

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

December 10, 2023



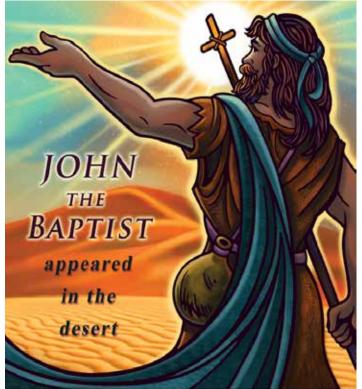


Confession Night December 12 @ 7 PM

Confession in various languages with our own parish priests and a few visiting priests.

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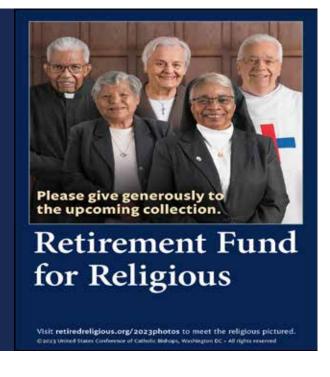
"The main reason why many Catholics receive this Sacrament regularly is to experience the Love and forgiveness of God. A good Confession will cleanse your soul, improve your relationship with God and allow you to live in His light."



TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Priests

Rev. Andrew Chan-A-Sue

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Parochial Vicar

Deacons

Deacon Michel DuChaussée Deacon David Bowen

Religious Education

Mrs. Mercedes Brown

School Principal

Mrs. Christine Gonzalez

School Counselor/

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Mr. Gerard John, LCSW, CCTP

Music Ministry

Mrs. Betty Bunnell Mrs. Monique Abraham Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko Mr. Michael Martinez

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Rectory at least six months prior to the proposed date.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Rectory at least three months before anticipated date to make arrangements. Baptisms in English are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 AM.

HOLY EUCHARIST (MASS)

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English)

6:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

French/Créole 1:00 PM

Weekday: 7:00, 8:30 AM

(7 PM - during Lent only)

Saturday: 8:30 AM

First Friday: French/Créole - 7:30 PM

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: **11:00 - 11:30 AM**

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Weekdays: When priests are available.

Anytime by appointment

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8:10 AM (before 8:30 AM Mass)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

English

Wednesday, 7:30 PM - Sacred Heart Center

French/Créole

Friday, 7:30 PM, School Rm B

LEGION OF MARY

Sunday 11:30 AM, School Rm A (English)



PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners to our parish family. Pick up a registration form at the rectory or print one from the website; later you will be invited to learn more about our parish and our many ministries.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(In the Rectory Chapel) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday - 9 AM to 5:00 PM **Sunday - CLOSED**

Pastoral Hispana

Misa en Español - Los Sabados - 6:30 PM El Santo Rosario los Sabados a las 6:00 PM

Confesiones - Los Sábados, 11-11:30 AM; 4:30-5 PM

Bautismos - Para el curso pre-bautismal, llame con TRES MESES de anticipación a la Rectoría. Los Bautismos en Español son los 4° Domingos del mes.

Matrimonio - Llame a la Rectoría lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

Legión De María - Se reunen en Salón B en la escuela los sábados a las 4:30 PM. Julia Cisneros 305-928-9097

Coro Hispano - Ensayo los Sabados a las 4:00 PM en la escuela (salón de música) con el Director Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko 305-505-1451



AVIS pour les Membres de la Communauté Haitienne

Messe en Créole / Français

1:00 PM chaque dimanche

7:30 PM chaque premier vendredi du mois

avec Bénédiction du Très Saint

Sacrement

Confession: Samedi 11-11:30 AM, 4:30-5 PM

Visite des malades: Contactez Père Youry au

presbytère de l'église.

Baptême: 2è dimanche du mois à 11:30 AM.

Contactez le Père Youry trois mois avant la date

prévue.

Mariage: Contactez le Père Youry, six mois avant la date prévue.

