

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A May 07, 2023

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

MARRIAGE: Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call anytime

FUNERAL: Tuesdays through Fridays Please call prior to final arrangements.

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 <u>Weekday</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

<u>HOLY HOUR</u> EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRMENT FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A	ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD	THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE
FIRST READING: Acts 6: 1-7 There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.	 ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: B'day Blessing Fr. Louis Kemayou ST. ANN Chapel: Birthday Blessing Fr. Louis Kemayou SHRINE: Birthday Blessing Fr. Louis Kemayou ALTAR FLOWERS: 1st Communion Students
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the Gospel. GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-12 Jesus told the disciples that He would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works that He did and still greater. During the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on all the wonderful implications of the Resurrection. The early Church grew and expanded to the extent that more leaders were needed to minister to everyone. We are, as Peter puts it, "living stones," built	• <u>Bishop's Appeal - Week 11:</u> We are reminded of our call to be "good stewards" of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and give an acceptable portion of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE for the Kingdom of God. The Bishop's Appeal 2023 is a practical opportunity for you to practice your
upon the cornerstone who is Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus assured His disciples that He was preparing dwelling places for them in His Father's House. Let us place our trust in the Lord, that we will one day reach God's dwelling place.	Catholic faith by serving Christ and His poor and needy brothers and sisters, Bethlehem Houses, Soup Kitchens and Evangelization efforts. For your con- venience, you may choose to make a pledge now and
Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of May 07, 2023 <u>08 - Monday</u> St. Desidera- tus, Bishop and Bourges Acts 15:17-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 Acts 15:17-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 <u>09- Tuesday</u> St. Pachomius, Abbot Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17 Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10- 13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a In 14:27-31a 10 - Wednesday St Solange Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5;	spread your payments over several months. Dona- tions may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card or direct online payments. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks pay- able to the "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank you. "As Christ feeds us with the Eucharistic bread, we are called to help feed the less fortunate among us." "For we, many though we are, are one body, for we partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor. 10:17)
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 <u>Meeting</u>: There will be a very important meeting for all Stewards of Christ members on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in the Marian Hall. <u>St. Ann's 200 Years Celebration</u>: Since May 14, 2023 is Mother's Day, the Fellowship scheduled
MASS INTENTION Saturday May 06, 2023 4:00 p.m.: - St. Ann's Parish Family Sunday May 07, 2023 7:00 a.m.: - B'day Blessing Elizabeth Charles rb Family - +Deborah Rogers rb Roy Rogers and Family 9:30 a.m.: - 1st Communion Students - B'day Blessing Fr. Louis Kemayou - +Victor Skerrette rb Wife and Family <u>Tuesday May 09, 2023</u>	 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass is canceled. Thank you. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Virgin Islands will host their first Convention, 'An Afternoon with the Bishop and the Board'. All women and women's organizations are invited to attend. The Bishop would like to meet with all women and women's groups at the Convention, to dialogue with you and to bring awareness to the mission of the board. The St. Croix Meeting will be held at the St. Ann's Church on Sunday May 21, 2023 from 3-5 pm (light refreshments will be served).
 12:15 p.m.: - +Nicholas Miller rb Family God's help and guidance Augustina Dubique 7:00 a.m.: Wednesday May 10, 2023 B'day Blessing Fr. Louis Kemayou rb Office Staff B'day Blessing Cecil George rb Family B'day Blessing Marilyn Caesar For the repose of Catherine Royer rb Flora Royer 12:15 p.m.: Thursday May 11, 2023 B'day blessing Emanuel Beharry rb Family B'day Blessing Emanuel Beharry rb Family B'day Briday May 12, 2023 B'day Fr. Louis Kemayou rb Flora Royer 	• Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress (ANEC): The fourth African National Eucharistic Congress, will take place in Washington D.C from July 21st to July 23rd 2023. All parishioners who are interested in attending this special event are asked to sign in their names in the parish office. We will be travelling with our Bishop His Excellency Jerome Feudjio and as Pilgrim Chaplain, Fr. Thabang. Let us all attend.

Fírst Holy Communíon Mass Sunday May 7, 2023 9:30 A.M.

Congratulations to the following First Holy Communicants:

Austrie, Emily Jerniah Browne, Shanya Charee Ali Burton, Ava-Grace Harve, Nyla Caina Samayia Hedrington, Kezia Christelle Llanos, Tianni Avori Llanos, Tíonn Ignacío McIntosh, Ezekíel Nomar Prevost, Ezekíel Sheríff, Zahír Isaíah Scotland, Caden Píerce Velez, Jovíel



The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saints were ordinary people just like you and me whose perfection of the virtues earned them the right to be honored and imitated by those on earth.

Mary, on the other hand, earned the title Queen of All Saints because she perfected all virtues to such a degree that her holiness cannot be compared to any other of God's creatures. Mary was perfectly humble, perfectly obedient, completely pure and completely chaste.

Because of mankind's sinful nature, no saint is able to perfect all the virtues. He may have made great progress in some areas but surely he struggled in others. One thing all the saints knew is that Mary was the perfection of all virtues. She was a perfect reflection of Jesus. They followed her example and knew that they must go to Jesus through her loving arms.

If you aspire for sainthood, and we all should, you too must learn from the

saints to imitate Mary's life and holiness.

Prayer:

O Holy Mary, my sovereign Lady, into your blessed trust and special custody, and into the heart of your mercy, I, this day and every day, and in the hour of my death, commend my whole being.

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