ----- 1Thes

2 Thessalonians -----2Thes
 1 Timothy -----1 Tm
 2 Timothy -----2 Tm
 Titus -----Ti

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. (LY, 39)

The Sunday lectionary is **Year A**. Weekday readings are from **Cycle II**.

Advent from the beginning until 16 December:

1. On weekdays of Advent on which an optional memorial is observed, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the Saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology (IH, 244; IM, 316b).
2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and intentions or a votive Mass be celebrated (IM, 333). Daily Masses for the dead are not allowed (IM, 337).
3. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the season.
3. The playing of the organ and other musical instruments and the decoration of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord (CB, 236). The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Matrimony (OM, 32).

NOVEMBER 2025

30. *Violet*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I3

Mass of the Sunday, Creed, Advent Preface I

- *St Croix Deanery: Advent Mission in Sts Joachim and Ann Church, 3 p.m.*
- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Mafolie, 3 p.m.*

DECEMBER 2025

1. *Violet*

Monday. 1st Week of Advent

Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Holy Family Church, 6:30 p.m.*
- *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*
- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Religious studies in the month of December, Online: Dayton University, Ohio, for deacons & leaders in the parish*
- *St. Joseph Church: Advent Missions – Adult Catechesis*

2. *Violet*

Tuesday. 1st Week of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Holy Family Church, 6:30 p.m.*
- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Outreach to dormant Catholics - Coral Bay-Evangelization in Lent/Advent*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Putting of the Gifts at the Christmas Tree for Kids and Needy, till the 24th*

3. *White* Wednesday. 1st Week of Advent
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, *Memorial*
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Advent Mission*
4. *Violet* Thursday. 1st Week of Advent
[*White - Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor*]
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
5. *Violet* Friday. 1st Week of Advent
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)
6. *Violet* Saturday. 1st Week of Advent
[*White - Saint Nicholas, Bishop*]
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)
7. *Violet* **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 (4) Pss II
 - *St Croix Deanery: Advent Mission in St Joseph Church, 3 p.m.*
 - *St Thomas - St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. John, 3 p.m.*
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting*
 - *Holy Family Church: St. Joseph Workers - Christmas Concert*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Msgr. Michael Kosak*
8. *White* Monday. THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *Solemnity*

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)
Pss Prop

Patronal Feastday of the United States of America.
Holyday of Obligation.
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Family Mass*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Prince Agyeman*

9. *Violet* Tuesday. 2nd Week of Advent
[White - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]
 Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)
 - *St Anne Church: Finance Council Meeting*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Parish Council Meeting*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Candle Light Prayer Meeting Procession*
10. *Violet* Wednesday. 2nd Week of Advent
[White - Our Lady of Loreto]
 Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)
11. *Violet* Thursday. 2nd Week of Advent
[White - Saint Damasus I, Pope]
 Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)
12. *White* Friday. USA: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, *Feast*
 Mass of the Feast, Gloria, Preface of the B.V.M.
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)
 or any readings from the Common of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary (707-712) Pss Prop
 - *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Dinner - Magnificat, St. John*
 - *Saint Peter & Paul Catholic School: Christmas Concert*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Movie Night*
13. *Red* Saturday. 2nd Week of Advent
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Parish Advent Recollection*
 - *St Joseph Church: Fundraiser – soup sale*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Faith Formation – Youths/Adults; Carols*

14. *Violet* **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
or Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I
Rose Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7) Pss III
- *St Croix Deanery: Advent Mission in Holy Cross Church, 3 p.m.*
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral, 3 p.m.*
 - *Holy Family Church: St Joseph's Workers meeting*
 - *St Joseph Church: Launching 80th Anniversary St. Joseph Church*
 - *Comunidad Hispana de la Catedral: Celebración de la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe en St. John, USVI (Misa + procesión + compartir)*
15. *Violet* Monday. 3rd Week of Advent
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)
- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo*
16. *Violet* Tuesday. 3rd Week of Advent
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)
- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
 - *Comunidad Hispana de la Catedral: Comienzo de las misas de Aguinaldos en la catedral*

Advent from 17 – 24 December

1. The weekdays of Advent from 17 to 24 December take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which may therefore be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books (IH, 237-239; IM, 355a)

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated (IM, 374).

Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited (IM, 381).

3. In the Liturgy of the Hours:

a) The Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns of the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, are taken from those prescribed for the season;

b) Proper antiphons are assigned for the weekday psalms at Lauds and Vespers.

4. In Eucharistic celebrations likewise proper readings are given for the days from 17 to 24 December, and these should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays of the third or fourth week of Advent.

17. *Violet* Wednesday. 3rd Week of Advent
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

- *Holy Family Church: Youth Ministry – Bingo Evening; Finance Committee meeting*
- *St Joseph Church: Hispanic and Filipino Community – Misas de Aguinaldo*

18. *Violet* Thursday. 3rd Week of Advent
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

- *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
- *Holy Family Church: Parish Council Meeting; Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Distribute Toiletries/Gifts to Ebenezer Garden for the elders.*
- *Birthday: Rev. Touchard G. Tignoua*

19. *Violet* Friday. 3rd Week of Advent
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

- *Holy Family Church: Advent Retreat*

20. *Violet* Saturday. 3rd Week of Advent
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

- *St Anne Church: Parish Concert and Raffle Draw*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: General Parish Cleaning*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Religious Education Party*

21. *Violet* **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface II
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (10) Pss IV
- *St Croix Deanery: Advent Mission in St Patrick Church, 3 p.m.*
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Advent Mission in Saint Anne Church, Frenchtown, 3 p.m.*
 - *St Anne Church: Filipino Simbang-Gabi Mass*
 - *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Religious Education - Christmas Play/Concert*
 - *Holy Family Church: Youth Mass; Youth Group Christmas Pageant*
22. *Violet* Monday. 4th Week of Advent
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)
- *St Anne Church: Filipino Simbang-Gabi Mass*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Confessions*
23. *Violet* Tuesday. 4th Week of Advent
[White – Saint John of Kanty, Priest]
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)
- *St Anne Church: Filipino Simbang-Gabi Mass*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Special Visit to the sick*
24. *Violet* Wednesday. 4th Week of Advent
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

CHRISTMAS TIME

After the annual celebration of the paschal mystery, there is no more ancient feast day for the Church than the recalling of the memory of the Nativity of the Lord and of the mysteries of his first appearing. This is the purpose of Christmas Time (LY, 32)

DECEMBER 2024

NATIVITY OF THE LORD or CHRISTMAS,
Solemnity with octave

24. *White* Wednesday Evening
ON THE VIGIL: MASS PROPER TO THE VIGIL,
Gloria, Creed, with the proper Preface and inserts of
Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25 (13)

At Masses on the Vigil and of Christmas Day, at the
words of the Creed Et incarnates... (and by the Holy
Spirit was incarnate...) all kneel briefly (IM, 137)

In the Christmas night, it is appropriate that before
the Mass a solemn vigil be celebrated by means of
the Office of Reading (IH, 215, cf. 98, 73)

25. *White* Thursday. CHRISTMAS DAY, *Solemnity*
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY, Gloria, Creed, with
proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the
Eucharist Prayer.

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
(16) Pss Prop

Whoever celebrates only one Mass, should choose
the one corresponding to the time of the day.

- *Holy Family Church: Infant Baptism; Haitian community gift exchange*
26. *Red* Friday. SAINT STEPHEN, The First Martyr, *Feast*
MASS of the feast, Gloria, with proper Preface and
inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop
- *Holy Family Church: Healing Mass*
27. *White* Saturday. SAINT JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist, *Feast*
MASS of the feast, Gloria, with proper Preface and
inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Christmas Lunch - Parish Staff and CCD Teachers*
28. *White* Sunday. THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH, *Feast*
MASS of the feast, Gloria, with proper Preface and
inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15,
19-23 (17) Pss Prop
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Blessing of Families - Mass of the Holy Family*
 - *Holy Family Church: 50th Anniversary Celebration*
 - *St. Joseph Church: Christmas breakfasts; Fundraiser - Grand Anniversary Raffle Launch*
29. *White* Monday. FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
[Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss Prop
- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Quarterly ongoing training of ushers*

30. *White* Tuesday. SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss Prop
31. *White* Wednesday. SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
[Saint Sylvester I, Pope]
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: End of Year Party; Fundraising*
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Simon Obeng*

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1. *White* Thursday. **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity**

MASS of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, with Preface of BVM I (...on the Solemnity of the Motherhood...)

