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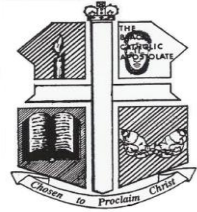
Black Apostolate Mass - Sunday, 10:15am

St. Joan of Arc Masses: Saturday, 4:00pm, Sunday, 9:00am

Daily Mass, Monday-Friday, 8:00am

THE BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

website



106.3 FM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD - December 21, 2025

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 28, 2025

Sirack 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Collections 12/13, 12/14

Thank you for your support.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Daily Advent Prayer

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

DAILY MEDITATION:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 2025

In a few days we will celebrate the greatest miracle, the birth of Jesus Christ. St. Augustine says, "Creator of the heavens and the earth, He is born on earth under the heavens. Unspeakably wise, He is wisely speechless. Filling the universe, He lies in a manger. He is both great in the nature of God and small in the form of a servant."

This coming year, as followers of Christ, let us strive to be people of hope and joy. Let us focus our efforts on reducing wastefulness, making good consumer choices, and educating our children on the importance of protecting the environment.

I thank you so much for your continued support and your many prayers. May God bless you and your family this holy season, keeping you safe, healthy, and faithful.

Fr. Kofi



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE 2025

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

Christmas Vigil 4:00pm

Christmas eve 7:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day 9:00am

Wednesday, Dec. 31st

Regular Masses 8:00am

New Year's Eve 7:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 1st

New Year's Day 9:00a



SJOA/BCA MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENT



☞ **BCA CHRISTMAS PARTY: SATURDAY, DEC. 27th**

Wolferts Roost Country Club from 6pm-10pm.
Adults:\$60, children (4-12) \$25, 0 - 4 years old free.
Tickets will be sold after masses.

☞ **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Christmas Flowers Offering envelopes are by the Bulletins. If you wish, donate in memory of a loved one.



Saturday, December 20

4:00pm: - Suzanne Dian Boni + req Lucie Diomande

Sunday, December 21

9:00am: - Arthur Clemenzi +
- Margaret E. Baldauf + req Quinn Family
10:15am: - Ronald Patrick Prescott + req Family
- Chris Adigwe +

Monday, December 22

8:00am: - Yvonne Nelson, Beverly Gray and family

Tuesday, December 23

8:00am: - Jean-Charles Larosse (birthday) req Family

Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm: - Deukmajian + Kalmes +

Thursday, December 25

9:00am: -Michael Clifford + req Joan & Greg Clifford
-Eleonore Solini + Anthony Solini + req Family
-Grace Hartzell + George Hartzell + req Family
-Arthur Clemenzi + req Kathleen Clemenzi

Friday, December 26

8:00am: - Suzanne Dian Boni + req Lucie Diomande

Saturday, December 27

4:00pm: - John Messiana req Peg & Ed Deukmejian
-Jacquie King (birthday)

Sunday, December 28

9:00am: - Josephine Solini + req Family
- Arthur Clemenzi + req Kathleen Clemenzi
10:15am: - Ronald Patrick Prescott + req Family
-Etang Family thanksgiving req Lucy Mbi

+ deceased

Prepare the way
of the Lord.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation/Religious Education classes are held every other Saturday from 9:30am-11:00am for children in grades 1-12.

Next class is on January 10th, 2026

BCA Faith Formation is always looking for volunteers to assist in our program. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Dawn Hewitt** for additional information.

Call 518-463-0378 or sjoabcashfaith@gmail.com

IS SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER?



Light a candle for that special person you promised to pray for. Candles are **\$5.00** each and are in the small Chapel behind the main Sanctuary. Please put your payment in the marked box by the church entrance.

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MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00am

10:15am (Black Apostolate)

DAILY MASS: 8:00am (Monday-Friday)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30pm

BAPTISM: Every first Saturday of the month.
Please call for an appointment.

MATRIMONY: ARRANGEMENTS should be made 6-8 months in advance and prior to scheduling a reception.

FUNERAL MASSES: WILL be scheduled at **9:00am**.

In the event of the death of a parishioner, please call the Funeral Home. The funeral director will notify the parish office and arrangements will be made for a funeral Mass and burial.

STAFF

Fr. Kofi Ntsiful Amissah, Pastor

Lucie Diomande, Parish Secretary

Dawn Hewitt, Religious Education Coordinator

Martin Amissah, Music Director

Do you have any affectionate names for your Messiah?

One of my most affectionate and cherished names for my Messiah is Jesus. While He is widely known as Jesus Christ, it is important to remember that Jesus is a Man with many names. Each of these names and titles carries its own beauty and power, providing us with distinct glimpses into who He is and emphasizing a different aspect of the Christ we worship.

During the season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord—both as the baby Jesus at Christmas and for His eventual second coming—the name Emmanuel holds special significance. Emmanuel means “God is with us,” a comforting reminder that the divine presence is near and active in our lives.

This season provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the many names of my Messiah. Each title offers a fresh insight or revelation about His nature, character, and glory. As I meditate on these names, I find my understanding of who He is deepening, which leads me to greater worship and awe of the Savior I celebrate.

As everyday life offers challenges, the words of the prophet Isaiah offer heartfelt comfort and reassurance, especially when we reflect upon the names of Christ.

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” – Isaiah 9:6.

Each name holds significant meaning in our lives. Every title given to Jesus reflects a unique aspect of His character and role in our lives. When I refer to Him as “Wonderful Counselor” we are reminded of the divine guidance we receive through Him, especially in moments of uncertainty or difficulty. When I call Him “Mighty God” I recognize His strength and power as our protector and warrior. When we use the name “Everlasting Father,” we are reminded of His unending love and compassionate care as our Heavenly Father. Finally, “Prince of Peace” highlights the peace and restoration He brings, both now and in the future. By meditating on these names, we not only deepen our understanding of who He is but also find comfort, guidance, and peace in our daily walk with Him.

By meditating on these many names, we grow in our understanding of who He is and, hopefully, are moved to greater worship and awe of the Savior and Redeemer. As we move through the Christmas season and enter into what often becomes a whirlwind activity, family, presents, and food, be sure to pause and rest in the beauty of Jesus, the reason for the season.

BY BENNITA GIVENS