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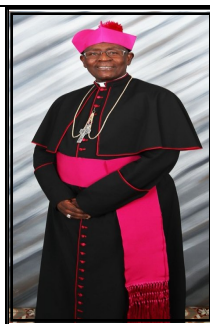
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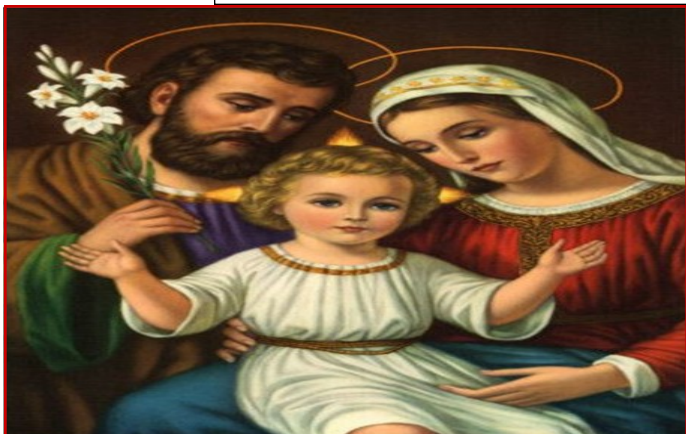
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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR B
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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MAINTENANCE: Mr. Michael Matthews



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

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

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.”

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.” Abraham’s faith was tested.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

Today we hear practical guidance and wonderful inspiration regarding treating those close to us, particularly family members, Sirach which has provided moral teachings since the second century BCE, speaks of the honor we owe our parents, especially as they age. Saint Paul counsels the early Christians in the virtues that should direct how we treat others. Luke relates the profound responses the child Jesus elicited in the temple when Mary and Joseph presented him to the Lord.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of December 24, 2023

01 - Monday Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 62:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

02 - Tuesday Sts. Gregory The Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

03 - Wednesday The Most Holy Name Of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1-3, 6; Jn 1:29-34

04 - Thursday St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

05 - Friday St. John Nepomucene Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51

06 - Saturday Blessed Andre Besette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 OR Lk 3:33-38

07 - Sunday The Epiphany Of The Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- +Melissa Brookes Lewis rb Susan P. Wells
- +Vickie-Anne Henry rb Craig and Susan Wells

7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 31, 2023

- B'day Blessing Ava-Grace Burton rb Family
- Spl. Int. Shane Ettienne

9:30 a.m.: - B'day Blessing Deacon Denis Griffith rb Wife and Family

- B'day Blessing Melanie Popo rb Family of Faith Prayer Group

10:30 p.m.: Holy Hour

11:30 p.m.: Night Mass

Monday, January 01, 2024 (New Year's Day)

9:30 a.m. - All priests in the Diocese

12:15 p.m.: Tuesday January 02, 2024

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

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday January 03, 2024

- Sick and Shut-In

12:15 p.m.: Thursday January 04, 2024

- Spl. Int. Edson O'Neale rb Mother

7:00 a.m.: Friday January 05, 2024

- +Angela Santos rb Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: St. Ann's Parish Family

ST. ANN CHAPEL: St. Ann's Parish Family

SHRINE: St. Ann's Parish Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: St. Ann's Parish Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group “B” that cleaned and prepared the Lord’s house for church services this past Saturday. Group “C” is scheduled to clean on Saturday, January 06, 2024. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **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.

▪ **New Year Greetings:** This past year has been full of challenges, and we pray that the coming year brings brighter days. St. Ann's Parish Family wishes you a Happy New Year. May God's light guide you and your loved ones as you enter 2024 with joyful 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.*



**The Feast Of The Holy Family Of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family. Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, *'the first tabernacle in history'* (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time. Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/Summary>

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!

**New Year
Mass Schedule**

| <u>Venue</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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. |

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Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

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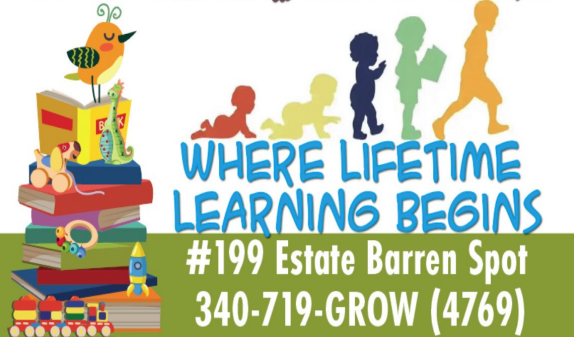
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