Prière Charismatique:

Vendredi de 7:30 à 10:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

Légion De Marie: Jeudi, de 6:00 à 7:00 PM (à l'école)

Samedi à partir de 4:00 PM (à l'école)

Répétition de Chorale: Samedi de 5:30 à 7:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

La Sainte Famille: Dimanche à 3:00 PM (à l'école)

EUCHARIST



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sat) 5:00 PM Rubens J. James (L)

+ Howard Lee

Sick of our parish (L) 6:30 PM (Sun) 7:30 AM Stephane Constant (T)

+ Carmen Clementina

+ Perseus Jacildo

10:00 AM + Joann Collins

+ Ange Marie Gousse

+ Ginette Gousse

+ Irma Baguidy

+ Roger Gousse

1:00 PM Valbrun Fils-Aimé (T)

+ M/M Robert Bijou

+ Jean-Louis Bijon

+ Jocelyne Bijon

5:00 PM Etna Eyma & family (T)

> Myrlande Petion (T) Rous Durosca (T)

Monday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope

7:00 AM Rubens J. James (L)

Carl Borgella (T) + Emily Rodriguez

8:30 AM Sonia Fertil Nohomme (T)

Arielle Georges (T)

+ Dussor Antoine

+ Solange & Eric Lubin

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Diane Silva (T)

Edwina Eugene (T)

8:30 AM Micheline Midy (T)

Emilie Simon (T)

Sonia Fertil Nohomme (T)

Jewil Clerger (L)

Wednesday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin

and Martyr

7:00 AM + Ena Bailey

+ Athanasius Bailey

8:30 AM Marie Jussome (T)

Chrislando Petion Joseph (T) Sonia Fertil Nohomme (T)

Thursday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Mable Essandoh (L)

+ Daisy Phillip

8:30 AM Chrislando Petion Joseph (T)

Sonia Fertil Nohomme (T)

+ Anthony Duchemin

+ Vittorio Pugliese

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 12/10: Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 85: 9-14

2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1: 1-8

Monday: Is 35: 1-10/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10.

11-12. 13-14/ Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a;

> 12: 1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13: 18b, 19 Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47

Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8

and 10/ Mt 11: 28-30

Thursday: Is 41: 13-20/ Ps 145: 1 and 9.

10-11. 12-13ab/ Mt 11: 11-15

Is 48: 17-19/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6 Friday:

Mt 11· 16-19

Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4. 9-11/ Ps 80: 2ac and

3b. 15-16. 18-19/ Mt 17: 9-13

Sunday 12/17: Is 61: 1-2a. 10-11/ Lk 1: 46-48.

49-50. 53-54/ 1 Thes 5: 16-24

Jn 1: 6-8. 19-28

Friday, December 15 - Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Josedith Janvier (T)

Carole Smith (L)

Cherry-Ann Edwards (L)

Kerous Felix Jr. (T) 8:30 AM

Chrislando Petion Joseph (T) Sonia Fertil Nohomme (T)

Saturday, December 16 - Advent Weekend

8:30 AM Frederic François (T)

+ Paul Liphène Pierre

+ Fanny Obas Sam

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

1:00 PM

(Sat) 5:00 PM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)

+ René Leone Jean-Baptiste

+ Desmond Delianv

+ Howard Lee

6:30 PM + Vicente Cruz (Sun) 7:30 AM + Perseus Jacildo

10:00 AM Yverose Placide (T)

Blanchard family (T)

Chrislando Petion Joseph (T)

+ Ange Marie Gousse + Ginette Gousse

+ Irma Baguidy Gaubert

+ Roger Gousse

5:00 PM Etna Eyma & family (T)





Confession **Night**

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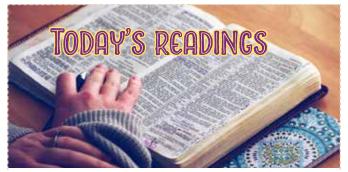
Remember the Departed

Lisa Griffiths Maryse Annette Pierre

> Victims of hatred and violence, War, abortion and natural disasters.



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First Reading -- Prepare the way of the Lord. Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Responsorial Psalm -- "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." Psalm 85

Second Reading -- We await new heavens and a new earth. 2 Peter 3:8–14

Gospel Reading -- Make straight the paths of the Lord. Mark 1:1–8

Please pray for healing & comfort for the sick and for strength and endurance for all caregivers



Francis Mohammed Mildred Gallagher Marilyn Constantine-Lane Carlos Fuentes Cherry-Ann Edwards Antonio Casas Quincie G. Cajuste Jennifer Evans Gloria Beason Low Joseph Alexis Prue Chery Ann Edwards Paulo Mendonça Joseph Ewald Marcelin Ashley Baker Adriana Rodriguez Mary-Ann Printy André Paes Cardoso Jairo Frota Busgith Vida Candy Larsen Marie Georges Louis Abiah Tiday Lorraine Fuller Marjorie Minott

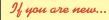
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

"Make straight his paths," Isaiah cried out, prophesying that the LORD would come to rescue and comfort the people of God. Centuries later, Mark quotes this call at the very beginning of his Gospel, presenting John the Baptist as the prophet who took this to heart, preparing the way for the Lord. Now, two millennia later, during this season when we prepare for the Lord's coming into our lives and into our hearts, how can we "make straight his paths"?

