



## St. Ignatius Catholic Church

597 Walker's Road, P.O. Box 2638

### Parish Office

Phone: 345-949-6797 Fax: 345-945-2594

Web Page: [www.saint-ignatius-cayman.org](http://www.saint-ignatius-cayman.org)

E-Mail : [ignatius@candw.ky](mailto:ignatius@candw.ky)

## Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Rev. Blackman Road, West Bay

Phone: 345-949-6797

### St. Ignatius & Christ the Redeemer

#### PARISH STAFF

##### Parish Priest

Rev. Paul Ballien

##### Associate Priest

Rev. Alexander Crasta

##### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Joseph Biggs

##### Music Directors

St Ignatius:

Mr. Simon Donoghue

Christ the Redeemer:

Mr. Albert Chin

##### Religious Education Director

Mr. O'Neil Miller

##### Church Secretary

Mrs. May U. Ursua

##### Youth Minister

Mr. Jeremy Rice

##### Website - Parish

Mr. Paul DeFreitas  
947-8630

#### ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

##### Head of School

Mr. Gary Clarke  
Phone: 949-9250  
Fax: 945-6230

##### Head of Primary

Mr. Andrew Egan  
Phone: 949-9250  
Fax: 945-6230

##### Head of High

Mr. Peter Embleton  
Phone: 949-9250  
Fax: 949-5497

##### Administrative Staff

Mrs. Deborah Huggins  
Mrs. Anita McIntyre  
Mrs. Rashmi Arun  
Ms. Kelly Brown  
Mr. Thomas Lasley

### January 4, 2009– The Epiphany of the Lord

## From the Paulpit

The Christmas season has a rather interesting history behind it. Take the twelve days of Christmas for example. Now I know everyone knows that Christmas carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," but has anyone ever wondered what that Christmas carol is really all about? I mean who would want six geese-a-laying or ten lords-a-leaping anyway? My brother-in-law, after looking it up on the internet, informed me that if you wanted to purchase everything mentioned in the song, the entire package would cost around \$60,000. But how you are going to get that partridge to just stay in that pear tree is another question.

But as I'm sure you probably have already guessed, there is a hidden meaning behind this song, just as there is a lot of symbolism behind this feast of Epiphany that we are celebrating today. The song originated in England probably somewhere in the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. And so someone during that period wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. The hidden meaning to this song was known only to members of the church, and each element of the carol had a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

For example, the partridge in a pear tree represented Jesus Christ. The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments. The three french hens stood for faith, hope and love. The four calling birds were the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The five golden rings represented the first five books of the bible, otherwise known as the Pentateuch, or the Torah. The six geese-a-laying stood for the six days of creation. The seven swans-a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. The eight maids-a-milking were the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing were the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The ten lords-a-leaping represented the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples, and the twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of beliefs in the Apostles' Creed. (source: internet)

I hope that you have had a happy holiday season so far. As the Christmas season winds down please don't forget to always keep in your heart, the reason for the season. May the birth of Christ always have purpose and meaning to your every day life.

God Bless,

Fr. Paul Ballien

## St. Ignatius Catholic Church

597 Walker's Road

### Mass times:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am

Friday 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

### Confessions:

Sat. 5:00pm-5:45 pm

## Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Rev. Blackman Road, West Bay

### Mass times:

Sunday: 9:45 am

### Sick Calls:

Please notify the parish—949-6797

### Rosary:

St. Ignatius:

Monday—Friday in Adoration Chapel 7:30am-8:00am

Saturdays in Adoration Chapel after 8:30 am mass

Christ the Redeemer:

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

### Prayer Meeting:

St. Ignatius—Wednesday 6:00pm

Christ the Redeemer —Wednesday 6:30pm

### Music Ministry:

St. Ignatius:

Choir practice Sundays at 10:00 am—Everyone welcome!

Christ the Redeemer:

Sundays at 9:30am WB—Everyone welcome!

### Sunday School & First Communion:

Sunday mornings @ 10:15am to 11:15am

All Children of the Parish are welcome to come to classes, please call Mr. Miller for details.

### Confirmation:

Classes are held on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:15pm.

For students in Years 7-9 of High School. Also for other High

School aged students who have not been Confirmed

### Baptisms:

To be held on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm

Next class: January 6 & January 8, 2009

Please call the Parish Office at 949-6797 to register for classes.

Next Baptism: January 11, 2009

### Marriages:

Please call Fr. Paul or Fr. Alex . Six months notice needed, and completion of pre-marital instruction.

Classes will be offered twice a year, the next classes will be on March 2009

Please call the Parish office to register for classes.

### Catholic Women's League

Meet every 4th Sunday at 9:45 am in the Cry Room

## St. Ignatius Mass Intentions

### Saturday: Jan. 3rd

Fr. Alex 8:30 am

Fr. Alex 6:00 pm

Sarah Anne Sulliman

Fr. Michael Molnar (b'day)

Molly George (dec'd)

Ursua Family (thanksgiving)

### Sunday: Jan. 4th

Fr. Alex 8:00 am

Fr. Alex 11:30am

Jun/Allan/Ria (special intentions)

Uson Family (thanksgiving)

Malasan Family (thanksgiving)

People of the Parish

Fr. Paul 6:00 pm

### Monday: Jan. 5th

Fr. Alex 7:00 am

Eugene Pascual (traveling mercies)

Pauline Ebanks (special intention)

Efren Estuesta (special intention)

