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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm 370 SW 3rd St. • Boca Raton • FL 33432 561.392.0007 • 561.392.0074 Fax Saturday 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Gift Shop • 561.393.0006

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS 561.392.7974 • 561.368.6671 Fax Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm

### **DAILY MASSES**

Mon. – Fri. 8:15am & 12:15pm Saturdays: 8:15am & 4:30pm Vigil Mass

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm (Spanish)

### MASS SCHEDULE ON:

Eve of Holy Days: 6:00pm Holy Days: 8:15am, 12:15pm Holidays: One Mass at 9:00am

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 3-4:00pm, Sun. 4:50-5:20pm Spanish

### ADORATION

Tuesdays 4:00pm to 8:30pm Fridays from 9:00am to 8:30pm

### **BAPTISMS**

Call the Parish Office 561.392.0007

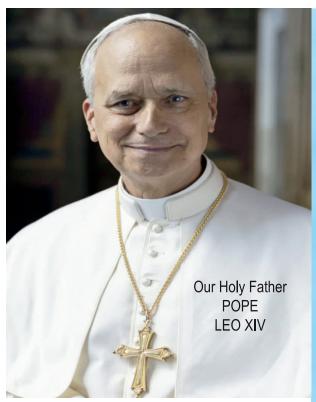
### **MARRIAGES**

Must be registered parishioner/s for at least 6 months before the wedding date



**November 30, 2025** 

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2 1-5 SECOND READING: ROMANS 13: 11-14 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24: 37-44



pontifex EN: Our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together, when we succeed in experiencing authentic, informal bonds with the people around us. If we close in on ourselves, we risk growing sick with loneliness, or even narcissism, which leads us to care for others only out of self-interest. #GeneralAudience

ES: Nuestra humanidad se realiza mejor cuando estamos y vivimos juntos, cuando somos capaces de experimentar vínculos auténticos, no formales, con las personas que tenemos al lado. Si nos encerramos en nosotros mismos, corremos el riesgo de enfermarnos de soledad e incluso de caer en un narcisismo que se preocupa de los demás solo por interés. #AudienciaGeneral

### REMEMBER YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Side by side we have been here for you through important family events. At Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Hospital Visits and Last Rites, we are there in support; just as your family would be. Please consider remembering St. Joan of Arc in your will, for donations in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in lieu of flowers. Please call 561.952.2868 for more information.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 to NOVEMBER 29, 2025

### SATURDAY — November 29

4:30pm +Barbara D'Amico • +Ernest martens by the Dagistino Family

+Carl Kidawsla by J. Paloma

### SUNDAY - November 30 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30am +Raymond Sheldon by family • +Catherine Toomey by the Cipolla family

+Maryann Ladika by the Cipolla family

9:15am +Alice Marie Wojuaye by Patty Eckert • +Richard Marx by Annemarie Brisson

10:45 am Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • +Georgine Burke by Hurtado family

+John Waterhouse by Regina

12:15pm +Gregory Lacivita by his wife Debbie • Gregory Petersen by Jessie Matu**ll**o

5:30pm +Raymond John Gonzalez by Alcira Gonzalez

### MONDAY - December 1

8:15am +Helene Farrell by the Aymonin Family • +Margie Davis by April and Bob 12:15pm Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • +Ron Crocoran by Eileen Breitkreutz

### TUESDAY - December 2

8:15am +Augusto Paloma by J. Paloma • +Eddie Farrell by the Aymonin Family
12:15pm Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • Elena Didier by Frank, Lana and family

+Mario DiPesa by Frank, Lana and family

### WEDNESDAY - December 3

8:15am + Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom • Iris Ramos • Casey Clarity

9:30am St. Joan of Arc parishioners and benefactors

12:15pm +Mary Ann Wheeler by Patsy Davis • Loving son by loving mother

Lilian by Christian Formation class

### THURSDAY - December 4

8:15am +John Rodriguez • +Monsignor Michael D. McGraw
12:15pm +Evelyn Mirabelli by Paul • Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

Lilian by Christian Formation class

### FRIDAY - December 5

8:15am Juliana Prada Morales and her pregnancy by the Vanegas family

12:15pm Vanessa Gallegas for intentions and protection

Alcira Gonzalez

Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

### SATURDAY - December 6

8:15am +Adriano Vala by the brothers and sisters

Deacon Jedidiah Preble by mom

St. Joan of Arc 's **Eucharistic Ministers** bring Holy Communion to the sick and Fr. Chidi Ogbuagu serves as Hospital Chaplain at **Baptist Health Hospital**. For **Anointing of the Sick Sacrament** we advise you to request his visit at the hospital customer service or you can also call our Parish Office to schedule his visit.



