



Saint Joseph

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (A)

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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISA

Monday/Lunes: No mass
Tuesday/Martes: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL
Wednesday/Miércoles: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL
Thursday/Jueves: **6:00 PM** (Spanish) - CHAPEL
Friday/Viernes: **6:30 AM** (English) - CHAPEL

Saturday/Sábado: **4:30 PM** (English) CHURCH
6:00 PM (English) LOUNGE
Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday/Domingo: **7:00 AM** (English) CHURCH
9:00 AM (Spanish) CHURCH
11:00 AM (English) CHURCH

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

SATURDAYS: 3:30 pm in the Church or any time by appointment.
SABADOS: A las 3:30 pm en la Iglesia o llame para una cita.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Monday through Friday. Please contact the Parish Office.
De Lunes a Viernes. Favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact one of the priests if you are going to the hospital.
Llamar al sacerdote cuando se necesite y si vas al hospital.

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS

On the last Saturday of the month, at 3 pm. Please contact the Parish Office. - El ultimo sabado del mes, a las 3 pm. Favor de contactar la oficina parroquial.

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Please contact the priests at least 6 months before your wedding.
Por favor, haga una cita con el sacerdote.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday to Friday: **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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SCAN ME

READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF O.T. (A)

Mon. Jan. 26

Saints Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti

1:1-5

Mk 3:22-30

Tue. Jan. 27

2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-

19

Mk 3:31-3

Wed. Jan. 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

Thur. Jan. 29

2Sm7:18-19, 24-29

Mk 4:21-25

Fri. Jan. 30

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34

Sat. Jan. 31

Saint John Bosco

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

Sun. Feb. 1

FOURTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a



Saints of the Week

Saint Timothy (c. 17–97 AD)

Born in Lystra to a Jewish mother and Greek father, Timothy became Saint Paul's close companion and "spiritual son." He served as the Bishop of Ephesus and received two New Testament letters from Paul regarding Church leadership. He was martyred for opposing paganism.

Saint Titus (c. 35–96 AD)

A Gentile convert and trusted collaborator of Saint Paul, Titus helped resolve early Church disputes and attended the Council of Jerusalem. Paul appointed him Bishop of Crete to organize the local Church. He is the recipient of Paul's pastoral Letter to Titus and died peacefully.

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

A Dominican friar and "Doctor of the Church," Aquinas is one of history's most influential theologians. He famously synthesized Aristotelian philosophy with Christian doctrine, most notably in his masterpiece, the *Summa Theologiae*. He is patron of scholars and known for his deep Eucharistic devotion.

Saint John Bosco (1815–1888)

An Italian priest who dedicated his life to educating poor and at-risk youth during the Industrial Revolution. He founded the Salesian Society, teaching through a "preventive system" of kindness and reason rather than punishment. He is the patron saint of apprentices and editors.

JANUARY 25

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Today's readings describe the characteristics and work of disciples. Isaiah reminds us that we no longer walk in darkness. For us, the 'great light' he speaks of is Jesus Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the community to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" and "let there be no division among you." In the gospel, Jesus invites the first Apostles: "'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Do you see yourself as a fisher of men/women? God invites us to bring his light, his peace and reconciliation to the many and varied relationships in our lives. Reread today's scriptures, ask for the grace to take God's word to heart and let it reflect in our words and actions!

DECREE ON FUNERAL LITURGY

Given the need to promote reverence, pastoral sensitivity, and fidelity to the liturgical norms of the church, I, Most Rev. Jerome Feudjio, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, hereby issue the following decree for the entire Diocese:

1. Liturgical Color for Funerals

The liturgical color to be used for funeral rites in the Diocese of Saint Thomas shall be violet, emphasizing prayerful reflection, penitence, mourning, and hope-filled anticipation, as in the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Although the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 346, and the Order of Christian Funerals, no. 39, also permit the use of white or black vestments, violet is to be employed exclusively in this Diocese, as it most fittingly expresses the penitential and intercessory character of the funeral liturgy.

2. Words of Remembrance

Pastors and priest celebrants must review and approve any Words of Remembrance to be offered in church, ensuring that they comply with the norms and spirit of the Church's official liturgical rites.

Words of Remembrance are brief and faith-centered reflections highlighting the Christian virtues of the deceased and how God's grace was manifest in his or her life. Such remarks are to inspire faith, hope, and love in Christ, without presuming to canonize the deceased.

This decree takes effect immediately.

Given at the Catholic Chancery, St. Thomas, USVI, on this day, January 16, 2026.

