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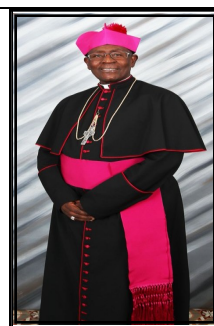
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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

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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.”**

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Sirach 27:30—28:7

Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God's covenant, and overlook the faults of other.

**SECOND READING:** Roman 14: 7-9

We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become "Lord of both the dead and the living."

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 18: 21-35

In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his servants: Moved by compassion, the king forgave the one who owed the most. That servant then extorted the full amount owed him by another and the king punished him.

The reading from Sirach sets the theme today, counseling us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven. We sing in the responsorial psalm of the Lord's kindness and mercy. Paul preaches that in life and death we are the Lord's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king, who was moved with compassion to forgive a great debt. May today's readings inspire us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves.

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

**18 - Monday St. Richardis, Widow**

1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

**19 - Tuesday St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

**20 - Wednesday St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

**21 - Thursday St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**22 - Friday Sts. Maurice and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tim 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**23 - Saturday St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

1 Tim 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15

**24 - Sunday 25th Sunday In O.T.**

Is 55:6-9 Ps 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16

### MASS INTENTION

**4:00 p.m.: Saturday September 16, 2023**

- B'day Blessings Donna and Donluke George
- God's Blessing Esther and Gino Fontaine rb Mother
- Spl. Int. Josephine Rodriguez

**7:00 a.m.: Sunday September 17, 2023**

- + Josephine Bedminister rb Family

**9:30 a.m.:** - B'day Blessings Hannah and Judith Nelson rb Trevor Nelson and Family

- B'day Blessing Cheryl George rb Parents
- B'day Blessing Kenrick Elcock rb Family

**12:15 p.m.:** **Tuesday September 19, 2023**

- + Shemar Coward rb Family

**7:00 a.m.:** **Wednesday September 20, 2023**

- Souls in Purgatory

**12:15 p. m.:** **Thursday September 21, 2023**

- B'day Blessings Essie and Mekhi Edwards rb Family

**7:00 a.m.:** **Friday September 22, 2023**

- +Rodney A. Fabio Jr. rb Wife and Children

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**ST. JOACHIM CHURCH:** B'day Blessing Kenrick Elcock rb Family

**ST. ANN CHAPEL:** +Josephine Bedminister rb Family

**SHRINE:** B'day Blessings Donna and Donluke George

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** +Rodney A Fabio Jr. rb Wife and children

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

▪ **Condolences:** St. Ann's parish family extends condolences to the family of Jemma Boland who passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. May the God of mercy welcome His humble servant Jemma Boland in His kingdom and give Danase Boland and his family peace and comfort during their time of mourning.

▪ **Funeral:** St. Ann's Parish Family extends sympathy to Judy Lawrence Mitchell and family on the passing of her mother Rachel Ottley on August 15, 2023. The funeral service for Rachel Ottley is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

▪ **Meeting:** The Secular Franciscan Order (SF0) is scheduled to meet on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall.

▪ **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.

▪ **Reminder:** The re-showing of the movie "Sound of Freedom", hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be shown on St. Croix at the Caribbean Cinemas this Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the viewing.

▪ **Prayer Vigil:** A Prayer Vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament facilitated by Fr. Thabang Izrael Nkadimeng is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2023 in the Chapel from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are invited.

▪ **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!

▪ **Air Condition Units:** The installation of the air condition units at Sts. Joachim and Ann Church are near to completion.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

2023 — 2024

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

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



Sts. Joachim and Ann  
Stewards of Christ  
BREAKFAST SALE  
October 1, 2023  
After 7:00am & 9:30am Masses

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- Saltfish
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- Fritters
- Oats
- Bush Tea
- Chop chop
- Eggs
- Fruit
- Juice

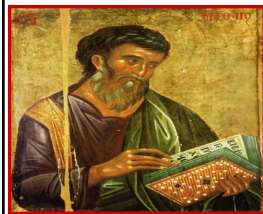
Proceeds to benefit the SOC Scholarship Award

\$12.00 per plate

### **BREAKFAST SALE**

Sponsored by Sts. Joachim and Ann Stewards of Christ Ministry  
October 01, 2023

After the 7:00 & 9:30 A.M. Masses  
The Breakfast Sale Proceeds will provide financial aide to students in our community.



### **St. Matthew, the Apostle And Evangelist**

Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church September 21. Although relatively little is known about the life of St. Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ's ministry, traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels, is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah. The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew's own, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew's tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities, since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state's due. Jesus most likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew's third-person account in his Gospel captured: "As Jesus passed on," the ninth chapter recounts, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me'. And he got up and followed Him." Matthew's calling into Jesus' inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah's universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus' significant response indicated a central purpose of His ministry: "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." A witness to Christ's resurrection after death, as well as His ascension into heaven and the events of Pentecost, Matthew also recorded Jesus' instruction for the apostles to "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." Like 11 of the 12 Apostles, St. Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

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## **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!

### **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!

### **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...**

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