

January 3, 2012

Media Alert

WHO: Father Jean Gaetan Boursiquot, Minister to Haitian Community
Local Haitian Community

WHAT: Daily Mass at the newly formed Haitian Mission in Orlando

WHEN: January 4 – January 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. each morning

WHERE: Haitian Mission: Our Lady of Fatima of Orlando
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Orlando, FL

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OTHER INFORMATION:

There will be no Mass today, January 3 at 6:00 p.m. as originally planned. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Catholic community of Haitians in Orlando now has a spiritual home to call their own. Bishop John Noonan approved the establishment of a mission for the Haitian community to celebrate Mass and gather for fellowship. Our Lady of Fatima of Orlando celebrated its first Mass and received a blessing by Bishop John Noonan on January 2, 2012.

The Haitian Mission in Orlando is situated on five acres and is located in a 1500 square foot home that was converted into a church. The building was recently renovated and received new paint, air conditioning unit, floors, structural repairs, doors, locks, bathrooms and window frames.

The Haitian community has been raising funds over the past few years to be able to pay for these improvements and with the opening of this mission many of their prayers have been answered.

Haitian Catholics say this mission will help unify their community and build connections all rooted in their deep faith of God.

There are 11 parishes in the Diocese of Orlando that celebrate Mass in Creole and/or French serving the Haitian community.