### Tuesday: Jan. 6th

Fr. Paul 7:00 am

Fr. Alex 8:15 am

Souls in Purgatory

St. Ignatius H.S. & Staff

### Wednesday: Jan. 7th

Fr. Paul 7:00 am

Tammi Maw

### Thursday: Jan. 8th

Fr. Alex 7:00 am

Fr. Paul 11:00am

People of the Parish

St. Ignatius Prep. & Staff

### Friday: Jan. 9th

Fr. Alex 7:00 am

Fr. Paul 6:00 pm

Troy Sulliman

Anne Giuliany

James Tibbetts family

### Saturday: Jan. 10th

Fr. Alex 8:30 am

Fr. Paul 6:00 pm

Sarah Anne Sulliman (special intention)

### Sunday: Jan. 11th

Fr. Paul 8:00 am

Fr. Paul 11:30am

Fr. Alex 6:00 pm

Estela Delaney (traveling mercies)

George Family (special intention)

## Christ the Redeemer Mass Intentions

### Sunday: Jan. 4th

Fr. Paul 9:45 am

People of the Parish

### Sunday: Jan. 11th

Fr. Alex 9:45 am

## Scripture Readings for the Week

Beginning January 3, 2009



### Saturday: Jan. 3rd

1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

### Sunday: Jan. 4th

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### Monday: Jan. 5th

1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday: Jan. 6th

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

### Wednes: Jan. 7th

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

### Thursday: Jan. 8th

1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22

### Friday: Jan. 9th

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

### Saturday: Jan. 10th

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

### Sunday: Jan. 11th

Isaiah 55:1-11 (221B) ; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1:7-11

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2009



**General:** That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith.

**Mission:** That the different Christian confessions, aware of the need for anew evangelization in this period of profound transformations, may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving towards the full unity of all Christians in order to offer a more credible testimony of the Gospel.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Next RCIA Session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 will focus on the following:

#### EUCCHARIST: THEOLOGY AND STRUCTURE OF THE MASS

This session will be held at the Divine Mercy Hermitage - Caribbean Courts from 6:00 - 7:30pm.

### PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Couples getting married here or abroad must attend this pre-marriage course to be held on March /April 2009. No schedule date as yet . Call the parish office at 949-6797 to register.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Confirmation Classes** are currently on Christmas break and will resume on Saturday, January 10 at 4:00pm at St. Ignatius Catholic School.

**First Communion and Sunday School** classes are also on Christmas break. Classes resume on Sunday, January 11 at 10:15am.

All the St. Ignatius Catechists would love to wish all families a prosperous and grace-filled New Year.

## BIBLE STUDY

*Our study of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians will begin on Monday, January 05 at 6:00pm in Room A1 at St. Ignatius Catholic School.*

*All Parishioners who ordered resources in August and September are being reminded to join us on this inspiring study in this Year of St. Paul.*

Offertory Collection for the weekend of December 27& 28, 2008  
**St. Ignatius Church \$ 6,934.07**  
**Christ the Redeemer \$ 883.08**

Thank you for your generosity and good stewardship for all that God has given you.

### Pope John II: Words to Live By

In becoming flesh, the Son of God was manifested as light. He is not just an external light in the history of the world, but a light within the human person, in his personal history. He became one of us, giving infinite meaning and immortality of our earthly existence.

## Grotto Gift Shop

Thank you for your support  
of the Grotto Gift Shop!



## Gospel's Reflections



### Gospel Summary

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and asked where the child who was King of the Jews might be found. Herod was concerned about this birth, and as a result had worked up the total population of Jerusalem as well. To the wise men, he acted as though he wanted, like them, to go and worship this child. He asked the wise men to figure out where the child was and then come back and tell him. Of course, we know that in his heart, Herod only wanted to destroy Jesus. And we also know that nothing can be hidden from God, who knew Herod's heart. God sent an angel to the wise men in a dream and told them to go home by a different way and avoid Herod.

### Reflection for Families

Children love this story because it's filled with things they treasure: gifts, adventure, danger, and mystery. Through these elements, Matthew has made it clear that the magi are foreigners (of the Gentile world in Matthew's day). It is reassuring for us to know and to help our children come to understand that God welcomes all people of the world to the family of God. By our Baptism, we are part of a family of faith, and as parents, we spend our lives leading our children in that faith and demonstrating to them how we live our own faith.

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

There are many people, opportunities, and circumstances that guide our families. Talk together about what *ÒstarsÓ* lead you as a family. Continue the discussion by reflecting on what gifts you have to offer Jesus. Help your children remember that what we give to others is what we give to Jesus. How will your family share its gifts?

### Discussion Starters

1. The greatest gift our family has been given is...
2. I know how the magi must have felt because once we went somewhere and had no idea where we were going. The best lesson I learned from the magi and my experience was...
3. I am not always quick to accept the foreigner, but I will use God's example by...

Source: [firstfaith.com](http://firstfaith.com)

## MOPA

"Missionaries of the Poor are holding a retreat from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th February, at Mount Tabor in the hills above Kingston, Jamaica. There will be a group of people from Cayman attending this, and all are welcome to join us.

The group will be flying Cayman Airways at 7:00 am on Thursday 5th, and will spend the morning working at one of the centres, before going up the mountain for the retreat.

If you are interested in participating in the retreat, please contact Jennison Nunez on [jennison@cwky.blackberry.net](mailto:jennison@cwky.blackberry.net) or on 916-2528 as soon as possible"

