

DECEMBER 14, 2025

# The Third Sunday of **ADVENT**

**A Time to Prepare**

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Music Director  
Daniel J. Perez

### 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.

# DECEMBER 14, 2025

## Third Sunday of Advent

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**  
**Psalms 146**  
**James 5:7-10**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**

### The Two Cousins Have Brought Us Hope

Yes, John the Baptizer and Jesus were cousins. The path to salvation comes through Jesus with Cousin John clearing the way. Remember John said in John 1:23 "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord, 'as the prophet Isaiah said.'" (John was associating himself with what is said in Isaiah 40:3.)

In our gospel passage today, Matthew 11, John who was in prison at the time, sends his own disciples to Jesus. He sends them to make clear what John was hearing about Jesus. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus replies by referencing all the signs He was performing in public. "Go and tell John what you hear and see...." (Read the passage to get the details.) Jesus trusted that John would be able to interpret what Jesus was telling him.

You see, all the miracles Jesus performed were more than mere medical cures. They were signs of divine salvation!

Jesus concludes, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." Surely, John would not take offense. John would understand the signs. And with his understanding, he would know Jesus is surely the one he, John, was preparing everyone to meet and see.

It seems this was the "hand off." John could now stand down. His role had been fulfilled. And John could rest in peace knowing he had fulfilled his role. He had prepared the way for the Messiah. The path was made straight. The people who followed on the path John had paved can now find Jesus! And Jesus was saying, "thanks cousin. Our Father in Heaven is pleased with what you have done. Now, I got this. Now all those you have worked to lead to me may come. The little ones, who truly are the great ones who the Father is so concerned about, have the way cleared for them."

Now, in this time, our time, what was parched land is exulted. It has been watered by the Messiah. It is fertile now. All who live on the earth may now have

hope. The way has been cleared, and evil can no longer prevail. Finding the way to the Father is not so difficult. All we need to do is walk the path as the people of God, the Church.

Thanks to the two cousins, we may live in the Hope of Salvation

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Is7:10-14;Rom1:1-7;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.*

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>Tithes Collected:</b>	<b>\$9,310.00</b>
<b>Per Capita:</b>	<b>\$37.69</b>

<b>Attendance for Immaculate Conception:</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Collection:</b>	<b>\$846.00</b>

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

### 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.

### RECONCILIATION

#### Evening With the Eucharist

**Thursday, December 18th at 7:00PM**

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

### Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach Publix Cards Drive

Please donate Publix Gift cards in increments of \$10.00 each. You may 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.

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

**Thank you for your Stewardship!!**

*-Fr. Bob & Steve Flood*

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

AT 5:30PM

*The Cathedral of St. Mary*

**Celebrant: The Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski,  
Archbishop of Miami**



All couples in the Catholic Church celebrating their **Paper (1st year), Silver (25th year), or Gold+ (50th+ year)** wedding anniversary in 2026 are cordially invited.

During mass, couples will renew their marriage promises.

For more information, email [cshaw@theadom.org](mailto:cshaw@theadom.org)

**Couples wishing to have their photograph taken with Archbishop Wenski are encouraged to arrive by 4:00PM.**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, December 13

4:00pm Priests of the Archdiocese

#### SUNDAY, December 14

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Enrique Jimenez &  
Nanette Boyd-DeArias  
by Juan Pons

#### MONDAY, December 15 | NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00am † John & Jennie Matyi  
by Friend

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

#### THURSDAY, December 18

10:00am † Joe Johnson by Parish

#### FRIDAY, December 19

8:00am † Felix & Anna Cervera  
by Family

#### SATURDAY, December 20

4:00pm † Joseph Waterwash  
by Paul & Marylou  
Adams  
† Grace Smith  
by Ralph Caraglia

#### SUNDAY, December 21

9:00am † Robert D. Joyce  
by Judy Dempsey  
10:45am † Bernard & Shirley  
Sharkey by Family  
† John Pell  
by James McGrath



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