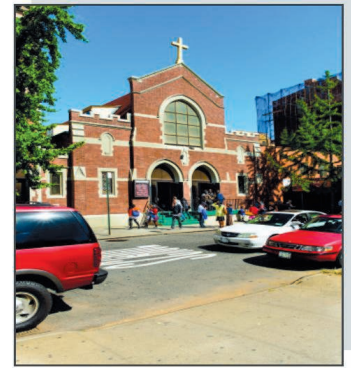
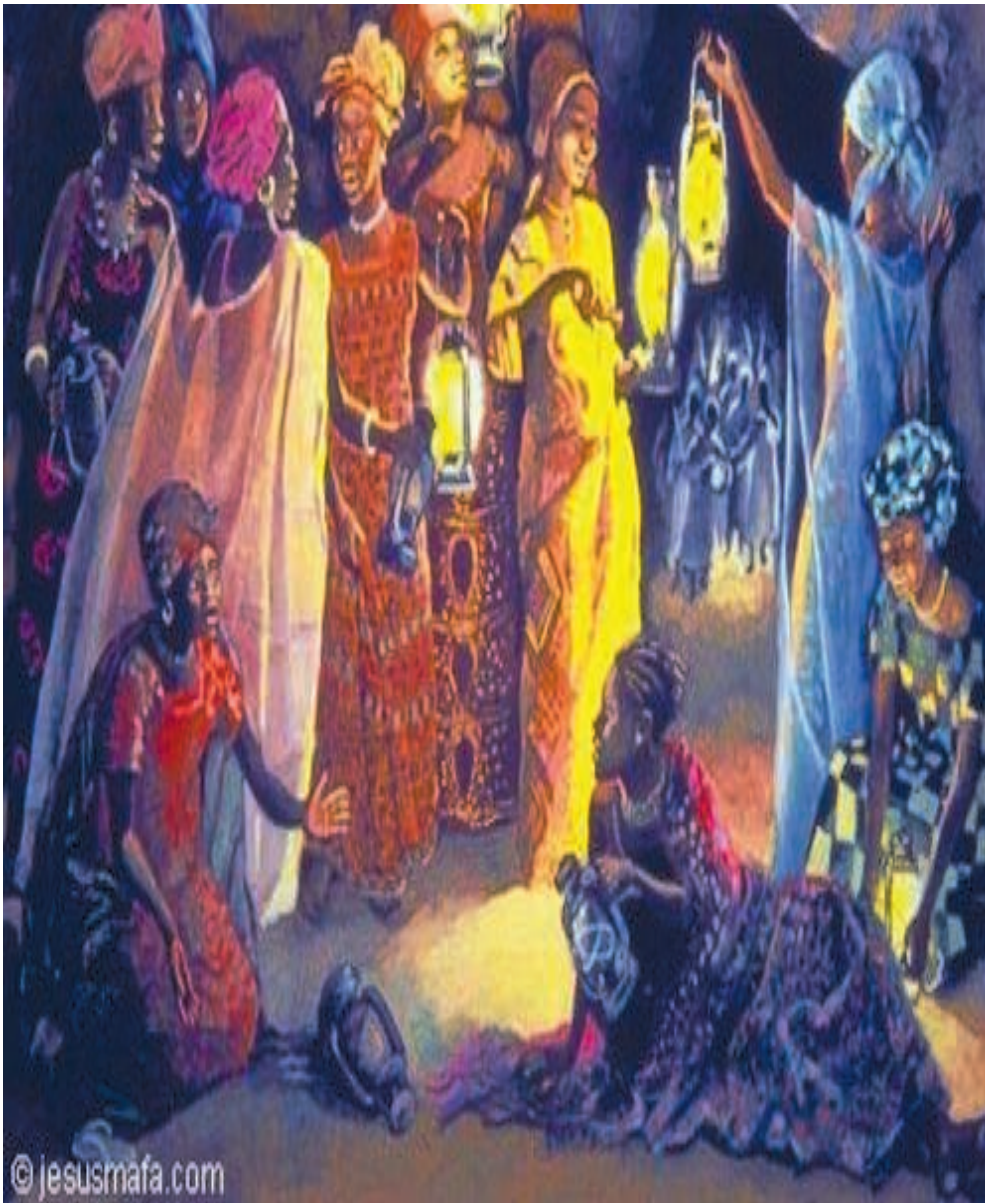


