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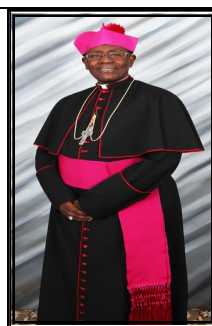
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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

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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.”

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God's behalf, they are saved.

SECOND READING: **Romans 13-8-10**

All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Loves does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Today's readings call us to take responsibility for our neighbor, Ezekiel tells us that the Lord holds him personally responsible for turning others away from evil. Paul instructs the Romans that when we love our neighbour, we fulfil God's law. Jesus teaches His disciples that they must reach out to sinners and seek their repentance. May God's word strengthen us to reach out to our neighbor with love, to reconcile with our sisters and brothers.

Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of September 10, 2023

11 - Monday St. Adelphus, Bishop

Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

12 - Tuesday Blessed Apollinaris and Companions, Martyrs

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

13 - Wednesday St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-15; Lk 6:20-26

14 - Thursday The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

15 - Friday Our Lady Of Sorrows

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 OR Lk 2:33-35

16 - Saturday Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49

17 - Sunday 24th Sunday In O.T.

Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

MASS INTENTION

4:00 p.m.: Saturday September 09, 2023

- St. Ann's Parish Family

7:00 a.m.: Sunday September 10, 2023

- B'day Blessing Everson Serrant

9:30 a.m.: - Spl Int. Religious Education Teachers and Students

- B'day Blessings Melina, Joseph, and Matthew Mitchel

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

- B'day Blessing Juana Johnson
- +Andy Williams rb Gail Figueroa

7:00 a.m.: Wednesday September 13, 2023

- +Edmond and Bernadette Koupic

12:15 p. m.: Thursday September 14, 2023

- +Andy Williams rb Gail Figueroa

7:00 a.m.: Friday September 15, 2023

- +Josephine Browne rb Family
- Healing Jeannette Fabio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

ST. ANN CHAPEL: Healing for the sick and homebound in the parish

SHRINE: Healing Jeannette Fabio

ALTAR FLOWERS: St. Ann's Parish Family

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

▪ **Catholic Schools Opening Mass:** On Wednesday, September 06, 2023, His Excellency, Bishop Jerome Feudjio celebrated a Catholic School Mass at St. Patrick's Church for all Students and Faculty Staff of St. Patrick's School, St. Mary's School and St. Joseph's High School.

▪ **Prayer Meeting:** There will be a Prayer Meeting this Sunday, September 10, 2023 in the Marian Hall. at 4:00 PM. Presenter: Fr. Louis Kemayou. Theme: Exaltation Of The Holy Cross. All are invited.

▪ **Meeting:** There will be a very important meeting of the Stewards Of Christ on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the Marian Hall. Please plan to attend and be on time. New members are also welcome.

▪ **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 on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Parish Office. Also, please consider donating to support the event.

▪ **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 Jolly Green AC Company has been working to install the A/C Units in Sts. Joachim and Ann Church. Several units have already been installed. Mike, our electrician and Fr. Louis have been working on putting the electricity to the units with the assistance of Mikey. Thank you! Thank you!

▪ **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

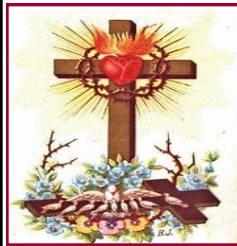
Sat., Sept. 16, 2023 **CLASSES BEGIN: All Levels to**
participate in the VIRTUS
Program
9:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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 Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

What does the Exaltation of the Cross mean? The Exaltation of the Cross honors Christ's Cross, an instrument made sacred by the Lord's offering of Himself upon it for our salvation. It is celebrated in both Catholicism and Orthodoxy on September 14. (*Source:*

ewtn.com/catholicism/)

When the Sacred Body of Jesus was taken down from the Cross and carried to the grave on Calvary, the Cross on which He died was thrown into a ditch or well, and covered over with stones and earth, so that the followers of the Crucified Redeemer might not find it. Almost three hundred years later (312 A.D.), Constantine the Great, not yet a Christian, while battling with Maxentius for the throne of the Roman Empire, prayed to the God of the Christians to aid him in his struggle. In answer to his prayer, a luminous cross or monogram of Christ appeared in the heavens bearing the inscription: "In This Sign You Will Conquer." In gratitude for victory, under this banner over Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge on October 28, 312, Constantine had the Sign of Christianity placed on the Roman standards and on the shields of his soldiers. Then came the finding of the True Cross at Jerusalem by St. Helena in 326, commemorated by a feast on May 3. In the year 614, Chosroes II, King of Persia invaded Syria and Palestine. He took and sacked Jerusalem, carrying off with other treasures the great relic of the True Cross. Constantine, at the head of a large army invaded Persia, and forced the Persians to sue for peace and to restore the Sacred Cross, which Heraclius piously brought back to Jerusalem in 629. When he reached the city gates on the way that led to Calvary, the Emperor laid aside every robe and mark of royalty, and clothed in sackcloth of penance and barefoot, carried the Cross up the ascent of Calvary and restored it to its place in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Hence the celebration of this feast on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Source: Lives of the Saints - Illustrated

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

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*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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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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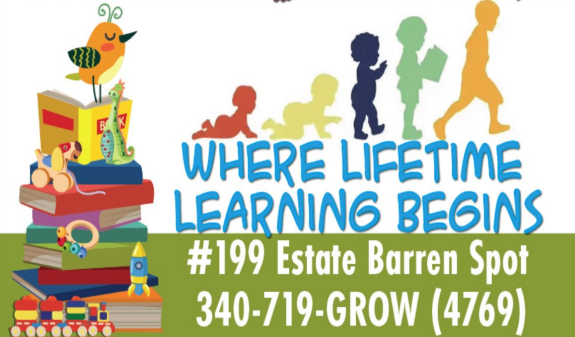
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