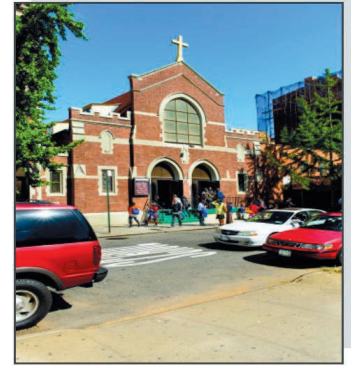


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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am

11:15 am

5:00 pm (French)

Tue-Fri - 12:15pm

Friday- 8am to 7pm - Adoration
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Feast of the Holy Family
December 31, 2017
Fête de la Sainte Famille

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"We are more than Sunday morning"

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Palmer, Doris Moss, Henry Isom, Marie Landers, Eleanor Jefferson, Ishmael Jackson, Willa Mae Washington, Tyrone Randell, DeCosta Stroble, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Myrtle Patterson, Walter Thompson, Rivanna Johnson, Dorothy Allen, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Emma Evans, Muriel William-Young, Rose Jean Jacques, Rose Mandazou, Aubrey Woods, Paul Prevost, Rufus Apará, Shirley Cuevas, Souleymane Porgo, Pearl Rollerson, Debra Woodland-Lee, Carol Tull, Lottie Culpepper, Violet Stephenson

"The Scheduling of Masses"
Masses are now available!
The Diocese Stipend is \$15.00.

Letters and cards to Fr. Freddy are to be addressed to St. Mark Parish, 65 W 138th Street, NY, NY 10037 or brought to the parish office.

Religious Education Classes will be every other Sunday at 10:00am for those children wishing to prepare for the sacraments. Registration packets are available in the back of the church. The next class will be January 7th at 10:00am

December Birthdays !!!!!

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 John Alexander | 1 Berta Matos |
| 2 Laurie Hyacinthe | 4 Kayla Ruano-Lumpris |
| 4 Lukas Ruano-Lumpris | 5 Rianna Johnson |
| 6 Brian Enriquez | 6 Winifred Simmons |
| 7 Jacob Martin | 7 Joseph Martin |
| 8 Ligia Clamencia-Satchivi | 8 Joseph Foug |
| 9 Cynthia Hargrove | 9 Isabella Satchivi |
| 9 Cynthia Smart-Ndiaye | 10 Tomatse Ogedegbe |
| 11 Molly Goodrich | 13 Claudia Anderson |
| 13 Stephanie Vamvoukakis | 16 Alicia Maitland |
| 17 John Thompson | 18 Ricoindo Dolcine |
| 18 Rashelle Diaz | 20 Robbina Simmons |
| 22 Cynthia Ellison | 23 Congo Noel |
| 24 Dao Krings | 24 Cody Mahon |
| 27 Rossalyn Quaye | 27 Robin Robinson |
| 28 Myles Raiford | 29 Blanche Bella |
| 30 Maelya Zongio | 30 Mary Vamvdukais |
| Victor Bassole | Prince Raphael Bella |
| Reginald Culpepper | Selena Davidson |
| Justin Elanga | Delores Palms |
| Blarse Sorghe | Enjoli Tuitt |
| Richard Tuyna | Ethan Uwiduhaye |
| Pier Washpon | Sidonne Zabsoire |
| Frances Armondo | |

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Volunteers are needed for our parish food pantry. The pantry is open – Saturdays 10am– 1pm– **Please Help!** There is a special need for the assistance of males on Thursdays.



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp, Pastor
 Fr. Jean Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp, Administrator

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**Parish collections for the week of
 December 24th— \$4,188.00**
Mass Collection
Saturday - 5:00 - \$214.00
Sunday - 8:30 - \$ 590.00
11:15 - \$1,458.00
Christmas - \$1,926.00
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, December 31, 2017, New Year's Eve
8:30am

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| Avis Thomas | Sr. Anastasia |
| Nkiru Mbamalu | Winifred Simmons |

11:15am

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| Robert Maynard | Sr. Precilla |
| Cody Mahon | Nancy Villar |

10:00pm

Robin Lockett
 Baptiste Ouedraogo

Monday, January 1, 2018 New Year's Day
10:00am

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| Avis Thomas | Lucille Bonilla |
| Nkiru Mbamalu | Winifred Simmons |

Saturday, January 6, 2018
5:00pm

Stephanie Tolbert

Sunday, January 7, 2018
8:30am

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Winifred Simmons | Sr. Anastasia |
| Thomasine Grant-Dimery | Nkiru Mbamalu |

11:15am

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Britany Pratt | Sr. Precilla |
| Cody Mahon | Martha Treminio |

Saturday, January 13, 2018
5:00pm

Eleanor Perry

**THE SCRIPTURE— December 31, 2017
 Feast of the Holy Family**

Today's celebration of The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are presented to us as a model for our families. Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting to raise Jesus. Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. These traditions centered on loving God and Neighbor. Today, we are trying to revive this same spirit of family life and togetherness. As we gather as a family, we recall how as family (immediate family and extended family) we can show our commitment to one another in good times and in bad.

We often look at other families and sometimes, imagine what it would be like to exchange families. However, we quickly realize that each family must handle the challenges and situations that confront them. Jesus is king yet he was born in a manger, a place where animals feed. Joseph and Mary had to flee to Egypt as refugees to protect Jesus' life from King Herod, in much the same way as refugees come seeking a better life in our times today. We must never be ashamed of our journey. God brought us through everything to reach this day when we can once again trust in his great love. Our celebration of Christmas is rooted in this hope where we can learn how to be family all over again.

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord, Simeon and the prophetess, Anne, saw something in Jesus that surprised even Mary and Joseph. In many ways we are all on a journey to discover God's will in our lives. Sarai and Abram experienced the same surprise as God blessed them and even changed their names. None of us knows the future but we know who holds the future in the palm of his hands and invites us to trust in his love and care for us. As we approach this new calendar year of 2018, let this be a year to renew family bonds and celebrate God is with us!

(5:00pm Sat.)
*** For the Health & Safety of the Parish**
(8:30am)
*** For the Health & Safety of our Children**
(11:15am)
*** Joshua Treminio Birthday Blessings**
Martha
(5:00pm)
*** For the Health & Safety of our Family**

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