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sat. 24	4:30 pm	Birthday blessings for Prisca Aurelien	req. by the family.
	6:00 pm	For the good of the people of St. Joseph Church.	
Sun. 25	7:00 am	For the health of Maria Sebrighht	req. by Meryl Maynard.
	9:00 am	+Lydia and +Miguelina Ayala	req. by Jacquelin Spooner.
	11:00 am	Anniversary blessings for Daniel and Rosanne Boyan	req. by Rosanne Boyan.
Tue. 27	6:30 am	+Dorita Felix	req. by the Felix and Donelly family.
Wed. 28	6:30 am	+Miguelina Ayala	req. by Juanita Migueles Mitchel.
Thu. 29	6:00 pm	+Leonce Mitchell	req. by the family.
Fri. 30	6:30 am	+Carmen Nayda Huertas and +Julio A. Cruz	req. by Luis G. Huertas.

From the Pastor's Pen



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to announce that last week we successfully completed much-needed maintenance work: linking the back road to the garage driveway of the rectory. A heartfelt thank you to Chris's Construction and Alj Construction for their exceptional work!



BEFORE



AFTER



Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Frederiksted, Saint Croix, embrace the mission given by Christ to His disciples: to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Rooted in the Catholic faith, we proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, nurture spiritual growth, and serve our community with love and mercy. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our core value is *Building together the Kingdom of God*—by teaching, baptizing, and living the Good News in word and deed as one welcoming parish family.

PARISH PASTORAL WORK

Pro-Life Rosary - Fridays @ 4:30 pm

Santo Niño - First Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Divine Mercy - Every Other Saturdays @ 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart Society - First Sunday @ 8:30 am

Cursillo de Cristiandad - Sundays @ 10:00 am

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Neocatechumenal Way - Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

Grief and Loss Seminar - Last Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm



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Liturgical Corner

The Liturgical Year

For Catholics, time is neither circle nor a line, it's a spiral. Each year, we return to the same feasts and seasons, but we are not the same people we were twelve months ago. We meet the same mysteries of Christ's life—his birth, death, and resurrection—at a different "height" or "depth" in our own lives.

The Liturgical Year invites the faithful to meditate on the life of Jesus, transforming the calendar into a spiritual journey.

Rather than starting in January, the Church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Throughout the year, the "mood" of worship shifts through five distinct seasons, signaled by the color of the priest's vestments:

- Advent (Purple): A season of longing and preparation for Christ's birth.
- Christmas (White/Gold): A joyful celebration of the Incarnation.
- Lent (Purple): Forty days of penance and fasting to prepare for Easter.
- The Easter Triduum & Season (White/Gold): The heart of the year, celebrating the Resurrection over fifty days.
- Ordinary Time (Green): The longest part of the year, focusing on Christ's teachings and our daily growth as disciples.

The purpose of the liturgical year is sanctification. By repeating these cycles annually, the Church ensures that the faithful don't just remember Christ's life as a historical event, but encounter him as a living reality.

GREAT JOB!

Many thanks to Mr. Gordon for painting white the bases of our palms!

The practice of painting palm bases white is a functional horticultural technique designed to protect the tree from environmental stressors.

- **Temperature Control:** The white color reflects sunlight, preventing sunscald and keeping the bark cool to avoid cracks and splits.
- **Pest Deterrent:** A coat of lime-based wash or diluted latex seals cracks where insects lay eggs and acts as a chemical or physical barrier against ants and borers.
- **Safety & Visibility:** In rural or coastal areas, the reflective white bases act as "natural bollards," helping drivers see the road layout at night.
- **Material Matters:** Only water-based or lime-based mixtures are used; oil-based paints are avoided as they prevent the tree from "breathing."



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St. Joseph's Gem

WISDOM ON OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on heart?

-Venerable Pope Pius XII

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - For Saint Joseph High School. Thanks.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel.

PROLIFE ROSARY - Every Friday at 4:30 pm, in Saint Michael's Chapel. All are welcome.

FUNERAL NOTICE - Please pray for the soul of Corporina Fragosa, who passed away on January 11, 2026. Her funeral will be held on Friday, January 30, with viewing at 9:00 am. followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00 am.

