

# Twin Parish News

A partnership between St. William, St. Simons Island, GA and St. Joseph, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti



## Christmas in Côtés-de-Fer

Around the world, children reenact the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. Our twin parish, St. Joseph, is no exception. Above the angels pay homage.

And just like St. William, the church is filled with family and friends enjoying the pageant. Below, the manger scene is decorated with palms and bling!





At Christmas, Father Islaire Faustin distributed 380 food kits to the poorest and disabled people of the parish. **Your donations help Father fund his pastoral programs.**



Father engaged the youth group of the parish to assemble and distribute the food kits.

**Because of your loving donations,** Father also distributed toys to 200 children. Fifty children from St. Joseph school received gifts. The remainder were sent to St. Anthony and Sacred Heart schools.







The poor children of the parish were treated to a party on Thursday, December 27th. Most of the children came from the village of Côtés-de-Fer. **Thanks to your generosity** they received a toy and food. Also, a party was organized in each of the chapels for the children.



The committees of the ten chapels were treated to a party on Friday, December 28th. Above, chapels exchange gifts with one another.





More happy occasions during the month of December were the **anniversary celebration** of the Adult Choir and the **wedding** of the Director of Sacred Heart church and school, Chalorin Tibroz. Such a happy groom!



Chalorin Tibroz and his new wife, Madette Augustin



## Pope Francis, named Mgr. Glandas Toussaint Bishop of Jacmel

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In a note, Mgr. Eugene Martin Nugent, Apostolic Nuncio of Haiti is pleased to announce to the faithful Catholics and all the Haitian people that, **"wishing to provide for the pastoral good of the Diocese of Jacmel, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop of the Church of Jacmel His Excellency Bishop Marie Erick Glandas Toussaint,"** until now Auxiliary Bishop of Port-au-Prince.

Mgr. Nugent, urges all priests, men and women religious as well as lay faithful "to welcome with a spirit of faith and hope this decision of the Holy Father, which is the expression of his paternal attention and his pastoral care to the place of the Church in Haiti and all the Haitian people."

The Apostolic Nunciature invites **"All the faithful as well as people of good will to pray for His Excellency Bishop Marie Erick Glandas Toussaint and for the Diocese of Jacmel,** so that the Spirit of the Lord can continue to work effectively in his Church, so that by a fruitful and wise exercise of sacred ministry, our people may find in Christ an abundance of life."

### **Learn more about Mgr. Glandas Toussaint :**

*Born on May 19, 1965 in Grande Savane in the department of the West, Mgr. Marie Eric Glandas Toussaint was educated at the Petit Séminaire Collège Saint-Martial, before being admitted to the Grand Séminaire Notre-Dame in Cazeau, then to Turgeau. After his ordination in 1994, he began his ministry successively at the Cathedral of Port-au-Prince as vicar, then at Fonds-Baptiste as pastor of the parish of the Immaculate Conception, then at Petit-Goâve to administer the parish Our-Lady of the Assumption. In December 2007, parish priest of the Cathedral of Port-au-Prince he was appointed in February 2008, Director of the Archdiocesan Caritas. Finally, in March 2011 he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince.*





# WANTED: Musical Instruments

Father Faustin needs more instruments for his expanding music program: brass, woodwind, percussion, keyboard, and guitar.

Here are some ways you can help:

**DONATE** an instrument you are no longer using;

**PURCHASE** a reconditioned instrument and donate it to Helping Hugs;

**MAKE** a monetary donation for the purchase of a reconditioned instrument;

**RECOMMEND** to Helping Hugs the names of organizations that donate instruments. We will send an appeal to them.

Father has been very pleased with the success of this program that engages young people in a worthwhile activity.

## Please help any way you can.

Contact Mary Lynch at (912) 638-0148 or send a contribution for “instruments” to Helping Hugs, Inc., P.O. Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

# Planning Ahead for Medical Mission 2019



## Medical Mission Team in Need of Suitcases

Helping Hugs' Medical Mission team will be traveling to Haiti in February. They are in need of **large, lightweight luggage with wheels by February 8th** to carry medications.

By "large" we mean, pieces that are **no more than 62 inches** (measured length, width and height).

If you have any old and battered luggage that you would like to **donate, please contact Diane Smith** at (912) 222-1771 or [dianemsmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianemsmith@bellsouth.net)

The team does not bring the luggage back with them. It will remain in Haiti for use by people from our twin parish.

**THANK YOU!**

## "Medical Links to Haiti" Wednesday, February 13, 2019

If you have an interest in Haiti, an upcoming seminar is designed for you.

If you are a medical professional in need of continuing education credits, this seminar will be valuable to you as well.

Each year, prior to the medical mission, our partners (the **Brunswick Chapter of The Links Inc.** and the **Southeast Georgia Health System**) offer an educational seminar designed to familiarize medical professionals and the community on medical and cultural issues in Haiti.

**More details about the seminar, registration and application for credits can be found on the hospital's website: [www.sghs.org](http://www.sghs.org).**



January  
Is a great time  
To join our  
Organization



As we all begin a new year, Helping Hugs begins a new project year too! We'll be looking at Father Faustin's wish list for

Education

Water

Medical Needs and  
Infrastructure.

In the **Spring**, we prepare items for our Shipment to Haiti.

In the **Summer** we conduct our Education Campaign.

In the **Fall** we celebrate our twinning relationship with the  
Fête for Haiti dinner and auction fundraiser.

We love having new members who bring new energy and ideas to the group. Check us out on the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. at Thrive Senior Living, 3615, Frederica Road. Questions? Just give me a call at 912-638-0148.

Thank you,  
Mary

PS. You are welcome to join Helping Hugs any time of the year!

**Our next meeting is January 17, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Thrive.**