

Advent

A Time to Prepare

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of
Advent



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am & 10:45 am

Daily - Tuesday - Friday

8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church All Are Welcome Here

1701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Oakland Park Florida 33334

Our Pastor

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
M.S.W., C.S.W.M

Assisting

Deacon Dan Blaha (Retired)

Lead Musician

Daniel J. Perez

Baptism for Infants and Preschool Children under 7 years old

At Baptism, infants and preschool children are initiated into the Christian community and begin a life-long journey as a committed disciple of Christ. Since the child cannot make this commitment on their own, the parent who requests Baptism states that they wish to pass on the faith in which they believe and live. Parents wishing to have their infant or preschooler Baptized are required to attend Baptism Preparation. This gives them the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Baptism and to have their questions answered concerning the Sacrament of Baptism and the ceremony. In order to begin preparing for their child's Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office at 954-564-1010 prior to the anticipated birth or adoption process. We wish to celebrate this joyful time with you!

Marriage

Blessed Sacrament parish wishes to support couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage through prayer and action. For this reason, guidelines have been established for marriage preparation by the Archdiocese of Miami. This is not done to create obstacles, but to increase the opportunity for a lasting, loving marriage in a society where divorce is prevalent. Couples should contact the parish office at 954-564-1010 at the time of their engagement to



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Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm 80

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

God Is Faithful.

Let Us Resolve To Follow His Guidance.

On this First Sunday of Advent, this First Day of the New Year of the Church, Saint Paul addresses us with these words: "Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We have a journey to take.

Today we begin the walk of Faith toward fullness and fulfillment in the Lord. God calls us to Fellowship with His Son. God will be with us all throughout the journey. As Saint Paul states in his first Letter to the Corinthians, "He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful."

Advent is a time of active watching and waiting. We know God is omni present. He is all around us. So, we actively reach out to the Lord. We remain aware of His presence so that we may benefit from His Grace. Furthermore, our actively waiting for the Lord means we will be able to recognize His presence in the Second Coming. And, brothers and sisters, that is what Advent is about. It is making ourselves ready to meet the Lord when He comes again.

The Prophet Isaiah (first reading) states, "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing

such deeds for those who wait for Him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"

God has performed such awesome deeds throughout history. Indeed, God has done so in our time and in our personal lives. Stop, reflect, and take note. What are such deeds that God has done in your life?

As difficult as you might perceive your life to have been so far, even in the midst of the difficulties, one who is alert and aware spiritually sees God's deeds. Even as we falter, we know God may lead and guide us in right ways and so we may accept His correction. God will correct us for He is loving. God created us as good, and God is invested in our growing in goodness.

So, let us take heed of what we say in the psalm today (Ps 80), "Rouse your power, and come to save us."

Plead for God to use His power to guide us in right ways. Let us resolve to follow His guidance.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Is40:1-5,9-11;2Pt3:8-14;Mk1:1-8
Second Sunday of Advent
Continuing of the Journey

Bring Someone to Church With You!

In these difficult times people might be stressed and feel sad or even alone. Invite someone to Mass with you. He or she might enjoy the fellowship and the uplifted spirit of our celebrations. The person does not need to be Roman Catholic.

When you are on your social media you may reach out, too. Just leave the suggestion to meet you at church this weekend.

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.

Next week's second collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious.

Attendance last week:	248
Tithes Collected:	\$4,547.00
Per Capita:	\$18.33
Attendance 11/19/23:	272
Tithes Collected 11/19/23:	\$5,082.00
Per Capita:	\$18.68
2ND Collection for Campaign For Human Development:	\$228.00

Things to know

FEAST DAY

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 7th and 8th

This is a time when good Christians gather to recognize the great power of God. He needed a perfect vessel through which His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ may be born into our time and space. Thus, from the moment when Mary was conceived, she was kept free of original sin and was filled with the Sanctifying Grace normally conferred during baptism. Thus, she was made to be that vessel by God.

Let us gather either on the Vigil of the Feast, Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00PM or on Friday, December 8th, at 8:00AM.

Thursdays of Advent

Each Thursday evening of Advent we will gather for special times in prayer. The first Thursday, 7:00PM, we will celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Each of the next Thursdays of Advent we will gather in the church at 7:00PM for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be some interesting presentations of some matter of the Faith.

Make a point of participating in the Thursday Evenings of Advent (7:00PM)

Faith Formation

Respond to God's Intoxicating Promise

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you, an adult, ever been baptized? Have you been baptized into another Christian tradition but now need to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church? Perhaps you were baptized in the Church but did not get to the point of receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

The RCIA is the way for adults to do any and all of the above! Fr. Bob and Gregory would like to hear from you.

They can sit with you, listen to your story and explain how to bring you into the fullness of the practice of the Christian faith.

CLIP & SEND

I am interested in the RCIA. (Print)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

COMMUNITY

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Donate Gift Cards
In \$10.00 Dollar Increments.**

It is that time of year. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society needs Publix Gift Cards donated in Ten Dollar increments. This permits them to provide food for people for the holidays and throughout the year.

We serve people of many cultures who live in many different circumstances. The cards permit people to obtain the food they eat according to their particular culture. Further, many people live

in circumstances where they cannot cook. Thus, they may purchase food that is already prepared.

The Publix Cards help us to provide supplemental foods to people with special needs. This is done throughout the year.

Thank you for making this important donation.

Please put the cards in the Wooden SVDP Donation Boxes found in the foyer. You also may make out a check for the cards and we will purchase them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, Patrick Keough, Arnold Lakso, John LaNevé, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Fay Michael, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Paul Riley, Rick Steffan, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 2 4:00 p.m.

† Shirley Sharkey by Family
† Mary Hardy by Nancy Rodgers

**Sunday, Dec 3 4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.**

Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m.

† Candida Martin
by Mark Mazzurco
† Bill Crepage by Anita & Sally

Monday, Dec 4
No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 5 8:00 a.m.

† Danny Spelman
by Mary Kay & Sonny Little

Wednesday, Dec 6 8:00 a.m.
† Richard Rhode by Ray & Jim

**Thursday, Dec 7 8 a.m. NO Mass
7:00 pm**

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Friday, Dec 8 8:00 a.m.
Blessed Sacrament Parish

Saturday, Dec 9 4:00 p.m.

Dan & Dil by Fr Bob
† Bill Crepage
by Mary Kay & Sonny Little

**Sunday, Dec 10
9:00 a.m.**

Dan Blaha, Sr. by Evelyn
10:45 a.m.

† Benilde de Jesus Coelho
by Fernando Rodrigues
† Bill Crepage
by Parish