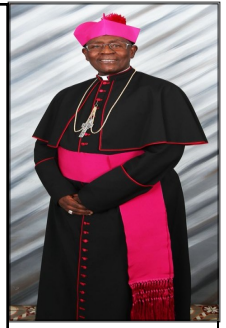




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**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR
May 25, 2025**



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A controversy arose among the disciples whether or not gentile converts were to be circumcised according to Mosaic law. At a Jerusalem meeting the Holy Spirit, the apostles, and the elders decided gentiles should not be burdened by such laws.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm - 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

An angel carried the visionary to the top of a mountain to view the holy city Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven. There was no temple because the Lord God and the Lamb were the temple.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of May 25, 2025

26 - Monday St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4

27 - Tuesday St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

28 - Wednesday St. Ger-manus, Bishop of Paris

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

29 - Thursday St. Paul VI, Pope

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

30 - Friday St. Joan of Arc, Virgin

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

31 - Saturday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bed, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

01 - Sunday The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.: - B'day Blessing Rosemary Grey rb Family
Wed. Anniv. +Krisendat and Tracy Bhola

Sunday May 25, 2025

7:00 a.m.: - B'day Blessing Kobi Brannigan rb Family
- Spl. Int. Kendalene Brudey and Patrick Nicholas rb Family
- +Anthony Carr rb Family

9:30 a.m.: - 100th B'day Blessing Ann Marie Gidharry rb Duval Family
- Spl. Int. Rochester and Vanessa Lewis and Family

Tuesday May 27, 2025

12:15 p.m.: - Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday May 28, 2025

7:00 a.m.: - Spl. Int. Deacon Denis Griffith

Thursday May 29, 2025

12:15 p.m.: - Thanksgiving all Graduating Students

Friday May 30, 2025

7:00 a.m.: - Spl. Int. All Priests of the Diocese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

St. Joachim Church: Spl. Int. Kendalene Brudey and Patrick Nicholas rb Family

St. Ann Chapel: Ongoing Repairs

Shrine: Spl. Int. Deacon Denis Griffith

Altar Flower: St. Ann's Parish Family

▪ **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, May 31, 2025. Please pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Funeral Mass:** The funeral Masses for deceased Fr. John K. Mark is scheduled as follows:

- 1) St. Joachim & Ann Church - first Funeral Mass Vigil on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.
- 2) St. Patrick's Church - final Funeral Mass on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

▪ **Mass Cancellation:** Due to the funeral Masses of deceased Fr. John K. Mark, there will be **NO MASS** on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. and on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.

▪ **Feast of the Ascension:** Ascension Thursday Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 01, 2025. However, Ascension Thursday still remains a holy day of celebration.

▪ **Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall. All are invited.

▪ **Bishop Appeal 2025:** The Bishop's Appeal for the building and maintenance of our Diocese is here again in this year of Hope. Your generous gift to this appeal will help the Bishop support our Schools, Catholic Charities for the soup kitchen and the homeless of the Island, and to build a brighter future for the Church and the Community in the Virgin Islands. Let us kindly embrace this opportunity to be pilgrims of Hope to the hopeless by supporting our pastoral ministries. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, credit card, or direct online payments. Please fill out the form in the Brochure which is available at the Church entrances, and make your checks payable to the "Diocese of St. Thomas." Thank you.

▪ **Retreat:** The Sacred Heart Society of St. Patrick Church announces their Retreat to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27, 2025 in Frederiksted at the St. Gerard's Hall at St. Patrick. Stay tuned for updated!

▪ **Liturgy Schedule:** The Liturgy Schedules for the month of June are available. All those who are involved in the Liturgy are asked to check your online services or to pick up your schedule after Mass. Thank you.

▪ **Donation Box:** You are reminded of the Donation Box that is place at the back of the Church. Please be generous.

▪ **School Banner:** A Banner display for all Catholic Schools is placed at the front of the Church wall. Please feel free to browse and encourage Catholic education.

▪ **Parish Clean-up Exercise:** Parish clean up exercise will be conducted on the last Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Abled Parish men and women are invited to participate. It is God's work for our salvation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024 - 2025

Religious Education Program is on summer break. Classes to resume in August. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Consecration to the Precious Blood of Jesus

May the Most Precious Blood that pours out from the sacred Head of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Temple of Divine wisdom, Tabernacle of Divine knowledge, and sunshine of heaven and earth, cover us now and forever. AMEN!

Highlight on Virtus Program and Protecting God's Children

Children sexual abuse is frowned at by the Church, especially when any Christian is on it. Hence, the Virtus Program assists the Church in being a safe place for children and a messenger for preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and the society at large. In it, we learn to keep ourselves safe and protected. It stands for valor, excellence, manly maturity, courage, character and worth, not for discrimination or avoidance, but acting in prudence, not as a trap to ruin, but as a spiritual virtue that can lead us to holiness. (Fr. Dominic Ukagba)



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Historically, this Holy Solemnity has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday – the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. Most U.S. dioceses, however, have moved the celebration of the Ascension to the 7th Sunday of Easter. For this reason, it is now often referred to as "Ascension Sunday." The day of celebration – Thursday or Sunday – seems to vary from diocese to diocese and country to country in 2025. When celebrated on a Thursday, the Ascension of the Lord remains a **holy day of obligation**. The Church expects Catholics to attend Mass every Sunday already, so when the Ascension is celebrated on a Sunday, attendance is doubly encouraged. We are encouraged to reflect on the Ascension with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians (Col. 3:1-4): *"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: **'If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.'**"*

DOCTRINE CORNER

NON BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR JESUS

Almost every major world religion has a teaching about the identity of Jesus. Jews say that Jesus was a human teacher, Muslims say that He was a prophet, and Hindu and Buddhists say that Jesus was an "enlightened man." They all say basically the same thing: Jesus was a great man but He's not God. If it turned out that Jesus was God, however, then even though these religions have some good teachings, I knew they could not be revelation. How would they if they failed to teach about the incredible moment when God became man in the person of Jesus Christ?

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from all sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

heaven rejoice **Alleluia**
For Him you did merit to bear **Alleluia**
Has risen as He said **Alleluia**
Pray for us to God **Alleluia**
Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary **Alleluia**
For the Lord has risen indeed **Alleluia**

LET US PRAY

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that we may obtain through His Virgin Mother Mary the joy of everlasting life through Christ our Lord. Amen

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