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop

Holyday of Obligation
New Year Day
World Day of Prayer for Peace
- *Holy Family Church: Haitian Independence Day Celebration*
2. *White* Friday. Weekday of Christmas Time
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors, *Memorial*
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Pastoral Council; Social/New Year Wishes to the Priest*
3. *White* Saturday. Weekday of Christmas Time
[White - The Most Holy Name of Jesus]
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Parish Holiday Dinner - Our Lady of Charity 2nd annual Fundraiser*
- *Comunidad Hispana de la Catedral: Reyes Magos (Fiesta para los niños)*
- *Priesthood anniversaries: Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Boniface Twaibu*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity

3. *White* Saturday evening. ON THE VIGIL: MASS PROPER TO THE VIGIL, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of Epiphany for the Eucharist Prayer.
Readings are those of the Mass of the Solemnity
4. *White* SUNDAY. USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, *Solemnity*
MASS OF THE DAY PROPER, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of Epiphany for the Eucharist Prayer.
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Prop
At today's Mass, after the Gospel, the announcement may be made of movable feasts.
5. *White* Monday. Weekday of Christmas Time
USA: **Saint John Neumann**, Bishop, *Memorial*
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212) Pss II
 - *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*
6. *White* Tuesday. Weekday of Christmas Time
[USA: *White - Saint André Bessette, Religious*]
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)

7. *White* Wednesday. Weekday of Christmas Time
[Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)
 - *Sts Peter & Paul Catholic School: International Food Night and Raffle Draw*
8. *White* Thursday. Weekday of Christmas Time
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)
9. *White* Friday. Weekday of Christmas Time
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)
 - *Holy Family Church: Youth Ministry meeting*
 - *St. Joseph Church: Finance Council meeting*
10. *White* Saturday. Weekday of Christmas Time
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: CCD Classes resume*
 - *Holy Family Church: Lector's ministry training*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Health Awareness Seminar*
11. *White* **SUNDAY. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, Feast**
MASS of the feast, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface of the feast
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17 (21) Pss Prop
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting*
 - *Holy Family Church: St. Joseph Workers meeting*

NB: The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Ordinary time is taken up.

ORDINARY TIME

Before Lent

The weeks of Ordinary Time celebrate no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ. Instead, especially on the last Sundays, celebration is made of the mystery of Christ in all its fullness (LY, 43).

The **weekday lectionary** for Mass is taken from **Cycle II**.

In votive Masses, and in Saturday Masses of Our Lady, vestments may be of the customary proper color, or of the color of the day or of the season (IM, 347).

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12. *Green* Monday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I
13. *Green* Tuesday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
[White - Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor]
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
- *St Anne Church: Finance Committee Meeting*
 - *St Joseph Church: Pastoral Parish Council elections*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Evaluation meeting for Christmas Celebrations*
14. *Green* Wednesday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)
15. *Green* Thursday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*

- *Holy Family Church: Haitian Community prayer at the Grotto*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Modeste Digwou*
16. *Green* Friday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)
- *Holy Family Church: Youth Ministry meeting*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: New Year General Youth Meeting*
17. *White* Saturday. 1st Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Anthony, Abbot, *Memorial*
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)
18. *Green* **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64) Pss II
- *Holy Family Church: Youth Mass*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Cake Sale for Chapel Project Support*
19. *Green* Monday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)
20. *Green* Tuesday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – *Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr*]
[Red – *Saint Sebastian, Martyr*]
1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)
- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
21. *Red* Wednesday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, *Memorial*
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313) Pss Prop
- *Holy Family Church: Finance Committee meeting; St Joseph Workers bingo evening*

22. *White* Thursday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
or *Violet* **USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)
- or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass
“For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life”
(Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 947A-947E)
or the Mass “For Peace and Justice” (887-891)
- *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
23. *Green* Friday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
[USA: Red – Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr]
[USA: White – Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin]
1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)
24. *White* Saturday. 2nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor, *Memorial*
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)
- *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
25. *Green* **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-
17 (67) Pss III
- *Holy Family Church: Infant Baptism*
 - *Education: beginning of Catholic School Week*
 - *Comunidad Hispana de la Catedral: Celebración de la Fiesta de Altagracia (Misa + procesión + compartir)*
26. *White* Monday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops, *Memorial*
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:22-30 (317)
27. *Green* Tuesday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
[White - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 (318)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Fund Raising*

28. *White* Wednesday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor, *Memorial*
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)
29. *Green* Thursday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 (320)
30. *Green* Friday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 (321)
31. *White* Saturday. 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint John Bosco, Priest, *Memorial*
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (322)
 - *Education: End of Catholic School Week*

FEBRUARY 2026

1. *Green* **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a (70) Pss
IV
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting*
2. *Green* Monday. THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, *Feast*
LH of the feast. – At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss
of Monday, week IV.

On this day, the faithful go forth to meet the Lord as he comes, acclaiming him as did Simeon who recognized in the Christ the “Light to enlighten the Gentiles”.

For the commemoration of the mystery of the day the Missal foresees the blessing of candles with a precession or with a solemn entry.

The faithful should gather at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church to which the

precession will go. They hold in their hands unlit candles which they light at the beginning of the rite.

At the blessing of candles and in the precession, the priest may wear a white chasuble or a white cope.

As the procession enters the church, the entry antiphon is sung, after which, omitting the usual opening rites, the Gloria is sung immediately and the Collect of the day follows. The mass then continues in the usual way.

MASS of the feast, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)
Pss Prop

- *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*
- *Holy Family Church: Youth Ministry - Weekend Retreat to St. Croix – Collaborating with the St. Croix Youth Ministry, till 17th*

3. *Green* Tuesday. 4th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr]
[White – Saint Ansgar, Bishop]
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/
Mk 5:21-43 (324)

4. *Green* Wednesday. 4th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325)

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Special Visit to the Sick - Prayer and blessing of the Throat*

5. *Red* Thursday. 4th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, *Memorial*
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)

6. *Red* Friday. 4th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs, *Memorial*
Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 (327)

- *Priestly Ordination*

7. *Green* Saturday. 4th Week, Ordinary Time
[White - BVM]
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)
- St Anne Church: Youth Night
 - Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Launching of Bishop's Appeal
8. *Green* **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 (73) Pss I
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Parish Game Night
9. *Green* Monday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 (329)
- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Dominican Republic Independence celebration*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Pastoral Meeting Ministries*
10. *Green* Tuesday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Scholastica, Virgin, *Memorial*
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 (330)
- *St Anne Church: Finance Council Meeting*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: World Day Celebration of the Sick (Order of Malta) – St Thomas Deanery*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Lenten Retreat Talks*
11. *Green* Wednesday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Our Lady of Lourdes]
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 (331)
- *Holy Family Church: Finance Committee bingo evening*

12. *Green* Thursday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 (332)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
13. *Green* Friday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 (333)
14. *Green* Saturday. 5th Week, Ordinary Time
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Memorial
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 (334)
 - *St Joseph Church: Fundraising – Cash Raffle*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Faith Formation (Youths/Adults); Volunteer work*
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Touchard Tignoua*
15. *Green* **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76) Pss II
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: boat ride*
 - *St Joseph Church: Beginning of Parish-wide consecration to St. Joseph*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Parish Projects Fundraising; Special Mass for Deceased Parishioners*
16. *Green* Monday. 6th Week, Ordinary Time
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Liturgical Meeting – preparation for Holy Week*
 - *Birthday: Very Rev. Marcel Gham*
17. *Green* Tuesday. 6th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*]
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

LENT

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation: it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter (LY, 27).

The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Lent is taken up.

Lent:

1. The weekdays of Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Palm Sunday take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which therefore may be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books (IH, 237-239; IM, 355 a).
2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated (IM, 374).
Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are not permitted (IM, 381).
3. The Alleluia is always omitted, both in the Liturgy of the Hours and in the celebration of the Eucharist.
4. The *Te Deum* and the *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest) are said or sung on solemnities, on feasts, and in particular celebrations.
5. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the liturgical time.
6. It is not permitted to adorn the altar with flowers, and the organ and other instruments may only be played for the purpose of

sustaining singing. An exception is made for Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), and for solemnities and feasts (CB, 252).

7. For the celebration of marriages, the Pastor should alert spouses to the need to take account of the particular penitential character of the season (OM, 32).

FEBRUARY 2026

Ash Wednesday is a day of penance for the whole Church of the Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat.

18. *Violet* **ASH WEDNESDAY**

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface IV

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

Pss IV

After the Gospel and the homily, the ashes are blessed and distributed. These ashes are of branches of the olive tree, or, according to custom, of the palm tree or other trees, which have been blessed the previous year. The usual Penitential Act is omitted from the beginning of Mass.

The blessing and distribution of ashes may also take place even without the celebration of Mass. In this case, it is opportune that the rite be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word, using the Entrance Antiphon, the Collect, and the readings with their chants as at Mass. The ashes are blessed and distributed after the homily, and the celebration concludes with the Prayer of the faithful.

Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.

- *St Joseph Church: Door-to-Door Ash Wednesday Mission*
- *Birthday: Rev. Ronan Sarmiento*

19. *Violet* Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
20. *Violet* Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)
21. *Violet* Saturday after Ash Wednesday
[Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor]
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Holy Family Church: Youth Ministry Lenten retreat*
 - *St Joseph Church: Adult Catechesis – Lenten Missions*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Fruit Planting Exercise*
22. *Violet* **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of First Sunday of Lent.
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22) Pss I

On this Sunday, using appropriate ritual Mass formulary, is celebrated the rite of “election” or “enrolment of names” for the catechumens who will be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 133-151).

