

December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Psalms 146

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

God Makes Interventions and Gives Guidance

On our journey of life we encounter much. There are experiences that are beautiful and trepidatious alternatively throughout life. Yet, there are God's interventions and guidance that give us hope. The greatest intervention presented to all of creation was the incarnation. That is, Jesus Christ's coming as a human being, both truly divine and truly human.

God is the Prime Mover. God sets all things into being and motion. God makes it possible to know Him. Jesus Christ demonstrated in His preaching and teaching and his actions who the Father is and how to act accordingly. The coming of the Lord into our space and time orders all things. Other than creation itself the coming of Jesus Christ into our time and place is the greatest act of God. Do not be mistaken, all things are ordered in a positive way. Reaching the glorious end of creation is inevitable.

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah states, "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." We wait patiently as the fulness of revelation becomes clear. It unfolds in each of our lives and in our collected history as the human race. The waiting, however, is not passive waiting.

God comes with vindication and divine recompense to save us. Our eyes are opened, ears are cleared, and we receive the ability to leap like a stag for a purpose. Humankind is given the capacity to work. We, led by God's direction and grace, build a community that responds to the positive Grace of God. Our formerly mute tongue may sing of the Lord's presence.

Restoration to the original beauty of God's creation takes time to unfold. It is more than a moment. We cooperate in a process of fulfillment.

Saint James points out a farmer must have patience while at the same time cooperating in the care of the land. The person is actively involved in the planting, cultivating, and harvesting of God's good creative power. In the fulness of life humankind may recognize the author and source of life. We wait, therefore, to permit the recognition to become obvious in our sight. Moreover, as a community of faith we support each other on the road of salvation.

We who are the Church are to go and tell of what we hear and see. This is just as the gospel passage points out. We must go and tell what we hear and see. Lives are restored in the face of all that is encountered in the journey of life. Together following God's guidance and

direction we address mutual needs. In this God's grace is revealed.

God cures all the obvious limitations and obstacles humans experience in life. God makes us worthy in and through the gift of His only son, Jesus Christ, who we follow. Again, the blind see, the deaf hear and the dead are raised! God restores people to what makes a "whole" human being.

Through any experience of trepidation, the reality of God's beauty may also be experienced. God will intervene and guide all who are open to Him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent

Is7:10-14;Rm1:1-7;Mt1: 18-24

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:	287
Tithes Collected:	\$8,628.50
Online Giving:	\$464.00
Total:	\$9,092.50
Per Capita:	\$31.68

Thank You!

The second collection this week is for Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

**COMMUNITY
and
SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**The Next Advent Thursday
December 15th, 7:00PM.**

This Thursday evening come together for a simple and quiet hour before the Blessed Sacrament. A short reflection will be given.

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**, invites 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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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 12
 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, December 13
 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, December 14
 8:00 a.m. † Djalma Pereira by Family

Thursday, December 15
 8:00 a.m. † Djalma Pereira by Family

Friday, December 16
 8:00 a.m. † Djalma Pereira by Family

Saturday, December 17
 4:00 p.m. † Djalma Pereira by Family
 Fernando Santa by Selma Cardona

Sunday, December 18
 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
 10:45 a.m. † Bernard Sharkey by Sharkey Family
 † Manuel Coelho Rodrigues by Fernando Rodrigues

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti,