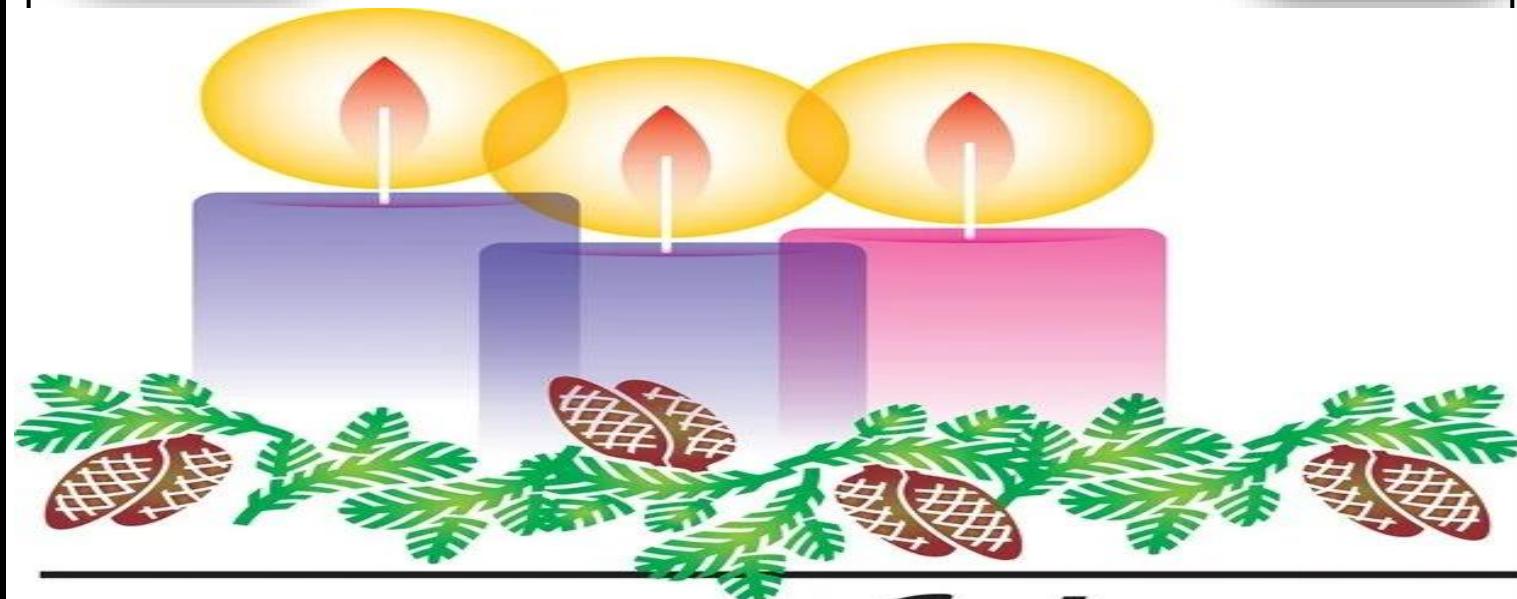




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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.

Devotions

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
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Holy Hour

Thursday	5:30 p.m.
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Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday	7:00 a.m.
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13

†Louise Philippe Greaux Rb. Ricard Greaux

Sunday, December 14

†Catherine LaPlace Rb. Marie Magras

Tuesday, December 16

†Mary Jo and Joseph Graham Rb. Mary Angela Meyer

Wednesday, December 17

†Agatha Blanchard Rb. The Family

Thursday, December 18

†Sylvanie Turbe Rb. Her Children

Friday, December 19

†Eugene and Dorothy Greaux Rb. Phil and Sandy

Saturday, December 13

†Catherine Turbe Rb. The Turbe Family

Sunday, December 14

†Lionel Magras and Deceased Family Members Rb. Janet Carreon

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Gaudete Sunday invites us to pause amid Advent's quiet longing and breathe in a deeper, brighter hope. Marked by rose-colored vestments and the call to *rejoice*, it reminds us that even while we wait for Christ's coming, joy is already breaking into our lives. This joy is not naïve or escapist; it grows in the very places where we most need God's healing—our uncertainties, anxieties, and unfulfilled desires.

John the Baptist's cry in the wilderness echoes through this Sunday, urging us to prepare our hearts not through fear, but through attentive expectation. We are called to notice signs of God's nearness: small reconciliations, quiet acts of kindness, or moments when peace surprises us. Gaudete Sunday tells us that grace is at work even before our waiting ends.

In the darker seasons of life, it can be difficult to rejoice. Yet this Sunday proclaims that joy is not the reward at the end of the journey; it is a companion along the way, offered by a God who draws near with gentleness. As Advent's midpoint, Gaudete urges us to lift our eyes, trust the promise unfolding around us, and welcome the light that is already dawning.

HURRICANE PRAYER

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image. Close to the world, Your love brings us to life. Save us from all harm. Draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 15: Immaculate Conception

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16

Zep 3:1-2,9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20

Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Michael & Marie Greaux, Jessica T. Magras, Annette Magras, Marie Magras, Florie Magras, Florence (Nini) Quetel, Edwin Olive(Pinky), Betty Quetel, Reynaldo and Gloria Turbe, Carol Cerge, Cynthia Burt

Please call to add or remove names to or from this list.

MASS ATTENDANCE Dec. 6-7, 2025
Saturday 5:00pm 21 / Sunday 8:00am 67 / Total 88

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

First Collection:	\$ 1,110.00
Second Collection:	\$ 424.00
Candles:	\$ 63.00

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

December 7 Health Insurance
December 14 Retirement Fund for Religious
December 21 Pastor's Salary
December 28 Maintenance Fund

Announcements



Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion

The Sanctuary Lamp is a reminder of our Lord's presence. For the week of December 14-20, the lamp is burning for the eternal repose of +Cristita Espinar as requested by Fr. Ronan Sarmiento.

Advent Mission

The Advent Mission this Sunday will be at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. It starts at 3:00pm. Next Sunday, it will be at our own parish of St. Anne.

Simbang Gabi (Dawn Masses)

At our parish, the Filipino dawn masses (Simbang Gabi) will start on December 16-24, 2025, at 6:00am. Because of this, the regular 7:00am mass is suspended.

Simbang Gabi or Dawn Masses is a well-loved Filipino Catholic tradition of nine-day series of dawn masses leading up to Christmas. The mass is usually celebrated before sunrise. It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and anticipating the birth of Jesus. Devotees traditionally believe that completing all nine masses brings special blessings.

Raffle and Dance

Please avail of our raffle tickets for \$5 per ticket or \$50 per book with 11 tickets. Prizes are \$5,000.00, \$1,500.00, and 10 Sheets of Virgin Islands Lottery tickets for the January drawing. Also, the dance ticket will be \$20. The raffle drawing will be on December 20 during the Midnight Dance.

MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP DEVOTION AVAILABLE DATES

Please note that the 2026 Mass intention book is open for request.

Please contact Becky Lede for reservation.

Parish Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of every other month. Please register your children. Present a copy of the child birth certificate. A minimum of 4 classes is required.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes will be held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance at Holy Mass and instructions thereafter.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the Office at (340) 714-1101.

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy. **Confession is available by appointment and every Saturday at 4:00pm – 4:50pm.**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 714-1101 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with Fr. Ronan Sarmiento 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all Saint Anne parishioners. Registration also helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

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