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.
23. *Violet* Monday. 1st Week of Lent
[Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr]
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: fundraising*

24. *Violet* Tuesday. 1st Week of Lent
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)
- *Holy Family Church: Finance Committee meeting*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Agriculture Fair; Candle Light Procession*
25. *Violet* Wednesday. 1st Week of Lent
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)
26. *Violet* Thursday. 1st Week of Lent
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: finance committee*
27. *Violet* Friday. 1st Week of Lent
[*Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor*]
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Blessing of Houses/Sacramentals*
28. *Violet* Saturday. 1st Week of Lent
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)
- *St Anne Church: Parish Lenten Mission*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Meeting with Servers/Readers*

MARCH 2026

1. *Violet* **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Second Sunday of Lent.
Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II
- *St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting*
2. *Violet* Monday. 2nd Week of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)
- *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*

3. *Violet* Tuesday. 2nd Week of Lent
[USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]
Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)
4. *Violet* Wednesday. 2nd Week of Lent
[Saint Casimir]
Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)
5. *Violet* Thursday. 2nd Week of Lent
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)
6. *Violet* Friday. 2nd Week of Lent
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
(234)
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
7. *Violet* Saturday. 2nd Week of Lent
[Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs]
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)
8. *Violet* **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Third Sunday
of Lent.
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-
26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III
9. *Violet* Monday. 3rd Week of Lent
[Saint Frances of Rome, Religious]
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

The following readings may be used on any day this
week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of
the Samaritan Woman is not read on the Third
Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:1-7/Jn 4:5-42 (236).
10. *Violet* Tuesday. 3rd Week of Lent
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)
 - *St Anne Church: Finance Council Meeting*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Parish General
Confessions/Confessions for CCD*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Mathias Njong*

11. *Violet* Wednesday. 3rd Week of Lent
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)
12. *Violet* Thursday. 3rd Week of Lent
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
13. *Violet* Friday. 3rd Week of Lent
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)
- *Birthday: Rev. Robert Kenfack*
14. *Violet* Saturday. 3rd Week of Lent
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Seminar with the Youths*
15. *Violet* **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Fourth Sunday of Lent.
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31) Pss IV
- *Holy Family Church: Youth ministry - Visit and Outreach to the Sick*
16. *Violet* Monday. 4th Week of Lent
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)
- The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is not read on the Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mi 7:7-9/Jn 9:1-41 (243).
17. *Violet* Tuesday. 4th Week of Lent
[*Saint Patrick, Bishop*]
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)
- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
 - *Holy Family Church: Finance Committee meeting*

18. *Violet* Wednesday. 4th Week of Lent
[*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor*]
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)
 - *Holy Family Church: Lenten Mission till 20th*
19. *White* Thursday. **SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity**
MASS of the solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of St Joseph (...on the solemnity of St Joseph...)
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543)
Pss Prop
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
 - *Holy Family Church: St Joseph Workers celebrate feast of St Joseph*
 - *St Joseph Church: Parish Wide Consecration to St. Joseph*
20. *Violet* Friday. 4th Week of Lent
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)
21. *Violet* Saturday. 4th Week of Lent
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

The practice of **covering crosses and images** in the Church is to be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: CCD Retreat*
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Holy Family Church: Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage*
22. *Violet* **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34) Pss I

23. *Violet* Monday. 5th Week of Lent
[Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 (251)

The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of Lazarus is not read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Jn 11:1-45 (250).
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Holy week preparation*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Dominic Ukagba*
24. *Violet* Tuesday. 5th Week of Lent
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 (252)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Committee*
25. *White* Wednesday. **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity**
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop
26. *Violet* Thursday. 5th Week of Lent
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Lenten Family Pastoral Visitation*
27. *Violet* Friday. 5th Week of Lent
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)
28. *Violet* Saturday. 5th Week of Lent
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)
 - *St Joseph Church: Palms Weaving Event*

HOLY WEEK

1. In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem, until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection.

Lent continues until Holy Thursday.

With the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins the Paschal Triduum, which includes Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Saturday, centers upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Vespers on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

The weekdays of this week are dedicated to the celebration of penance, abstaining from the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, since these have their natural place in the Easter Vigil.

2. The rites of Holy Week, that is to say, the blessing and procession of palms, the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, may be celebrated in all churches and chapels.

In churches other than parish churches, and in chapels, it is best that these rites be celebrated only if this can be done worthily – that is to say, with an appropriate number of ministers, with the possibility of singing at least some parts of the liturgy, and with a sufficiently large congregation of faithful. Otherwise, it is best that these liturgies be celebrated only in parish churches and in other more important churches.

Pastors should take care to instruct the faithful on the meaning and structure of the rites enacted in these days, and so lead them to an active and fruitful participation.

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29. *Red* **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Liturgy of the day

For the procession of Palms

Mt 21:1-11 (37)

MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Palm Sunday.

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
(38) Pss II

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

- *St Joseph Church: Island-Wide Palm Sunday Procession*

1. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, a day on which the Church enters upon the mystery of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of her Lord, brings together the triumphal procession of Christ as King and the proclamation of his Passion. Both aspects of the paschal mystery should be explained in the catechesis of the day.

2. The Lord's entry into Jerusalem is commemorated by means of a solemn procession. There should be only one such procession, to be celebrated before Mass on either the Saturday evening or on the Sunday itself.

The people should gather at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful take part in the procession singing and waving branches of the palm tree or other trees in their hands. The priest and his ministers do the same.

The branches are blessed by the priest so that they may be carried in procession, but also so that they may be devoutly kept in the home so as to call to mind the victory of Christ as celebrated by today's procession.

3. To commemorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, apart from the procession, the Missal proposes a solemn entrance, to be held wherever it is not possible to hold a procession outside the church.

This solemn entrance is to take place before the main Mass, with the faculty of repeating it before another Mass which is habitually celebrated with a large gathering of the people. The Missal also proposes a simple entrance, to be enacted at other Masses.

4. The vestments used today are red. In the procession, the priest may wear either the cope or the chasuble.

5. After the procession or the solemn entrance, the sign of the cross and the penitential rite or the sprinkling of the congregation with holy water are all omitted from the beginning of Mass, and the Collect follows immediately. The Mass then continues in the usual way.

6. For the spiritual good of the faithful it is appropriate that the narrative of the Passion be read in its entirety, without however omitting the other readings which precede it. After the reading of the Passion, there should be a homily, even if only a brief one.

7. The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read without candles, incense, initial greeting, or marking of the book with the sign of the cross. It is read by a deacon, or in his absence, by a priest. It may be read even by lay readers, with the part of Christ reserved, if possible, to the priest. Deacons, but not others, recite the prayer Almighty God, cleanse my heart... and ask for the blessing of the priest, as is usually done before the Gospel. At the end is said The Gospel of the Lord, but the book is not kissed.

8. Where it is not possible to celebrate Mass, there should be held a Liturgy of the Word about the Lord's messianic entry and his Passion, either on Saturday evening or at a suitable time on Sunday.

30. *Violet* **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II
Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)

Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Confessions – preparations for Easter*

31. *Violet.* Tuesday. **CHRISM MASS** – DIOCESE OF ST THOMAS
IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, *Local Solemnity*

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

1. The Chrism Mass is anticipated on this day. The Chrism Mass, which the bishop celebrates with his presbyterate, and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. For at this Mass, priests gather and concelebrate, coming from the different parts of the diocese, as witnesses at the consecration of the Chrism and as fellow workers of their bishop in whose sacred ministry for the building up, sanctification, and government of the people of God they participate. Thus is manifest in a clear way the unity of the priesthood and the sacrifice of Christ living on in the Church.

The faithful too, should regularly take part and receive the Eucharist at this Mass.

2. The newly blessed Oils should be borne with honor to the parish churches. The old Oils should be burned or poured into the Blessed Sacrament Lamp.

The reception of the sacred Oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another suitable moment. The faithful should, however, be instructed on the use of the sacred Oils and their efficaciousness in the Christian life.

Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses

- *Holy Family Church: P A T Lenten Mission*

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1. *Violet* **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)

Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses

- *Priesthood anniversary: Very Rev. Marcel Gham*

2. *Violet* **THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (Holy Thursday)**

1. Only the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated today. Mass may not be celebrated without a congregation, not even funeral Masses.

2. Holy Communion may only be distributed to the faithful during Mass of the Lord's Supper. The sick may receive communion at any hour of the day.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Christ accomplished the work of redemption and the perfect glorification of God principally through his paschal mystery, in which dying he destroyed our death, and rising he restored our life. Hence, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection shines forth as the culmination of the whole liturgical year (LY, 18).

1. By the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, that is, of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of her Spouse, the Church means to make present and to fulfill the mystery of the Pasch, the passing over of the Lord from this world to his Father.

In accordance with the tradition of the early Church, the sacred Easter fast should be celebrated on Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord and even, as suitable, extended to Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Lord's Resurrection may be arrived at with alert and open mind (SC, 110).

