

MRS. CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Cecelia St. Ignac

Thursday, June 13, 2024
12:00 NOON

*"Mama Cecelia, pure of heart,
A pillar in our lives,
Her spirit like a tranquil stream,
In memory, she thrives.*

*"She taught us all the power of love,
Of giving without end,
Her legacy of selflessness,
A love we can't transcend."*

SUNRISE
October 23, 1948

SUNSET
May 17, 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Petite Martinique

Officiating Priest – Father Hugh Logan
Master of Service – Mr. Terrance Logan





In Loving Memory of Mama Cecelia

In the quiet hours of morning light,
When the world is hushed and still,
We remember Mama Cecelia,
With hearts that ache and will.

Her hands were always open wide,
To give and to embrace,
A selfless heart that knew no bounds,
A soul of endless grace.

With every step she took in life,
She touched the hearts of all,
A guiding star, a beacon bright,
Who answered every call.

She helped the weary and the lost,
She soothed the troubled mind,
Her kindness like a gentle breeze,
A touch so warm, so kind.

Her laughter was a melody,
That brightened every day,
A smile that could light up the night,
And chase the dark away.

Mama Cecelia, pure of heart,
A pillar in our lives,
Her spirit like a tranquil stream,
In memory, she thrives.

She taught us all the power of love,
Of giving without end,
Her legacy of selflessness,
A love we can't transcend.

Though she's gone, her light remains,
In every life she graced,
Her impact felt in countless ways,
Her memory embraced.

So, in the still of morning light,
We whisper soft and low.

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the Fruit of your womb – Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and
at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
You were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Blessed are you among women,
Blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

For Mother Cecelia

Mother Cecelia,
a cultural icon,
Her wisdom shines
brighter than the sun.
With grace and strength,
she leads the way,
Guiding generations,
night and day.

Her words like music,
sweet and clear,
Inspire hope
and banish fear.
A beacon of love
in times of doubt,
Her presence fills
our hearts throughout.

From humble beginnings,
she paved the road,
With courage and kindness,
her love bestowed.
A tribute to Mother
Cecelia, we sing,
In her light,
our sports take wing.

1-2 PM Special Tributes

Song – Kayon Robert

Song – Mr. Nicky St. Bernard

Tribute – Ms. Christine Benjamin

Folk Medley – Rising Cultural Group

Tribute – Mrs. Veda Bruno-Victor

Tribute – Mr. George Prime

Tribute – Pastor John Jones

Poem – “Mother Cecelia” by Babajide Adenigbagbe

Tribute – Christine / Augustine Lewis

Drum Performance – Cultural Conquerors

Memorial Gift – Michele, Taiesha, Nalani, Nori, and Nate

Family Memories Tribute – Michele Francis and Peron Francis

Eulogy – Mr. Dwight Logan

Processional / Entrance Song

Vulindela-Brenda Fassie – Lead by Cultural Conquerors

Lord of Mercy – Kyrie by Richard Coots

Gloria

First Reading Dr. Anika Bethel

Responsorial – “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Song – “He Lives”

Second Reading Tovah St. Ignac

Gospel Acclamation – Crystal Francis-Moses

Collection - “Have A Thing About You” Wendy Alleyne

Offertory – “Yamba Yamba Yahweh”

Great Acclamation – “Great Amen”

Sign of Peace – Rivers of Babylon / pitta pitta

Song – “Lamb of God”

Communion – “Gentle Woman”

Meditation – “The Sound of Silence”

Recessional – “I Watch The Sunrise”

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky, Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning, Bright though it be, I feel those shadows near me.
But You are always close to me, Following all my ways.
May I be always close to YOU, Following all Your ways, Lord.

Warming the earth below; And at the midday,
Life seems to say, I feel Your brightness near me.
For You are always close to me, Following all my ways.
May I be always close to You, Following all Your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset, fading away, Lighting the clouds and sea;
And as the evening closes its eyes, I feel Your presence near me.
Yes, You are always close to me, Following all my ways.
May I be always close to You, Following all Your ways, Lord.

2 PM Church Service

I Watch the Sunrise



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Cecelia St. Ignac of Petite Martinique

Sunrise – October 23, 1948 • Sunset – May 17, 2024

Cecelia St. Ignac’s legacy as a cultural icon, renowned big drum dancer, and music enthusiast is truly remarkable.

