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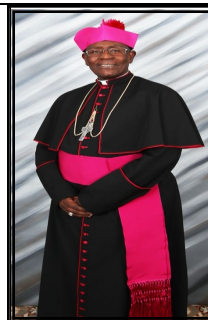
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

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**MARRIAGE:** Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

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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.

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Seeing Abraham's obedience, God relented. Because of Abraham's faith, God blessed him greatly.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:31b-34

We have received the ultimate proof of God's love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus went up a mountain with his disciples and was transfigured before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Today's readings reveal a God of surprises, a God who acts in ways that his followers do not understand. And yet, they trust and follow, and their lives were forever changed. Abraham witnessed the life-changing power of God. Although advanced in age, he and his wife Sarah gave birth to a son, which the Lord asked him to sacrifice on a mountain. Abraham remained faithful in the gospel, Jesus goes up another mountain with three companions, where God reveals Jesus' identity as His Son, and Jesus' role in salvation history. Like Abraham, Jesus and the apostles, let us travel the road and follow the path to glory.

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of March 03, 2024

#### 26- Monday Lenten Wkdy

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

#### 27 Tuesday St. Gregory Of Narek Abbot Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

#### 28- Wednesday Lenten Wkdy

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

#### 29- Thursday Lenten Wkdy

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

#### 01 - Friday Lenten Wkdy

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

#### 02- Saturday Lenten Wkdy

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

#### 03 Sunday 3rd Sunday Of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn. 2:13-25

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**ST JOACHIM CHURCH:** B'day Blessing Linda Burton

**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** B'day Blessing Linda Burton

**SHRINE:** B'day Blessing Linda Burton

#### SPRITUAL ALTAR FLOWERS:

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "E" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "A" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, March 02, 2024. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

#### ▪ Penance Celebrations:

If you are unable to make it at our Parish, here is the list of the penance celebrations in St. Croix during Lent:

Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church  
Sunday, March 03, 3:00 p.m.– Holy Cross Church  
Sunday, March 10, 3:00 p.m. St. Patrick Church  
Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. St. Ann's Church

#### ▪ Lenten Season: We are now in the Lenten Season.

During this period, we are called to come back to the Lord with all our hearts. Let's make a special effort to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. Lent is the season of the heart. The prophet Joel reminds us, "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts not your garment, and return to the Lord, your God." Joel 2:12-13a.

▪ **Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross every Fridays during the Lenten Season at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Booklets for the stations are still available in the Bookstore.

▪ **Meeting:** All Franciscan members are reminded that our monthly meeting for this Sunday February 25, 2024 is cancelled. We encourage all members to join the Lenten Repentance service at St. Joseph's Church on the same day and time. Thank you for your cooperation.

▪ **Bishop's Appeal:** Please pick up one of the Bishop's Appeal Brochures to support the pastoral needs of our Diocese. Your contribution will aid in teaching and preaching the Gospel, supporting our Sacrament and Catholic Education, charitable services through Catholic Charities, nurturing new vocations, maintaining sacred spaces, evangelization of the faith, and reaching our communities via social media, television, and our Catholic Islander magazine. You can choose to pledge and distribute your payments monthly or make one-time donations in the form of cash, check, credit card or direct online payments. Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 4:00 p.m.: Saturday February 24, 2024

- Spl. Int Amanda Jane Carter rb George and Chris St. Rose

#### 7:00 a.m.: Sunday February 25, 2024

- B'day Blessing Linda Burton  
- B'day Blessing Theresa Beck  
- Spl. Int. Euda Serrant and Family

#### 9:30 a.m.: - B'day Blessing for Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

- Souls in Purgatory  
- +Matilda McIntosh rb Family  
- Spl. Intention Armanda Jane Carter rb George and Chris St. Rose

#### 12:15 p.m.: Tuesday February 27, 2024

- B'day Blessing Linda Burton  
- B'day Blessing Madonna Remy rb Patricia Griffith and Family

#### 7:00 a.m.: Wednesday February 28, 2024

- +Vena Henry rb Patricia Browne

#### 12:15 p. m.: Thursday February 29, 2024

- St. Ann's Parish Family

#### 7:00 a.m.: Friday March 01, 2024

- St. Ann's Parish Family

#### 6:00 p.m.: - St. Ann's Parish Family

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

2024 — 2025

◆ *Classes as follows:*

**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**

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

*What are the rewards of Stewardship? We seek no "rewards" for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, worship, study of scriptures, Christian action truly sincere.*

*Our whole life is a partnership with God. We cannot "give" anything to God, but we can fulfill our stewardship to God by using our gifts wisely and sharing with others.*

*Your giving is the key to the success of church plans and programs. To help us meet our obligations, please pray about **TITHING** and becoming **GOOD STEWARDS**.*

### Annual Lent Observances

"The annual observances of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinizes, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises." (*Ceremonial of Bishops, 249*). **LENT** runs from Ash Wednesday until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday which then begins the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Lenten weekdays are not commemorated on Solemnities and Feasts. Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week take precedence over all Solemnities and Feasts. Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing. The presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer normally take place in the week after the first and third scrutinies. The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The Gospels and readings from the Hebrew Scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.

*Source: The Spirit of Lent - Ordo of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebrations of the Eucharist.*

## **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!

### 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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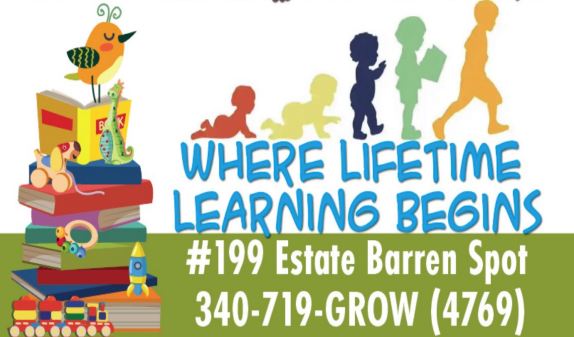
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