GRIEF AND LOSS WORKSHOP - The next program will be Tuesday, January 27, 1-2 pm. Open to everyone on St. Croix. Please RSVP tsanders@ccivi.com

PRIESTLY ORDINATION - Please remember the upcoming Priestly Ordination of Rev. Mr. Modestus Ugochukwu Dike. Rev. Mr. Dike has faithfully served as a deacon at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral and as Vice Principal and teacher at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, St. Thomas. The priestly ordination has been scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026, at 10:00 am, Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Thomas. Join the Diocese in prayer that the Lord may grant him abundant grace to serve our local Church with fidelity and zeal.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Dear Lord, we come before You today asking for Your healing and comfort for the sick and homebound among us. We lift up those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, and we pray that they may find peace and strength in Your loving presence. May they feel Your grace surrounding them, bringing comfort in their time of need. Heal their bodies, restore their minds, and renew their spirits as You extend Your healing hands upon:

OFF ISLAND: Michael Farhig, Vinilia Nicholas, Ginny Garcia, Alessandro Filippucci, Dustin Genovese, Luis Secundino-Roman, Florabel Miller, Doris Darden, Tina Darden, Deborah Nelthropp, Stephanie Malanga, Calista Julien.

AT HOME: Leo Clifford, Doreen Romain, Kathy King, Deacon Charles, Felicita Hernandez, Mrs. Sackey, Madona Remy, Clair Marshall, Agneta Bailey, Encilma Christian, Elroy Hall Sr.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list)



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Desde la pluma del parroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Me complace anunciar que la semana pasada completamos con éxito unas obras de mantenimiento muy necesarias: la conexión del camino secundario con la entrada del garaje de la rectoría. ¡Un sincero agradecimiento a Chris's Construction y Alj Construction por su excepcional trabajo!

¡San José, ruega por nosotros!

Padre Andrea



BEFORE



AFTER

ORDENACIÓN SACERDOTAL

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Con profunda alegría les anuncio la próxima ordenación sacerdotal del Rev. Sr. Modestus Ugochukwu Dike.

El Rev. Sr. Dike ha servido fielmente como diácono en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo, y como subdirector y profesor en la Escuela Católica de San Pedro y San Pablo, Santo Tomás.

La ordenación sacerdotal se ha programado de la siguiente manera:

- Fecha: Viernes, 6 de febrero de 2026
- Hora: 10:00 a. m.
- Lugar: Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo, Santo Tomás.

Mientras el Rev. Sr. Dike se prepara para asumir este sagrado ministerio, les pido que se unan a mí en oración para que el Señor le conceda abundante gracia para servir a nuestra Iglesia local con fidelidad y celo.

Animo cordialmente a todos los fieles a participar en esta alegre celebración.

Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio
Obispo de Santo Tomás
en las Islas Vírgenes



January 25th, 2026

una docena de razones para elegir escuelas católicas



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La joya de San José

SABIDURÍA SOBRE NUESTRO PADRE ESPIRITUAL

Si José se entregó con tanta dedicación a proteger y proveer a aquella pequeña familia de Nazaret, ¿no creen que ahora en el cielo es el mismo padre amoroso y guardián de toda la Iglesia, de todos sus miembros, como lo fue de su Cabeza en el corazón?

-Venerable Papa Pío XII

25 DE ENERO

TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las lecturas de hoy describen las características y la labor de los discípulos. Isaías nos recuerda que ya no caminamos en tinieblas. Para nosotros, la «gran luz» de la que habla es Jesucristo. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo insta a la comunidad a «estar unidos en un mismo sentir y en un mismo propósito» y a «que no haya divisiones entre ustedes». En el Evangelio, Jesús invita a los primeros apóstoles: «Vengan en pos de mí, y los haré pescadores de hombres». ¿Te consideras pescador de hombres? Dios nos invita a llevar su luz, su paz y su reconciliación a las múltiples y variadas relaciones de nuestra vida. Relee las Escrituras de hoy, pide la gracia de tomar en serio la palabra de Dios y dejar que se refleje en nuestras palabras y acciones.



Rincón Litúrgico

El Año Litúrgico

Para los católicos, el tiempo no es un círculo ni una línea, sino una espiral. Cada año, volvemos a las mismas fiestas y estaciones, pero no somos las mismas personas que hace doce meses. Encontramos los mismos misterios de la vida de Cristo —su nacimiento, muerte y resurrección— en una "altura" o "profundidad" diferente en nuestras propias vidas.

El Año Litúrgico invita a los fieles a meditar en la vida de Jesús, transformando el calendario en un viaje espiritual.

