

Gens d' Arime: Arima Boys' RC Carnival Production Carnival Begins (The French Influence)

Like the rest of Trinidad, the French has influenced Arima and Arimians in many ways. In fact the very name of the band is French, a language that was adopted by many Arimians in the form of patois. Sadly, however, this is all but lost as the older heads often used this language as a secret code to be spoken by them when among children. This was therefore never passed on. We pay tribute to the French influence by portraying the beginning of carnival itself when the bals masques celebrated by the early French settlers were emulated by the slaves.

When Cocoa was King

There was a time in the 50's and 60's when cocoa was king in Arima, as the Arimian economy and therefore its people depended on agriculture in general, but cocoa in particular for survival. These were gentler times. Times when families enjoyed one another's company dancing the cocoa. We nostalgically recall those times especially now as everyone seems bent on a selfish, microwave, instant gratification type of lifestyle. Life back then was a simple country life where we all shared what little there was, never seeming to be wanting for anything. We invite persons to pause and enjoy the beauty that is Trinidad and Tobago, the landscape, the seascape, the people.

Valencia Pilgrimage

The **Valencia Community** makes their Lenten Pilgrimage this Sunday. Churches include: Manzanilla, Mayaro, Rio Claro, New Grant, Princes Town, San Fernando, Couva, and Chaguanas. They leave at 7.00am.



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Volunteers / Palms & Water

- (1) *We appeal for persons to volunteer to cut and bundle palms in the forest on Thursday 25th March, 2010. All Volunteers are asked to gather in front of the church at 6.45 a.m. to journey to the Heights of Guanapo. This process should take at least three hours.*
- (2) *We welcome donations of bottled water for The Way of the Cross on Good Friday morning.*



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A Primer for Confession - Examination of Conscience

When you come to Church to confess your sins, you should first examine your conscience. Review your life to see how you offended the good God since your last confession. The Church teaches that all mortal sins committed after Baptism must be confessed to a priest in order to be forgiven. This "precept" or law is of Divine Institution. Simply stated, this means the confession of grave sins to a priest is part of God's plan and therefore is supported and carried out in the life of the Church.

Mortal and Venial Sins

Mortal sin is a direct, conscious and free violation of one or another of the Ten Commandments in a serious matter. Mortal sin, also known as *grave* or *deadly* sin, destroys the life of grace in your soul. God's grace begins to draw the sinner back to him through sorrow for sin. He is brought back to life when he confesses his sins to a priest and receives absolution (forgiveness). The Church recommends that Catholics confess their **venial sins** which are violations of God's law that do not sever the relationship with him or destroy the life of grace in the soul.

...If you're not sure whether your sins are "mortal" or "venial" the confessor (the priest..) will help you to understand the difference.

Excerpted from an article by Fr. Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D.

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Can Beauty save the world? *(part 1)*

Some thoughts on beauty from "Catholic Education Resource Center"

The Illusion of Glamour

An undeniable indication of beauty's immense popularity and desirability is our national obsession with the "beautiful" people. Yet, what often passes for beauty is nothing more than glamour. We may define *glamour* as a substitute for beauty that moves in a direction away from wisdom. It is a contrived, synthetic kind of beauty that does not go beneath the surface. It does not flow out from a center. Glamour is more glitter than light, more glitz than depth, more glisten than glory.



True beauty has depth and flows out from the depth of that which is beautiful. A person may adorn himself (or herself) with expensive jewelry or take a stylistically attractive photograph. But this is glamour and not beauty.

Beauty is a divine name. God is beauty in a preeminent way. As St. Thomas points out, *ex divina pulchritudine esse omnia derivatur*—"the divine beauty is that from which all being is derived." Therefore, God seals each being He creates with its own secret mark of beauty. Love helps us to discern the beauty—and the dignity—that God has placed in each soul.



Day of Fast and Prayer

The annual archdiocesan Day of Fasting and Prayer will be on Friday 26th March. Parishioners are reminded to make the special effort once again to support the specially designated charity in this "Year of the family"

The collection on Friday at the Way of the Cross will be assigned to this charity.

Change in Mass Times for March 27th and 28th

On Palm Sunday there is a procession twenty minutes before the Saturday 5.00 p.m., Sunday 7.00 a.m. and 6.30p.m. Masses. The other two masses will begin at their regular times : Saturday 7.00 p.m. and Sunday 9.00 a.m.

NEW AMBRY AT SANTA ROSA

An **ambry** or **aumbry** is a wall cupboard which has been used in times past for the reservation of altar bread and wine, sacred vessels, holy oils and other items. However in recent times, the ambry has strictly been used for the reservation of the Holy Oils blessed by the Archbishop at the annual Chrismal mass. Here at Santa Rosa, we have just installed a beautiful ambry in our sacristy where our **Holy Oils** will be kept. After the Chrismal Mass at the Cathedral on Monday 29th March, the newly blessed **Oil of Chrism**, **Oil of Catechumens** and **Oil of the Sick** will now have a dedicated place. The parish extends our sincere thanks to Mr. Sheldon Ramdeen and Mr. Brian Attin for making this Aumbry possible.



Our Lenten Parish Mission 2010 Monday 22nd Thursday 25 March 7.00 p.m. at Santa Rosa Church

Have you called the persons you wanted to invite to the retreat? Please follow up..

People who became active in, (or returned to) the Catholic Church indicated that **their greatest influence** was through the invitation of someone they knew and respected. As an active and regular member of our community, kindly make a note of some persons, who were once active and **reach out to them!** Get their phone contact and give them a call on behalf of your parish priest.

Retreat ends with mass of the Annunciation at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday March 25th.