

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

It Is Time to Turn Your Life Toward the Lord

It is always time to turn one's life toward the Lord. God has always been calling humankind to Himself and God always will.

Today we meet John the Baptist. He is one of the most vocal agents of God in the New Testament. In fact, he is a prophet who goes between the Old and New Testaments. He goes into a rage when he sees the religious leaders of the time show up for the moral and spiritual cleansing he was offering people.

"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" John senses insincerity in the Pharisees and Sadducees who come to him. He goes on to tell how God is going to clear the forest of trees that do not produce good. All dead and dying trees will be cut down and burned! John means business. All the people will be purified. Were these people coming for John's baptism only due to trepidation or were they truly seeking to redirect their lives in a new direction?

Let it be clear. God wants to draw each of us in a positive direction. He does not wish anyone to be afraid of him. God does not want to lose anyone of his creatures to evil forces. At times God comes on strong. It is that he wants to be heard well so that all humankind will respond in a positive way to his call.

As God looks at each person, each of us, he peers deeply into our very being. He seeks to understand you and me well. God wants to move deeply into our lives to warm us with divine love. It is a love that is not only warm but one that gives direction through discipline or guidance. The prophet says the following in the first reading, "Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

The Lord God wants Peace and harmony for us. Saint Paul points out in the second reading, "...by endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another in keeping with Jesus Christ...."

There is no need for trepidation when giving yourself over to God's way. You will not be alone in the journey of Faith. We will all be together. Even as we see each other with our faults we see God in each other. As a community of Faith we continue forward. Each other person who decides to join us we support.

Do take the time of Advent to turn toward the Lord. Walk with all of us, the members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Do not be afraid. God is good and wants the good for us.

Join together this Thursday evening at 7:00pm for a special Liturgy. Let us celebrate Mary the Mother of God in her Immaculate Conception. Let us raise our voices in praise of her son our Lord Jesus Christ who was sent by the Father and now present through the Holy Spirit.

It is time to turn our lives toward the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is35:1-6a,10;Jas5:7-10;Mt11:2-11

Gaudete Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	280
Tithes Collected:	\$4,484.00
Online Giving:	\$307.00
Total:	\$4,791.00
Per Capita:	\$17.11

Attendance of 11/20/22:	266
Tithes Collected:	\$4,397.00
Online Giving:	\$1,112.00
Total:	\$5,509.00
Per Capita:	\$20.71

2nd Collection for Human Development:	\$324.00
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Thank You!

NOTE:

Thank you much for your weekly tithes. Do note, when you write a check to the parish, please write: "**Blessed Sacrament Church.**" Do NOT write "Blessed Sacrament." The bank is particular.

If including a second collection amount, please write a separate check to Blessed Sacrament Church. Second collections go to the Archdiocese of Miami. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

This Thursday

December 8th, 7:00PM.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Patronal Feast of the United States of America
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass at 8:00am and at 7:00pm.
Let us all join in celebration this day.**

**Schedule For the Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)**

**Saturday the 24th, Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Mass During the Night, 11:00PM**

Sunday the 25th, Mass During the Day, 10:45AM

Christmas Gift to the Parish

**Please give an extraordinary donation (tithe) to
Blessed Sacrament Parish Christmas Day.
Think of it as two Sundays in the one day.
Such a gift will be SO very helpful to keeping our
ministry alive and well.
REMEMBER, we are all members of this parish.**

Lenten Holy Land Journey to Israel with Unitours, Inc.

March 21-30, 2023

Fr. Jean Jadotte, pastor of **St. Pius X Catholic Church**, invite you to a Lenten Journey of a lifetime in a hallowed ground where the Bible comes alive in you. Imagine yourself praying in the Garden of Gethsemane where our Lord prayed to save the world. Please join us and let us walk in the footsteps of the Lord in the Land where our Savior Jesus Christ with the prophets of our Faith walked and sowed the seed of our faith. Price: \$4,599 including airfare, lodging, tickets for sightseeing, breakfasts, and dinners. For more information and registration, please contact St. Pius X office: 954-564-1763

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Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, Arnold Lakso, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Liggett, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Vocations to the Clergy & Religious Life by Parish

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. World Peace by Parish
Ill Parishioners by Parish

Monday, December 5

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood Family

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. † Anna & Stanley Ausrota by Marie Wiener

Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Friday, December 9

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Blaha, Jr. by Parish

Saturday, December 10

4:00 p.m. Dan & Evelyn Blaha (50th Anniversary of Ordination) by Family

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. † Stephen M. Shaw by Carolyn Shaw
10:45 a.m. † Janice Bennett by Friends

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan