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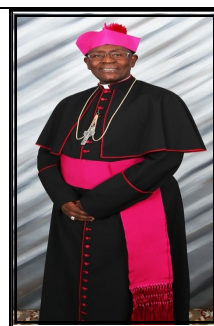
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B
DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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FUNERAL: Tuesdays through Fridays
Please call prior to final arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

CONFESSION: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.
or by Appointment

Weekday

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS**



“TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

With help from the prophet Nathan, King David decided to build a house for the Lord to dwell in. "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

According to Paul, the gospel reveals the mystery hidden for long ages but now, at God's command, is made manifest in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-38

The angel addressed Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." When Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," she became a model for all.

In the first reading, David worries about finding a proper home for the Ark of God. After all, it was housed in a tent as if they were still journeying through the desert. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel comes to a young virgin in Nazareth to announce that God has chosen her to bear the Son of God, to provide a home for the Lord. Let us now make a home in our hearts for the Lord, so that we, like Saint Paul, may make known to the nations the wonders and glories of Jesus Christ.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of December 24, 2023

25 - Monday **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

26 - Tuesday **St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22

27 - Wednesday **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 - Thursday **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

29 - Friday **St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

30 - Saturday **St. Anysius, Bishop of Thessalonica**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

31 - Sunday **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.:

Saturday December 23, 2023

- B'day Blessing Sylvana Tang rb Ruth Samuel

7:00 a.m.:

Sunday December 24, 2023

- St. Ann's Parish Family

9:30 a.m.:

- Spl. Int. Rosemary Walcott rb St. Ann's Parish
- +Stephen Ryan and John Bastardo rb Nelson Family

11:30 p.m.:

- Wed. Anniv. Peter A. and Elissa M. Linton rb Family

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)

5:30 a.m.:

- St. Ann's Parish Family

9:30 a.m.:

- All priests in the Diocese

12:15 p.m.:

Tuesday December 26, 2023

- CHRISTMAS 2ND DAY - CLOSED

7:00 a.m.:

Wednesday December 27, 2023

- Spl. Int. Rosemary Walcott rb St. Ann's Parish Family

12:15 p.m.:

Thursday December 28, 2023

- +Edgar Augustine rb Diggs Family

7:00 a.m.:

Friday December 29, 2023

- Franciscans celebrating B'days Oct, Nov, and Dec.
- B'day Blessings Mark Eugene Sr. and Jr. rb Eugene Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: B'day Blessings Mark Eugene Sr. and Jr. rb Eugene Family

ST. ANN CHAPEL: +Edgar Augustine rb Diggs Family

SHRINE: St. Ann's Parish Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: Wed. Anniv. Peter A. and Elissa M. Linton rb Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "A" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "B" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, December 30, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Welcome:** We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Fr. Britto who is visiting with Fr. Louis. May his Christmas stay with us be a merry and joyous one. **You can follow him on daily meditation at: <https://gospeldelights.com>**

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** Most Offertory Envelopes have been picked up. Only a few still need to be picked up. Thank you. Please don't forget to make a generous Christmas donation as the Lord loves a cheerful giver. (*Luke 6:38-NAB: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure, will in turn be measured out to you."*)

▪ **Gentle Reminder:** As we approach the year 2024, we would like to fulfill our final payment for the impact doors, window shutters and the stain glass windows. Let's fulfill our pledges no matter how small the payment might be. As the saying goes, "little by little, we will fill the basket."

▪ **Bookstore Announcement:** Bookstore is open after 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses. We have lots of Christmas gifts for the entire family at reasonable prices. Free wrapping is available. Come See! Come Browse!

▪ **Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Day:** Please be reminded that after a six year hiatus, the Martin Luther King Jr. Fun day, sponsored by the St. Ann's Stewards of Christ will be held on January 15, 2024.

▪ **Donations:** St. Ann's Church has implemented another method of making donations through PayPal which allows for credit/debit card usage. This can be accomplished by scanning the QR Code provided on St. Ann's Website and Bulletin.

