

*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 Edgcombe, 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).*

11 December 2023 – Monday  
St. Damasus I, Pope  
1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10  
Resp Ps: 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

*Resp Ps: Judith 13:18bcde, 19*  
*Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47*

*13 December 2023 – Wednesday*  
*St. Lucy, Virgin*  
*1st Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31*  
*Resp Ps: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10*  
*Gospel: Matthew 11: 28-30*

14 December 2023 – Thursday  
St. John of the Cross  
1st Reading: Isaiah 41:13-20  
Resp Ps: 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

15 December 2023 – Friday  
1st Reading: Isaiah 48: 17-19  
Resp Ps: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

16 December 2023 – Saturday  
1st Reading: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Resp Ps: 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Happy Birthday Greetings to:** Nolan Moss, Donell Musgrove (Today), Blair Major (Mon) Danielle Heastie, William Heastie, Tennille Darville (Tues), Egypt Ferguson (Wed) Richelle Demeritte, (Thurs) Henry Matthew, Elizabeth Wilmott-Fox, Shenice Smith (Fri) Kai Demeritte, Bonita Mackey, Braylon Scott (Sat). **and all celebrating this week!**

## 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

### **Third Sunday of Advent – 17th December**

7:00am	Vann Gaitor	1st Reader
	Bryant Collie	2nd Reader/Commentator
9:00 am	Ashton Butler	1st Reader
	<del>Anthony Butler</del>	2nd Reader/Commentator

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—24th December**

9:00 am	Gabrielle Pintard Newry Letitia Ellis	1st Reader
	2nd Reader/Commentator	

**The Jesse Tree** is now erected at the back of the Church. Please take a tag if you can and purchase a much needed item. The items donated are taken to the prison inmates, the Nazareth Centre, the Willemae Pratt School for girls and the Simpson Penn School for boys. Thank you.

We are getting closer and closer to the “day of the Lord,” a term which the authors of the Christian Scriptures carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures. The author of the Second Letter of Peter describes it this way: “What we await are new heavens and a new earth where, according to his promise, the justice of God will reside.” It is the day of God’s salvation when “Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.” We await the day of the Lord, but it is to be an active waiting. John the Baptist echoes the prophet’s message: “In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!” “Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!” The reading from Peter speaks of our “looking for the coming of the day of God” and of our “trying to hasten it!” We stand, as it were, in a desert, an empty wasteland of broken lives and discarded people. The challenge of Advent is to clear a straight path for God: to end injustices, to stop wars and the preparations for wars, to put discrimination behind us, or in the words of the opening prayer, to “remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.” The promise of Advent is that “the Lord will come to save all nations.” Because we believe in the dignity of the person, we must embrace every chance to help and to liberate, to heal the wounded world as Jesus taught us. Our hands must be the strong but gentle hands of Christ, reaching out in mercy and justice, touching individual persons, but also touching the social conditions that hinder the wholeness which is God’s desire for humanity. ***U.S. Bishops, Health and Health Care, 1981:13 Gerald Darring***

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

**Tuesday 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)**

**New Year's Eve 31st December Mass @ 9am, 10pm Holy Hour, 11pm Vigil Mass (Mary Mother of God)**

**New Year's Day 1st January 2024 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 8am Mass**

The second advent candle ("The Bethlehem Candle") is also purple and represents peace. In some traditions, the second candle and the fourth one ("The Angels Candle," representing love) may be interchanged. **Peace is a central theme of the Advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent.** And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.** This week we light the second candle of the Advent wreath. It is traditionally called the Peace Candle. It is a reminder that the Christ-child will bring peace to a troubled world.

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## Knights of Columbus Council 10415

Knights of Columbus Council 10415 is launching its 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.**

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## Prayer of the week

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken-hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always. —

## "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.

## Advent Wreath

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hope	green	evergreens	god	candle
wreath	sunday	celebrate	savior	christ
christmas	messiah	isaiah	prepare	jesus
advent				

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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.*

*"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*"O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart." (Cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30)*

**December 10th, 2023**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

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

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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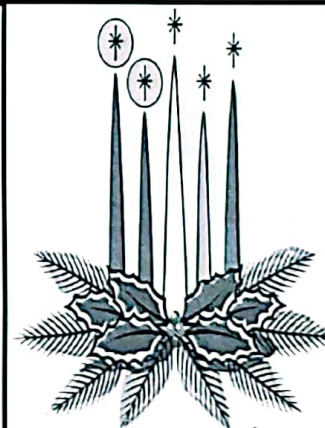
**December 17th, 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



2ND 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!