

Jesus Is Coming to Town

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 1:18-25



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CHRIST	MARRY	SON	CHILD	BIRTH
JESUS	AFRAID	NAME	JOSEPH	DREAM
VIRGIN	ANGEL	IMMANUEL	HUSBAND	MARY

WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 4)

22 Monday - Advent Weekday

First Samuel 1: 24-28; Luke 1: 46-56

23 Tuesday - St. John of Kanty, Priest

Malachi 3: 1-4, 4: 5-6; Luke 1: 57-66

24 Wednesday - Advent Weekday

Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 ; Luke 1: 67-79

25 Thursday - Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1: 1-18

26 Friday - Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22

27 Saturday - Feast of St. John, Apostle, & Evangelist

First John 1: 1-4; John 20:1a and 2-8

In today's Gospel from Matthew 1:18-24, we encounter the profound story of Joseph, a righteous man whose quiet obedience becomes a beacon of faith during this final stretch of Advent. When he discovers Mary's pregnancy before their marriage, Joseph's initial plan to divorce her discreetly reveals his compassion—he seeks to shield her from public shame, even at personal cost. Yet, in a dream, an angel of the Lord intervenes with a divine message: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." This echoes Isaiah's ancient prophecy of Immanuel, "God with us," transforming Joseph's uncertainty into purposeful action. He awakens and does as instructed, taking Mary into his home without delay, embodying unwavering trust in God's unfolding plan.

Joseph's response challenges us deeply as we light the fourth candle of love this Advent. In a world quick to judge and abandon the inconvenient, he models mercy first, then radical obedience when God's voice clarifies the mystery. His "yes" without words foreshadows Mary's fiat and Jesus' own submission, reminding us that true righteousness flows from listening to heaven amid human confusion. This narrative invites personal reflection: Where in our lives do we face unexpected interruptions—family struggles, career shifts, or relational tensions—that feel like threats but may be divine invitations? Joseph's dream urges us not to fear, but to act with courage, making space for the Savior's arrival in our hearts and homes.

This Gospel also reveals the intimate way God enters human history, choosing ordinary people like Joseph to safeguard the extraordinary. His silence in the scriptures speaks volumes, teaching that faith often means stepping forward without fanfare or full understanding, simply because God has spoken. As we stand on Christmas' doorstep, let Joseph's example stir us to examine our own readiness: Are we willing to protect the vulnerable, honor commitments amid scandal, and trust that God's salvation unfolds through our faithful choices? In

Finally, Joseph's story culminates in a profound lesson on divine timing and human cooperation. By naming the child Jesus as commanded, he participates directly in the fulfillment of prophecy, bridging the Old Testament promise with the New Testament reality. This Advent, as external preparations bustle around us, the Gospel beckons inward transformation: to let go of control, embrace mystery, and live as silent witnesses to God's redemptive work.

NOTICES

- ◆ **Christmas Novena** continues at 5:00 a.m. daily at the cathedral.
- ◆ **Christmas offering envelopes** are available. Please collect one. We thank you in advance for your generosity.
- ◆ **The Cathedral Parish** office and the Chancery will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Monday 22nd December, to re-open on Monday January 5th 2026.
- ◆ **The Feast of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on Monday December 29 at the Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. Please encourage all children to be present at the mass.
- ◆ **A second collection** will be taken up next Sunday 28th December (Feast of the Holy Family) for the Family Life Commission. Please give generously.
- ◆ **Good News Catholic Communications (GNCC)** presents The Nativity - A Spice Island Christmas Story, produced by Deleon Walters this Sunday 21st December at the Deluxe Cinema in Grenville. Adults \$50, Children \$20.00.



Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT- YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

The seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor. For the sake of the common good, it requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property. Christian life strives to order this world's goods to God and to fraternal charity.

I. The Universal Destination and the Private Ownership of Goods

In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits.(cf. Gen 1:26-29).

