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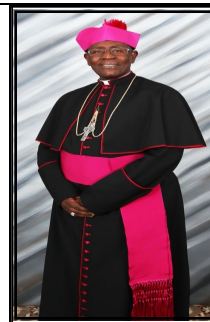
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*As we conclude this Advent Season, let us reflect on how we began with Micah encouraging us to watch for the Lord in **HOPE** as we prepare for the coming of the Lord (Micah 7:7). We then journeyed to **PEACE** where John reminds us that because of the finished work of Jesus on the Cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit which grants us inner peace. (John 14:27). With **JOY** on Gaudete Sunday, we rejoiced because we were told that the Lord is near. Now, with **LOVE**, we end this Advent Season being brought closer to the birth of Jesus. Let us continue to look for signs of God's presence in our lives in the everyday moments. His first coming was as a babe in a manger, but His second coming will be as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to set up His kingdom here on earth. Rejoice and be glad!*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C December 22, 2024

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**ASSISTANT SACRISTANS:** Mrs. Patricia Browne, Ms. Claretta Randolph  
**MAINTENANCE:** Mr. Michael Matthews, Mr. Norman Francis

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** 3rd Sunday of each month. Call for appointment

**MARRIAGE:** Call four (4) months before any arrangements are made.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

**FUNERAL:** Thursdays and 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: 3:00 p.m.

or by Appointment

#### Weekday

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. (Shrine)

Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)

### HOLY HOUR

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



**"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4a

Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. "He shall stand firm and shepherd His flock... He shall be peace."

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-45

When Mary visited Zachariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, "the infant leaped in her womb."

### Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of Dec. 22, 2024

#### 23- Monday St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

#### 24 - Tuesday St. Adele, Widow

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

#### 25 - Wednesday Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-15 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### 26 - Thursday St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17; Mt 10:17-22

#### 27 - Friday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### 28- Saturday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

#### 29 - Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday December 21, 2024

**4:00 p.m.:** - +Ramon Torres, Sr. rb Torres Family  
- B'day blessings Claretta Randolph and Edilia Lawrence

#### 7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 22, 2024

- Deceased members of Arns, Bough and Hansen Families  
rb Lucy

**9:30 a.m.:** - B'day Blessings Jameson McFarlane and Joel Brumant rb Weena McFarlane

- +Stephen Ryan & Joan Bastarado rb Nelson Family  
- Deceased members of Fountain of Life Prayer Group

#### Tuesday December 24, 2024

**Chapel:** - +Deltina Roach rb Roach Family

**4:00 p.m.:** - Spl. Int. Marjorie Patrick rb Bernadette Patrick

**Joachim Church:** - **10:00 p.m.** Christmas Carols

**11:00 p.m.** Night Mass

#### Wednesday December 25, 2024 (Christmas)

**Chapel:** **7:00 a.m.** - Thanksgiving and reunion Xavier Family

**Joachim Church:** **9:30 a.m.** - St. Ann's Parish Family

**12:15 p.m.:**

#### Thursday December 26, 2024

- NO MASS

#### 7:00 a.m.: Friday December 27, 2024

- +Marcus Eugene rb Eugene Family

- Spl. Int. Agnes Carr and Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

**St. Joachim Church:** Spl. Int. McFarlane Family rb Weena

**St. Ann Chapel:** Spl. Int. Marjorie Patrick rb Bernadette Patrick (Daughter)

**Shrine:** St. Ann's Office Staff

**Altar Flower:** St. Ann's Parish Family

▪ **Church Maintenance:** Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "C" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "D" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, December 28, 2024 pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry.

▪ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Charismatic Prayer Meeting is scheduled every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall. All are invited.

▪ **Congratulations:** We congratulate Fr. David Weke who celebrated his 20th priestly anniversary last Sunday. On the 21st he is celebrating 30 years in Religious Life. "Blessed are the feet of those who bring Good News." We thank Fr. David Weke for his "Yes" to follow the Lord. May the Lord bless him abundantly in his ministry.

▪ **Catechesis Announcement:** This series of Catechesis continue in the Marian Hall every Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. It is an important mission of evangelization, seeking to deepen the faith of those already going to Church and to bring back those who have strayed away.

▪ **Bookstore:** Come visit the Bookstore. We have **just received** a new collection of Christmas Cards. We also have an assortment of Christmas gifts for the entire family along with St. Benedict crosses and Medals. Come See! Come Browse!

▪ **Offertory Envelopes:** The offertory Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the Marian Hall. We sincerely thank you for sharing your wealth with your Church in 2024. For those who do not have an Envelope and wish to have one, please complete the form (on clipboard in the Marian Hall) and a Box will be made available to you with your name next weekend. May God richly bless you!

▪ **Reminder:** We would like to remind you of your free-will offering to help us with the repairs of the Sts. Joachim and Ann Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity as together we build the Kingdom of God in the portion of His vineyard entrusted to our care. To God be the glory!

▪ **Christmas Greetings:** Wishing a very merry and joyous Christmas, 2024 from Fr. Louis Kemayou, Fr. Prince Agyeman, Fr. David Weke, Fr. Simon Peter Opira, Msgr. Michael Kosak, Deacon Denis Griffith and the Office Staff to St. Ann's Parish Family. May abundant blessings of God fall afresh on each of you.

**Merry Christmas!**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

2024 — 2025

Parents/Guardians are reminded that all Classes will be on vacation from Saturday, December 28, 2024 for the Christmas/New Year holidays. Classes for all levels will resume on January 11, 2025.

*Merry Christmas and a blessed  
New Year to all!*



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# Living the message of Hope in our Diocese: Advent 2024

Come and join us on every Sunday of Advent  
for Catechesis, Adoration, and Confession.

**Sunday, December 22 – 3 pm - Holy Cross**  
Living Hope for Adults and Elderly

### Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Chapel:</b> <b>Joachim Church:</b>	Tuesday 12/24/24 Christmas Vigil	4:00 p.m.
	Tuesday 12/24/24 Christmas Carols Night Mass	10:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
<b>December 25, 2024</b>		
<b>Chapel:</b> <b>Joachim Church:</b>	Wednesday 12/25/24	7:00 a.m.
	Wednesday 12/25/24	9:30 a.m.
<b>Old Year/New Year</b>		
	Holy Hour 12/31/24	10:00 p.m.
	Night Mass 12/31/24	11:00 p.m.
	New Year's Day - 1/01/25	9:30 a.m.

## **PRAYER CORNER**

### 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!

Towels  
Wash cloth  
Hand towels  
Socks  
Fleece/ blankets  
Body lotion  
Tooth paste  
Head ties  
Crossword puzzles  
Ensure  
Hand sanitizer  
Pampers



*The suggested items are provided to assist with donations as we begin our holiday giving towards this year's campaign to the Tree of Love and Compassion. Thanks for your continued generosity to this effort for the aged, the sick and homebound within the Parish.*

### **OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE**

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meditate and pray*

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***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.***

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