

## **SAINTE ANNE PARISH**

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## EIGHTEENTH-SUNDAY-IN-ORDINARY-TIME

August 2-3, 2025



## Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 7:00 a.m. Saturday (**Vigil**) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.

## **Devotions**

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

**Holy Hour** 

Thursday 5:30 p.m. **Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart**First Friday 7:00 a.m.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

PASTOR: Rev. Ronan Sarmiento

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For your Mass intention and the Sanctuary Lamp, please call Becky Ledee ((340)-513-8007 or (340)-774 9266), **Monday through Friday** or anytime via church email.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 2:

†Alfred Magras and Deceased Members of the Magras family Rb. Janet Carreon

Sunday, August 3:

†Joseph and Celina Duzant Rb. Joseph Aubain

Tuesday, August 5:

†Mary Jo and Joseph Graham Rb. Mary Angela Meyer

Wednesday, August 6:

†Jeanett Cohn Rb. Betty Quetel

Thursday, August 7:

†Mary Jo and Joseph Graham Rb. Mary Angela Meyer

Friday, August 8:

†Cathleen Mckenna Rb. Mary Angela Meyer

Saturday, August 9:

†Joan Beevers and Carl Phillips Rb. Alicia Vante and Family

Sunday, August 10:

†Amelia Lonergan Rb. Betty Quetel

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

In Luke 12:13-21, Jesus shares the parable of the rich fool, a story that invites us to ponder the true meaning of wealth and

the dangers of misplaced priorities. Here, a man asks Jesus to intervene in a family dispute over inheritance. Rather than settling the matter, Jesus warns against all kinds of greed, reminding the crowd, "life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Jesus describes a wealthy man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. Instead of sharing his abundance, the man decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store his surplus grain. He tells himself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." But God says to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

This parable challenges our tendency to measure success by material abundance. The rich man's error was not in having wealth, but in hoarding it—placing his trust and identity in his possessions, rather than using his blessings to serve God and others. Jesus concludes, "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Let us, then, examine our own hearts. Are we building bigger barns—accumulating more for ourselves while neglecting the needs around us? Or are we seeking to be "rich toward God"—living generously, gratefully, and with open hands? True wealth is not found in what we own, but in how we love, serve, and invest in the things of God. May we be wise stewards, storing our treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy, and where our hearts truly belong.

### **HURRICANE PRAYER**

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image. Close to the world, Your love brings us to live. Save us from all harm. Draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Aug 3: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

MONDAY, Aug 4: S. John Marie Vianney

Numbers 11:4b-15

Matthew 14:13-21

TUESDAY, Aug. 5:

Numbers 12:1-13

Matthew 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY, Aug 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Luke 9:28b-36

THURSDAY, Aug 7:

Numbers 20:1-13

Matthew 16:13-23

FRIDAY, Aug 8: S. Dominic

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Matthew 16:24-28

SATURDAY, Aug 9:

Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Matthew 17:14-20

### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Angela Quetel, Michael & Marie Greaux, Jessica T. Magras, Annette Magras, Marie Magras, Florie Magras, Florence (Nini) Quetel, Edwin Olive(Pinky), Betty Quetel, Reynaldo and Gloria Turbe, Carol Cerge

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

MASS ATTENDANCE July 12-13, 2025 Saturday 5:00pm 24 / Sunday 8:00am 57 / Total 81

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

First Collection: \$ 1,451.00 Second Collection: \$ 807.00 Candles: \$ 50.00

# SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

August 3 Health Insurance August 10 Priest's Salary August 17 VIYA bill August 24 Organist's Fee August 31 Maintenance Fund

# **Announcements**



Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

The Sanctuary Lamp is a reminder of our Lord's presence. For the week of August 3-9, the sanctuary lamp is burning for the repose of the soul of †Alfred Magras and the deceased members of the Magras family as requested by Janet Carreon.

## **Condolences and Funeral Mass**

The parish would like to express its sincerest condolences to the family of the late †Louis Blanchard who passed away last July 27, 2025. The funeral mass will be held here in our parish on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00am.

## Daily Masses for the next two weeks

Regular daily masses will resume on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the usual 7:00am schedule.

## Volunteer for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to help with meal preparation at our Bethlehem House Shelter and our Soup Kitchen locations. Interested partes should please contact the main office at 340-777-8518, option 1, option 1. *Thank you in advance for your support!* 

## Cassi Hill Pilgrimage

Holy Family Church invites ALL parish ministries and groups to participate in the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Cassi Hill Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, August 17, 2025, starting at 2:00pm from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine. Thereafter, a Mass will be celebrated at the church.

## Saints Peter and Paul School

Saints Peter and Paul School is currently accepting students from PK-11 for the school year 2025-2026. As the only Catholic School in St. Thomas, Saints Peter and Paul School prides itself by focusing on Faith, Discipline, and Academics towards a wholistic upbringing of scholars. With a newly appointed principal, Fr. Ronan Sarmiento, and an excellent team of teachers, the school is geared towards honing your children to be the best version of themselves. We look forward to welcoming you in our family. Avail of our affordable tuition fee now. Contact our school office at 340-774-2199.

# **Parish Information**

### Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of every other month. Please register your children. Present a copy of the child birth certificate. A minimum of 4 classes is required.

#### **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes**

Classes will be held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance at Holy Mass and instructions thereafter.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the Office at (340) 714-1101.

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy. Confession is available by appointment and every Saturday at 4:00pm – 4:50pm.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 714-1101 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

#### **Funerals**

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please make arrangements with Fr. Ronan Sarmiento 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

#### **Parish Registration**

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date-listing of all-Saint-Anne-parishioners.- Registration- alsohelps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP
DEVOTION AVAILABLE DATES

Please note that the 2025 Mass intention book is open for request.

Please contact Becky Ledee for reservation.



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