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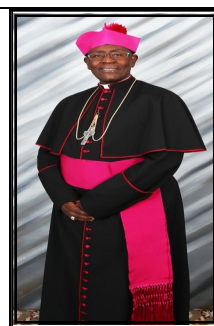
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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
OCTOBER 01, 2023**

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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.”

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel:...If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

SECOND READING: **Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5**

Paul quoted an ancient hymn: "Who, though He was in the form of God./did not regard equality with God something to be grasped./ Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave./...becoming obedient to the point of death,/even death on a cross./Because of this, God exalted Him/and bestowed on Him the name/which is above every other name."

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said that outcasts enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

It is never too late to change, for the worse or for the better. Ezekiel contrasts the virtuous person who turns away from God and chooses to sin with the wicked person who turns away from sin to do what is right. Jesus asks the chief priests and elders to consider two sons, one who says no, but ends up obeying, and the other who promises to obey, but doesn't follow through. Between these two readings, we hear Saint Paul—who changed his life dramatically after his encounter with Christ—exhort the Philippians to unify in Christ in thought and action. May we do the same.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of October 01, 2023

02 - Monday The Holy Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

03 - Tuesday St. Hesychius, Hermit

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

04 - Wednesday St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

05 - Thursday St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

06 - Friday St. Bruno, Priest

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

07 - Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

08 - Sunday 27th Sunday In O.T.
Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTION

4:00 p.m.: Saturday September 30, 2023

- Thanksgiving Jessica Alphonse

7:00 a.m.: Sunday October 01, 2023

- B'day Blessing Theresa Duncan rb Flora Royer & Family
- +Captain Kirby Hodge rb Cousin
- + Gwendolyn Serrant rb Family

- 9:30 a.m.: - + Captain Kirby Hodge rb Family
- B'day Blessing Masford Christmas

12:15 p.m.: Tuesday October 03, 2023

- In Honor of Secular Franciscans

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday October 04, 2023

- +Edmond and Bernadette Koupie
- In Honor of Transitters Secular Franciscans

12:15 p. m.: Thursday October 05, 2023

- +Theodore Johnson, Jr. rb Wife

7:00 a.m.: Friday October 06, 2023

- B'day Blessing Lillia Herrin rb Mother
- Spl. Int. Faustin and Zilla Mc Dowell rb Flora Royer and Family
- Franciscians celebrating B'days July, August and September

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: Thanksgiving Fr. Louis Kemayou, Fr. Thabang Izrael NKademeng and Deacon Denis Griffith rb Simone Gaston

ST. ANN CHAPEL: Thanksgiving Jessica Alphonse

SHRINE: Spl. Int. Lawrence Patrick rb St. Ann's Parish Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: B'day Blessing Masford Christmas

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "D" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "E" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, October 07, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Reminder:** The Breakfast Sale, Sponsored by Sts. Joachim and Ann Stewards of Christ Ministry will take place this Sunday, October 01, 2023 after the 7:00 & 9:30 A.M. Masses. The Sale Proceeds will provide financial aide to students in our community.

▪ **Commissioning of Teachers and Youth Mass:** This Sunday, October 01, 2023, the Commissioning of Religious Education Teachers/Aides will be at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Youth Mass will also be celebrated on this date and time and we expect all our Religious Education Students to be present.

▪ **Meeting:** The Dominica United Cultural Group members are cordially invited to a meeting in the Marian Hall this Sunday, October 01, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to finalize plans for the upcoming National Day celebration. All are encouraged to attend.

▪ **Meeting:** There will be a very important meeting for all members of Stewards Of Christ Ministry on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:30pm in the Marian Hall. Please plan on attending this meeting and be on time.

▪ **St. Joseph's Church Concert:** The 7th annual concert in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3pm in the Hospitality Lounge at St. Joseph Church. All those interested in participating please contact Joanna Jn-Baptiste at 340-473-6737. Thank you!

▪ **Thank You:** The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women thanks all supporters of the "The Sound of Freedom" screenings. Your support has highlighted the grave crime of human trafficking. Informational brochures are now available at all parishes and the Chancery Office, extending awareness beyond the screen.

▪ **Rosary Rally:** There will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Village Mall in Barren Spot. Come join us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2023 — 2024

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Classes for ALL LEVELS - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

PLEASE BE ON TIME AND ALSO PICK UP THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES



Feast of Our Lady Of The Rosary

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition. Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate. In the first of them, 1883's “Supremi Apostolatus Officio,” he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”), when he wrote, “It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary.” “This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven,” Pope Leo continued, “has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies.” Foremost among such “attacks” was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history. Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

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PRAYER CORNER

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the dangers of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love, as you turn our fear into praise of your goodness. 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 Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in unity with 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!

FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of Your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as Your representatives, I offer You through the hands of Your most Holy Mother, Mary this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of Your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood. Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of Your divine love, who seek nothing but Your greater glory, and the salvation of souls. And You, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd, those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. AMEN!

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