The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race. However, the earth is divided up among men to assure the security of their lives, endangered by poverty and threatened by violence. the appropriation of property is legitimate for guaranteeing the freedom and dignity of persons and for helping each of them to meet his basic needs and the needs of those in his charge. It should allow for a natural solidarity to develop between men.

The right to private property, acquired by work or received from others by inheritance or gift, does not do away with the original gift of the earth to the whole of mankind. the universal destination of goods remains primordial, even if the promotion of the common good requires respect for the right to private property and its exercise.

"In his use of things man should regard the external goods he legitimately owns not merely as exclusive to himself but common to others also, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as himself." (GS 69 # 1). The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others, first of all his family.

Goods of production - material or immaterial - such as land, factories, practical or artistic skills, oblige their possessors to employ them in ways that will benefit the greatest number. Those who hold goods for use and consumption should use them with moderation, reserving the better part for guests, for the sick and the poor.

Political authority has the right and duty to regulate the legitimate exercise of the right to ownership for the sake of the common good. (cf. GS 71 # 4; SRS 42; CA 40; 48).

To be cont'd...

COLLECTIONS:

3rd Sunday of Advent/A - 14th December, 2025

Cathedral 6.00 p.m.	\$ 714.25	Belmont	\$ 159.40
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$ 689.52	Fontenoy	\$ 173.90
Happy Hill	\$ 602.70	Brizan	\$ 120.00
Tempe	\$ 439.70	Mt. Moritz	\$ 278.00
Total:	\$ 3,177.47		

May God bless your kindness and generosity!

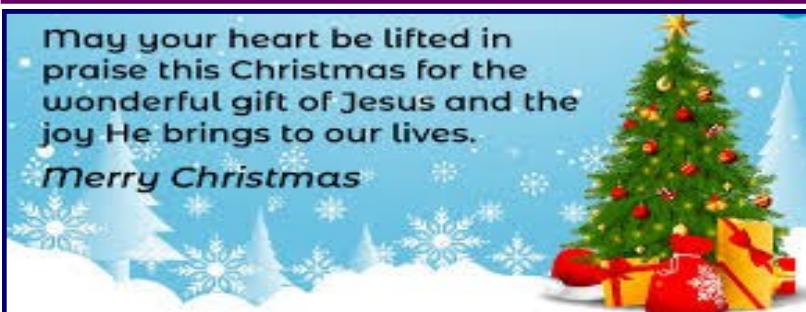
Prayer for the Discernment of A New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unchanging care, grant to your Church in St. George's-in-Grenada a shepherd who will faithfully follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Give us a Bishop filled with wisdom and understanding so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, he may be a faithful pastor, a prudent teacher, wise in discerning the needs of our diocese and region. Strengthen him to uphold the gospel of truth, to lead your flock with humility and courage and to build up the Body of Christ in love and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us and for us. Amen.

Pope's prayer intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Our Lady Queen of Peace, **BELMONT/SPRINGS**
Saints Joachim & Anne, **BRIZAN**;
Blessed Trinity, **FONTENOY**;
Church of the Uganda Martyrs, **HAPPY HILL**;
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, **MT. MORITZ**;
St. Benedict the Moor, **RIVER ROAD/DARBEAU**
Our Lady Lily of the Valley, **TEMPE**.

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Weekly Bulletin

4th Sunday of Advent/A - December 21st, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:
Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

CONFESION:
Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.
(Priests available at request)

Welcome!

Welcome brothers and sisters in Christ to today's liturgy. As we light the candle of love on our Advent wreath, our hearts are fill with joy, for Christmas draws near and Emmanuel God is with us makes himself present among us.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14. God offers Ahaz a sign; he refuses. Isaiah announces that a virgin will conceive a son called Immanuel—"God with us."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7. St. Paul, apostle of Christ, greets the Romans with grace and peace. He proclaims the gospel of Jesus, David's descendant and risen Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24. Joseph plans to divorce pregnant Mary quietly. An angel reveals the child is from the Holy Spirit, named Jesus to save from sins—Immanuel. Joseph obeys.