**Fr. Chidi** is a new resident priest here at St. Joan of Arc Church and School. We welcome him to our parish family!



St. Joan of Arc

PASTORAL STAFF: Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez, V.F., Fr. Junesh Xavier, Fr. Armando Leon, Fr. Michael Driscoll, Fr. Adam Forno, Fr. Richard Moran, Fr. Chidi Ogbuagu, Fr. Peter Wojuaye Deacon Bill Watzek, Deacon Michael Zatarga, Deacon Oscar Rodriguez





### Giving Tuesday & End-of-Year Appeal: Restoring the Kilby House for Our Mission

As we approach Giving Tuesday and the blessed season of year-end thanksgiving, we invite our parish family to join together in an important effort: the restoration and renewal of the Kilby House/Old Rectory, a historic home that has long served the spiritual life of our community.

Built around the same era as our convent, now undergoing its own renovation, the Kilby House stands as a reminder of our parish's rich history and the faithful who came before us. Today, it continues to serve an essential purpose as the residence for our visiting priests. However, like many aging structures, it now requires significant updates to ensure it can safely and comfortably support the ministry of those who serve us.

### Why We Need Your Help

The Kilby House needs essential upgrades to meet current safety and building standards. With God's grace and your generosity, we hope to complete: Roof replacement, Updated and energy-efficient windows, A renovated kitchen, Modernized bathrooms, Electrical, plumbing, and safety improvements, Other vital repairs to bring the home up to code These renovations are not only necessary, they are an investment in the mission and future of our parish.

### Blessed and Approved for Giving Tuesday

We are grateful to share that Bishop Barbarito has approved a \$250,000 Giving Tuesday appeal dedicated to these much-needed repairs. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our parish to care for the very spaces that shelter those who shepherd us.

### Your Gift Makes a Difference

As you prayerfully consider your end-of-year giving, please remember that all donations are tax-deductible. No gift is too small. Together, we can preserve this beloved home and ensure a safe, welcoming residence for the priests who support our spiritual life.

Your generosity today will help strengthen our parish for generations to come. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for being a vital part of our parish family. May God bless you for your kindness and stewardship.

### Ways to give:

- One-Time Donation or Pledge Over Time Donation
- End-of-Year Giving: This project offers a meaningful tax-deductible way to allocate your year-end gifting and support a cause that will have a lasting impact on our community.
- Corporate Sponsorships: If you own or work for a business, consider a corporate sponsorship.
- Online: Donations can be made securely through our website at www.stjoan.org Please specify KILBY RESTORATION
- Check: Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc Church and note "Kilby House Restoration" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to St. Joan of Arc Parish Office, 370 SW 3rd Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432.
- Call Us: For more information or to discuss your contribution, please contact Mary Jane Sullivan at 561-392-0007 or sullivan\_maryjane@stjoan.org



### Presents:

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY CHORAL GROUPS, FRIENDS & ALUMNI SCHOLA CANTORUM OF FLORIDA

Admission: \$20 (Proceeds benefit SJA Parish) Bring your friends and family to kick-off the Advent Season

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/han-dels-messiah-tickets-1671383987499

Dr. Patricia P. Fleitas, DMA CONDUCTOR

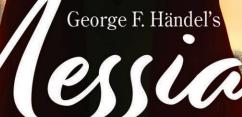
Rose Mannino-Daniels, DMA

Monica Berovides-Hidalgo MEZZO-SOPRANO

> Erick Crow TENOR

Matthew Daniels
BARITONE

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**DECEMBER 5, 2025** 7:00 pm

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH BOCA RATON • FLORIDA









Silver Sleigh Bells Gala – A Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our **St. Joan of Arc's Silver Sleigh Bells Gala Sponsors**, Table Sponsors, Gala Angels Committee, Couples and Individuals attending, Volunteers, Staff, Item Donors, Monetary Donors, and every member of our community who has contributed to this year's Silver Sleigh Bells Gala. Your generosity and joyful participation have made this event truly special.

We look forward to celebrating with you on **Saturday**, **December 6 at 6:00pm** at **The Club at Boca Pointe!** The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration and a testament to what we can accomplish when we minister together for the flourishing of our parish and school.

