**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2017**

5:00 PM In loving memory of Herard Nereus and

 Maxina Valmont - by their children

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Emmanuel Eugene - par sa

 mère, Marie Almy

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Christiane Vilasse

 and Andre Lacroix Lubin - by Michelle

 Lubin and family

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el eterno Descanso del alma de Jorge

 Guzman - por Felipe y Ireni Guzman

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

For the People of the Parish

9:00 PM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH &

 SPANISH MASS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2017**

Midnight For the People of the Parish

10:00 AM For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Action de grâce á L’Enfant Jésus de

 Prague- par Chantal Doréus

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2017**

7:30 AM In loving memory of Maryse Belzama

 Lubin - by her family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement a Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de André Petitmé - par André

 Petitmé

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 2017**

7:30 AM In loving memory of the deceased of the

 Orphé and Caton Families -by Michele

 Lubin and family

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Marie Yolene Staime - par

 Marie Yolene Staime

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Helvé Pierre- par son

 épouse Elsa Y. Pierre

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2017**

8:00 AM In loving of Ruby Graham - by her

 daughter, Dennese F. Reddie-Fraser

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**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 by Maira Josefina Melo and Luis Manon.

**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

fourth SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 Promises made are empty words unless there is evidence that they are kept. When we say: “I’ll call you,” do we? When we say, “I’ll visit you,” do we? Its only after the call is made or the visit takes place that it is clear our words had meaning. The same is true for marriage or religious vows, priestly promises, and the other commitments we make. When we see that vows and promises are kept and commitments are lived, we know that the words were true and not empty.

David wants to build a house for the LORD, but God has other plans. God will establish a house, a lineage that will last longer than any house David could build. God will be a father to David. David will be a son of God. When Gabriel visits Mary, the angel announces the fulfillment of that promise: “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son . . . the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father . . . and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:31a, 32b, 33b). The letter to the Romans affirms this: the mystery that was kept secret, God’s promise to David, is made manifest through Jesus Christ.

Advent reminds us of God’s promise to share this everlasting reign with us. All we need to do is reflect on Mary’s “yes” and say with her, “may it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38)--- then fulfill those words by how we give birth to Jesus each and every day. Our tongues are powerful. They can speak truth or empty promises. Will our actions make clear that we are the servants of the Lord, who live in ways that continue to fulfill God’s promises by how we live our faith in Jesus every day?

Faithful God may our lives make true the words of our psalm today: “The promises of the Lord I will sing forever.” May the light of your son, whose coming is nearer than when we first began to believe, shine ever more strongly in us each today, on Christmas and beyond.

**Readings for the Week of December 25th, 2017**

Monday: IS 52:7-10/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18

Tuesday: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59/MT 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 JN 1:1-4/JN 20:1A AND 2-8

Thursday: 1 JN 1:5—2:2/MT 2:13-18

Friday: 1 JN 2:3-11/LK 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 JN 2:12-17/LK 2:36-40

Sunday: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14/COL 3:12-21/LK 2:22-40

the nativity of the lord

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

A wedding couple chose Matthew 5:14, “You are the light of the world,” as their Gospel. Why? Because they give light to others in their daily work, and their marriage will shine the light of Christ, too. As individuals and as a couple, they testify to the Light that no darkness can overcome, Jesus Christ, whose coming we celebrate today. The witness of our lives also announces that all the ends of the earth can see the saving power of God. Our world needs that light.

 We testify to the light of Christ whenever we give flesh to his light. The Word becomes flesh in us. It need not be something big. Nothing is small in the service of God, St. Francis de Sales teaches. Our work, our family life, the way we treat one another, the respect we show those with whom we disagree, a smile, a hug, or a handshake – all make clear that God dwells among us. People see God present in our midst. Shine the light of Christ in small ways; they are our rehearsal for bringing the light of God’s comfort in big ways, too. How beautiful are the feet of those who live God’s good news. Merry Christmas!

 Loving God, we celebrate that you became flesh in the gift of your Son, Jesus. Open our eyes to his light in our world. Open our hearts to hear the cries when darkness seems overwhelming. Give us the courage to reflect your light in ways that help all the ends of the earth to see and experience your saving power.

**Merry Christmas!**

**Joyeux Noël!**

**Feliz Navidad!**

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

**Sunday, December 17th****

The collection for the week of December 17th will be reported in the December 31st. Bulletin.

 **Special Collection for Catholic Charities**

We will have a special collection for Catholic Charities on **Monday, December 25th** at all parish Masses. Catholic Charities sponsors over 160 programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless. Please be generous.

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th**. The office will re-open on **Wednesday, December 27th, 2017**.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOEL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas / Noël / Navidad** | **New Years / 1er Jan. / 1 De Enero** |
| Regular Weekend Masses on Sat., December 23rd and Sun., December 24th  | Regular Weekend Masses on Sat., December 30th and Sun., December 31st |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsSun., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | English & SpanishEucharistic Adoration Sun., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassSun., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassSun., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| CreoleChant de NoelSun., December 24, 11 PM Upper Church | Adoration HaïtienneSun., December 31, 11 PM Upper Church |
| CreoleMesse de MinuitMon., December 25, 12 AM Upper Church | CreoleMesse de MinuitMon., December 31, 12 AMUpper Church |
| English Christmas Day MassMon., December 25, 10 AMUpper Church | English New Year’s Day MassMon., January 1, 10 AM Upper Church |
| SpanishChristmas Day MassMon., December 25, 10:30 AMLower Church | SpanishNew Year’s Day MassMon., January 1, 10:30 AM Lower Church |
| CreoleLa Messe Le Jour De NoelMon., December 25, 12 PMUpper Church | CreoleMesse 1er Janvier Mon., January 1, 12 PM Upper Church |
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