

Knights of Columbus Council 10415

*Knights of Columbus Council 10415 is launching it's first Annual Essay Competition in the following categories: Primary, Junior High, Senior High, Adult Division & Knights of Columbus Division. There are different Topics for each division. The competition is opened to male and female students. Application forms are available at the Parish Office. **Deadline: December 10th, 2023.***

"A Weekend to Remember ...

An experience you'll never forget..."

The **Archdiocesan Office of Family Life** is sponsoring a **Marriage Renewal Weekend** to be held **Friday, February 9 through Sunday, February 11, 2024** at **Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill**. All married couples desiring to enhance and deepen their relationship are invited to register. **Cost: \$200.00 per couple** (*Meals and Accommodations included*) Deadline for applications to be submitted is **Friday, February 1, 2024**. Early Bird Special of \$150.00 is available until **January 14, 2024**. Please contact the **Office of Family Life** at **322-8919** or **328-4310/2** for more information.

7 Ways to Prepare for Jesus' Return

Live in the light of His first coming.

Be discerning.

Accept the uncertainties.

Don't lose hope.

Encourage one another.

Live as if today was the day.

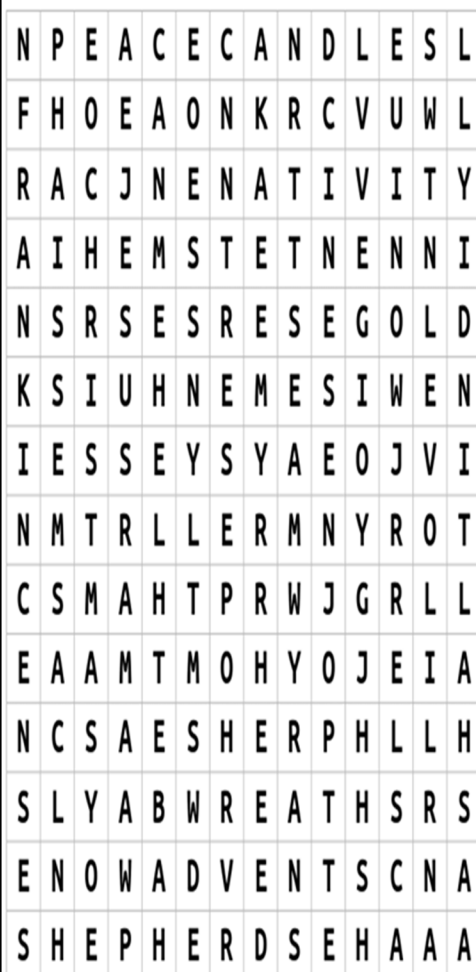
Keep on doing the work Jesus left us to do.

Prayer of the week

Father God, we ask for Your aid in illuminating our paths through the week ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray and ask that You help our minds renew with Your spirit and that Your thoughts and ideas will guide us in this new week. Help us to remember to walk by faith as we journey through this life.

I lift up my heart to you this week, Lord God. I pray that you stand by my side and help me face whatever might stand against me. For with you at my side, who can hope to stop me? Amen.

Advent Word Search



STAR
SHEPHERDS
ANGELS
PEACE
GOLD
BETHLEHEM
JESUS
FRANKINCENSE
JOY
CANDLE
NATIVITY
CHRISTMAS
WREATH
LOVE
WISEMEN
MESSIAH
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ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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St. Anselm is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharist, seeking to live the love of God through worship, word and service.

"If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep."

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Cf. Ps 24: 1-3)

December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

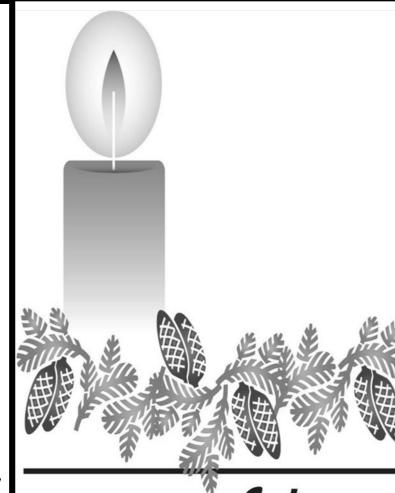
December 10th, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G. KC*HS, Archbishop of Nassau.

Fr. Noël Clarke, Parish Priest
Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 9.00am

WEEKDAYS: 6.15 am

Wednesdays - Adoration at

5.30pm & Mass follows

HOLIDAYS: 8.00 a.m.

Bible Study Monday 6.15pm—

Virtual (CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: by appointment)

BAPTISMS:

Call Parish Office to arrange

A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!

Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen. **Paul Barnett Sr., Rosemary Black, Guy-Phillipe Berlin, Donnalee Colebrooke, Jaqueline da Costa, Sonia Darville, Patricia Deane, Carol & Sylvia Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Patricia Higgs, Hartman Johnson, Monique Johnson, Daphne Kerr, Edward Kerr, Patricia Knowles, Paula Lundy, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Drucilla Moss, Vanessa Moss, Agatha Pratt, Martha Roberts, Kyandre Sands, Jayde Smith, Mable Smith, Lucinda Symonette, John Tucker, Anastina Wilson and Jacinta White, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).**

Daily Scripture Reading

4 December 2023 – Monday

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Resp Ps: 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-11

5 December 2023 – Tuesday

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Resp Ps: 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Gospel: Luke 10: 21-24

6 December 2023 – Wednesday

St. Nicholas, Bishop

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

Resp Ps: 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Gospel: Matthew 15: 29-37

7 December 2023 – Thursday

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Ephesians 3:8-12 or Isaiah 26: 1-6

Resp Ps: 89 or Ps. 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Gospel: John 10:11-16 or Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

8 December 2023 – Friday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20

Resp Ps: 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

9 December 2023 – Saturday

St. Juan Diego Cuanhtlatatzin, Hermit

1st Reading: Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26

Resp Ps: 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Happy Birthday Greetings to: Arielle Bowleg, Jermaine Ferguson (Today) Cheiwah Ferguson, Cecilia Hanna, Dyvyne Miller, Darriel Miller, Adam Bowleg (Mon) Acharnicko Evans, Myles Saunders, Malie Harris, Yvette White, Letitia Ellis (Wed) Kimani Braithwaite, Jaeden Murray (Thurs) Ricardo Taylor Jr, Quo'n Curry, Timi Collie (Fri) Doris Wood, Clarence Ferguson, Ishmael Pinder, Denisko Rahming, Michelle Ferguson (Sat). **and all celebrating this week!**

~Commentators&Lectors~

First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December

7:00am	Bursil Woods	1st Reader
	Lananita Edgecombe	2nd Reader/Commentator
9:00 am	Antoinette Nouguez	1st Reader
	Derry Ferguson	2nd Reader/Commentator

Second Sunday of Advent – 10th December

7:00am	Barbara Turnquest	1st Reader
	Rose Burton	2nd Reader/Commentator
9:00 am	Mechelle Martinborough	1st Reader
	Kevin Fernander	2nd Reader/Commentator

Retired & Elderly Advent Day of Reflection

Advent Reflection will be held on Friday 8th December from 9:30 am to 3:00pm, at Emmaus Center. Donation is \$20, per person. Kindly contact Hilda Tucker or Rosalie Strachan for more information.

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### Thank You!

**Thank you St. Anselm's for your overwhelming support for the NIGHT UNDER THE STARS.**

**The event was enjoyed by All.**

**From the Fundraising Committee.**

## Reflecting on the Word

### Neglecting the Present

Advent is a time to recognize that we are “sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags.” Our personal and social sins are many: hatred, violence, oppression, indifference, selfishness, etc. Advent is also a time of “longing for Christ our Savior,” a time in which we “wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus.” We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the commemoration of Jesus’ birth, but we also look forward to the “promise and hope” of heaven, which we want God to “teach us to love.” The longing for Christ causes us to want things to change for the better. We want God to find us “blameless on the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” With Isaiah’s words in mind: “Would that you might meet us doing right, we ask God to increase our strength of will for doing good.”

**The message of Advent is to “be constantly on the watch!”** Advent, then, is an expression of our faith in the possibility of a better world. We don’t have to be at each other’s throats. We can ‘do right’ in the areas of race relations, family obligations, and personal responsibilities. We can ‘do good’ to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and to all our brothers and sisters at home and abroad. We can become blameless, beacons of social justice, examples of faith and love, peacemakers.

The message of Advent is to “be constantly on the watch!” We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God’s “promise of eternal life.” The promise of Christmas is a joyful anticipation that “The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.” All too often Christians are faulted with a certain indifference toward earthly projects, as if one could not fully count on us for radical social reform. The charge may be unfair, but the danger is real enough. Our hope in another life must not be allowed to seduce believers into neglecting our task in the present one.

~**U.S. Bishops, Pastoral Letter on Marxist Communism, 1980:42 Gerald Darring.** ~

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## Wedding Anniversaries

*Jermaine & Gwendolyn Fritz celebrating 19 years on Monday 4th*

*Davano & Geanna Munnings celebrating 9 years on Thursday 7th*

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## Dates and Times to Remember

2nd Sunday of Advent **10th December** 7am & 9am Masses.

3rd Sunday of Advent **17th December** 7am & 9am Masses

19th December **Parish Advent Penance Service** 7.00pm

4th Sunday of Advent **24th December/Christmas Eve One Mass 9am & 9pm** Carols led by Cantors followed by Mass.

Christmas Day **Monday, 25th December** 9am Mass

St. Stephen Proto Martyr **Tuesday, 26th December** 8am Mass (Boxing Day)

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## Short Reflection on THE GOSPEL

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!” Rough mountain, steep pathway, rugged trail with ruts or sometimes, cool trails, running streams. Whether bumpy roads or sunny streets let us never stop watching for you, O Lord. Come to us as we walk with one another on this your pathway of time. We look for you in all things. All creation, every event, every love, every one we meet, along the way.