2. The celebration of the sacred Triduum should be held only where this can be done with dignity and decorum.

It is appropriate, therefore, that small religious communities come together in more important churches, so as to foster participation of the faithful.

3. It is highly recommended that there be a celebration in common of the Office of Readings and of Lauds on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, so that the Christian community may meditate more efficaciously and more fully upon the Passion, in expectation of the proclamation of the Resurrection.

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2. *White* **HOLY THURSDAY**

IN THE EVENING

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: with proper formularies, Gloria, with proper Preface and proper inserts for the Eucharist Prayer.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)
Pss Prop

1. With this Mass, celebrated on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Church inaugurates the sacred Paschal Triduum, aimed at recalling that Last Supper, when the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, loving those who were his own in the world until the very end, offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine to God and under these symbols, gave them to his Apostles that they might consume them, and commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to offer them.

By means especially of the homily, attention should be focused upon the mysteries which are commemorated in this Mass, namely the institution of the Eucharist and that of the priestly Order, together with the Lord's command of brotherly love.

2. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is to be celebrated in the evening, at the most appropriate hour, with the full participation of the whole local community.

In accordance with a most ancient tradition of the Church, the celebration of Mass without a congregation is prohibited.

3. Where pastoral reasons urge it, the local Ordinary may permit another Mass to be celebrated in churches and chapels in the evening and even, in case of real need, in the morning, but in this latter case only for the sake of those faithful who cannot in any way take part in the evening Mass. Care should be taken lest any celebration of this kind be mistaken for the advantage of private individuals and lest it prejudice the evening Mass.

4. The Tabernacle should be empty. Hosts should be consecrated at this Mass for the communion of clergy and people today and tomorrow.

5. It is fitting that for the reservation of the Eucharist to serve for communion tomorrow, a chapel should be arranged in which prayer and meditation may be fostered, but it is also highly recommended that everything be marked by that austerity which is appropriate to these days.

If the Blessed Sacrament is normally reserved in a chapel separate from the central nave of the church, the place of reposition and of adoration may suitably be set up there.

The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved, however, in a closed tabernacle, exposition in a monstrance being absolutely excluded. Nor should the tabernacle in any way have the appearance of a tomb, and the term 'tomb' or 'sepulcher' should be avoided, since the chapel of reservation is not intended to represent the Lord's tomb, but only to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for communion the next day.

6. While the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest...) is being sung, the bells are rung. From the end of this hymn, the bells are then silent until the Easter Vigil.

7. The washing of feet, which according to the tradition for this day is done for a select number of persons, shows forth the service and the love of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. It is appropriate that this tradition be maintained and its true meaning be explained.

8. In the procession bearing the gifts it is fitting that there be included gifts destined for the poor, especially gifts which have been collected during Lent as the fruits of penance. While this happens the hymn *Ubi Caritas* (Where charity and love...) is sung.

9. At the end of the prayer after communion, omitting the other concluding rites, a procession is formed which makes its way through the church with incense and candles, bearing the Eucharist to the chapel of reservation.

10. After the end of today's celebration, the altar is privately stripped and if possible all crosses are removed from the church. It is appropriate that any crosses remaining in the church be veiled if that has not already been done.

11. The faithful should be reminded to spend a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstances of time and place, in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament reserved, in such a way, however, that after midnight the adoration takes place without solemnity.

12. The procession and the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament should not take place in churches where it is not intended to celebrate the solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Violet VESPERS are not recited by those who take part in the evening Mass. Compline is as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord is a day of penance for the whole Church, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from meat.

3. *Red* **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
(Good Friday)**

Liturgy of the Day

The Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated with the special features indicated in the Proper of Time.

It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Lauds be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people (IH, 210).

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, as in the Missal

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
(40) Pss Prop

1. On this day, when Christ our paschal Lamb was sacrificed, the Church contemplates and adores the Cross of her Lord and Spouse, commemorating her own coming forth from the side of Christ as he slept on the Cross, and interceding for the salvation of all the world.

2. According to a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist on this day.

Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful only within the celebration of the Lord's Passion, but it may be brought at any hour of the day to the sick who cannot participate in this celebration.

3. There should be no celebration of the Sacraments today, except for the Sacraments of Penance and of Anointing of the Sick. Funerals should be conducted without singing and without organ music or the ringing of bells.
4. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion is to take place in the afternoon, round about 3 p.m. If, however, genuine pastoral reasons require it, the celebration may take place at a more suitable time, but not before noon and not after 9 p.m.
5. The whole liturgy should be conducted according to the prescriptions of the liturgical books. No changes should be introduced on private initiative.
6. The altar should be completely bare: without cloths, cross, or candlesticks.
7. For the reading of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, see the notes given above for Palm Sunday.
8. The cross which is shown to the people and proffered for adoration should be sizeable and of a certain beauty. The formula for the showing of the cross and the people's response should be sung. For reasons of appropriate symbolism, there should be a single cross for adoration but care should be taken that the individual faithful are able to adore the cross, feature of great importance to today's celebration. The rite by which the cross is adored in silence by the whole congregation as a body should be used only if the faithful are present in very large numbers.
9. After the celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Blessed Sacrament should be carried back in a simple way to the place of reservation and kept there with the usual lamp burning. The altar should be stripped in private, but leaving the cross and candlesticks. It is fitting that a place be arranged (as, for example, the chapel used for reposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the previous evening), suitable for prayer and meditation, and that the cross be placed there to be adored by the faithful.

10. Of great significance are also the popular devotional exercises that are of pastoral importance, such as the Stations of the Cross, processions of the Lord's Passion, the commemoration of the Sorrows of Our Lady, their texts and sung parts be in harmony with the liturgy, and should lead the people to true liturgical participation.

VESPERS are not recited by those who take part in the celebration of the Lord's Passion.

COMPLINE as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

4. *Violet* **HOLY SATURDAY**

Liturgy of the Day

The Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated with the special features indicated in the Proper of Time.

It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Lauds be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people (IH, 210).

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

However, it is omitted by those who are present at the Easter Vigil.

- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Paris general confessions*
- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Mathias Njong*

1. On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, in prayer and fasting, meditating upon his Passion, Death, and Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.

2. If it is not possible to celebrate the Office of Readings and Lauds with the people's participation there should be a celebration of the Word of God or some devotional exercise appropriate to today's mystery, especially one that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary for her sharing in the Passion of her Son.

3. An image of Christ crucified or laid in the tomb may be set up in the church for the veneration of the faithful, or else a portrayal of his descent into Hell, such as casts light upon the mystery commemorated by Holy Saturday, or else an image of Our Lady of Sorrows.

4. Today, the Church abstains completely from the celebration of the Eucharist. Holy Communion may only be given in the form of viaticum. There should be no celebration of Matrimony nor of the other sacraments, except for Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

5. The faithful should be instructed concerning the special character of the day. Festive practices linked to the former anticipated celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday should be restricted to Easter Night and Easter Sunday itself.

EASTER TIME

The fifty days from Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection until Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one single feast day, as 'Great Sunday' (magna dominica). It is on these days in particular that the Alleluia is sung (LY, 22).

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4. *White* **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Solemnity with Octave**

EASTER VIGIL

1. By a most ancient tradition, this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, commemorating that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the 'Mother of all holy vigils'. For in this night the Church awaits in vigil the Resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates it with the sacraments of Christian initiation. The Christian tradition has, however, always recognized its character of expectation of the Lord's coming again.

2. The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on the Sunday. The practice of celebrating the Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening at the time when the Sunday Vigil Masses are habitually celebrated is to be censured. The whole of the celebration is, moreover, so to be arranged that its nature as a protracted Vigil is safeguarded.

3. The celebration of a Mass without the rites of the Easter Vigil is not allowed.

4. The Easter Vigil may be celebrated even in churches and oratories where the liturgies of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday have not taken place, and neither is the Vigil of obligation when they have. The celebration of the Vigil is, however, compulsory where there is a baptismal font.

5. Throughout the whole Vigil liturgy, as also at the Mass, the sacred minister should wear *white* vestments.

6. Tonight's vigil should be so arranged that after the brief Liturgy of Light or *lucernarium* (which is the first part of the Vigil), the Church meditates on the marvels the Lord God wrought for his people from the very beginning and strengthens by his Word and his promise (the second part of the Vigil, or Liturgy of the Word), until the moment when with the approaching Day of the Resurrection, together with her new members reborn in baptism (third part), the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people by means of his Death and Resurrection (fourth part).

The whole Easter Vigil proceeds by means of symbols and rites which call for a certain grandeur and dignity, in order that the faithful may grasp their meaning, prompted even by the words of the commentaries, invitations, and prayers. It is fitting in particular that the faithful be introduced by means of a brief introduction to the understanding of the typological meaning of the Old Testament readings proclaimed during the Vigil.

7. As regards the blessing of the fire, in so far as possible a large fire should be prepared in a suitable place outside the church, such that its flames may truly scatter the darkness and light up the night.

