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THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

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Daniel J. Perez

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b> 4:00 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Saturdays</b> 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am & 10:45 am	<b>Thursday evenings</b> 6:30pm -7:00 pm
<b>Daily: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am</b>	

***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 allow time to complete the necessary

# December 8, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent

*Baruch 5: 1-9*  
*Psalm 126*  
*Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11*  
*Luke 3: 1-6*

### A Process of Perpetual Return to the Lord

By reading the scripture readings for this week, one can sense that we have begun a new year of journey. The words of the Gospel speak to the beginning of the journey. John the Baptist is going about telling people to "prepare", "make straight", and so on. We are being called to get on the road to repentance and redemption. We repent and God redeems.

Brothers and sisters are we not always at some point of beginning? We are always in some process of return. When Adam and Eve rejected the Lord's guidance and wish to have them one with Him, they separated from God. God did not separate from them. It was their own choice. Being that Adam and Eve represent all of humanity, the scriptures are informing us that all are in the process of perpetual return to God. We continually need to turn to God and be renewed by Him.

The call of God to repentance is a positive call. It is a call out of lowliness and depression. We are not to live in a pit of pessimism. There is to be no "pity party". The Prophet Baruch starts off the first reading by commanding, "take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever..." Moreover, we all are to radiate the glory of God. "[B]ear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name."

We are called to the JOY that comes with being called out by God. "[S]ee your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God." God glorifies His creation. "The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command." Yes, God's intention is that His creation, including humankind, be lifted up! It is good! God is leading us to JOY!

God's call to us to return to Him will continue until the end of time on this earth as we know it. The Lord will always be refining us until the end of time, until Jesus Christ comes again. Saint Paul tells us in the second reading, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." God will not quit on His creation, He will not stop beckoning us to turn around and return to Him. The Lord will keep on calling until all of His creation reaches wholeness and the fruition, He has meant all along.

Saint Paul shoots out his prayer: "that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..."

Wherever you have been and whatever you have been doing continue the process of perpetual return to the Lord!

### Watch Father Bob's Video Reflection



### Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent  
*Zep3:14-18a; Phil4:4-7; Lk3:10-18*

***The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day, will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th. Liturgies will be at 8am & 7pm.***

### 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:	271
Tithes Collected:	\$8,515.50
Per Capita:	\$31.42
Attendance for 11/24 weekend:	262
Tithes collected:	\$4,191.00
Per Capita:	\$16.00

**This week's second collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious.**

### Advent Thursdays

#### "Evening With the Eucharist"

**Next Thursday evening of Advent at 7:00pm to 8:00pm. December 12th.**

This popular parish spiritual event gives us the opportunity to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament and to receive a spiritual reflection. Please be present. **Families with children who are participating in our Faith Formation process are expected to participate!** Such must learn the beauty of being in the presence of the Eucharist.

**On the following Thursday evening, December 19th everyone is to stay home.** Do not plan anything else. Just as you would have planned to be here at church for the evening, be at home around your dinner table as a family. Pray before the meal for God to be present in your family.

Thursday evening, December 19th, will be your special family time. Get to know each other in the Lord.

# Parish Life

## The Season Of Advent!

Regulars here recall this is the New Year of the Church. It is not Christmas Season regardless of the advertisements or decorations in the stores and online.

It is a period of preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus the King and of preparation for His second coming.

Thus, as practicing Christians, we might prepare for Christmas by making decorations or buying gifts. HOWEVER, we DO NOT decorate the house as though it is already Christmas. We decorate in the spirit of this season of anticipation. Prepare an Advent Wreath and use light purple colors around the house.

## Home Activity Getting the Children Ready for Jesus

Sit down to dinner and tell the children about Mary. Tell the simple fact Mary was selected by God the Father to be the most special vessel through which baby Jesus was born. That is why we speak of her as Mother of God and Mother of Us All. Then pray the following Advent prayer.

*Mary, O luminous mother, holy healing art! Eve brought sorrow to the soul, but by your Holy Son you pour balm on death's wounds and travail. You have indeed conquered death! You have established life! Ask for us life. Ask for us radiant joy. Ask for us the sweet, delicious ecstasy that is forever yours.*

(A prayer by St. Hildegard of Bingen)

## Christmas Season Schedule

December 24, Tuesday (Christmas Eve): 4:00pm and 11:00pm

December 25, Wednesday (Christmas Day): 10:45am  
There will be NO Morning Mass on Thursday, December 26th.

December 31, Tuesday (New Year's Eve): 4:00pm  
January 1, Wednesday (New Year's Day): 10:45am

## DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

*As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31st to Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oakland Park. Consider the variety of gift options available to you. You may find guidance by contacting the rectory and Fr. Bob, 954-564-1010. Or go online for information at [www.adomdevelopment.org](http://www.adomdevelopment.org).*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, John Hunter, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 7

4:00pm †Bob Moeller  
by Bob & Patsy Fintak  
†Gloria Pentangelo Jarvis  
by John Shields

### Sunday, December 8

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45am †Carmela Dee  
by Tom/Loretta Ledvina  
& Glen/Rebecca Cline

### Monday December 9

8:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
7:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

### Tuesday, December 10

8:00am Vocations

### Wednesday, December 11

8:00am †Bernard & Eileen Flood  
by Flood Family

### Thursday December 12

8:00am †Joe Johnson by Parish

### Friday December 13

8:00am †Adel Tawfik by Family

### Saturday, December 14

4:00pm †Bob Moeller  
by Bill Goessel & Connie Dravlin  
†Valerie Shaloo by Dennis

### Sunday, December 15

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45am †Bill Crepage by Parish  
†Palumbo Family  
by Family