



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - Year B

December 17, 2023



Today, December 17 is the last religious education class for this year. There is **NO CLASS** on Dec 24, 31 or January 7.

See you on January 14, 2024

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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## SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.

To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).



SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

## Retirement Fund for Religious

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## PASTORAL STAFF

### Priests

Rev. Andrew Chan-A-Sue

### Pastor

Rev. Youry Jules

### 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 4º Domingos del mes.

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

**Legión De María** - Se reúnen 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)



# EUCCHARIST



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

- (Sat) 5:00 PM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
+ René Leone Jean-Baptiste  
+ Desmond Deligny  
+ 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)
- 1:00 PM + Ange Marie Gousse  
+ Ginette Gousse  
+ Irma Baguidy Gaubert  
+ Roger Gousse
- 5:00 PM Etna Eyma & family (T)

## Monday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM Sick of our parish (L)  
+ Ernie Breeden
- 8:30 AM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
+ Claudina Aguirre  
+ Lanson Joseph

## Tuesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM Mary Tucker (T)
- 8:30 AM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
Neptale Sodusta (T)  
Marie Paul André (T)

## Wednesday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM + Ivonne Luaces
- 8:30 AM Tess Macatangay (L)  
Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
Roselaure Nathan (T)

## Thursday, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 AM Darah Massenat (T)
- 8:30 AM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
+ Betty Gustavo Aguirre  
+ Paul Bedard

## Friday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM + Olga Duplessy
- 8:30 AM Christlando Petion Joseph (T)  
Anne-Marie Abubu (L)  
Regine Thigpen (T)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Monday:** Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13.  
18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25
- Tuesday:** Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a.  
5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25
- Wednesday:** Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6  
Lk 1: 26-38
- Thursday:** Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a  
Ps 33: 2-3. 11-21/ Lk 1: 39-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-8d  
Lk 1: 46-56
- Saturday:** Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 25: 4-5ab.  
8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66
- Sunday 12/24:** 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16  
Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2a)  
Rom 16: 25-27/ Lk 1: 26-38

## Saturday, December 23 - St John of Kanty, Priest

- 8:30 AM + Renato Luaces  
+ Marlene Milord Benjamin  
+ Arlette Charles Cayard  
+ Fernand Leon Cayard

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

- (Sat) 5:00 PM + Arturo Diaz  
+ Ghislaine Jacquet  
+ Gisele Jacquet
- 6:30 PM + Vicente Cruz
- (Sun) 7:30 AM + Perseus Jacildo  
+ Agnes Tucker  
+ Lauro & Flora Victor
- 10:00 AM + Rose Anne Lambert  
+ Antoine Lambert  
+ Circée Laguerre Hector  
+ Lucie Laguerre
- 1:00 PM James Daniel (T)  
Gabriel Lamothe (T)  
+ M/M Andrieux Richardson
- 5:00 PM Printy family (L)  
Joselle Dominique (L)  
Christian Rodney (T)  
+ Marie Herta Philantrope



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**“I AM THE VOICE OF  
ONE CRYING OUT  
IN THE DESERT,  
‘MAKE STRAIGHT  
THE WAY OF THE  
LORD,’”**



## Remember the Departed

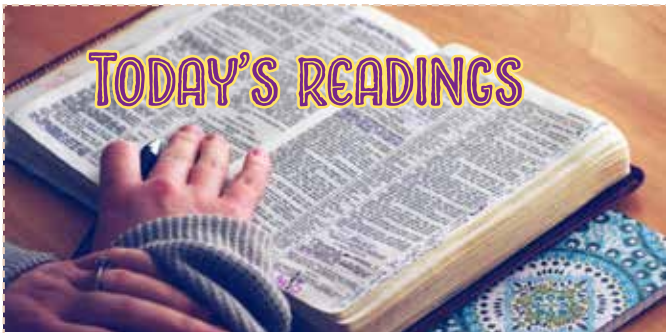
**Lisa Griffiths  
Maryse Annette Pierre**

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



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE  
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**First Reading** -- I rejoice heartily in the Lord.  
Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11

**Responsorial Psalm** -- “My soul rejoices in my God.” Luke 1

**Second Reading** -- May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

**Gospel Reading** -- There is one among you whom you do not recognize. John 1:6–8, 19–28

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Through this season of Advent we are called to prepare for the Lord’s coming by repenting of our sins, removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach, and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. But today we rejoice (in Latin, gaudete) because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom we await comes to embrace us, transform us, and redeem us. Gathered together in joy, we look forward, as always, to his coming.