8. The paschal candle, for effective symbolism, should be made of wax, of one piece, and of a considerable size, and be renewed every year. For it is meant to represent the figure of Christ who as the True Light, and illuminates the whole world. The candle should be blessed with the words and gestures laid down by the liturgical books.

9. The Easter Proclamation or *Exsultet* may be sung, in case of necessity, even by a cantor who is not a deacon, but in this event, the cantor does not receive a blessing from the celebrant, and the second part of the invitation is omitted (*Therefore, dearest friends, standing...*) as is the greeting *The Lord be with you*.

It is possible to sing either the longer or the shorter form.

10. At least three readings are to be proclaimed from the Old Testament, and even in urgent circumstances at least two. The

reading from the Book of Exodus is never to be omitted. The series of readings for the Vigil is found below:

White AT THE EASTER VIGIL: MASS proper, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15—15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10 (41)

Pss Prop

5. *White* **EASTER SUNDAY, Solemnity**

LH of the Solemnity – The Office of Readings is omitted by those who take part in the Easter Vigil.

MASS PROPER OF EASTER DAY, Gloria, sequence, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41)

or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss Prop

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Easter Egg hunt*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Easter Egg hunt*
- *Holy Family Church: St Joseph Workers Easter Luncheon*
- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Joseph Toko*

1. The Mass of Easter Day should be celebrated with great solemnity. At this Mass, in place of the opening penitential rites, all are sprinkled with water blessed on Easter Night, to recall their baptism.
2. The paschal candle, which should be placed near the ambo or near the altar, is kept three for the whole of Easter Time until the end of Pentecost Sunday. It should be lit for the more solemn liturgical celebrations, namely Mass, Lauds, and Vespers, during this time.

Today and throughout the whole Octave, Sunday Compline as after either First or Second Vespers, with the antiphon *Haec dies*, instead of the short responsory.

Instead of the *Angelus* prayer (*The Angel of the Lord...*) for the whole Easter season the antiphon ***Regina Coeli*** (*Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia...*) is recited.

Although not given the title of Solemnity, “[t]he first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 24).

6. *White* **MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261) Pss Prop

Today and throughout the Octave, other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.

- *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*

7. *White* **TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed,
with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for
the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 (262) Pss Prop
- *St Joseph Church: Pastoral Parish Council elections*
8. *White* **WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed,
with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for
the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263) Pss Prop
9. *White* **THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed,
with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for
the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264) Pss Prop
10. *White* **FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed,
with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for
the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 (265) Pss Prop
11. *White* **SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
MASS proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed,
with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for
the Eucharistic Prayer.
Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266) Pss Prop
- *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Youth Egg Hunt*
 - *Priesthood Anniversary: Rev. (LTC) José Herrera*

12. *White* Octave Day of Easter: **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
(or of DIVINE MERCY)

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 (43) Pss Prop

- St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Dominic C. Ukagba

Easter Time

1. When an optional memorial falls on a weekday of Easter Time, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology (IH, 244; IM, 355 b)

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for Various Needs and Intentions and votive Masses be celebrated (IM, 376).

Daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited (IM, 381).

3. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the season.

4. To the antiphons is added Alleluia, unless this is already present, or unless it does not well accord with the sense of the words.

13. *White* Monday. 2nd Week of Easter
[Red – Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr]
Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II

14. *White* Tuesday. 2nd Week of Easter
Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

- *St Anne Church: Finance Council Meeting*

15. *White* Wednesday. 2nd Week of Easter
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Visiting the Sick and Less Privileged*
16. *White* Thursday. 2nd Week of Easter
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Anthony Abraham*
17. *White* Friday. 2nd Week of Easter
Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)
 - *Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio*
18. *White* Saturday. 2nd Week of Easter
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda, MD*
19. *White* **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Mass of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface
Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46)
Pss III

Other celebrations are not allowed, with the exception of funeral Masses
 - *St Joseph Church: Anniversary Bingo*
20. *White* Monday. 3rd Week of Easter
Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)
21. *White* Tuesday. 3rd Week of Easter
[*White - Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor*]
Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274)
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

22. *White* Wednesday. 3rd Week of Easter
Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)
23. *White* Thursday. 3rd Week of Easter
[Red – Saint George, Martyr]
[Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]
Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in St. Patrick, Rockville, MD*
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
24. *White* Friday. 3rd Week of Easter
[Red - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr]
Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)
25. *Red* Saturday. SAINT MARK, Evangelist, *Feast*
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555) Pss Prop
 - *Bishop: St. Mary, Clinton, MD*
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
26. *White* **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Mass of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49)
Pss IV

Other celebrations are not allowed, with the
exception of funeral Masses
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in Holy Ghost, Newburg, MD*
27. *White* Monday. 4th Week of Easter
Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice) (279)
28. *White* Tuesday. 4th Week of Easter
[Red - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr]
[White - Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest]
Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Committee*
29. *White* Wednesday. 4th Week of Easter
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, *Memorial*
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)

30. *White* Thursday. 4th Week of Easter
[White – Saint Pius V, Pope]
 Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)

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1. *White* Friday. 4th Week of Easter
[White - Saint Joseph the Worker]
 Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)

or, for the Optional Memorial,
 Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
 Mt 13:54-58 (559)

 - *Holy Family Church: St Joseph Workers celebrate feast of St Joseph the Worker*
2. *White* Saturday. 4th Week of Easter
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor, *Memorial*
 Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)

 - *Bishop: Confirmation in St. Catherine Labouré, Wheaton, MD*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: CCD Exams*
3. *White* **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Mass of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface
 Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52) Pss I
 Other celebrations are not allowed, with the exception of funeral Masses

 - *Bishop: Confirmation in Jesus the Good Shepherd Church, Owings, MD*
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting*
 - *St Joseph Church: Fun Day; Grand Anniversary Raffle Drawing*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: First Holy Communion; Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

4. *White* Monday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)
 - *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*

5. *White* Tuesday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in St. John Baptist de la Salle Church, Chillum, MD*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Parish Council*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Prayer meetings*

6. *White* Wednesday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in St. John Francis Regis, Hollywood, MD*

7. *White* Thursday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)
 - *Bishop: Confirmation in Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD*
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*

8. *White* Friday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

Today, the anniversary of the election as Supreme Pontiff of Pope Leo XIV, the Mass for the anniversary of the election of the Pope may be celebrated. In any case, in all Masses, there should be an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful for the Pope.

9. *White* Saturday. 5th Week of Easter
 Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: First Confession*
 - *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: CCD Retreat*

10. *White* **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mass of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55)
Pss II

Other celebrations are not allowed, with the exception of funeral Masses

When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the following Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter (see no. 59) may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: First Holy Communion*
- *Holy Family Church: St Joseph Workers – Mothers' Day celebration*
- *Birthday: Rev. Louis Kemayou*

11. *White* Monday. 6th Week of Easter
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

12. *White* Tuesday. 6th Week of Easter
[Red - Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs]
[Saint Pancras, Martyr]
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

- *St Anne Church: Finance Committee Meeting*

13. *White* Wednesday. 6th Week of Easter
[White – Our Lady of Fatima]
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)

14. *Red* Thursday. Saint Matthias, Apostle, Feast
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop

- *Bishop: Confirmation in Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD*

15. *White* Friday. 6th Week of Easter
[USA: Saint Isidore]
Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Sacraments – meeting with parents and sponsors*
- *St Joseph Church: Finance Council Meeting*

16. *White* Saturday. 6th Week of Easter
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

- *Bishop: Confirmation in Our Lady of the Presentation Church, Poolesville, MD*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: CCD Retreat Continued, Confessions*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity

16. *White* Saturday evening – ON THE VIGIL.
Mass proper to the vigil, Gloria, Creed, with proper preface and proper inserts of Ascension for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Readings are those of the Mass of the Solemnity

17. *White* Sunday – ASCENSION: ON THE DAY
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58)
Pss Prop
Other celebrations are not allowed, not even funeral Masses

- *Bishop: Confirmation in St. Andrew, Apostle, Silver Spring, MD*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Baptism and First Holy Communion*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Confirmations*

18. *White* Monday. 7th Week of Easter
[Red – Saint John I, Pope and Martyr]
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

19. *White* Tuesday. 7th Week of Easter
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

- *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

- *Priesthood anniversaries: Rev. Benito Moreno and Rev. (Cpt) Cecil Corneille*
20. *White* Wednesday. 7th Week of Easter
[*White – Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*]
Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)
- Holy Family Church: Finance Committee meeting
21. *White* Thursday. 7th Week of Easter
[*Red - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*]
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)
- *Bishop: Confirmation in Jesus the Divine Word, Huntingtown, MD*
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
 - *Holy Family Church: HFC Charismatic Ministry - Spiritual 3 Day Preparation for Holy Spirit Charismatic Renewal*
22. *White* Friday. 7th Week of Easter
[*White – Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*]
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)
23. *White* Saturday. 7th Week of Easter
- Morning:*
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)
- *St Anne Church: Youth Night*
 - *Priesthood anniversaries: Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci, V.G. and Rev. Simon Peter Opira*

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Solemnity

The fifty days of the sacred time of Easter conclude with Pentecost Sunday, when the Church recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations.

