

DECEMBER 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of ADVENT

A Time to Prepare



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

VIGIL 4:00 pm

SUNDAY

9:00 am & 10:45 am

DAILY (TUES - FRIDAY) 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 6:50 pm

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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Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 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
December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
Is35:1-6a,10;Jas5:7-10;Mt11:2-11
Gaudete Sunday

SPIRITUAL LIFE



The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feast of the United States
of America

Holy Day of Obligation
December 8th,
(Tomorrow, Monday)

MASS TIMES:
8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Let us all join in
celebration this day.

RECONCILIATION Evening With the Eucharist

Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Join Fr. Bob and Fr. Kris for a
Service of Reconciliation.

Let the Lord free you from the burden of guilt
from your frailty and sin.

PARISH LIFE

Schedule of Liturgies for Nativity of the Lord (CHRISTMAS)

Wednesday the 24th
Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Mass During the Night
11:00 PM
Thursday the 25th
Mass During the Day
10:45 AM

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.

Father Bob tithes too.

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:	259
Tithes Collected:	\$4,236.50
Per Capita:	\$16.36
Attendance for 11/23/25:	278
Tithes Collected:	\$5,447.00
Per Capita:	\$19.59

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach Publix Cards Drive

Please donate Publix Gift cards in increments of \$10.00 each. Please donate as many as you can afford.

This will help St. Vincent de Paul Society provide supplies for families during the Holidays as well as other times of the year as needed.

Each year we provide Publix Gift Cards to our clients. This permits us to be most effective and efficient. Many of our clients have no way to cook. Thus, with the cards, they are able to procure what works best for them.

Whenever there are extra cards left over, we use them for other emergencies.

Thank you for your Stewardship!!

-Fr. Bob & Steve Flood



Together We Pray For

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Kathleen Campion, Helene Falzarano, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Langan Family, Jackie & Walter Lekacz, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Carlos Morejon, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Brad Schroder, Fr. Robert (Bob) Traupman, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 6

4:00pm † Fr. Ken Wolnowski

SUNDAY, December 7

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Eleanor T. Brinkley
by Douglas Brinkley

MONDAY, December 8

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am Blessed Sacrament Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am † Tim Creekmore
by Mary & Lauren

THURSDAY, December 11

10:00am † Deased of the Parish

FRIDAY, December 12

8:00am † Norman Pratis
by Parish

SATURDAY, December 13

4:00pm Priests of the Archdiocese

SUNDAY, December 14

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Enrique Jimenez &
Nanette Boyd-De Arias



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