On Gaudete Sunday a theme of joy runs through our readings. Isaiah, returning to the promised land after years of exile, describes the wonders God will accomplish. In the psalm we sing that our souls rejoice in our God. Paul closes his letter to the Thessalonians by reminding them to rejoice always. Finally, we hear John the Baptist testify that he is not worthy to even untie the sandal strap of the One who is coming, the light, the Christ. May the joy we hear in God’s word rub off on us.

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



Mildred Gallagher	Johnston family
Marilyn Constantine-Lane	Camal Mohammed
Carlos Fuentes	Cynthia Horvath
Cherry-Ann Edwards	Andy Fortune
Antonio Casas	Ryan Rodriguez
Quincie G. Cajuste	Pierre St Vil
Jennifer Evans	Kaitlyn Lottie
Gloria Beason	Erin Bacon
Low Joseph	Paulette Scuotto
Alexis Prue	Rain Pierre
Chery Ann Edwards	Jean-Robert Bijoux
Paulo Mendonça	Kathleen Def-Moreau
Joseph Ewald Marcelin	Jared Def-Moreau
Ashley Baker	Valarie De Freitas
Adriana Rodriguez	Jasmine Springer
Mary-Ann Printy	Joyce Desiato
André Paes Cardoso	Jeffrey
Jairo Frota	Patrice Legagneur
Busgith Vida	Natasha Retana
Candy Larsen	Jessi Menendez
Marie Georges Louis	Micheline Piquion
Abiah Tiday	Ursula Rodriguez
Lorraine Fuller	Robert Stewart
Marjorie Minott	Marie Françoise Baptiste
Patricia Khlon	

If you are new...



Stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a registration form if you are new to the area or the parish. It only takes a few minutes, then use your parishioner number when making a donation to support your parish community. Remember your donations are tax deductible and will be fully credited to your account. You can also donate online at our website: [stbartholomew.com](http://stbartholomew.com) or by texting your amount to (954) 280-0901



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Collection on: 12/10/2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

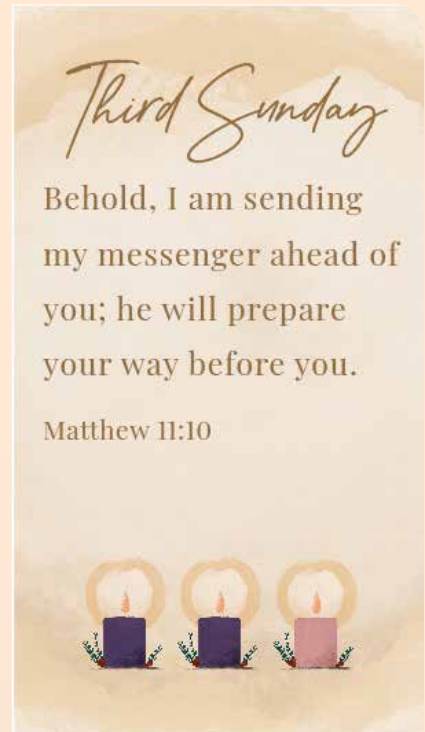
Mass	Attendance	Collection
Sat. 5:00 PM	57	\$644.00
Sat. 6:30 PM	48	\$600.00
Sun. 7:30 AM	99	\$1,166.00
Sun. 10:00 AM	182	\$1,115.00
Sun. 1:00 PM	244	\$1,508.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	65	\$1,048.00
Loose Coins		\$10.00
Office		\$935.00
Immaculate Conception	107	\$1,714.00
SVDP Online		\$80.00
Maintenance		\$167.00
Offertory Online		\$992.00
Main Collection	834	\$9,979.00
Candles		\$185.00
Special Collection		\$366.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,530.00</b>