It is fitting that the Vigil Mass of Pentecost be celebrated in a more ample form, using the readings and prayers to be found in the liturgical books. This Mass, however, unlike the Easter Vigil, does not have a baptismal character, but is instead a celebration of more intense prayer, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who together with Mary the Mother of Jesus were one in persevering prayer, as they awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

23. *Red* Saturday evening – FOR THE VIGIL: MASS PROPER FOR THE VIGIL, *Gloria*, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Pentecost for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)

or, for the Extended Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 62)

24. *Red* PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS PROPER OF THE DAY, *Gloria*, sequence, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Pentecost for the Eucharist Prayer.

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63)
Pss Prop

After Pentecost Sunday, the paschal candle is kept with honor in the baptistery, so that from its flame the candles of the baptized may be lit during their baptism. At funerals, the paschal candle should be placed near the bier, to signify that Christian death is a true Pasch.

Outside Easter Time the paschal candle should not be kept in the sanctuary nor should it be lit.

As from tomorrow, the recitation of the Angelus (*The Angel of the Lord...*) resumes.

- *Holy Family Church: First Holy Communion*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Talk on Mary*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Thanksgiving Mass for the newly baptized and communicants*

ORDINARY TIME

After Easter Time

The weeks of Ordinary Time celebrate no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ. Instead, especially on the last Sundays, the mystery of Christ in all its fullness is celebrated (LY, 43).

Ordinary time resumes from the 10th Week. The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Ordinary Time is taken up, and at Mass the weekday lectionary is that of Cycle I

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25. *White* Monday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34 (572A, see USCCB.org/motherofthechurch) Pss IV
26. *Green* Tuesday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial
1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31 (348)
27. *Green* Wednesday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]
1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45 (349)
28. *Green* Thursday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52 (350)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Finance Comm.*
 - *Sts Peter & Paul Catholic School: Graduation*

29. *Green* Friday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Paul VI, Pope]
 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)
 - *St Patrick School: Graduation*
30. *Green* Saturday. 8th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – BVM]
 Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33 (352)
 - Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: CCD end-of-year party & old-fashioned soup/breakfast
31. *White* SUNDAY. **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**, Solemnity
 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 (164)
 Pss Prop
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Sacrament of Confirmation*
 - *Holy Family Church: Haitian community – Mothers' Day celebration*
 - *St Joseph School: Graduation*

JUNE 2026

1. *Red* Monday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Justin, Martyr, *Memorial*
 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12 (353) Pss I
 - *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*
2. *Green* Tuesday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs]
 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17 (354)
3. *Red* Wednesday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs, *Memorial*
 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 (355)

4. *Green* Thursday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34 (356)
5. *Red* Friday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr, *Memorial*
2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37 (357)
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Ronan N. Sarmiento*
6. *Green* Saturday. 9th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Norbert, Bishop]
[White – BVM]
2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44 (358)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Wedding*
 - *Priestly anniversary: Rev. Msgr. Michael Kosak*
7. *White* SUNDAY. USA: **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**, *Solemnity*
Mass of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, optional sequence, Creed, with Preface of the Eucharist

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58 (167)
Pss Prop

In the universal Church, it is desirable that a procession take place after the Mass in which the Host to be carried in the procession is consecrated. When Communion of the faithful is over, the monstrance in which the consecrated host has been placed is set on the altar. When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Concluding Rites are omitted, and the procession forms.
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Council Meeting*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Michael Owusu Adjei*
8. *Green* Monday. 10th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12 (359) Pss II
9. *Green* Tuesday. 10th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor]
1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16 (360)
 - *St Anne Church: Finance Committee Meeting*

10. *Green* Wednesday. 10th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19 (361)
11. *Red* Thursday. 10th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Barnabas, Apostle, *Memorial*
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Mt 5:20-26 (362)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
12. *White* Friday. **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**,
Solemnity

Mass of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of
the Solemnity

Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 (170) Pss Prop
13. *Green* Saturday. 10th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin]
[White – Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor]
[White – BVM]
1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 (364)
or, for the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate
Heart, 1 Kgs 19:19-21 (364)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Faith Formation*
14. *Green* **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8 (91) Pss III
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Mass for Graduating Students*
15. *Green* Monday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 (365)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Pastoral Meeting/ Ministries*
 - *Birthday: Benito Stanley Moreno Rosario*

16. *Green* Tuesday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 (366)
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Fundraising*

17. *Green* Wednesday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)

18. *Green* Thursday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 (368)
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

19. *Green* Friday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Romuald, Abbot*]
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 (369)

20. *Green* Saturday. 11th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – BVM*]
2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 (370)

21. *Green* **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 (94) Pss IV
 - *Holy Family Church: St. Joseph Workers Father's Day celebration*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Prayer meetings*

22. *Green* Monday. 12th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop*]
[*Red – Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*]
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 (371)

23. *Green* Tuesday. 12th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST,
Solemnity

23. *White* Tuesday evening – AT THE VIGIL: VIGIL MASS, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of Saint John the Baptist
Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 (586)
24. *White* Wednesday. NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
MASS OF THE DAY, *Gloria*, Creed, with the Preface of Saint John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587) Pss Prop
25. *Green* Thursday. 12th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 (374)
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Pastoral Meeting/ Ministries*
26. *Green* Friday. 12th Week, Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4 (375)
- *Holy Family Church: Sacred Heart of Jesus Healing Mass*
27. *Green* Saturday. 12th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor*]
[*White – BVM*]
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 (376)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Beach Picnic*
28. *Green* **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97) Pss I
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Prayer meetings*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles, Solemnity

28. *Red* Sunday evening – ON THE VIGIL: VIGIL MASS
Gloria, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity
Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 (590)
29. *Red* Monday. SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES,
Solemnity
MASS OF THE DAY, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the
solemnity
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591)
Pss Prop
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Feastday*
30. *Green* Tuesday. 13th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red – The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*]
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27 (378)
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Comm.*

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1. *Green* Wednesday. 13th Week, Ordinary Time
[*USA: White – Saint Junípero Serra, Priest*]
Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34 (379)
- *Birthday: Very Rev. Andrea Filippucci, V.G.*
2. *Green* Thursday. 13th Week, Ordinary Time
Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8 (380)
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Prayer meetings*
3. *Red* Friday. SAINT THOMAS, Apostle, *Feast*
Mass of the feast, *Gloria*, with Preface of the
Apostles
Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593) Pss Prop
- *Holy Family Church: Celebration of Emancipation
and Independence Day till the 5th*

4. *Green* Saturday. 13th Week, Ordinary Time
[USA: *White – Independence Day*]
[*White – BVM*]
Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382)

or, for Independence Day, any readings from the
Mass “For the Country or a City” (882-886)

or the Mass “For Peace and Justice” (887-891)
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Louis Kemayou*
5. *Green* **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 (100) Pss II
 - *St Anne Church: Parish Council Meeting*
6. *Green* Monday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red – Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*]
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 (383)
7. *Green* Tuesday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 (384)
 - *St Anne Church: Finance Committee Meeting*
8. *Green* Wednesday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 (385)
9. *Green* Thursday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs*]
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15 (386)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
10. *Green* Friday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 (387)
 - *Birthday: Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo*

11. *White* Saturday. 14th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Benedict, Abbot, *Memorial*
 Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 (388)
 • *Priesthood anniversaries: Rev. Robert Kenfack and Rev. Michael Owusu Adjei*

12. *Green* **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 (103) Pss III
 • *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Parish Anniversary & Family Fun Day*

13. *Green* Monday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Henry]
 Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)

14. *White* Tuesday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
 USA: **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**, Virgin, *Memorial*
 Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 (390)
 • *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Rodrigue T. Dzomo*

15. *White* Wednesday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor, *Memorial*
 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 (391)

16. *Green* Thursday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
[White - Our Lady of Mount Carmel]
 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 (392)

17. *Green* Friday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

18. *Green* Saturday. 15th Week, Ordinary Time
[USA: White – Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest]
[White – BVM]
 Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 (394)

- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Youth Group - Jesus Explosion, Trinidad*

19. *Green* **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106) Pss IV

20. *Green* Monday. 16th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*]
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 (395)

- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Modeste Digwou*
- *Birthday: Rev. Boniface Twaibu*

21. *Green* Tuesday. 16th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor*]
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 (396)

- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Prayer meetings*

22. *White* Wednesday. SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, *Feast*
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603)
Pss Prop

23. *Green* Thursday. 16th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Bridget, Religious*]
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17 (398)

- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Godfrey Chandya*

24. *Green* Friday. 16th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest*]
Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

25. *Red* Saturday. Saint James, Apostle, *Feast*
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) Pss Prop

- *Holy Family Church: General Meeting – Society of St Vincent de Paul*

26. *Green* **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-
46 (109) Pss I

- *St Anne Church: Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Parish feast
day/Luncheon; Prayer meetings*

