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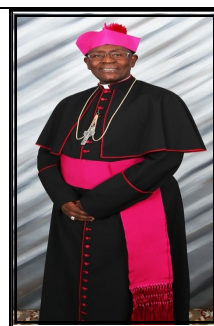
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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
SEPTEMBER 03, 2023**

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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.”

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.

SECOND READING: **Romans 12:1-2**

Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 16: 21-27**

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses this life for My sake will find it."

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urges the Romans to sacrifice their will to God's will. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of September 03, 2023

04 - Monday St. Rosalia, Virgin

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

05 - Tuesday St. Bertin, Religious

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14-6; Lk 4:31-37

06 - Wednesday Blessed Bertrand of Garrigues, Priest

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

07 - Thursday St. Regina, Virgin and Martyr

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

08 - Friday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a OR Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16 OR 1:18-23

09 - Saturday St. Peter Claver, Priest (USA)

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

10 - Sunday 23rd Sunday In O.T.

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

MASS INTENTION

4:00

Saturday September 02, 2023

- B'day Blessing Douglas Capdeville rb Family

7:00 a.m.:

Sunday September 03, 2023

- B'day Blessing Michelle Albany rb Family
+ Lance Felix rb St. Ann's Parish Family

9:30 a.m.:

- B'day Blessing Ian and Natalie Nelson rb Parents

12:15 a.m.:

Tuesday September 05, 2023

- +Rafaela Pena rb Family

7:00 a.m.:

Wednesday September 06, 2023

- Healing Jan Fabio

12:15 p. m.:

Thursday September 07, 2023

- Spl. Int. Roderick Moorehead

7:00 a.m.:

Friday September 08, 2023

- +Calaleya M. Peguero rb Family
- Spl. Int. Priests of the Diocese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: Healing Jan Fabio

ST. ANN CHAPEL: +Lance Felix

SHRINE: Spl. Int. Roderick Moorehead

ALTAR FLOWERS: B'day Blessing Michelle Albany rb 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, September 09, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Thanks:** We extend special thanks to Mark Brumant and Lawrence Patrick for painting the Religious Education Office and renovating the exterior doors of the east office building.

▪ **Special Thanks:** We give special thanks to the Youth Group PRIME of the Parish for their earnest effort in raising funds in the amount of \$1,237.00 towards the installation of the A/C in the Joachim Church.

▪ **Condolences:** St. Ann's Parish Family extends condolences to the family of Theophilus Harry who passed away on August 21, 2023. The Funeral Service for Mr. Harry will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

▪ **Religious Education:** All parents/guardians, please note that on Saturday, September 16, 2023, Religious Education Classes will resume for all levels from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

▪ **St. Joseph's Church Concert:** The 7th annual concert in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 3pm in the Hospitality Lounge at St. Joseph Church. All those interested in participating please contact Joanna Jn-Baptiste at 340-473-6737. Thank you!

▪ **Private Viewing of the New Movie: Sound of Freedom:** Don't miss the re-showing of the "Sound of Freedom" movie viewing hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Join us in St. Croix on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. and in St. Thomas on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Caribbean Cinemas. Tickets cost \$10.00 at the parish offices and the chancery office. Please consider donating to support the event. An inspiring film about rescuing trafficked children. Let's unite as Catholics to protect God's children. Call 340-774-3166 (O) or 340-642-7052 (M).

▪ **A/C Installation:** The air condition installation is ongoing.

