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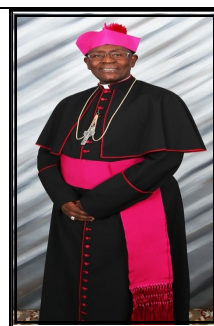
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
JULY 23, 2023**

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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

Weekday

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

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



“TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Though powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope, and repentance.

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:26-27**

Paul reminded the Romans that the Spirit helps God's people in their weakness and intercedes for them

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30**

Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, He encouraged His disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

Today's first reading reminds us that God is both just and merciful: judging with clemency, governing with lenience. The farmer in Jesus' parable does the same, allowing weeds to grow alongside the wheat, waiting until harvest time to separate the two. God's justice is always tempered by mercy. Indeed, God sent the Son into the world, where He was put to death by unjust authorities, to bring mercy to all who seek forgiveness. Let us feel confident in placing our trust in our just and merciful God as we carry on in this imperfect world.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of July 23, 2023

24 - Monday St. Sharbel

Makhluf, Priest

Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42

25 - Tuesday St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28

26 - Wednesday Sts. Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

27 - Thursday Sts. Natalia,

Aurelius, Lilia, Felix and

George, Martyrs

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

28 - Friday St. Samson, Bishop of Dol

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

29 Saturday Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 OR Lk 10:38-42

30 - Sunday 17th Sunday In O.T.

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46

MASS INTENTION

4:00 p.m.:

Saturday July 22, 2023

- B'day Blessing Christiana St. Rose rb Family
- Special Intention Akima Joseph and Family
- Healing Evarista Sampson rb Martina Rodney
- +Krisendat Bhola rb Family

7:00 a.m.:

Sunday July 23, 2023

- 12th Anniv. of Priesthood Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng
- +Apollinaris Charles rb Wife

9:30 a.m.:

- Wed. Anniv. Phillip and Mary Payne
- 100th B'day Blessing Annie Greenidge rb Greenidge and Petersen Families
- B'day Blessing Jayanne Thomas rb Family
- B'day Blessing Derwin Austric rb Family

12:15 p.m.:

Tuesday July 25, 2023

- B'day Blessing Jasmin George rb Grandparents

7:00 a.m.:

Wednesday July 26, 2023

- B'day Blessing Lucy Bough rb Family

12:15 p. m.:

Thursday July 27, 2023

- +Jeanette Drigo rb Julia Santos

7:00 a.m.:

Friday July 28, 2023

- Thanksgiving Edson O'Neale rb Mother

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: 12th Anniv. of Priesthood Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

ST. ANN CHAPEL: 12th Anniv. of Priesthood Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

SHRINE: St. Ann's Parish Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: St. Ann's Parish Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "D" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "E" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **200th Anniversary Celebration:** During the weekend of July 30, 2023, there will be one Mass only at 9:00 a.m. To celebrate the occasion, Lunch will be served after the Mass for those who sign up to participate in the fellowship ceremony in the Marian Hall where seating arrangements will be assigned. Two tents will be set up to provide Grab and Go lunch for those who so desire. Tickets will be given to those who pick up and go. A Sign-Up Sheet is available for those who are interested in the fellowship ceremony as well as those who will grab and go. Please be advised that a new shipment of T-Shirts, in various sizes, has arrived for those who requested them. The cost of the T-Shirts is \$35.00 each. Please stop by the Bookstore to make your selection.

▪ **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):** This weekend, Sunday, July 23, 2023 concludes the celebration of the ANEC Conference in Washington, D.C. Let us pray that this event will be a rewarding one for our Delegates of the Diocese of St. Thomas In The Virgin Islands who will be representing us at this Conference. May the collaborators and presenters be empowered by the Holy Spirit in bringing a spiritual awareness to the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

▪ **An Online Course For Learning How To Manage Fertility Naturally In Context Of The Catholic Faith.**

Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 19 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week. Use **NFPWEEK** coupon code to claim your discount. www.smartloving.org/fertility.

▪ **Private Viewing of the New Movie: Sound Of Freedom**

Don't miss the "Sound Of Freedom" movie viewing hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Join us on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the Caribbean Cinemas, St. Thomas, and St. Croix. Tickets cost \$5.00 at the Parish offices and the Chancery office. Please consider donating to support the event. An inspiring film about rescuing trafficked children. Let's unite as Catholics to protect God's children. Call 340-774-3166 (Office) or 340-642-7052 (Mobile).

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**.*



Sts. Joachim and Ann Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sts. Joachim and Ann, both of the tribe of Judah of the royal house of David are venerated by the Church as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was probably their only child.. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Ann and their daughter. Joachim and Ann began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel. As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Ann when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world." After the birth of Mary, St. Ann made a sanctuary in the infant girl's room, and allowed nothing common or unclean on account of the special holiness of the child. When she was one year old, her father made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel. St. Joachim brought the girl child to the priests and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations. He also brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever. St. Joachim and St. Ann have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy.

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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!

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY JUNE 30, 2023

INCOME:

Parish Collection	\$20,472.60
Donations	\$22,627.68
Second Collections	<u>\$ 2,910.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$46,010.28

EXPENSES:

Administrative	(\$18,521.56)
Benefits	(\$ 2,429.99)
Taxes	(\$ 3,491.70)
Office Expenses	(\$ 1,354.87)
Maintenance	(\$ 8,730.90)
Insurance	(\$ 1,999.42)
Utilities	(\$ 3,494.90)
Broadcasting	<u>(\$ 250.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	(\$40,273.34)
INCOME-EXPENSE:	\$5,736.94

OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE Located In The Sugar Mill, Erected 1808



*Please feel free to visit,
meditate and pray.*

Please pray for the members of our Parish who are sick or suffering...

Gavin Ajani Navarro, Maria Hall, Eugenie Samuel, Blossy Julien, Gloria Roddy, Omar Dubois, Carla D. Beharry, Kimbel President, Neil Dennie, Madonna Hall, Madonna Remy, Patrice John, Francis Charles, Eldon Serrant, Alex Albert, George John, Gloria John, Matilda Nestor, Annel Sylvestre, Julius Francis, Helen Howard, Mary Bishop, Francis (Frankie) Xavier, Charles Philip, Joseph Vigier, Ferdin Tobierre, Juditha Joseph, Anisha Hendricks, Louise L. Henry, Worrell George, Polly Joseph, Mary Vincent, James Eugene, Anne Marie Eugene, Valerie Leon, Keeyan Scotland, Vel Beau brun, Cammie R. Daniel, Agatha Joseph, Paulina Isaac, Mary N. Elliott, Princilla Julien Eugene, Agatha Edwards, Alejandro Ayala, Anna Guiste, Kaishia Toussaint, Ruth Royer, Melanie Popo, Eugenia Johnson, Edita Emmanuel, Melvina Albert, Maureen Tyson, Elisa Harrison, Cornelia Willie, Celine Bradshaw, Uralise Eugene, Mabel Williams, Steven C. Mayers, Judith Nelson, Julien Thomas, Barbara Bretto, Cynthia Richards, Lynette Ettinoffe, Nitza Ayala, Kieran St. Ange, Evarista Sampson

Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.

Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

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