



DECEMBER 15, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

"All Are Welcome Here"

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Our Pastor
Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
M.S.W., C.S.W.M
Music Director
Daniel J. Perez

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 preparation.

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Zephaniah 3: 14-18a
Psalm Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 10-18

**Already, But Not Yet
Be Ready**

Here we are more than halfway through the Season of Advent. This season is about preparing for the second coming of Christ. The week after this we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ when we observe the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Yet, we are always preparing for the moment of our personal earthly death and going to the Lord. The journey of life to eternity is on-going.

When a good Roman Catholic Christian is asked "are you saved" he or she should answer "already, but not yet." What does that mean?

As stated above, each person and indeed all of creation is on a journey. With every step we take and every breath we make we must say "yes" to God. It is not a matter of accepting Jesus once in life. It is a matter of constantly doing so. Thus, as in the gospel for today, as we make the journey we ask, "what shall we do?"

What we do is practice the disciplines of the faith. In so doing we clear away some of the clutter of life. Live right. And, while at times each of us experiences the excitement of expectation, we must keep a level mind and remain observant. Remain observant so that we may see God's presence and influence and follow the Lord's guidance.

As we carry on along the way of God, even as the way may be difficult, there are moments we experience joy. We recognize the Lord's presence and rise up with Him. We say, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

So, keep on the journey. We are "already, but not yet" to its end.

**Next Week's Readings
December 2024**
Third Sunday of Advent
Mi5:1-4a;Heb10:5-10;Lk1:39-45

**Watch Father Bob's
Weekly Video
Reflection**



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:	311
Tithes Collected:	\$5,365.00
Per Capita:	\$17.25

Second collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.	\$522.00
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**Christmas Tithes
Important to the Life of this
Parish**

Remember, at Christmas, we donate our tithes on Christmas day and at the Sunday Liturgies. So, on Christmas day and the Sunday right after Christmas day we place our financial donation in the collection. Please don't miss any of your tithes.

GIFT SHOP NEWS!

**Come see the new items in the Gift Shop.
We have new books and ornaments.
The 2025 Mass Intention book is now available in
the Gift Shop as well.**

Advent Thursdays
Stay At Home With the Family

This Thursday, instead of coming to the church, stay at home. Sit around a table or in the living room. Pray the Rosary or use the Advent Book that was provided at church. Even have a chat about how each of you sees God in each other.

Parish Life

Preparing to Celebrate the First Coming of Jesus the Christ with Your Family When To Decorate

From a strictly liturgical standpoint, the preparations for receiving the Christ Child intensify from December 17th to the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. This might be a time to begin to set up the Nativity Crib in church and at home. Involve the members of the family in the project. It is a good way to enter into conversation about the true meaning of the Christmas Season. However, until just before midnight leave out the image of the child. In the Liturgical sense He has not been born yet. From the First Sunday of Advent, the Advent Wreath takes precedence. Continue your mealtime prayers around it.

Because some Christmas decorations have often lost their original religious meaning, churches should be rather circumspect about employing them and should do so with great discretion. If used at all, these decorations are best set up on Christmas Eve so as to respect the integrity of the Advent Season. Christmas trees are preferably kept out of the sanctuary and church proper. They are best left in vestibules or church grounds. This has been the practice in St. Peter's Square from the time of St. Pope John Paul II.

As far as possible, decorations should be religiously themed, leaving plastic reindeer, sugar canes and Santa Clauses in the local shopping mall or at least within the confines of the parish hall for children's events and not in the church proper.

Within the church proper, apart from the crib, Christmas may be evoked by using, for example, traditional poinsettias, holly and other traditional elements according to the culture.

(This piece was excerpted from one written by Fr. Richard Vigoa, the former secretary to Archbishop Wenski.)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the months of October and November (8 Fridays- closed on 11/29), St. Vincent de Paul Society served 1,665 clients representing 6,095 individuals. Expenses for the 2 months were \$18,884.03. This amount represents rent and utility assistance for several clients, operating expenses, and Publix gift cards which were given to all registered clients before Thanksgiving. This is possible because of the incredible generosity of surrounding parishes, some businesses, and many individuals.

Thank you to all that help support St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benive-
na, 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.,
Fr. Robert (Bob) Traupman, Renette
Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC,
Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica
Yassa, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday December 16 NO MASS

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am †Federico Perez
by John & Ron

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am Past & Present Members
& Benefactors of
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday December 19

8:00am †Rudy Pasko
by Neil, Eal & Diana
Chamberland

Friday December 20

8:00am †Bill Crepage by Parish

Saturday, December 21

4:00pm For All Parish Volunteers
For the Work of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday, December 22

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am †Robert D. Joyce
by Judy Dempsey
†Bernard & Shirley
Sharkey by Family