Cultural Preservation and Promotion: As a big drum dancer, Cecelia St. Ignac played a crucial role in preserving and promoting the cultural traditions of her community. Through her performances, she would have kept alive the rich heritage of music and dance, ensuring that future generations continue to cherish and celebrate their cultural identity. Ms. Cecelia was known for “sugar the piton,” a tradition she strived to keep alive.

Recognition: AWARD from The National Celebration Committee and Ministry of Carriacou & Petite Martinique Affairs. “For Outstanding Community Service.” (2014)

Inspiration and Mentorship: Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac’s passion for music and dance would have inspired countless individuals, both young and old. As a mentor, she have nurtured the talents of aspiring dancers and musicians, passing down her knowledge and expertise to the next generation.

Environmental Stewardship: As a resident of a small island, Mrs. St. Ignac has been passionate about environmental conservation and sustainability. Her legacy includes being part of the team, *Sustainable Grenadines* (SUSGREN) whose efforts are to, promote climate change awareness and other environmental challenges facing the island community of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Community Cohesion and Joy: Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac’s joyful spirit and vibrant performances have brought communities together, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. As a founding member of the Rising Cultural Group, her songs and dancing would have been a source of joy and celebration, brightening the lives of those around her.

Women’s Empowerment: Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac’s legacy also encompass advancements in women’s empowerment. She was a champion for women’s rights, advocating for access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities for women. Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac once held the position of President of the NWO – Petite Martinique Chapter.

Recognition 2007 – The Ministry of Social Development and Grenada National Organization of Women In Recognition of Her Invaluable Contribution To Community Service in Petite Martinique on the Celebration of International Women’s Day.

Celebration of Diversity: As a cultural icon, St. Ignac has celebrated the diversity of her community’s traditions and the broader cultural tapestry of the region. Her performances would have showcased the unique rhythms, movements, and stories that make her culture so rich and vibrant not only in Grenada but throughout the St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Legacy of Joy and Inspiration: Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac’s legacy has endured as a testament to the power of music, dance, and cultural expression to uplift and inspire. Her memory would live on in the hearts of those who were touched by her presence, continuing to bring joy and inspiration for generations to come.

Cecelia St. Ignac’s contributions as a big drum dancer, people person, music lover, and vibrant soul would undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on her community and beyond, ensuring that her legacy lives on as a beacon of cultural pride and celebration to state of Petite Martinique, Carriacou, and Grenada and the Diaspora.

Award of Excellence Honoring Mrs. Cecelia St. Ignac: For your continued dedication and services within Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique. From the Desk for the Elderly – Ministry of Social Development, Housing, and Community Empowerment – March 2020





Cecelia St. Ignac and Claudius St. Ignac
“Our Foundation”

Children
 Grandchildren
 Great Grandchildren

The Sound of Silence

Hello darkness, my old friend; I've come to talk with you again.
Because a vision softly creeping, Left its seeds while I was sleeping,
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains within the sound of silence.

In restless dreams, I walked alone, Narrow streets of cobblestone,
'Neath the halo of a street lamp; I turned my collar to the cold and damp,
When my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light
That split the night, and touched the sound of silence.

And in the naked light I saw Ten thousand people, maybe more,
People talking without speaking, People hearing without listening,
People writing songs that voices never shared
And no one dared disturb the sound of silence.

"Fools," said I, "You do not know: Silence like a cancer grows.
Hear my words that I might teach you Take my arms that I might reach you."
But my words, like silent raindrops, fell,
And echoed in the wells of silence.

And the people bowed and prayed To the neon god they made,
And the sign flashed out its warning, In the words that it was forming,
Then the sign said, "The words on the prophets are
written on the subway walls, In tenement halls."
And whispered in the sound of silence.

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Pall Bearers: Perron Francis • Lawn Francis • Esau St. Ignac • Tre Bethel • Enitan Adenigbagbe • Ryan St. Ignac • Mozyggy Francis

Entombment: Family Cemetery Petite Martinique

In Appreciation

Thank you *Explore Carriacou and Petite Martinique, Cultural Conquerors, Petite Martinique Community*,
and all of the persons who have helped us one way or another. The family extends heartfelt **THANK-YOU**
to everyone for their expression of love and appreciation for Mama Cecelia St. Ignac.

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart
of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

– The Family

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