

How to Embrace the True Meaning of Advent

Ready to make Advent meaningful?

Here are actionable ways to incorporate its spiritual significance into your life:

Light an Advent Wreath: Create or buy an Advent wreath with four candles. Light one each Sunday, reflecting on hope, peace, joy, and love. Free devotionals are available at Focus on the Family.

Practice Daily Reflections: Read Advent scriptures or meditations. Apps like Hallow offer guided Advent prayers.

Give Back: Volunteer at a local charity or donate to causes like St. Vincent de Paul to embody Advent's spirit of love.

Simplify Your Schedule: Cut back on non-essential commitments to focus on family, faith, and rest.

St Anselm's Gift Day 2025!

Gift Day 2025 continues until December 15th. Envelopes are available at the Parish Office or at the back of the Church. We are asking that you be as generous as your means will allow. All funds will go towards the future projects of the Church. Thank you in advance.

CCD closes on Saturday, December 13, 2025 for the Christmas Holidays.

Marriage Preparation 2026 Schedule

January 7 – March 11

April 1st – June 3rd

September 2nd to November 4th

For more information kindly contact the office of

Family life @ 322-8919. Mrs. Eulie Elliott.

Prayer of the Week

Dear God, We come to you with cluttered minds and wayward hearts. Some of us have forgotten how to pray. Some of us just don't much feel like praying. Some of us have the feelings but not the words. Thank you for meeting us where we are, loving us as we are, and hearing what we can't even speak. Turn us toward you and open us up to you. Amen.

ADVENT

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 B C U M E B T I C P P Y T V I G K
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CELEBRATE	BABYJESUS	BETHLEHEM	NATIVITY
WISEMEN	CANDLES	PREPARE	JOSEPH
PURPLE	WREATH	ADVENT	GIFTS
WHITE	FAITH	JESUS	PINK
MARY	HOPE	LOVE	JOY

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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.

“Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord!”

“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.” (Isaiah 30: [19, 30])

7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

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

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

14 December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent/

Guadete Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

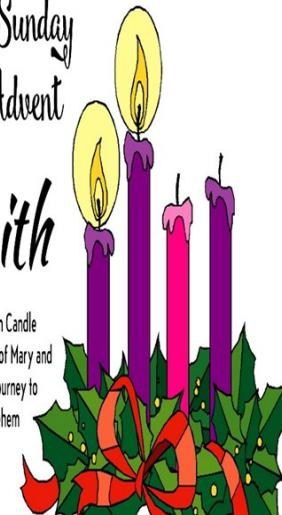
Resp Ps: 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

*2nd Sunday
in Advent
Faith*

*Bethlehem Candle
reminding us of Mary and
Joseph's journey to
Bethlehem*



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 followed by Mass

HOLIDAYS: 8.00 a.m.

Bible Study Monday 6.15pm

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.

Darren Antonio Sr., Stafford Armbrister, Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Uthan Cornish, Laurie Curtis, Carol & Sylvia Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Arnold Ferguson, Clarence Ferguson, Brian Fernander, Salvacion Foody, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Supt. Buchanan Moncur, Christina Moss, Drucilla Moss, Sainталus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Valgo Shannon, Jayde Smith, Juanita Symonette, Jacinta White, Nancy Wilmott, Anastina Wilson, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you or a member of your family is ill, kindly contact the Parish Office.)

Daily Readings

8 December 2025 – Monday

The 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 2025 – Tuesday

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Hermit

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Resp Ps: 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

Gospel: Matthew 18: 12-14

10 December 2025 – Wednesday

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31

Resp Ps: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 28-30

11 December 2025 – Thursday

St. Damasus I, Pope

1st Reading: Isaiah 41: 13-20

Resp Ps: 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Gospel: Matthew 11: 11-15

12 December 2025 – Friday

Our Lady of Guadalupe

1st Reading: Zec 2: 14-17 or Rev. 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

Resp Ps: Judith 13: 18bcde, 19

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 or Luke 1: 39-47

13 December 2025 – Saturday

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

1st Reading: Corinthians 10: 17b—11:2 or

Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11

Resp Ps: 31 or Ps: 80: 2ac and 36, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel: Matt. 25:1-13 or Matt. 17: 9a, 10-13



Happy Birthday Greetings to Kimani

Braithwaite, Jaeden Murray (Today)

Ricardo Taylor Jr., Timi Collie, Quo'n Curry (Mon)

Ishmael Pinder, Clarence Ferguson, Doris Wood,

Denisko Rahming (Tues) Nolan Moss, Donell

Musgrove, Kenaley Bullard (Wed) Blair Major

(Thurs) Tennille Darville, Danielle Heastie, William

Heastie, Marilyn Martin-Stubbs, Angello Wilmott

(Fri) and to all celebrating this week!

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

2nd Sunday of Advent - 7th December 2025

7am

1st Reader/Commentator— Letitia Ellis

2nd Reader— Lee Doris Duncombe

9am

1st Reader— Brianne Gibson

2nd Reader/Commentator— Ashton Davis

3rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday—14th December 2025

7am

1st Reader— Lananita Edgecombe

2nd Reader/Commentator – Arthur Seymour

9am

1st Reader - Latoya Brown-Williams

2nd Reader/Commentator - Anthony Butler

Collection envelopes for 2026 are now available in the courtyard.

Because of wastage we have had to reduce the amount of envelopes and a few parishioners' numbers have been reassigned.

An invitation from the Knights of Columbus Council

10415 to pray the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday during Advent at St. Joseph Church, Boyd Road at 6.00pm.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Root Causes

Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist clashing with the Jewish religious authorities. We are told that the Pharisees and Sadducees were stepping forward to be baptized by John. These people "did not believe him" (Mt 21:32), but they came forward anyway, boasting of the claim that "Abraham is our father." John recognized them for what they were, people of privilege. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," he told them (Mt 3:8). He did not object to their coming forward; he objected to their lack of concern for real change in society. In his brief discourse to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John described the action that was taking place: "Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree (Mt 3:10)." Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire. John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees. The changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have. The uniqueness of the Christian message does not so much consist in the affirmation of the necessity for structural change, as it does in the insistence on the conversion of people which will in turn bring about this change. We will not have a new continent without new and reformed structures, but, above all, there will be no new continent without new people, who know how to be truly free and responsible according to the light of the Gospel. Bishops of Latin America, Medellin Documents.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Davano & Geanna Munnings celebrating their 11th year Today

Catechumens and Candidates

Let us pray for our Candidates: Duval Davis, Logan Forbes, Giovanni Knowles and Catechumens: Vanria Gibson and Paige Souffrant, as they begin their journey to Full Communion in the Church.

Registration for admission to Catholic Schools

Registration for CATHOLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN children wishing to enter Catholic schools in New Providence will be held from MONDAY, JANUARY 5th to FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th, 2016 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Students entering PRE-KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BY MARCH 31, 2026 and students entering KINDERGARTEN MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BY MARCH 31, 2026. Parents/Guardians MUST present a copy of the birth AND baptismal certificates before receiving a registration form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Liturgical Schedule 2025

December 9th (Tuesday) Penance Service 7pm (Main Worship Space)

December 24th (Wednesday) Christmas Eve - 9:30pm

December 25th Mass at 9am. (Thursday)

December 26th - Boxing Day Mass at 8am. (Friday)

December 28th - Feast of the Holy Family 7am & 9am.

December 31st - New Year's Eve - Holy Hour 10pm, Mass at 11pm Mary Mother of God. (Wednesday)

January 1st (New Year's Day) 8am (Thursday)