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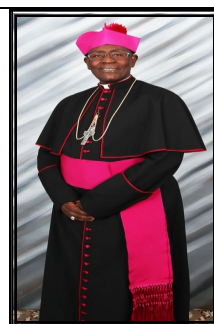
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**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A  
June 25, 2023**

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

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**MASS SCHEDULES**

**Weekend**

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.  
or by Appointment

**Weekday**

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

**HOLY HOUR**

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
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AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS**



**“TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”**

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah found comfort and strength in the Lord though his friends sought to trap him and take vengeance on him. He praised God and entrusted his cause to the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: **Romans 5:12-15**

Paul the apostle believed death entered the world through sin, but life comes as a gracious gift from God through Jesus Christ.

#### GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus encouraged His apostles not to be intimidated or afraid because "Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." He comforted them, assuring that in God's eyes their worth exceeds a flock of sparrows. God knows them intimately and cares for them.

In the face of enemies on all sides, long-suffering Jeremiah puts his trust in the Lord. The first reading establishes the theme running throughout today's scripture passages: We can always rely on the Lord. The psalmist turns to the Lord, whose kindness is constant. Paul points out that God's grace—given by Jesus on the cross—is greater than the sins of humanity. Jesus assures His disciples that God watches over them to the smallest detail. May God's word reassure us as well.

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of June 25, 2023

#### **26 - Monday St. Anthelm, Bishop of Belley**

Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

#### **27 - Tuesday St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

#### **28 - Wednesday St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

#### **29 - Thursday Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

#### **30 - Friday First Martyrs of the Church of Rome**

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

#### **01 Saturday St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

Gn 18:1-15; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

#### **02 - Sunday 13th Sunday In O.T.**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

### MASS INTENTION

#### **Saturday June 24, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.:** - Wed. Anniv. George and Christiana St. Rose rb Family

#### **Sunday June 25, 2023**

**7:00 a.m.:** - Thanksgiving Cathie Burton rb Augustina Dubique  
- +Gilbert Samuel and +Stephanie Joseph rb Quintina Joseph

**9:30 a.m.:** - B'day Blessing Abigail Gaston rb Mother  
- B'day Blessing Amiyah Pamphile rb Mother  
- B'day Blessing Amorita Bramble rb Family  
- Wed. Anniv. Trevor and Judith Nelson rb children

#### **12:15 p.m.:** **Tuesday June 27, 2023**

- +Florine Viola Osborne rb Children  
- B'day Blessing Clement Poleon rb mother

#### **7:00 a.m.:** **Wednesday June 28, 2023**

- +Yvonne Johnson and +Vena Henry rb Capdeville and Johnson Families

#### **12:15 p.:** **Thursday June 29 2023**

- +Angela Santos rb Family

#### **7:00 a.m.:** **Friday June 30, 2023**

- Souls in Purgatory

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**ST. JOACHIM CHURCH:** Thanksgiving Cathie Burton  
rb Augustina Dubique

**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** Souls in Purgatory

**SHRINE:** For the Sick and Homebound

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Wed. Anniv. Trevor and Judith Nelson rb children **AND** George and Christiana St. Rose rb Family

▪ **Reminder:** This Sunday, June 25, 2023 starting at **3:00 p.m.**, the Concert and drawing of the raffle celebrating the 200th Anniversary of St. Ann's Church is scheduled to take place. Food and drinks will be on sale. All are invited as this event is expected to be a spectacular one.

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "E" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "A" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, July 01, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Music Ministry:** Brothers and sisters, there will be a music ministry meeting for the Island of St. Croix on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospitality Lounge. All musicians, cantors, organists and volunteers involved in this ministry are invited. This is an invitation of Bishop Jerome Feudjio that all may grow in the love and knowledge of Christ.

▪ **Commemorative Holy Mass:** In remembrance of Fr. Timothy A. O'Ryan and Marie Richards, R.N. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Attire: White Garments suggested.

▪ **High School Enrollment:** St. Joseph Catholic High School is currently accepting enrollment for the 2023 —2024 school year. Scholarships are available. For further information kindly contact Ms. Miranda Maynard at 340-643-5284. Thank you.

▪ **Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC):** We are invited to pray for the Delegates of the Diocese of St. Thomas In The Virgin Islands who will be representing us at this Conference from July 21 - 23, 2023 at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

► **Please remember** the Church by bringing or sending in your donations/offerings to: St. Ann's Church, P.O. Box 1160, Kingshill, VI 00851, **OR**, use our Website. Thank you.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2022 — 2023

Religious Education Classes are on Summer break until further notice.

Registration for the 2023-2024 year is in progress from July 1 to August 26, 2023. For registration, the students' birth and baptismal certificates are needed. Thank you.

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

*What are the rewards of Stewardship? We seek no "rewards" for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, worship, study of scriptures, Christian action truly sincere.*

*Our whole life is a partnership with God. We cannot "give" anything to God, but we can fulfill our stewardship to God by using our gifts wisely and sharing with others.*

*Your giving is the key to the success of church plans and programs. To help us meet our obligations, please pray about **TITHING** and becoming **GOOD STEWARDS**.*

### Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul



On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican Hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

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## **PRAYER CORNER**

### HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the dangers of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love, as you turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations and protect us from the Coronavirus and all other sicknesses. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

### FATIMA PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen!

### FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of Your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as Your representatives, I offer You through the hands of Your most Holy Mother, Mary this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of Your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood. Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of Your divine love, who seek nothing but Your greater glory, and the salvation of souls. And You, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd, those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. AMEN!

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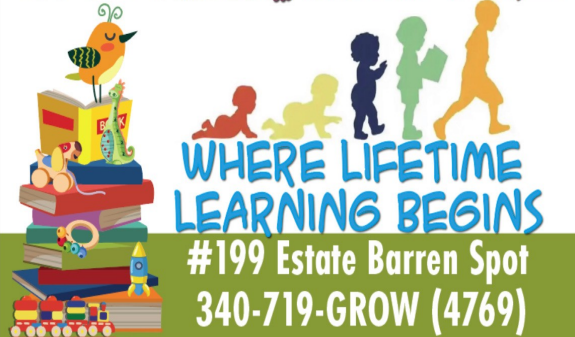
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