# Third Sunday of Advent Reasons to Rejoice

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always? Who can do that?" It sounds absurd, but the next two lines give it context: If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Whatever happens is the will of God for us. Even the bad things, things we don't like, can be allowed by God, so that God can bring good out of them. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

The next two sayings may be a little obscure. When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit, he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17) we won't be so distracted by the things of this world that we cannot hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit in us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? The next phrase helps with that: Test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. And most of all trust God to help with all this because God wants us to be holy. God will make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.



# *Christmas Mass Schedule*



*Come, celebrate Christ with us*

**Saturday, December 23 - 5 PM English / 6:30 PM Spanish**

**DECEMBER 24: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM ENGLISH  
1:00 PM FR/CREOLE**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24: 5:00 PM CHILDREN'S ENGLISH**

**11 PM - TRILINGUAL MASS**

**DECEMBER 25: 7:30 AM, 10 AM ENGLISH**

**1:00 PM FR/CREOLE, 5:00 PM SPANISH**



# The Great “O” Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the “O” Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17–23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

## December 17 – *O Sapientia (O Wisdom) Isaiah 11:2–3; 28:29*

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

## December 18 – *O Adonai (O Lord) Isaiah 11:4–5; 33:22*

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

## December 19 – *O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) Isaiah 1:1; 11:10*

O Root of Jesse’s stem,  
sign of God’s love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

## December 20 – *O Clavis David (O Key of David) Isaiah 9:6; 22:22*

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

## December 21 – *O Oriens (O Rising Sun) Isaiah 9:1*

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the  
shadow of death.

## December 22 – *O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) Isaiah 9:5; 2:4*

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

## December 23 – *O Emmanuel (God with us) Isaiah 7:14*

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

REMEMBER YOUR FAMILY, A LOVED ONE OR A FRIEND DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BY ORDERING A POINSETTIA IN THEIR NAME.

THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE CHURCH DECORATIONS DURING THIS JOYOUS AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE COST IS \$15.00 PER PLANT AND CAN BE DEDICATED TO A FAMILY, A COUPLE, OR AN INDIVIDUAL. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE RECTORY. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th

**Remember to complete your pledges for 2023**  
**Please consider making an end of the year gift to the ABCD if you haven't already.**



2023 +†+ ABCD  
 ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

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*

**RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**  
 TO BENEFIT  
 ST. BARTHOLOMEW DANCE MINISTRY

*DANCERS FOR JESUS*  
 Praise Him with dance.  
 Psalm 150:4

**PRIZES:**

- 1ST: 75" SMART FIRE TV
- 2ND: APPLE IPAD PRO 11"
- 3RD: HP ENVY 2 IN 1 LAPTOP 15.6"
- 4TH: APPLE WATCH SERIES 9 (41MM)

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- Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids
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## Volunteers needed

St Bart is looking for volunteers to help out with its expanding **MEDIA MINISTRY**. Whether you have experience in audio/visual/tech or you want to learn, we welcome anyone who wants to step “behind the scenes” and get involved. Positions include sound tech, projectionist, graphic designer, camera operator, web editor, livestream tech, and others.

If you would like more information or to get involved with our **MEDIA MINISTRY**, please call the rectory at 954-431-3600



\*Pancake breakfast

\*Picture with Santa

\* Story & Movie Time

\* Activities for kids

## Come Celebrate Christmas with Santa!

The parish community of St. Bartholomew

Is invited to

a special pancake *breakfast* in honor of Jesus’ birthday



**When: Saturday December 23, 2023**

**Time: 9:00 -11:00AM**

**Where: Parish Hall**

**Admission: \$5**



★ Children 10 & under **accompanied by a parent** *Free*



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**Office Hours**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### **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](mailto:emorales@stbartschool.org) or call the school office to schedule a visit.

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