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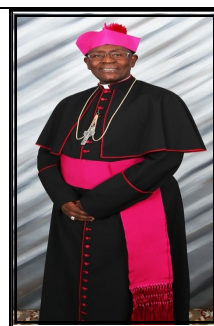
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B  
DECEMBER 17, 2023**

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

**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.”**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The Spirit of the Lord God enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

#### GOSPEL READING: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

On Gaudete Sunday a theme of joy runs through our readings. Isaiah, returning to the promised land after years of exile, describes the wonders God will accomplish. In the psalm we sing that our souls rejoice in our God. Paul closes this letter to the Thessalonians by reminding them to rejoice always. Finally, we hear John the Baptist testify that he is not worthy to even untie the sandal strap of the One who is coming, the Light, the Christ. May the joy we hear in God's word rub off on us.

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of December 17, 2023

#### 18 - Monday St. Gatian, Bishop of Tours

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,  
12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

#### 19 - Tuesday Blessed Urban V, Pope

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps  
71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

#### 20 - Wednesday Sts. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Patriarchs

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk  
1:26-38

#### 21 - Thursday St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk  
1:39-45

#### 22 - Friday Sts. Chaeremon and Ischyriion, Martyrs

1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,  
4-7; Lk 1:46-56

#### 23 - Saturday St. John Of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-23; Ps 25:4bc-  
5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

#### 24 - Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps  
89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27;  
Lk 1:26-38

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 4:00 p.m.: Saturday December 16, 2023

- Spl. Int. Monica Lloyd

#### 7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 17, 2023

- B'day Blessings Sherry, Tracy and Anadel Toussaint  
rb Grandmother
- B'day Blessing Olive Bedminister rb Flora Royer and Family
- B'day Blessing Joseph Obeius rb Cindy Obeius (Daughter)

- #### 9:30 a.m.:
- 46th Wed. Aniv. Alex and Mary St. Rose
  - B'day Blessing Francis McFarlane rb Family
  - B'day Blessing Marvin Delsol rb McFarlane Family

#### 12:15 p.m.: Tuesday December 19, 2023

- Spl. Int. Shayne Ettiene rb by Mother
- Spl. Int. Paula Osorio rb St. Ann's Parish Family

#### 7:00 a.m.: Wednesday December 20, 2023

- Spl. Int. Justavo Hildago rb St. Ann's Parish Family
- +Rita and Harold Marcano rb Family

#### 12:15 p.m.: Thursday December 21, 2023

- B'day Blessing Claretta Randolph rb Family
- +Lance Felix rb St. Ann's Parish Family

#### 7:00 a.m.: Friday December 22, 2023

- Protection McCathie and Mark Eugene rb Mother

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**ST. JOACHIM CHURCH:** Souls in Purgatory

**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** Sick and Homebound

**SHRINE:** St. Ann's Parish

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** St. Ann's Parish

▪ **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, December 23, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** Some Offertory Envelopes still need to be picked up. We count on your generosity. (*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."*)

▪ **Funeral:** The funeral service for John Baptiste Leo is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

▪ **Gentle Reminder:** We would like to remind those who have not yet fulfill their pledged payments for the impact doors, window shutters and the stained glass windows, that the pledged payments are due. We thank you for your generosity. We can be hopeful and feel encouraged when we are reminded of sayings like Maya Angelo's: "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

▪ **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!

▪ **An Advent Reflection:** God's promises are accomplished within the boundaries of time. The promise of a Savior was made in the Garden of Eden, but it was fulfilled slowly, and many centuries were to pass before the coming of Jesus. The scripture readings of Advent invite us to recall our faith history, to assume the posture of the expectant people of Israel, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Messiah. Words like waiting, yearning, hoping, longing, listening, praying, and staying awake are Advent words, Advent concepts. Through them, we enter into the wistful atmosphere of the Advent season. Let us not grow weary as we wait "in hope."

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

◆ *No classes from Saturday, December 23, 2023 through Saturday January 06, 2024*

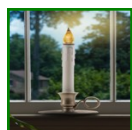
◆ *Classes will resume on Saturday, January 13, 2024*

◆ *On behalf of our Pastor, Administrator, Coordinator and teachers, we wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.*

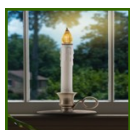


**Sunday, December 17 – 3 pm - Saint Ann**

Rev. Mathias Njong - "Joseph"



**Christmas/New Year  
Mass Schedule**



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

**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!

**ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

**INCOME**

Parish Collection	\$13,590.00
Donations	\$16,321.67
Second Collections	<u>\$ 2,365.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$32,276.67</b>

**EXPENSES**

Administrative	(\$10,384.29)
Benefits	(\$ 3,895.74)
Taxes	(\$ 2,580.46)
Office Expenses	(\$ 502.34)
Maintenance	(\$ 2,332.34)
Insurance	(\$ 2,695.09)
Utilities	(\$ 2,966.34)
Broadcasting	<u>(\$ 250.00)</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>(\$25,606.60)</b>

**INCOME-EXPENSE: \$ 6,670.07**

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meditate and pray*

**Entrance Through The Marian Hall**

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**Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.**

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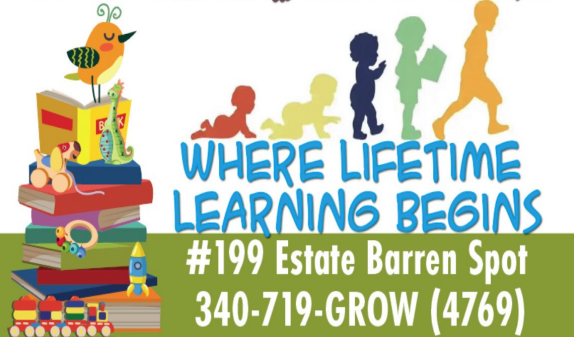
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