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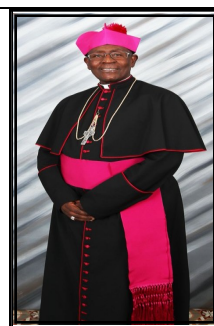
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

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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.”

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Speaking for God, Isaiah said, “ ‘comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. /Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and /proclaim to her / that her service is at an end.”

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1-1-8

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance

In today's first reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the Lord will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets today, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion we hear called for in the second reading, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for His coming.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of December 10, 2023

11 - Monday St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

12 - Tuesday Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Zac 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

13 - Wednesday St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

14 - Thursday St. John Of

The Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

15 - Friday St. Nino, Virgin

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

16 - Saturday St. Adelaide, Queen

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 16-18, 19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

17 - Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 09, 2023

4:00 p.m.:

- B'day Blessing Ives Beaubrun
- B'day Blessing Mathes Victor rb Parents and Grandparents

7:00 a.m.:

Sunday December 10, 2023

- Wed. Anniv. Herman and Cecilia Bardouille
- +Judy Williams rb Anne Williams and Elizabeth Blake

9:30 a.m.:

- B'day Blessing Eddie Jacob rb Elizabeth Jacob
- Thanksgiving Gaston, Edwards, James and Woodley Families rb Simone Gaston

12:15 p.m.:

Tuesday December 12, 2023

- Spl. Int. Eulencia Poleon rb St. Ann's Parish Family
- Spl. Int. Everson Serrant rb St. Ann's Parish Family

7:00 a.m.:

Wednesday December 13, 2023

- Spl. Int. Elvina Lawrence rb St. Ann's Parish Family
- Spl. Int. Adele Gilbert rb St. Ann's Parish Family

12:15 p. m.:

Thursday December 14, 2023

-Prayer/Communion Service

7:00 a.m.:

Friday December 15, 2023

-Prayer/Communion Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH: B'day Blessing Eddie Jacob rb Elizabeth Jacob

ST. ANN CHAPEL: +Lance Felix

SHRINE: St. Ann's Parish Family

ALTAR FLOWERS: St. Ann's Parish Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "D" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "E" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Please think and pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Birthday Greetings:** Birthday greetings to Msgr. Michael Kosak on his 85th birthday and Happy Birthday to Fr. George Franklin. Both celebrated birthday on December 7.

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** Offertory Envelopes for the year 2024 are still available in the Marian Hall. For those who do not have an Offertory Box and wish to have one, kindly complete the form provided so one can be available to you with your name and number. Also, when you pick up your box, please go to the Office and ask for your 2024 Calendar. May God richly bless 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.

Bookstore Announcement



It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas! St. Ann's bookstore has Christmas and Advent gifts galore! New items arrive every day. Prices as low as a quarter. There is something for everyone. Prayer books, greeting cards, religious gifts, holy water bottles, rosaries, crucifixes, crosses, saints' statues, bibles, plush throw blankets, specialty stainless steel tumblers, and many more items. You must come see for yourself - after mass or during the week during office hours. Special orders can still be made to get in time for Christmas. Free gift wrapping on all bookstore purchases through Christmas.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

► *Saturday, December 16, 2023*

Christmas Party ♦ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

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!

Second Sunday Of Advent

“As the journey of Advent continues, and as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict XVI

Source: <https://catholicculture.org>

AN ADVENT MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC PARISHES IN ST. CROIX, VI

The Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas presents

**JOURNEYING
TOGETHER
TOWARD
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Sunday, December 9 – 3pm - Holy Cross

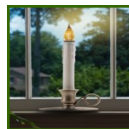
Guest Speaker: Rev. Louis Kemayou - "Mary"

Sunday, December 17 – 3 pm - Saint Ann

Rev. Mathias Njong - "Joseph"



**Christmas/New Year
Mass Schedule**



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

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 Beau brun, 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, Mercedes Samuel, Leonard Joseph, Sr., Peter Nestor, Christiana Worrell, Shana Alexis, Khadijah Lake, Joanita Phillip

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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, 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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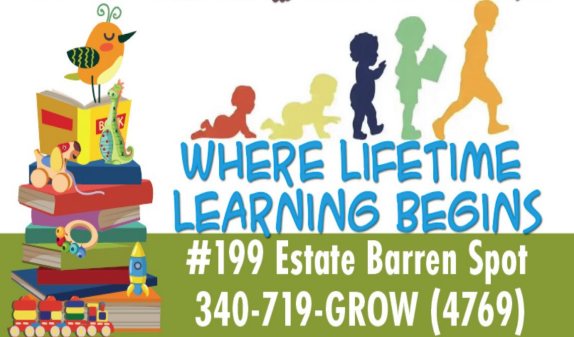
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