27. *Green* Monday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 (401)

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly*

28. *Green* Tuesday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 (402)

29. *White* Wednesday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, Memorial
Jer 15:10, 16-21 (403)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
(607)

30. *Green* Thursday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor]
Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 (404)

- *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Eduardo Ortiz
Santiago*

31. *White* Friday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial
Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 (405)

AUGUST 2026

1. *White* Saturday. 17th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor,
Memorial
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 (406)

2. *Green* **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 (112) Pss II
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Fundraising for the Youths*

3. *Green* Monday. 18th Week, Ordinary Time
Jer 28:1-17 (407)/Mt 14:22-36 (408)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Parish Council and Project Meeting*

4. *White* Tuesday. 18th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint John Vianney, Priest, *Memorial*
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,
10-14 (408)
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Anthony Abraham*

5. *Green* Wednesday. 18th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*]
Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 (409)
 - *Birthday: Rev. Simon Peter Opira*

6. *White* Thursday. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD,
Feast
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 (614) Pss
Prop

7. *Green* Friday. 18th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red - Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs]
[White - Saint Cajetan, Priest]
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 (411)
8. *White* Saturday. 18th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Dominic, Priest, *Memorial*
Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (412)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Kids/Youths Drive – Cleaning up and Parish Work*
9. *Green* **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (115)
Pss III
10. *Red* Monday. SAINT LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr, *Feast*
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Pastoral meeting*
11. *White* Tuesday. 19th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Clare, Virgin, *Memorial*
Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: General doctrine clarity; Prayer meeting*
12. *Green* Wednesday. 19th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20 (415)
 - *Birthday: Rev. Andrew Paul Lesko*
13. *Green* Thursday. 19th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]
Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*

14. *Red* Friday. 19th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr,
Memorial
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**, Solemnity

14. *White* Friday evening. – ON THE VIGIL: VIGIL MASS,
Gloria, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity
1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk
11:27-28 (621)
15. *White* Saturday. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity
[not a Holyday of Obligation this year]
Mass of the Day, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the
solemnity
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-
56 (622) Pss Prop
16. *Green* **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
(118) Pss IV
• *Holy Family Church: Cassi Hill Pilgrimage*
17. *Green* Monday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22 (419)
18. *Green* Tuesday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30 (420)
19. *Green* Wednesday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint John Eudes, Priest*]
Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Seminar on the Holy Mass and the Church*

- 20. *White* Thursday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor, *Memorial*
 Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14 (422)

- 21. *White* Friday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Pius X, Pope, *Memorial*
 Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

- 22. *White* Saturday. 20th Week, Ordinary Time
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Memorial
 Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12 (424)
 - *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church: Walkathon - Fundraiser/Our lady of Charity shelter*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Faith formation (Youth and Adults)*

- 23. *Green* **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (121) Pss I

- 24. *Red* Monday. Saint Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
 Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop

- 25. *Green* Tuesday. 21st Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Louis]
[White – Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]
 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26 (426)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Comm.*

- 26. *Green* Wednesday. 21st Week, Ordinary Time
 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32 (427)

- 27. *White* Thursday. 21st Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Monica, *Memorial*
 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51 (428)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Finance Comm.*

28. *White* Friday. 21st Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor, *Memorial*
1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13 (429)
29. *Red* Saturday. 21st Week, Ordinary Time
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, *Memorial*
1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29 (634) Pss Prop
30. *Green* **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124) Pss II
31. *Green* Monday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30 (431)

SEPTEMBER 2026

1. *Green* Tuesday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 (432)
2. *Green* Wednesday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 (433)
3. *White* Thursday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor,
Memorial
1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 (434)
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: OLPH Veteran's Day*
4. *Green* Friday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 (435)
5. *Green* Saturday. 22nd Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin*]
[*White - BVM*]
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5 (436)
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Workshop*

6. *Green* **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127) Pss III
7. *Green* Monday. 23rd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)
8. *White* Tuesday. THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY, *Feast*
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-
23 (636) Pss Prop
 - *Priesthood anniversary: Rev. Andrew Paul Lesko*
9. *White* Wednesday. 23rd Week, Ordinary Time
USA: **Saint Peter Claver**, Priest, *Memorial*
1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Mass for Opening
School Year*
10. *Green* Thursday. 23rd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 (440)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
11. *Green* Friday. 23rd Week, Ordinary Time
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 (441)
12. *Green* Saturday. 23rd Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – The Most Holy Name of Mary*]
[*White – BVM*]
1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 (442)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: CCD Classes Resume;
Car wash activity*

13. *Green* **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130)
 Pss IV

14. *Red* Monday. THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS,
Feast
 Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

15. *White* Tuesday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Fund Raising*

16. *Red* Wednesday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,
 Martyrs, *Memorial*
 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 (445)

17. *Green* Thursday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor]
[White – Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor]
 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 (446)

18. *Green* Friday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time
 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

19. *Green* Saturday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr]
[White – BVM]
 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

20. *Green* **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133) Pss I

21. *Red* Monday. SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist,
Feast
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop
22. *Green* Tuesday. 25th Week, Ordinary Time
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)
23. *White* Wednesday. 25th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, Memorial
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)
24. *Green* Thursday. 25th Week, Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)
25. *Green* Friday. 25th Week, Ordinary Time
Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)
26. *Green* Saturday. 25th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*]
[*White – BVM*]
Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)
27. *Green* **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136)
Pss II
28. *Green* Monday. 26th Week, Ordinary Time
[*Red – Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr*]
[*Red – Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*]
Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50 (455)
29. *White* Tuesday. SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND
RAPHAEL, Archangels, *Feast*
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51 (647)
Pss Prop

- *Priesthood anniversary: Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio*

30. *White* Wednesday. 26th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor, Memorial
 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62 (457)

- *Birthday: Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio*

OCTOBER 2026

1. *White* Thursday. 26th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor,
Memorial
 Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12 (458)

2. *White* Friday. 26th Week, Ordinary Time
The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial
 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650)
 Pss Prop

3. *Green* Saturday. 26th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – BVM]
 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 (460)

- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Faith Formation, Youths/Adults*

4. *Green* **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 (139) Pss III

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Fr. Joseph's Birthday - Social after Mass*
- *Birthday: Rev. Joseph Toko*

5. *Green* Monday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin]
[USA: White – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]
 Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

- *Beginning of annual clergy retreat*
- *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Teachers Formation*

6. *Green* Tuesday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Bruno, Priest]
[White - USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin]
Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 (462)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Evangelization Events*
7. *White* Wednesday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 (463) Pss Prop
8. *Green* Thursday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 (464)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
9. *Green* Friday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs]
[White – Saint John Leonardi, Priest]
Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 (465)
10. *Green* Saturday. 27th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – BVM]
Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Hispanic Celebration, Food sale*
11. *Green* **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142) Pss IV
12. *Green* Monday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)
13. *Green* Tuesday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Parish Council Meeting*

14. *Green* Wednesday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]
 Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)

15. *White* Thursday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor, *Memorial*
 Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 (470)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Special events St Therese*

16. *Green* Friday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Hedwig, Religious]
[White – Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]
 Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 (471)

17. *Red* Saturday. 28th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, *Memorial*
 Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)
 - *Birthday: Rev. Eduardo Ortiz Santiago*

18. *Green* **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 (145)
 Pss I
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Pastoral meeting; Altar servers' training*

19. *Red* Monday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
 USA: **Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues**,
 Priests, **and Companions**, Martyrs, *Memorial*
 Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

20. *Green* Tuesday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
 [USA: *White – Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*]
 Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38 (474)
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

21. *Green* Wednesday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48 (475)

22. *Green* Thursday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White - Saint John Paul II, Pope*]
Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53 (476)
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

23. *Green* Friday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*]
Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59 (477)
 - *Birthday: Guy Rodrigue T. Dzomo*

24. *Green* Saturday. 29th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*]
[*White – BVM*]
Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9 (478)

25. *Green* **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 (148)
Pss II

26. *Green* Monday. 30th Week, Ordinary Time
Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17 (479)

27. *Green* Tuesday. 30th Week, Ordinary Time
Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21 (480)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Comm.*

28. *Green* Wednesday. SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE,
Apostles, *Feast*
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666) Pss Prop

29. *Green* Thursday. 30th Week, Ordinary Time
Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35 (482)

30. *Green* Friday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time
Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6 (483)

31. *Green* Saturday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time
[*White – BVM*]
Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11 (484)

- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: General cleaning of the Cemetery*

NOVEMBER 2026

1. *White* SUNDAY. **ALL SAINTS**, *Solemnity*

Mass of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the Solemnity.

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667) Pss Prop

Other celebrations are not, not even funeral Masses.

A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who

1) On one of the days from 1 to 8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead;

2) On All Souls Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary, on the Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints' Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A *partial indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who

1) Visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead;

2) Recite devoutly Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation Eternal rest grant...

