

Meryl - Quirky treasure

At Christmas time, especially Christmas Eve, we'd go to town, go shopping, buy liquor. Some people put up curtains, some people put down carpets on the floors. Some people killed pigs, and use the blood from the pig to make blood pudding. They'd put the curtains and carpets down just to have a change. We'd go to midnight mass on Christmas Eve, and after that, we'd be partying. There's also something called the Jumbie table, and on that table you have cake, blood pudding, different types of rum, cheese, ham, water, soft drinks, just name it. That is for those who have gone on, and will come back and have a feast. But those that have gone on didn't have a feast, and we had our share! My great grandmother said if we don't do that, we won't have a good Christmas. Those who have gone on will be vexed, they might come and do something while we have Christmas dinner. So to avoid all that, they set a table for them, so they can come early in the morning on Christmas day.