▪ **Bookstore:** Come visit the Bookstore. We have an assortment of Anniversary T-Shirts, Rosaries, etc. Come Browse!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2023 — 2024

July 2 – Aug. 26, 2023 **REGISTRATION**

Sat., Sept. 09, 2023 **Teachers' Workshop**
9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

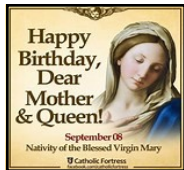
Sat., Sept. 16, 2023 **CLASSES BEGIN: All Levels to**
participate in the VIRTUS
Program
9:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbor toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>

PRAYER CORNER

HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Keep us safe from the dangers of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. May we be secure in your protection and always feel the presence of your love, as you turn our fear into praise of your goodness. 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 Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in unity with 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 JULY 31, 2023

INCOME

Parish Collection	\$20,957.62
Donations	\$10,360.55
Second Collections	\$ 3,191.72
TOTAL INCOME:	\$34,509.89

EXPENSES

Administrative	(\$21,820.82)
Benefits	(\$ 7,013.05)
Taxes	(\$ 2,453.67)
Office Expenses	(\$ 245.50)
Maintenance	(\$ 4,356.55)
Insurance	(\$ 1,433.00)
Utilities	(\$ 3,492.80)
Broadcasting	(\$ 250.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES:	(\$41,065.39)

INCOME-EXPENSE: **(\$ 6,555.50)**

OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE Located In The Sugar Mill, Erected 1808



*Please feel free to visit,
meditate and pray.*

Please pray for the members of our Parish who are sick or suffering...

Gavin A. Navarro, Maria Hall, Eugenie Samuel, Blossy Julien, Gloria Roddy, Omar Dubois, Carla D. Beharry, Kimbel President, Neil Dennie, Madonna Hall, Madonna Remy, Patrice John, Francis Charles, Eldon Serrant, Alex Albert, George John, Gloria John, Matilda Nestor, Annel Sylvestre, Julius Francis, Helen Howard, Mary Bishop, Francis (Frankie) Xavier, Charles Philip, Joseph Vigier, Ferdin Tobierre, Juditha Joseph, Anisha Hendricks, Louise L. Henry, Worrell George, Polly Joseph, Mary Vincent, James Eugene, Anne Marie Eugene, Valerie Leon, Keeyan Scotland, Vel Beaubrun, Cammie R. Daniel, Agatha Joseph, Paulina Isaac, Mary N. Elliott, Princilla J. Eugene, Agatha Edwards, Alejandro Ayala, Anna Guiste, Kaishia Toussaint, Ruth Royer, Melanie Popo, Eugenia Johnson, Edita Emmanuel, Melvina Albert, Maureen Tyson, Elisa Harrison, Cornelia Willie, Celine Bradshaw, Uralise Eugene, Mabel Williams, Steven C. Mayers, Judith Nelson, Julien Thomas, Barbara Bretto, Cynthia Richards, Lynette Ettinoffe, Kieran St. Ange, Evarista Sampson, Mercedes Samuel, Leonard Joseph, Sr.

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

Members of the Armed Forces Serving Our Country

Aliyah Brooks, Justin Joseph, Malachi Gaston, Meriano Jacobs, Marquis Joseph, Natasha Massicott-Alcala, Erica Toussaint, Herman Bardouille, Jr., Nicholas Philogene, Isaiah Jonathan Francis, Alexander Buchanan, Rashad A. Richards, Tre'Von Portor, Akeem Grenidge, Enja Gumbs, Ganesia Milligan, Marvin Del Sol, Adrian Nelson, Brianna Nelson, Shawn Pryce, Michael Matthews, Rodney A. Fabio, III, Christopher Samuel, Recqiem Serrano, Jahkeel Richardson

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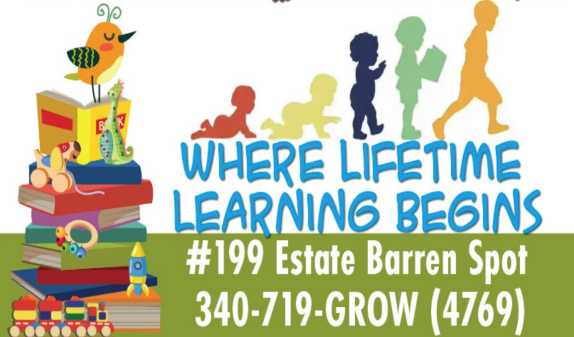
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