We invite you to visit our Gala website to explore the many Live and Silent Auction items available. Take a moment to browse, and consider bidding on the beautiful baskets, perfect for holiday gift-giving!

Please remember to pre-register on the website to help us avoid lines at the entrance.

Get ready for a night filled with fun, laughter, fellowship, and generosity, complete with great food, wonderful company, lively entertainment, and plenty of dancing!

### **WEEKLY TREASURE**

We ask you to please continue to support your church, The Weekly Offertory Collection for November 22/23 will be published next week, due to early bulletin printing deadlines. You can mail in your envelopes to St. Joan of Arc, or click on the secure yellow "Donate" button located on our website stjoan.org. We can also securely store your donation information by filling-in the Online Credit Card Authorization Form that can also be found on our website under WAYS TO GIVE. St. Joan of Arc appreciates whatever support you are able to offer.



December 7
Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 11 1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Anasaii, Viole Anderson, Joanne Anderson, Michael Angove, Cathy Azzinaro, Patty Sue Barbis-Tanii, Émilia Baeza, Laura Berman, Monique Bernstein, Joy Bernabey, Andrea Bonilla Luis Benavides W. Alfredo Bernabev, Andrea Bouchard, Carolyn Brown, Ted Burton, Tummy Marie Caceres, Gustavo Caica Claudia Campbell, Carol Cancel, Sal Carl, Marylin Carrera, Monica Castelli, Angela Campbell, Virginia Carrigan Doreen Casagnol, Alix Castillero, Lilia Castro, Rosa Chapa, Jennifer Chapa, Juliana Chapa, Rodney Clarity, Casey Clark, Emmit Cluster, Mike Cluster, Francene Collins Brooke Cominski Bill Cordoba, Jeannette

Cordoba, Fernando Cwal, Anna Cwalinski, Paul D'Amico Mr & Mrs David. Betty Davidson, Nelda Davidson, Rosa Des Maris, Jean Charles De Souza Deborah Diamond Richard Di Federico, Carmen Dole, Rana Dunne, Joyce Duque, Luz Durant, Alyssa Fastes Andrea Farrell Helene Frazier, Natalie Forno, Ann Funk, James Galeano, Camilo Gallardo, Cindy Ryan Ganley, Frank Garavito, Caitlin Garcia, Stephanie Geraci, Frank Giannetti, Maria Gibmeyer, George & Debbie Giguere, Gerald Giguere. Theresa Golembeski, Vincent Gustus, Annette Halperin de Soihet, Fanny Handal, Richard Hasey, William Hennessey Shirley Hodar, Pamela Hoot, Linda

Huguet, Luis Benjamín Hynes, Billy Hynes, Rita Jacob Kim Jara, Patricia Jimenez, Mia Isabel Kabbas, Diane Kabbas, Elise Kayle, Mildred Kallaher Colleen Kelleher John Knickman, Shane Krolikowski, Johnny Kussack, Russ Lango, John LaPan, Rebekah, Maggic and Carol LaRiche, James Laroche, Ashley Layer, Robert Le Bienvenu, Christian Ledin, Murry Leey, Patrica Leturmy, Larry Levi, Elio Leon, Marion Lobaton, Rossi Lombardi, Anthony Lombardi Juliana Kay Lopes, Felisberto Lopez Torres, Anita Lopez, Fernando Javier Lopez, Carlos La Rota, Antonia Lvnch, Chuck Malonev. Jim Maingot, Keith

Maingot, Mary

Mantey, Sandra Martinengo Pino, Lucila Martinez, Joel Mena Suzanne Mendez Thorne, Rosario Medina, Luis Javier Montigny, Cathy Morgan, Todd Mullen, Peter Murphy, April Nowak, Andrzei O'Toole, Dennis Oncon, Andres Pardo, Figueroa Palacios, Teresa Peterson, Niles Petkovik, P.J.Predrag Phillips Caryn Pittaluga, Madelon Polland, Rebecca Prieto, Maria Fernanda Pratt. Kinsley Quillard, Millie Ramos, Iris Randall, Fr. Robert Rauchfleisch, Mark Raudenbush, John Rebata de Gruber Elsa Recharte, Carlos Restrepo, Jaime Rende, Mary Ritacco, Candace Rodriguez, Ramon Roberts, Robyn Roggenburg, Marcela Rosas-Moran Tetete Rov. Barbara Ruscito, Nancy