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**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times**

**November 12, 2017**

**32<sup>e</sup> Dimanche Du Temps Ordinaire**

## 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

#### November Birthdays !!!!!

1 Aubrey Mike	2 Jaliah Robinson
2 Martha Treminio	3 Dolores Soley
3 Joyce Mike-Paul	3 Ngomo Joseph
3 Tara Martin	
4 Maimounatou Ouedraogo	
5 Xavier Perry	6 Alan Wright
6 Lynette Osborne	6 Sarah Karamoko
7 Maude Douglas	9 Robyn White
11 Compaore Benjamin	
13 Ambassador Wethington	
13 Jenniqua Robinson	13 Kenila Mapp
14 Brigitte Herbert	14 Denise Benoit
15 Allyson Eaton	15 Barbara Finch
17 Marian Bain	17 Myrtle Paterson
17 Steve Waterman	17 Summer Lowe
18 Brandon Cruz	19 Gregory Prescod
20 Charles Bain	20 Louis Bonasso
22 Ethel Hart	22 Floyd Raiford
23 Louise Owens	26 Jordan Lewis
27 Mary Sumayah	
28 Gbenga Ogedegbe	
28 Kassandra Mapp	
28 Keiraya Lowman	30 Andre Zida
30 Dakoala Wendpoulemde	
Anne Pennyfeather	Deandre Jiggetts
Joseph Ngomo	Lois Landin
Lucia Thomas	Michael Joseph
Ntsama Gabriella	

**“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 classes will be November 12th & 26th at 10:00am

#### **Parish Finance Council**

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Joseph Acakpo	Gloria Jones
Collin Daley	Richard Ellison

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	Mass Collection
Saturday - 5:00	- \$466.00
Sunday - 8:30	- \$1,204.00
11:15	- \$940.00
5:00	- \$98.00

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE-**

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
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**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

5:00pm

Eleanor Perry

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

8:30am

Winifred Simmons

Nkiru Mbamalu

Thomasine Grant-Dimery

Sr. Anastasia

11:15am

Britany Pratt

Maria Torres

Waymon Carrasquillo

Nancy Villar

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

8:30am

Avis Thomas

Winifred Simmons

Nkiru Mbamalu

Sr. Anastasia

11:15am

Robin Lockett

Lucille Bonilla

Cody Mahon

Ramona Maynard

**Thursday, November 23, 2017 THANKSGIVING**

10:00am

Winifred Simmons

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

8:30am

Annette Charles

Sr. Anastasia

Nkiru Mbamalu

Winifred Simmons

11:15am

Britany Pratt

Lucille Bonilla

Rossalyn Quaye

Sr. Precila

**THE SCRIPTURE- November 12, 2017**
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times**

In today gospel, Jesus compares heaven to the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids waiting for the master. Only those who are ever watchful will be ready to meet him. This gospel teaches us that "wise" are those (virgins) who prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord, while the first reading says that our most precious gift is the wisdom that comes from God.

The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time. Let us not forget that Jesus is coming again, though we do not know the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God, seeking Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes. It's by doing this, that we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry and we will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God, Jesus our Lord.

The images used by Matthew are meant to call our attention to the seriousness with which we must consider our lives. Every moment on earth is precious and has to be used only for what in the end will add value to our existence, love, the gift of oneself to others. Let us remain vigilant by having a good relationship with God. Don't say that I will do it tomorrow because tomorrow may not be yours....It's in your hands today....meaning, we have to live in the way which allows Christ to be part of our life at any time and don't allow something or someone to take you away from the Love of God.

(5:00pm Sat.)

\* For all the people of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, God's Healing

(8:30am)

\* Jean Alexander, Rest in Peace Mary Purcell

(11:15am)

\* Martha M. Treminio, Birthday Blessings

(5:00pm)

\* Joseph Acakpo, Thanksgiving for 50 years together

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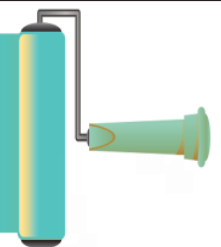
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