(Enchiridion of Indulgences, edition of 1999, concession 29)

2. Violet Monday. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed violet or white or black (All Souls' Day)

2. *Violet* MONDAY. **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL**
or **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)**
White

or Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses
Black for the Dead (1011-1016) Pss Prop

In virtue of the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV of 10 August 1915, all priests are permitted to celebrate three masses today provided these take place at different times and on condition, moreover, that while they may at their preference apply one of the Masses in favor of any person and accept for that Mass a stipend, they may not accept a stipend for the second or for the third Mass, the second of which they are bound to apply respectively for all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (IM, 204d).

No other celebrations are permitted.

- *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*

3. *Green* Tuesday. 31st Week, Ordinary Time
[White - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious]
Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486) Pss III
4. *White* Wednesday. 31st Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop, *Memorial*
Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)
5. *Green* Thursday. 31st Week, Ordinary Time
Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)
6. *Green* Friday. 31st Week, Ordinary Time
Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)
7. *Green* Saturday. 31st Week, Ordinary Time
[White - BVM]
Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15 (490)

8. *Green* **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
(154) Pss IV
9. *White* Monday. THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA, Feast
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
(671) Pss Prop
10. *White* Tuesday. 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor, *Memorial*
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10 (492)
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Parish Council Meeting*
11. *White* Wednesday. 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop, *Memorial*
Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19 (493) Pss Prop
12. *Red* Thursday. 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr, *Memorial*
Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25 (494)
 - *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Parish Council*
 - *Birthday: Rev. Kerly Francois*
13. *White* Friday. 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
USA: **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**, Virgin,
Memorial
2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)
14. *Green* Saturday. 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
[*White - BVM*]
3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8 (496)

15. *Green* **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sundays in Ordinary Time
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-
 30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 (157) Pss I

16. *Green* Monday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
[White – Saint Margaret of Scotland]
[White – Saint Gertrude, Virgin]
 Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)

17. *White* Tuesday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, *Memorial*
 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 (498)
 - *St Thomas – St John Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

18. *Green* Wednesday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
[White – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints
Peter and Paul, Apostles]
[USA: White – Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin]
 Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication, Acts
 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33 (679)

19. *Green* Thursday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
 Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 (500)
 - *St Croix Deanery: Pastoral meeting*

20. *Green* Friday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
 Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501)

21. *White* Saturday. 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Memorial
 Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)

22. *White* **SUNDAY. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**, Solemnity
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 (160) Pss Prop
 - *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church: Fundraising*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Breakfast sales*
23. *Green* Monday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red – Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr]
[White – Saint Columban, Abbot]
[USA: Red – Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr]
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II
24. *Red* Tuesday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, *Memorial*
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)
25. *Green* Wednesday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
[Red - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)
26. *Green* Thursday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
[USA: White – Thanksgiving Day]
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506)
or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass
“In Thanksgiving to God” (943-947)
27. *Green* Friday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Youth Group Meeting*
28. *Green* Saturday. 34th Week, Ordinary Time
[White - BVM]
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation (LY, 39).

NOVEMBER 2026

28. *Violet* Saturday evening:
First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent

From the First Sunday of Advent following, the Sunday lectionary becomes **Year B**. Weekday readings are from **Cycle I**.

29. *Violet* FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
(2) Pss I
30. *Red* Monday. SAINT ANDREW, Apostle, *Feast*
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop
- *Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral: Liturgy Comm.*

DECEMBER 2026

1. *Violet* Tuesday. 1st Week of Advent
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)
2. *Violet* Wednesday. 1st Week of Advent
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)

3. *White* Thursday. 1st Week of Advent
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, *Memorial*
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
4. *Violet* Friday. 1st Week of Advent
[*White – Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor*]
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)
5. *Violet* Saturday. 1st Week of Advent
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)
6. *Violet* SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mass Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II
7. *White* Monday. 2nd Week of Advent
Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor, *Memorial*
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)
 - *Priests' fraternity in both Deaneries*
8. *White* Tuesday. **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)
Pss Prop
9. *Violet* Wednesday. 2nd Week of Advent
[*White – Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*]
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)
10. *Violet* Thursday. 2nd Week of Advent
[*White – Our Lady of Loreto*]
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)
11. *Violet* Friday. 2nd Week of Advent
[*White – Saint Damasus I, Pope*]
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

12. *White* Saturday. USA: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, *Feast*
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)
or any readings from the Common of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (707-712) Pss Prop
- *St Joseph Church: Grand 80th Anniversary Gala Dinner*
 - *Sts Joachim and Ann Church: Christmas and Holiday Preparations*

Appendices

APPENDIX 1:

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2026

Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into “concrete actions”; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world.

It proposes a path to mobilize us each month, through prayer and action, to build a more humane and caring world.

These prayer intentions are the product of a long process of discernment within the Church, in various countries around the world, encompassing proposals from various Dicasteries, congregations, and services of the Holy See. When the process concludes, after several months, the Pope, having received the proposals, takes time to pray and discern with regard to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. He then entrusts his twelve prayer intentions to all the faithful. They are guidelines for our life and mission.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2025

JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MARCH

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

APRIL

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

MAY

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

JUNE

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

JULY

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

AUGUST

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SEPTEMBER

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

OCTOBER

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

DECEMBER

For single-parent families.

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Francis

Vatican, December 31, 2024

APPENDIX 2:

Proper Manner in which to Write and Address Clergy & Religious

The Holy Father:

Address on envelope: His Holiness Pope (first name)

Salutation: Your Holiness:

Cardinals:

Address on envelope: His Eminence (first name) Cardinal (last name)

Salutation: Your Eminence:

Archbishop:

Address on envelope: Most Reverend (full name), D.D.

Salutation: Your Excellency:

Bishops:

Address on envelope: Most Reverend (full name), D.D.

Salutation: Your Excellency:

Abbots:

Address on envelope: Right Reverend (full name), Initials

Salutation: Dear Abbot (last name):

Monsignors:

Address on envelope: Reverend Monsignor (full name)

Salutation: Dear Monsignor (last name):

Vicars General, Episcopal Vicars, Deans (Vicars Forane):

Address on envelope: Very Reverend (full name)

Salutation: Dear Father (last name):

Diocesan Priests:

Address on envelope: Reverend (full name)

Salutation: Dear Father (last name):

Religious Order Priests:

Address on envelope: Reverend (full name), Initials of Religious Order

Salutation: Dear Father (last name):

Deacons:

Address on envelope: Deacon (full name) or Reverend Mr. (full name)

Salutation: Dear Deacon (last name):

Religious Brothers:

Address on envelope: Brother (full name), Initials of Religious Order

Salutation: Dear Brother (first name):

Religious Sisters:

Address on envelope: Sister (full name), Initials of Religious Order

Salutation: Dear Sister (first name)

APPENDIX 3:

Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is committed to protecting children from all harm. If you know any member of the clergy or other church worker who may have abused a minor, please contact:

Useful Contacts:

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMS OFFICE

Phone: (340) 774-3166 Ext. 107
Email: chancery@diocesesttvi.org

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Phone: (340) 423-6825
Email: chancery@diocesesttvi.org

USVI LOCAL AUTHORITIES

U.S. Virgin Islands Police Department (V.I.P.D.)
or Department of Human Services

St. Thomas: (340) 774-0930
St. Croix: (340) 773-2323
St. John (340) 776-6334

CYBERTIPLINE

1-800-843-5678
<https://www.cybertipline.com>

Community Resource List

St Thomas:

Department of Human Services
Tel: (340) 774-0930 Ext 4475 / 4476
Fax: (340) 774-4673

Family Resource Center
24-hour hotline (340) 776-7867
Tel: (340) 777-5994

Kids Cope:
Tel: (340) 714-1012
www.kidscopevi.org

Police / Crime Prevention Bureau
Tel: (340) 776-1525

St Croix:

Department of Human Services
Tel: (340) 773-2323 Ext 2055, 2059.

VI Police Department
Tel: (340) 773-2237
Tel: (340) 773-2530
Tel: (340) 693-8880

Women's Coalition
Tel: (340) 773-9272

St John:

VI Police Department-Emergency
Tel: (340) 776-6262

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Indices

Abbreviations and Contractions

C.Ss.R. -----	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)
CB -----	Ceremonial of Bishops
CIC-----	Codex Iuris Canonici (Code of Canon Law)
Cpt-----	Captain
F.S.F.B. -----	Filles de la Sainte Famille de Bafoussam
Go. -----	Gospel
IH -----	General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours
IM-----	General Instruction of the Roman Missal
LTC -----	Lieutenant Colonel
LY -----	Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (Roman Missal)
M.C. -----	Missionaries of Charity
O.F.M. Cap. -----	Order of Friars Minor Capuchins
OM-----	Order of Matrimony
ORD. -----	Ordinary
P.O. -----	Post Office
PC-----	Instruction regarding Proper Calendars
Prop-----	Proper
Ps. -----	Psalter
ps., pss. -----	Psalms
RCYC -----	Regional Catholic Youth Conference
RM-----	Roman Missal
S.J. -----	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
S.S.T.-----	Sisters of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of Buea
SC-----	Sacrosanctum Concilium, Conciliar Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
St-----	Saint
Sts. -----	Saints
wk -----	Week

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