



Father Joseph Abraham is on his 6th & final chemotherapy for his first series of healing. The cancer has been arrested but has him very weak. He thanks you for your prayers & wishes. Please continue to pray for him as he continues to pray for us. Thank you for your love & support, Fr. Ted

Our 2018 Contribution Envelopes are available. Please use your assigned 2018 envelopes for your contributions to assure you are registered with the parish for references, referrals, recommendations, catholic school parishioner discount, testimonial, sponsorship for baptism/confirmation, weddings, etc.!

Mass Celebration

⌘ 10:00 AM

- ✦ Birthday Blessings for Carolyn Richardson
Req. Carolyn Durham
- ✦ God's Healing for Father Joseph Abraham
- ✦ In Memory of 2nd Anniversary in Heaven
John Leslie Req. Leslie Family
- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - William McDowell Req. Mother Gloria Mears
 - Claudia Vaughn Rose Req. Sayra Vaughn
 - Janice Edwards-Chin Req. Patrice Gibbs

⌘ 12 Noon

- ✦ God's Healing for ~
 - Fr. Joseph Abraham, Roland Melhado, Carolyn Green & Katherine Randall
- ✦ In Memory of 1th Anniversary in Heaven
Louisa Volmar Req. Volmar Family

⌘ 5:00 PM ~ Prayers For our Parish Community

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copland, Anthony Davis, Dr. Rose Marie Dorvily, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Will Holmes, Troy Lima, Lennox Osouna, Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Evelyn Washington, Yvonne Young

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

St. Benedict the Moor

Thursday – Friday

St. Bonaventure

Weekly Readings, Observances & Intentions

Monday: *Joyful Mysteries*
St. Damasus I, Pope
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/13:18, 19 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: *Glorious Mysteries*
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: *Luminous Mysteries*
St. John of the Cross,
Priest & Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13 /Mt 11:11-15

Friday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
In Memory Kad'ri Anakhu Req. Anakhu Family
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Jn 8:12/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: *Joyful Mysteries*
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

3rd Advent: Glorious Mysteries
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him."
John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance—clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits—feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity—
"I am not worthy."
Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to *turn away from sin*. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. *Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM 194 ~ \$3,720.00
- ✦ 12 Noon 87 ~ \$1,370.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM 43 ~ \$375.00

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Please help us meet our goal!

We need \$5,821.00!

78 Donors Pledged- \$19,635.00

Collected to date - \$13,984.00

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy.
Body of Christ, Save Me.
Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.
Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.
Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me.
Good Jesus, Hear Me.
Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.
Never Let Me Be Parted From You.
From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.
At the Hour of My Death, Call Me,
and tell Me to
Come to You, That with Your Saints
I May Praise You
Through All Eternity. Amen

Congratulations

- St. Francis Prep
Kipp Garrett & Nina Kinzer
- Hill Crest HS

Kester Ragoonanan

For achieving Honor Roll Status 1st quarter of
this school year.

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM

Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Adult Physical Training,

Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

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TODAY ✦ 3:00 PM

The True Meaning of Christmas -

Donation \$10.00

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Friday, December 15th • 7:00 PM – 12 AM

Jingle Bingo

St. Bonaventure Church Hall • \$30.00

This is an adult Christmas Party!

Jingle Ball with Santa

Saturday, December 23rd • 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

Santa Tags Available with Ms. Angela



Rosary Society



Bake Sale

December 17th after each Mass Celebration

Friends of Distinction

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 31st • 9:00 PM

Dinner served at 10:00 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Tickets \$25.00

Please contact Billy Gittens 917-560-6372