Saavedra Burbank, Lea Salamack, Debbie Sanders, Dylan Saunders, Cindy Saunders, Jackie Sarra, Carolina Sgarlato, Mary Ann Sedlik, Steven Shepherd, Alan Shoopman, Sarah Silva, Kevin Silva Moreira, Maria M. Solari, Pablo Spinella, Grace Sreenan, Alex Strazzulla, Chris Stefancic, Guido Steinemann, Anne Stewart Mendez, Rocio Tarlow, Chris Thompson, Jaqueline Torreión, Rodrigo Torres, Andres Torres Yañez, Juana Torres, Rosa Thomsen, Donna Trupiano, Anthony Turner, Sarah Urbina, Bertha Vargas, Rosa Vass, OSC. Sr. Frances Velotta, Louis Vera, Isabella Regina Vetto, Regina Wachowiz, Jamey Wilt, Marge Whitney, Beverly Wilhelm, Karl Williams, John Wolff, Michael Wooley, Bill Zaloom, Mr. & Mrs. Zatarga, Deacon Mike

Russell, Taxo



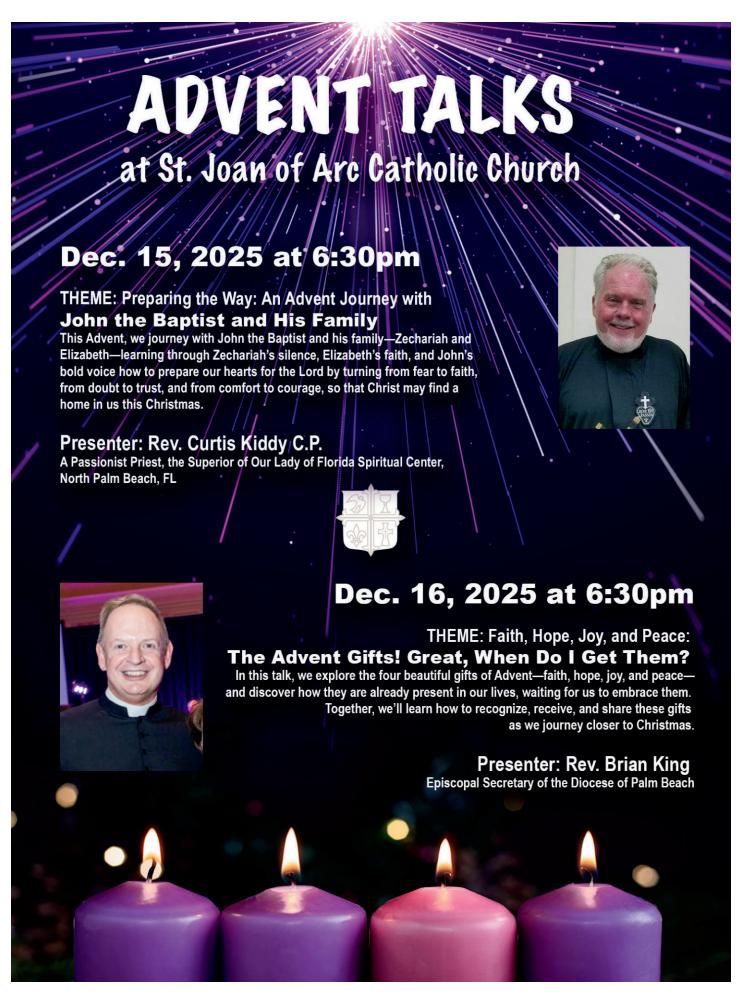
# HELP DECORATE YOUR CHURCH WITH POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMASTIME

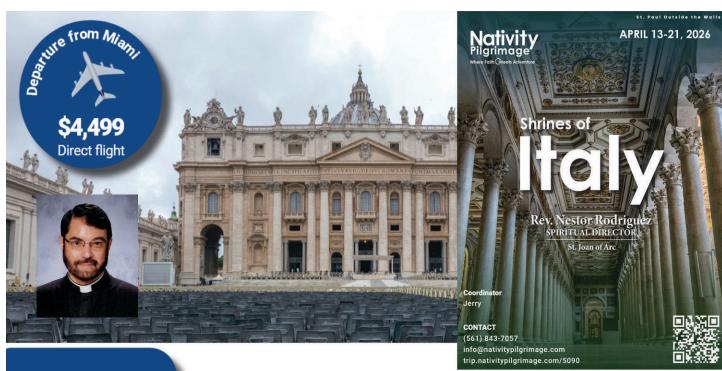
Plants can be donated to honor a loved one or in loving memory of a deceased person.

