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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER) – YEAR A May 21, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Louis Kemayou

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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

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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 SACRMENT
FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1–11

Jesus promises they will soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17–23

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the Church.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16–20

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Every year on this feast, we hear the opening passage from Acts of the Apostles, in which Luke wrote that Jesus was lifted up as the disciples looked on. Interestingly, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus led the disciples up a mountain but did not disappear from their sight. Nevertheless, both Matthew and Luke emphasized that Jesus gave the disciples a mission: to be His witnesses, evangelizing to the ends of the earth. May we listen to Jesus' words as His modern-day disciples, ready and eager to hear His guidance.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of May 21, 2023

22 - Monday St. Rita of Cascia, Widow

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; 16:29-33

23- Tuesday St. John Baptist Dei Rossi, Priest

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

24 - Wednesday Sts. Donatian and Rogatian, Martyrs Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-

30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19

25- Thursday St. Bebe The Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church and St. Gregory,

VII, Pope

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

26 - Friday St. Philip Neri, Priest Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19

27- Saturday St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-

21:20-25 5, 7; Jn

28 - Sunday Pentecost Sunday 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, Acts 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-20:19-23 13; Jn

MASS INTENTION Saturday May 20, 2023

4:00 p.m.: - +Hurchell Greenaway rb Family

Sunday May 21, 2023

7:00 a.m.: - For vocations rb Luciam

9:30 a.m.: - God's guidance for the children of Phyllis Toussaint

- B'day Blessing Cheryl Jones rb Ruth Samuel

- +Timothy Samuel rb Ruth Samuel

- Thanksgiving Allyne and Elpha George rb Deacon Denis and Patricia Griffith

12:15 p.m.: Tuesday May 23, 2023

- 30th Anniv. Ordination of Fr. Simon Peter Opira

- Graduation Thanksgiving Nisieni and Nirisi Griffith rb Deacon Denis and Patricia Griffith (Grandparents)

7:00 a.m.:

m.: Wednesday May 24, 2023
- Graduation Blessings Makenzie Joseph and Vashawn Brooks rb Adele Gilbert

<u>Thursday May 25, 2023</u> 12:15 p.m.:

B'day Blessing Octave Griffith rb Deacon Denis and Patricia Griffith and Family

7:00 a.m.: Friday May 26, 2023

- All Priests in the Diocese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: +Hurchell Greenaway rb

Family

ST. ANN Chapel: +Hurchell Greenaway rb Family **SHRINE:** +Hurchell Greenaway rb Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: +Hurchell Greenaway rb 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 27, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.
- Bishop's Appeal Week 13: Thank You to all who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2023! Please give a brochure to a friend. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts needs everyone's support. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations 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 payable 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)
- Reminder: This afternoon, May 21, 2023 from 3-5 p.m., 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. (light refreshments will be served).
- Concert and Raffle: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Concert and the drawing of the Raffle have been rescheduled to June 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. However, all participants in the Concert are advised that the first practice session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joachim Church. Please contact Mrs. Susan Wells should there be any questions or concerns.
- **PENTECOST RALLY** ◆ SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Marian Hall. Theme: Be Renewed In The Holy Spirit (Romans 8:13-17). Guest Speaker: Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng.
- St. Ann's 200 Years Celebration: The physical maintenance of the Chapel which included the power -washing of the walls in preparation for painting has been completed. Thanks to all volunteers who participated in this project.
- 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.

Confirmation Mass Sunday May 21, 2023 9:30 A.M.

Congratulations to the following Confirmation Candidates:

Austrie, Anirah Jaslyn

Browne, Shanyce Ameliah

Lockhart, Khamar Moses, Nathaniel Jahmar Okinwau Samuel, Adrianna Adelia

Seales II, Tremaine Michael

Tutein, Austin Lloyd Robert



<u>The Feast Of The Ascension</u> <u>Of The Lord</u>

Traditionally the Ascension of Our Lord was held 40 days after Easter, falling on a Thursday. However in most dioceses in the United States, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Year A is moved to the following Sunday,

superseding the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Prior to His Ascension, the Scripture tells us that He appeared to His disciples 40 days after His Resurrection teaching them about the kingdom of God and telling them to stay in Jerusalem to await the promised Holy Spirit that would come to them. He also gave the Great Commission that all of the world should be saved by the teaching and preaching of the Good News to the whole world. Because of the Ascension, Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God in heaven, with power and authority over all things, and is a source of hope and enlightenment for believers.

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen!

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



Please feel free to visit, meditate and pray.

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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 Beaubrun, 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

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

Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

Aliyah Brooks, Justin Joseph, Malachi Gaston, Meriano Jacobs, Marquis Joseph, Natasha Massicott-Alcala, Erica Toussaint, Herman Bardouille, Jr., Nicholas Philogene, Isaiah Jonathan Francis, Alexander Buchanan, Rashad A. Richards, Tre'Von Portor, Akeem Grenidge, Enja Gumbs, Ganesia Milligan, Marvin Del Sol, Adrian Nelson, Brianna Nelson, Shawn Pryce, Michael Matthews, Rodney A Fabio, III, Christopher Samuel

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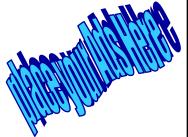




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