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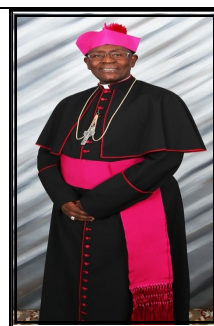
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B  
DECEMBER 03, 2023**

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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**

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Isaiah prophesied, "all our good deeds are like polluted rags:/we have all withered like leaves.../We are the clay and You are the Potter:/we are all the work of Your hands."

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul wrote: "[Y]ou are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ...God is faithful, and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come...Watch, therefore" whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow, or sunrise. "Watch!"

"Watch!" The final word of today's Gospel binds together our readings on this First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the Lord, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus, Himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's Word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of December 03, 2023

#### **04 - Monday St. John Damacene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;  
Mk 8:5-11

#### **05 - Tuesday St. Gerald, Bishop of Brags**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

#### **06 - Wednesday St. Nicholas, Bishop**

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mt 15:29-37

#### **07 - Thursday St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### **08 - Friday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

#### **09 - Saturday St. Romaric, Abbot**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### **10 - Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14;  
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **4:00 p.m.: Saturday December 02, 2023**

- St. Ann's Parish Family

#### **7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 03, 2023**

- Deceased members of Secular Franciscans
- B'day Blessing Frank George rb Parents
- B'day Blessing Julianna Joseph Jean
- +Josephine Browne

#### **12:15 p.m.: Tuesday December 05, 2023**

- Spl. Int. Clara Xavier

#### **7:00 a.m.: Wednesday December 06, 2023**

- B'day Blessing Gerald Bedminister rb Parents
- Thanksgiving Madonna Hall rb Secular Franciscans

#### **12:15 p. m.: Thursday December 07, 2023**

- +Rosemarie Castro rb Rita Castro and Family
- Thanksgiving Msgr. Michael Kosak rb Secular Franciscans

#### **7:00 a.m.: Friday December 08, 2023**

- +Hector Peguero rb Children
- +Calaleya Mileguero rb Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**ST. JOACHIM CHURCH:** Spl. Int. Clara Xavier  
**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** B'day Blessing Yves Beaubrun  
**SHRINE:** B'day Blessing Yves Beaubrun  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** B'day Blessing Julianna Joseph Jean

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "C" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "D" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, December 09, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Special Thanks:** Special thanks go out to all those who made the celebration of the Feast of Christ Our King very special. We want to thank those who offered their homes for the Repositories: Roosevelt Taylor, Blaize Charles, Anne Williams and Jeanne Thomas. We also want to thank, in particular, those individuals from the various groups who put themselves out to prepare the Repositories, and clean up after the procession. We give thanks to Fr. Louis Kemayou and Fr. Thabang Nkadimeng for carrying the Blessed Sacrament. Our thanks go to the Song-leaders and Musicians, those who offer intercessory prayers, our acolyte and altar servers. Thanks to those who stayed in Church with Deacon Griffith: Joan Rogers, Hon. Sinclair Williams and Franklin Delsol. To God be the glory, great things He has done for us!

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** The Offertory Envelopes for the year 2024 are available in the Marian Hall. For those who do not have an Offertory Box and wish to have one, kindly check with the office so one can be available to you with your name and number. Also, when you pick up your box, please go to the Office and ask for your 2024 Calendar. May God richly bless you!

▪ **Death:** St. Ann's Parish Family wishes to announce the passing of John Baptiste Leo on November 17, 2023. The Order of Funeral Service will be published at a future date. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

▪ **Meeting:** There will be a very important meeting for all members of Stewards Of Christ on Wednesday December 6th in the Marian Hall starting at 6:30pm.

▪ **What Is Advent:** "Advent has a two-fold character: It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." Let us all then enter more deeply into prayer.

## 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

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Guest Speaker: Rev. Victor Luna Vitug II - "John the Baptist"

**Sunday, December 9 – 3pm - Holy Cross**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Louis Kemayou - "Mary"

**Sunday, December 17 – 3 pm - Saint Ann**

Rev. Mathias Njong - "Joseph"

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## 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!

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world. Loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart. Come, Lord Jesus, Come, AMEN!

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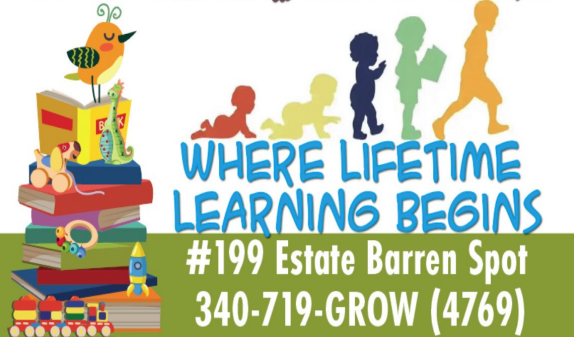
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