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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B MARCH 03, 2024

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Rev. Dr. Denis Griffith

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SACRISTAN: Mr. Aldon Rogers

ASSISTANT SACRISTANS: Mrs. Patricia Browne, Ms. Claretta Randolph

MAINTENANCE: Mr. Michael Matthews

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: 3:30 p.m.
or by Appointment

Weekday

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."

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

God delivered the commandments to Moses and the Hebrews, who had been freed from slavery in Egypt. "You shall not have other gods besides me," said the Lord God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preached Christ crucified "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." God's folly is wiser and his weakness stronger than a human wisdom.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-25

Jesus found people buying and selling in the temple. With a whip he drove out the moneychangers. He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise up."

At times we all fall into the rut of thinking of the Ten commandments as a list of "Thou shalt nots," rendering them in a way that makes God's law feel like a burden to be carried rather than a way of listing that is fruitful. But if we focus on the line just below the listing of God's commands, the entire enterprise of obedience is rightly reframed: "I, the Lord am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery".

The psalmist reminds us that God's law refreshes the soul and is trust-worthy because God is trust-worthy. Does our obedience feel burdensome, or does it invite others to experience God as we have?

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of March 03, 2024

<u>**04-**</u> <u>**Monday Saint Casimir**</u> 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

<u>05- Tuesday</u> Lenten Wkdy Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9 Mt 18:21-

<u>06- Wednesday</u> Lenten Wkdy Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19

<u>07- Thursday</u> Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

<u>**08- Friday</u>** Lenten Wkdy Hos 14:2-10, Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34</u>

<u>*09- Saturday*</u> Lenten Wkday Hos 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b-Lk 18:9-14

<u>10- Sunday</u> 4th Sunday Of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.: <u>Saturday March 02, 2024</u>

- +Yvonne Johnson rb Capdeville Family

7:00 a.m.: Sunday March 03, 2024

- Deceased: Arns. Bough and Hansen Family's rb Lucy

- Thanksgiving Fontaine Family rb Eugeine

9:30 a.m. - B'day Blessing Dominque Ambrose rb Grandmother and Family

Spl. Int. Melvina Albert and Family

- +Marie Lubrin rb Family

12:15 p.m.: <u>Tuesday March 05, 2024</u>

- B'day Blessing Sheera Griffith rb Parents and Family

- +Edmond and Bernadette Koupie

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday 06, 2024

- B'day Blessing Patricia Griffith rb Deacon Griffith and Family

- + Memorial mass for Barbara Bretto

12:15 p. m.: Thursday March 07, 2024

- Spl. Int. Danase Boland

7:00 a.m.: Friday March 01, 2024

- Spl. Int. Melvina Albert and Family

6:00 p.m.: - St. Ann's Parish Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's sanctuary candle

ST JOACHIM CHURCH: B'day Blessing Sherisa

Caesar rb Mother and Family

ST. ANN CHAPEL: B'day Blessing Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

SHRINE: Spl Int. Hugh Pemberton rb Marilyn Caesar

- <u>Church Maintenance</u>: Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "A" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "B" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, March 09, 2024. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.
- Penance Celebrations: If you are unable to make it at our Parish, here is the list of the penance celebrations in St. Croix during Lent:

Sunday, March 03, 3:00 p.m.– Holy Cross Church Sunday, March 10, 3:00 p.m. St. Patrick Church Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. St. Ann's Church

- Chrism Mass: March 26, 2024: On Holy Tuesday morning in the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, the bishop, joined by the priests of his diocese, gather at the Church assigned to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the bishop blesses three oils the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church.
- Lenten Season: We are now in the Lenten Season. During this period, we are called to come back to the Lord with all our hearts. Let's make a special effort to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Lent is the season of the heart. The prophet Joel reminds us, "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts not your garment, and return to the Lord, your God." Joel 2:12-13a.
- Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during the Lenten Season at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Booklets for the stations are still available in the Bookstore.
- Memorial Service: A memorial service for the peace of the soul of Barbara Bretto will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
- Bishop's Appeal: From His Excellency, Bishop Jerome Feudjio: This year we will resume parish goals for the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. Your Parish target is \$25,000.00. As an incentive, any extra donations received after reaching. your parish goal may be retained by the Parish and be utilized for a Parish Project. Thank You for your ongoing dedication to supporting the essential ministries of the Diocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2024 - 2025

♦ Classes as follows:

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Classes for ALL LEVELS - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND ALSO PICK UP THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES

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.

The Corporal Works of Mercy Works of Mercy

The Spiritual

- Feed the hungry Admonish the sinner
- Give drink to the thirsty
 - Instruct the ignorant
- Clothe the naked
- Counsel the doubtful
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Visit the sick
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Visit the imprisoned
- Forgive all injuries
- Bury the dead
- Pray for the living and the dead

PRAYER CORNER

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 the Coronavirus and all other 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!

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!

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



Please feel free to visit, meditate and pray Entrance Through The Marian Hall Please pray for the members of our Parish who are sick or suffering...

Gavin A. 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 J. 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 Cynthia Richards, Lynette Ettinoffe, Kieran St. Ange, Mercedes Samuel, Leonard Joseph, Sr., Peter Nestor, Christiana Worrell, Shana Alexis, Khadijah Lake, Joanita Phillip, Monica Lloyd, 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, 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, Recqiem Serrano, Jahkeel Richardson, Valence Modeste, Dante Modeste, Dazante Morgan

<u>BOOKSTORE</u> (Entrance through Marian Hall) Open Sundays after the 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. Tuesday to Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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