**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2017**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Luc Estime - par ses

 enfants

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Glen Millien - by his

 spouse, Ann Mary Guy Millien

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 In thanksgiving to God- by Maira Josefina

 Melo and Luis Manon

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2017**

7:30 AM Birthday blessings for Suzanne Weinstein -

 by Sister Norma

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Jean Lifaite Séjour - par

 sa fille, Claire Marie Séjour et famille

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2017**

7:30 AM In loving memory of Glen Millien - by his

 spouse, Ann Marie Guy Millien

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2017**

7:30 AM In honor of the Immaculate Conception of

 the Virgin Marie - by Georgette Charles

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Savenise Gerlin - par

 son amie, Loneze Puzo

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM En l’honneur de l’Immaculee Conception -

 par Mireille Hall

**Bread and Wine Offering**

The bread and wine, this week, are being offered in thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity and to our Blessed Mother Mary for total healing as requested by Marie Rose Chervil.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

Mass Intentions and Bread and Wine offerings are still available for the remaining month of 2017. A Mass intention or Bread and Wine offerings can be requested for a loved one (living or deceased), or for a friend, or in

thanksgiving to God for favors granted etc. The 2018 Mass Book will be available on **Monday, December 4th**.

**Please Pray For The Sick, specially:**

Agatha Bristow, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, Whouls Dupiton, Emory Emanus, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Marie Fenelus, Ginette Fenelus, Christine Frederick, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Ivianne Levine, Lucinda Lopez, Christopher Louis, Miraclea Pierre, Bianca St. Vil

***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:***

Joseph Benoit and Paul Ulrick Calizaire

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 Some recent conversations have helped me see how many people want God to “rend the heavens and come down with the mountains quaking before [God]” (Isaiah 63:19). It seems that we want a God who dramatically comes into our midst to end violence, war, poverty, famine, and the various isms that divide us. But God has already come by taking on our flesh in Jesus Christ. Every Advent recalls his first coming, looks forward to his return, which could occur at any time, and prepares us to celebrate that Incarnation on Christmas. Baptism makes us sharers in his first coming. We put on Christ and have what we need to experience God’s saving love today. It’s up to us to make Christ’s coming known.

In Advent we prepare God’s way by placing ourselves into the hands of our potter, God, by becoming more mindful that we constantly live in God’s presence. In Advent we call upon God’s name to make a difference in our world. We experience that difference by living the peace we seek, becoming the nonviolence we desire, and affirming the uniqueness of persons to proclaim that our diverse lives matter. Christ is born again at Christmas through us. God rouses power and comes to save our world through us. When we turn to God in abundance, in need, or in between, we become alert to God’s presence in our midst. Alert, we are ready whenever Christ returns, and the heavens are rent, the earth quakes, and true peace transforms us and our world. Pray. Listen. Watch, so that God finds us doing right. Be clay in the hands of a God who wants to transform us more clearly into being and seeing the face of Jesus Christ, who came to make known the power of God’s saving love.

Potter God, open our eyes to see you in our midst. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us place our lives into your hands, and shape us into vessels that help all people see the face of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**YOUR** **WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, November 19th:**

****Regular Contributions** $ 7,029

 **Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –3,496**

**Collection for Catholic Campaign $350**

 Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

 Number of Envelopes Used345

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,655

**T**hirty three parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**YOUR** **WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, November 26th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,402

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –4.123**

**Monthly Maintenance $975**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used375

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,625

Fifteen parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Friday, December 8th, 2017** in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

A Mass for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be heldon **Friday, December 8th** at **7:30pm** in the **Upper Church**. All are invited.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A Mass for the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be heldon **Tuesday, December 12th** at **7:30pm** in the **Lower Church**. All are invited.

**Thank You**

Fr. Luçon Rigaud and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Most Reverend Guy Sansaricq for gracing us with his presence by celebrating the Eucharist with us at the 10:00 am Mass, our first combined

Mass on this First Sunday of Advent.

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

Thank you for your generosity in last week’s Collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your generosity supports CCHD projects that help build healthy, sustainable futures for those living on the margins of our community.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious Collection needs your help. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

 

**Parish Vespers and Caroling**

Join your parish family on Saturday, December 16th for the 5pm Mass. Vespers will be held at 6:15pm, followed by Christmas Caroling and a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. This will be a special evening of prayer and singing as we journey during the Advent season.

**Save-the-Dates: Spiritual Retreats for Advent**

-**Spanish**: Sunday, December 17th following the Spanish Mass in the Lower Church

-**English:** Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm with Fr. Alonzo Cox in the Lower Church

**-Creole:** Tuesday, December 19th-Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm with Fr. Nixon Jean-François in the Lower Church

**Reconciliation**

Starting **Monday, December 18th thru Thursday, December 21st** our Parish will have Reconciliation each evening prior to the Advent Retreats. Priests will be available to hear your confession from **5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Lower Church**.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For December 2017**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**December- The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**Christmas Concert**

Join **Témoins du Christ** for aChristmas Concert **on** **Sunday, December 17th** at **6:30pm** **in the Upper Church. Donation is $20.**

**Readings for the Week of December 4th, 2017**

Monday: IS 2:1-5/MT 8:5-11

Tuesday: IS 11:1-10/LK 10:21-24

Wednesday: IS 25:6-10A/MT 15:29-37

Thursday: IS 26:1-6/MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday: GN 3:9-15, 20/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/

 LK 1:26-38

Saturday: IS 30:19-21, 23-26/MT 9:35–10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sunday: IS 40:1-5, 9-11/2 PT 3:8-14/MK 1:1-8