In today's first reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the LORD will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets today, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion we hear called for in the second reading, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for his coming.

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Collection on: 12/3/2023 First Sunday of Advent

Mass	Attendance	Collection
Sat. 5:00 PM	51	\$762.00
Sat. 6:30 PM	45	\$454.00
Sun. 7:30 AM	157	\$1,293.00
Sun. 10:00 AM	183	\$1,886.00
Sun. 1:00 PM	329	\$2,536.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	53	\$1,116.00
Loose Coins		\$10.00
Office		\$481.00
First Friday		\$243.00
SVDP Online		\$555.00
Maintenance		\$25.00
Offertory Online		\$1,525.00
Main Collection	818	\$10,886.00
Candles		\$246.00
Special Collection		\$413.00
Total		\$11,545.00

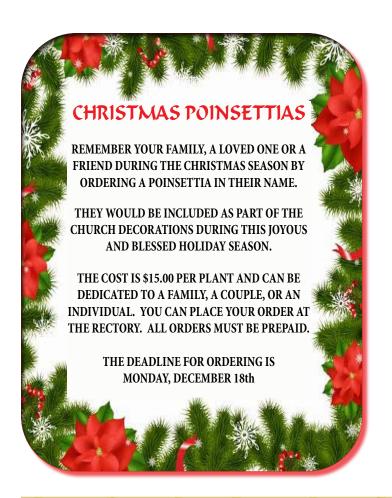
Second Sunday of Advent Prepare the Way of the Lord

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.



Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor. We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).





Please consider making an end of the year gift to the ABCD if you haven't already.



Although our ABCD goal was reduced from \$73,000 to \$57,000 we are still short on pledges. We need at least \$7,000 more to meet our goal. The main reason is last year 2022, we had 259 donors compared to 135 donors in 2023. Please donate if you have not already done so. Special ABCD envelopes are available at the entrance of Church.

Thank you Fr Andrew



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Short examination of Conscience

When was my last good Confession? Did I receive Communion or other sacraments while in the state of mortal sin? Did I intentionally fail to confess some mortal sin in my previous Confession?

Did I willfully and seriously doubt my faith, or put myself in danger of losing it by reading literature hostile to Catholic teachings or by getting involved with non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious activities: palm reading, fortune telling?

Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath? Did I use bad language?

Did I miss Mass on a Sunday or a holy day of obligation through my own fault, without any serious reason? Did I fast and abstain on the prescribed days?

Did I disobey my parents or lawful superiors in important matters?

Was I selfish in how I treated others, especially my spouse, my brothers and sisters, my relatives, or my friends? Did I hatefully, quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Did I cause physical injury or even death? Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs? Did I consent to, advise, or actively take part in an abortion?

Did I willfully look at indecent pictures or watch immoral movies? Did I read immoral books or magazines? Did I engage in impure jokes or conversations? Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts or feelings? Did I commit impure acts, alone or with others? Did I take contraceptive or abortifacient pills, or use other artificial means in order to prevent conception?

Did I steal or damage another's property? How much? Have I made reparation for the damages done? Have I been honest in my business relations? Did I tell lies? Did I sin by slander? By detraction - telling unknown grave faults of others without necessity? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters? Have I tried to make restitution for any damage of reputation that I have caused?

If you remember other serious sins besides those indicated here, include them also in your Confession.

From the Handbook of Prayers. Edited by Fr. Jim Socias

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Immaculate Conception of Many



"Hail Mary, full of grace." For thousands of centuries, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel, that we hear resonating anew in today's Gospel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God's grace was realized in Holy Mary. St Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ's head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ's fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

Significantly in the first reading, from the Book of Genesis 3:9-15, 20, the liturgy recalls the figure of Eve, the mother of all the living. The Fathers of the Church saw in Mary, the new Eve that unties the knot bound by the first woman. The knot of disobedience tied by Eve, was untied by the obedience of Mary. As Eve was created in purity and integrity, also the new Eve was miraculously preserved from the contamination of original sin because she had to give humanity the Word, who was incarnated for our ransom.

