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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A JULY 02, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Louis Kemayou

Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

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#### **DEACONS**

Rev. Mr. Joseph T. Mark, OCDS

Rev. Dr. Denis Griffith

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SACRISTAN: Mr. Aldon Rogers

ASSISTANT SACRISTANS: Mrs. Patricia Browne, Mrs. Patricia Griffith

**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.

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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.

<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."

# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

A woman of influence provided a room for Elisha. In gratitude, He promised the woman, who had no child, that within a year she would bear a baby boy.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

As Jesus conquered sin through death and resurrection, so His faithful have died to sin and come alive in God through baptism.

#### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus told His apostles that people who seek only themselves come to ruin. Those who deny themselves for His sake discover themselves. Those who welcome prophets receive great rewards; those who welcome holy persons welcome the Lord.

Three times in today's Gospel Jesus explains how someone can receive a reward. Sounds great, right? In the first reading, a kind and generous woman receives an awesome reward from God for her hospitality to the prophet Elisha. The psalmist sings of the goodness of the Lord. Our greatest reward, though, has already been given to us. As Paul tells the Romans, when we are baptized into Christ, we are baptized into both His death and His new life. Let us listen for what Jesus asks us to do for His sake to receive our reward.

# Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of July 02, 2023

#### <u>03 - Monday</u> St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29

04- Tuesday St. Elizabeth of

Portugal

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9 -12; Mt 8:23-27 **05 - Wednesday** Sts. Anthony

Zaccaria, Priest; Athanasius the Athonite, Abbot

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

<u>06- Thursday</u> St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

<u>07 - Friday</u> Blessed Ralph Milner and Roger Dickenson, Martyrs Gn 23:1-4; 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;

<u>08 Saturday</u> St. Grimbald, Abbot of Newminister

Mt

9:9-13

106:1-5;

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

<u>09 - Sunday</u> 14th Sunday In O.T. Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

#### MASS INTENTION Saturday July 01, 2023

**4:00 p.m.:** - Wed. Anniv. Judge and Mrs. Alphonso G. Andrews, Jr. rb Daphne Andrews (Mother) and Family

Sunday July 02, 2023

7:00 a.m.: - +Matilda McIntosh rb Jean Schouten and June Martin and Family

- Spl. Int. Barbara Bretto rb Carol Bretto

9:30 a.m.: - Franciscans celebrating Birthdays April, May and June

- Wed. Anniv. Sylvain and Jeanne Thomas

- Fr. Louis Kemayou 31 years Anniv. of Priesthood

7:00 a.m.: Tuesday July 04, 2023

- B'day Blessing Georgette Thomas rb Family

- Fr. Louis Kemayou 31 years Anniv of Priesthood

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday July 05, 2023

- Spl. Int. Ceasar Anquilllare

12:15 p. m.: Thursday July 06, 2023

- Spl. Int. Sr. Benedicta- Carmelite

7:00 a.m.: Friday July 07, 2023

- For the repose of the soul of Hendrick Nkadimeng rb Fr. Thabang

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: +Matilda McIntosh rb

Family

ST. ANN CHAPEL: +Matilda McIntosh rb Family

SHRINE:+Matilda McIntosh rb Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: +Matilda McIntosh rb Family

- <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, July 08, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.
- <u>High School Enrollment</u>: 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.
- Sts. Joachim and Ann Catholic Church Concert: We wish to express our grateful thanks for the awesome performances at the Concert this past Sunday, June 25, 2023. Kudos to the powerful Master and Mistress of ceremonies, The Honorable Sinclair Williams and Ms. Charisma Rogers, grand organizer Susan Wells. We commend the talented performers of the members of the various prayer groups, as well as individuals who contributed in entertaining the crowd.
- Fundraising Raffle Acknowledgements: A heartfelt thank you to Mr. and Mrs. George and Christiana St. Rose, Marsha Theophilus, Patricia Browne, Deacon Denis Griffith and Fr. Louis Kemayou for their staying power to see the Fundraising Raffle to its completion. A special thank you to Geraldine Lockhart who sold over two hundred (200) books of tickets, along with all those who sold and bought tickets. Without you this project could not have been possible.

#### ■ <u>RAFFLE WINNERS</u>:

3rd Prize Ticket #20516 St. Ann's Church 2nd Prize Ticket #14684 St. Ann's Church 1st Prize Ticket #17454 St. Ann's Church Ticket #18169 St. Ann's Church Ticket #08272 Shanda Ramnarine

#### ■ Tributes To Our Deacons And Their Wives:

Congratulations to the first set of Deacons who celebrated 39 years of Diaconate Ministry. These Deacons were ordained on June 24, 1984: J.T. Mark, Arnold Helenese, Conrad Williams, James Verhoff, William "Bill" Summar (STT). We pray for the repose of souls of Msgr. Bernard Campbell, and the following Deacons: Hyacinthe George, Norbert Xavier and Bill Kenny (STT).

• Congratulations to the third set of Deacons celebrating 21 years Diaconate Ministry on June 30, 2023. Deacons: Denis Griffith, Vincent Colianni, and Robert Gibson. We pray for the repose of the souls of the following Deacons: Raymond Leonce, Lockhart Heyliger, Guillerme Huertas, Hector Rivera, Eugene Thompson, Robert Brady and Roy Bruney (STT)

# 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**.

# St. Thomas The Apostle



St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said that He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend, Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted

the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded — seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and pitting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and my God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus — at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. This is all that is known about Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost, this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes and Persians. He ultimately reached India carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas. He capped his life by shedding his blood for his Master, speared to death at a place called Calamine.

Source: Lives of the Saints, Illustrated

# **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!

#### 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.

#### 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, Lynette Ettinoffe, Nitza Ayala, Kieran St. Ange

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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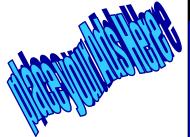




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