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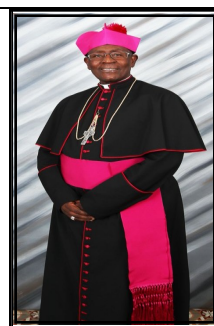
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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B  
JANUARY 21, 2024**

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**MAINTENANCE:** Mr. Michael Matthews

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**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.

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people. "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

In the first reading we hear today, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call His first disciples, promising that He would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the Lord immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "time is running out." Let us realize the urgency with which we are called to repent and follow the Lord.

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of January 21, 2024

#### 22 - Monday For the Preservation of Peace and Justice

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

#### 23 - Tuesday St. Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

#### 24 - Wednesday St. Francis De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

#### 25 - Thursday The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

#### Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-23; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

#### 26 - Friday Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

#### 27 - Saturday St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

#### 28 Sunday 4th Sunday In O.T.

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.:

#### Saturday January 20, 2024

- Spl. Int. Roger St. Rose rb Elve
- Spl. Int. Jessica Alphonse Edwards
- Healing for Mr. Sarmiento, Father of Dcn. Ronan

7:00 a.m.:

#### Sunday January 21, 2024

- B'day Blessing Anselm Lockhart rb Family
- B'day Blessing Marie Abraham rb her Mother
- +Angela Santos rb Lucy
- Healing for Mr. Sarmiento, Father of Dcn. Ronan

9:30 a.m.:

- +Modestina Cedeno, Hubert and Philomena Elias rb Nelson Family
- God's protection and mercy Glenda, Rhoda and Justin
- Healing for Mr. Sarmiento, Father of Dcn. Ronan

12:15 p.m.:

#### Tuesday January 23, 2024

- +Hovie and Josephine Bruno rb Elizabeth Jacob

7:00 a.m.:

#### Wednesday January 24, 2024

- B'day Blessing Tonia Woodbury rb Family

12:15 p.m.:

#### Thursday January 25, 2024

- +Campbell and Alexia Challenger rb Elizabeth Jacob

7:00 a.m.:

#### Friday January 26, 2024

- Spl. Int. Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** B'day Blessing Marie Abraham rb her Mother

**SHRINE:** B'day Blessing Tonia Woodbury rb Family

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

▪ **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, January 27, 2024. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Meeting:** The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) will hold its first meeting for the year 2024 on Sunday, January 28, 2024 starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall. Members are kindly asked to make a special effort to attend.

▪ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Fun Day:** The Fun Day organized by the Stewards of Christ Ministry on January 15 was a truly great day. Special thanks go out to Mr. Philip Payne and the members of SOC for putting together all the activities, to Mrs. Patricia Griffith and her Franciscan members for serving the food and drinks. Kudos are extended to all those who prepared the variety of dishes of food for everyone. To all parishioners and friends who joined in the festivities and fun, and all the youths, we say thank you. A well deserved thanks go out to all those who worked behind the scenes: pitching the tents, playing the music, inflating the balloons, etc. to make the Fun Day happen. Thank you one and all.

▪ **Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** On January 5-7, 2024, Susan Eversley Wells and Patricia Browne represented the USVI at the 24th Caribbean Conference in Trinidad. The Theme of the Conference was Evangelize, Spread the Good News. There were six notable Charismatic speakers. Susan Wells and Patricia Browne were active participants. In his opening text message, Archbishop Gordon wrote that "If we worship Him (Jesus) then we must obey Him. It is as simple as that." He further noted "now you must decide one way or another. Are you a doubter, hesitant and holding back or, are you a believer who worships and obeys?" He urged everyone to "pray for revelation from on high to move from our doubts to belief, worship and obedience to the Great Commission." "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

▪ **Bookstore Announcement:** Bookstore is open after 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. There is something available for everyone. Come See! Come Browse!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

2024 — 2025

◆ *Classes resumed on Saturday, January 13, 2024*

*Classes begin with a Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m.*

**Classes for ALL LEVELS - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 are on Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.**

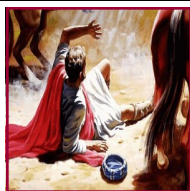
**PLEASE BE ON TIME AND ALSO PICK UP THE STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES**

### 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**.*



### The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience, his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal, being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people, the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

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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!

### 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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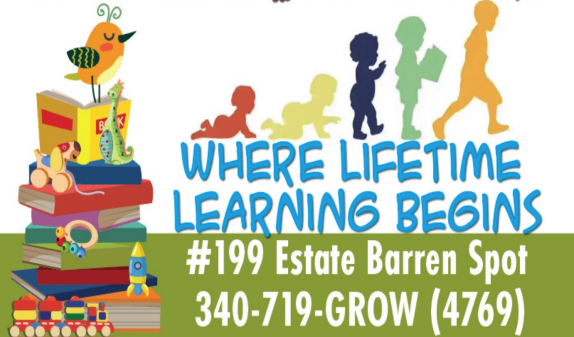
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