Saint Irenaeus compares the virginity of the pure earth from which Adam was drawn to the virginity of the immaculate humanity of Mary from which the Second Adam was drawn. 'And as the protoplast himself, Adam, had his substance from untilled and as yet virgin soil (for God had not yet sent rain, and man had not tilled the ground (Genesis 2:5) so did He who is the Word, recapitulating Adam in Himself, rightly receive a birth, enabling Him to gather up Adam [into Himself], from Mary, who was as yet a virgin' (Adversus hereses III, 21:10).

Blessed Pope Pius IX on the 8th of December 1854 proclaimed the Dogma of the faith revealed by God that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin" (Denz.-Schonm, 2083). If the official proclamation of the dogma is relatively recent, the profession of faith by Christians and the liturgy is very ancient in this regard. Furthermore, four years later the same Virgin Mary, appearing in Lourdes to St Bernadette, confirmed the truth of the doctrine by presenting herself with the title 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

Mary's predestination to this singular grace—consistent with the suspension of the universal decree by which every man, from the moment of his conception is contaminated with original sin—leads us to ponder in the deepest depths the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity's salvific plan. God, One and Triune, had foreseen from the very beginning the future incarnation of the Word culminating in the redemption of human nature that had fallen into sin. He therefore predestined pure Mary, so that He could draw from her uncontaminated humanity, which the Son could adopt in order to re-establish in Himself the original purity of creation and reorientate it to eternal glory.

For this reason, in the second reading of the day's liturgy, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6; 11-12, St Paul reminds us that God wants to see us holy and immaculate before Him. The purity of our origins seemed to be irredeemably lost. However, in Immaculate Mary, God found the perfect solution to reverse the disaster made from the misuse of our liberty, and returned humanity to the original purity that seemed hopelessly lost.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is a direct consequence of her Divine Maternity. St. Anselm of Aosta wrote: 'Assuredly, it was fitting that the Virgin be beautified with a purity than which a greater cannot be conceived, except for God's. For, toward her, God the Father was so disposed to give His only Son who was naturally one and the same common Son of God the Father and of the Virgin.' (De conceptu virginali et originali peccato, XVIII)

This link between the privilege of Divine Maternity and Mary's Immaculate Conception results also in her superiority with respect to us. She is a perfect image of the Church in heaven, the new triumphant Jerusalem, that won't have any marks nor will there be pain and death. This is why today's preface recites: '...she was to be a worthy mother of your Son, your sign of favour to the church at its beginning, and the promise of its perfection as the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty'. Also in heaven Mary is not and will never be only a disciple, but her Son's most exalted. She is and will always be the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, the Queen of the Angels and Saints. Therefore, the preface of the Mass adds: '...You chose her from all creatures to be our advocate with you and our pattern of holiness.'

Mary was Immaculate because she had to be the Mother of God. She, herself has received the original grace of purity and the final state of the blessed life that we also, by collaborating with Divine Grace, hope one day to receive.

Immaculate Mary is full of grace. She is not only Christ's disciple, who with the help of grace has overcome the chains of sin, but she is totius Trinitatis nobile triclinium, the noble resting place of the Holy Trinity (St Thomas Aquinas, Exposito Salutationis Angelicae, I). The Immaculate, full of grace, will always be Mother and Queen for that elect part of the Church that we hope one day to join, that will one day joyfully sing before the Almighty.

—From the Dicastery for the Clergy

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Symbols and Representation: crown and monogram; lily; enclosed garden; crown of stars; glass (symbol of purity) lily often placed in a vase of transparent glass; lily of the valley.

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What Are the Primary Reasons Children Attend Catholic Schools?

Many parents are concerned when it comes to their children's education. They want their children to receive the best education possible, so their child will have a better chance of success as adults.

Some of the primary reasons parents send their children to a Catholic school are:

- Catholic schools offer a high level of academic excellence infused with virtues.
- Catholic schools provide an education in the Catholic faith with an emphasis on Catholic values.
- Catholic schools like St Bart help children develop healthy social relationships and sense of community with a Pre K 8th grade school model.
- Catholic schools offer a supportive environment for children to develop and showcase leadership skills.

Should I Send My Child to St Bartholomew Catholic School?

The best way to know if a Catholic school education and SBCC is right for your child is to schedule a visit. You'll have an opportunity to visit the school and classrooms to get a feel for the place. You can meet and talk with the administrators and teachers to get to know them. Also, you can learn more about our STEM program and the extracurricular activities we offer. You're welcome to attend our Open House.

Contact Eva Morales at **emorales@stbartschool.org** or call the school office to schedule a visit.



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