▪ **Christmas Greetings!** From Fr. Louis, Fr. Thabang and our other priests, Deacon Dr. Denis Griffith and the entire staff of St. Ann's Parish, we extend a Merry, Joyous and Blessed Christmas to each and everyone. **Merry Christmas!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

- ◆ *No classes from Saturday, December 23, 2023 through Saturday January 06, 2024*
- ◆ *Classes will resume on Saturday, January 13, 2024*
- ◆ *On behalf of our Pastor, Administrator, Coordinator and teachers, we wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.*



**THE NATIVITY OF JESUS
(CHRISTMAS DAY)**

The Birth of Our Lord Jesus reminds us that God is present in every situation in which we believe He is absent or in which we think He could never be. This faith drives us to view this time with greater serenity and hope. God is here. He is so present that perhaps, or rather He is certainly asking us to reconsider how we live. He is inviting us to remember that just as He came to save us, so too, we can be saved only if we walk together with Him, if we learn to take care of each other. We are invited to become “mangers” where others can nourish themselves on the bread of friendship, love, mercy, hope. The Lord offers Himself to us so we might bear Him through the witness of our lives. As Christians, we are called to be filled with the hope of this humanity, so disoriented and isolated, to become sentinels of a new dawn...so that the darkness of this time might be shattered by the Light that comes from the Lord Jesus, that *is* the Lord Jesus. Christmas is the only liturgical celebration with four Masses, the Vigil Mass, the Mass during the Night, the Mass at Dawn and the Mass during the Day. The readings are the same for each of these Masses for all three liturgical years.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

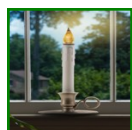
God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. We praise and thank you for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from the Coronavirus and all other sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

FATIMA PRAYER

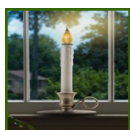
My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen!

The Nativity of Jesus (Continued)

This choice seeks to demonstrate and enhance, almost in slow motion, that Event that changed the course of human history: God became man. The Book of John 1:1-18 states that: “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*” Today, the Light came into the world. As it has done for over two thousand years, the Light shatters the darkness and the shadows of the night and illuminates us. That Light has a face and a name: Jesus Christ, prophesied by the prophet Isaiah: “*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light*” (Mass during the Night, Is. 9:1-6). He is the Light of the world that shines in the darkness (Jn. 1:9, 3, 19; Mass during the Day). He is the Hope that does not disappoint (Rom. 5:5). Jesus, from the root and lineage of David (cf. 2 Sam. 7:8ff.), the fulfillment of God’s promise to King David (Fourth Sunday of Advent). Jesus is the radiant morning star (Rev. 22:16). *Source: www.vaticannews.va/*



**Christmas/New Year
Mass Schedule**



<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Chapel:	Saturday Dec. 23, 2023	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023	7:00 a.m.
Joachim Church:	Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023	9:30 a.m.
	Christmas Carol	10:30 p.m.
	Night Mass	11:30 p.m.
	December 25, 2023	
	Mass At Dawn	5:30 a.m.
	Christmas Day	9:30 a.m.
Chapel:	Saturday Dec. 30, 2023	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023	7:00 a.m.
Joachim Church:	Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023	9:30 a.m.
	Holy Hour	10:30 p.m.
	Night Mass	11:30 p.m.
	New Year’s Day, 1/01/24	9:30 a.m.

**OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE
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meditate and pray*

Entrance Through The Marian Hall

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Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

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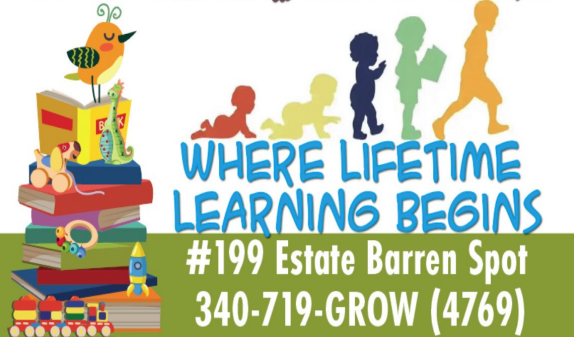
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