En lugar de comenzar en enero, el año litúrgico comienza el primer domingo de Adviento. A lo largo del año, las decoraciones de la liturgia varían a través de cinco estaciones distintas, marcadas por el color de las vestimentas del sacerdote:

- Adviento (Morado): Un tiempo de anhelo y preparación para el nacimiento de Cristo.
- Navidad (Blanco/Dorado): Una alegre celebración de la Encarnación.
- Cuaresma (Morado): Cuarenta días de penitencia y ayuno en preparación para la Pascua.
- Triduo y Tiempo Pascual (Blanco/Dorado): El corazón del año, que celebra la Resurrección durante cincuenta días.
- Tiempo Ordinario (Verde): La parte más larga del año, centrada en las enseñanzas de Cristo y en nuestro crecimiento diario como discípulos.

El propósito del año litúrgico es la santificación. Al repetir estos ciclos anualmente, la Iglesia garantiza que los fieles no solo recuerden la vida de Cristo como un acontecimiento histórico, sino que lo encuentren como una realidad viva.

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Rosario Pro-Vida - Viernes @ 4:30 pm

Santo Niño - Primer Sábado @ 4:00 pm

Divina Misericordia - Cada otros Sábados @ 4:00 pm

Sagrado Corazón - Primer Domingo @ 8:30 am

Cursillo de Cristiandad - Domingos @ 10:00 am

Nuestra Señora de Fatima - Primer Sábado 7:00am

Camino Neocatecumenal - Miércoles @ 6:00 pm

Duelo y pérdida - Últimos martes @ 1:00 pm



DECRETO SOBRE LA LITURGIA FUNERARIA

Dada la necesidad de promover la reverencia, la sensibilidad pastoral y la fidelidad a las normas litúrgicas de la Iglesia, yo, Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio, Obispo de la Diócesis de Santo Tomás en las Islas Vírgenes, por la presente emito el siguiente decreto para toda la Diócesis:

1. Color Litúrgico para los Funerales

El color litúrgico que se utilizará para los ritos funerarios en la Diócesis de Santo Tomás será el violeta, enfatizando la reflexión orante, la penitencia, el duelo y la anticipación llena de esperanza, como en los tiempos de Adviento y Cuaresma.

Si bien la Instrucción General del Misal Romano, n.º 346, y el Ritual de las Exequias Cristianas, n.º 39, también permiten el uso de vestimentas blancas o negras, el violeta se empleará exclusivamente en esta Diócesis, ya que expresa de forma muy adecuada el carácter penitencial e intercesor de la liturgia funeraria.

2. Palabras de Recuerdo

Los párrocos y sacerdotes celebrantes deben revisar y aprobar cualquier Palabra de Recuerdo que se ofrezca en la iglesia, asegurándose de que cumpla con las normas y el espíritu de los ritos litúrgicos oficiales de la Iglesia. Las Palabras de Recuerdo son reflexiones breves y centradas en la fe que resaltan las virtudes cristianas del difunto y cómo la gracia de Dios se manifestó en su vida. Estas reflexiones tienen como objetivo inspirar la fe, la esperanza y el amor en Cristo, sin pretender canonizar al difunto.

Este decreto entra en vigor inmediatamente.

Dado en la Cancillería Católica, St. Thomas, Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos, el 16 de enero de 2026.

Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio
Obispo de la Diócesis de St. Thomas en las Islas Vírgenes

ANUNCIOS

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY - Para la Escuela Superior San Jose. Gracias.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO - Martes de 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, en la Capilla de San Miguel.

ROSARIO PRO-VIDA - Todos los viernes a las 4:30 pm, en la Capilla de San Miguel. Todos son bienvenidos.

AVISO DE FUNERAL - Por favor, oren por el alma de Corporina Fragoza, quien falleció el 11 de enero de 2026. Su funeral se llevará a cabo el viernes 30 de enero, con velatorio a las 9:00 am, seguido de la misa funeral a las 10:00 am.

TALLER DE DUELO Y PÉRDIDA - El próximo programa será el martes 27 de enero, de 1:00 a 2:00 pm. Abierto a todos en St. Croix. Por favor, confirme su asistencia a tsanders@ccivi.com para que podamos atender a todos.

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A PRAYER TO SAINT THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . . . (mention in silence here) St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.



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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

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 prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HURRICANE SEASON

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise you and thank you for your protection during hurricane season. We ask again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORACIÓN A SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú, Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

ORACIÓN DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza obedecen tu mandato. Te alabamos y te damos gracias por tu protección durante la temporada de huracanes. Nuevamente te pedimos que nos guíes a través de un nuevo año libre de terremotos, inundaciones, desastres naturales y de todos actos de terrorismo. Bendice nuestras familias y trae la paz a todas las naciones. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, y es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.



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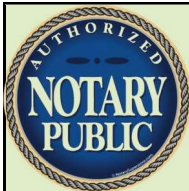


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