\$30 per plant

Please fill-in the envelopes located on the church credenzas. Names will be listed in the Bulletin in January 2026.









- + Round-trip airfare
- + Airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- + Four-Star hotels
- + Ground transportation
- + Daily breakfast & dinner
- + Entry/admission fees as per itinerary
- + Professional tour guides
- + Daily Masses
- + Medical insurance



- x Trip-cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost)
- x Passport/Visa costs
- x Tips for your tour guide and driver
- x Personal items/expenses
- x Meals not specified in the itinerary
- x Items not specifically mentioned above.

### **DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ITALY**

Your exciting pilgrimage starts today as you board your flight to Rome! Embrace the incredible spiritual journey ahead in Italy, cherishing every moment of this remarkable adventure across the Atlantic.

### **DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ROME**

Welcome to beautiful Rome! We're thrilled to meet our guide and driver as we board our touring vehicle for a panoramic tour of the "Eternal City." We'll visit the iconic Trevi Fountain, where you'll have time for lunch. After settling into your hotel, enjoy a delightful dinner and a restful night-an amazing start to your Roman adventure!

### DAY 3: PAPAL AUDIENCE | THE VATICAN

Join us for an unforgettable experience at the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square every Wednesday! Afterward, we'll explore St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, including Michelangelo's Pieta, the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel with the Last Judgment. Lastly, we'll visit Saint John Paul H's tomb before continuing to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. After a day of beauty and spirituality, enjoy dinner and relax at your hotel.

### **DAY 4: ROME**

Get ready for an enriching morning of history and spirituality! Start with breakfast before visiting the Basilica of St. John the

Lateran, Rome's oldest major basilica. Next, reflect at the Holy Stairs, followed by a stroll down the ancient Appian Way, with sites like the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel and the Baths of Caracalla. Finally, explore the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul. End the day with a cozy dinner and a relaxing hotel stay.

### DAY 5: ASSISI

Join us on a journey to Assisi, the home of Saint Francis! We'll visit the Basilica of St. Francis to pray at his tomb and explore the chapel where he prayed. Next, we'll see the Church of St. Clare and the St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. Enjoy free time in the medieval streets for shopping and lunch before visiting the Santuario Della Spogliazione to see Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb. The day will end with dinner and a restful overnight stay at your hotel, creating wonderful memories!

### DAY 6: LORETO/ LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Join us as we journey to the beautiful Adriatic coast to visit the Marian shrine of Loreto, home to the Holy House of Nazareth. Next, we'll head to the historic town of Lanciano, where we'll celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus, known for the remarkable Eucharistic Miracle of the eighth century. Afterward, you'll have free time to explore Lanciano before continuing to San Giovanni Rotondo. We'll end the day with a



Mass is celebrated daily. Locations subject to time & availability.



# Online mini-retreat | Saturday, December 13 | 2:00-3:30 p.m. Prepare the Way. Prepare your Hearts. AIM invites you to an Advent retreat on Zoom. While AIM retreats are designed for individuals with physical disabilities, or those who have limited mobility due to aging, anyone is welcome to attend. For Zoom link, contact Margarita Castellon at 954-821-6077

delicious dinner and a restful night at our hotel.

### DAY 7: SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ MONTE SANT' ANGELO

What a wonderful day lies ahead! After breakfast, we'll explore the Old Church, where you can admire the crucifix where St. Pio received the stigmata and visit his cherished confessional. Then, we'll take a scenic bus ride to the historic Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. After some free time to enjoy the area, we'll return to San Giovanni Rotondo, enjoying beautiful ocean and countryside views. We'll end the day with a lovely dinner and an overnight at your hotel.

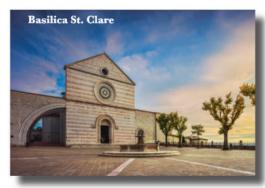
### **DAY 8: MONTE CASSINO I ROME**

As we journey north through the stunning Italian countryside with its vibrant vine-yards and olive groves, we'll frrst stop at Monte Cassino, established by St. Benedict in 529. We'll explore the impressive Abbey of Monte Cassino and the Church of St. Peter and Paul. After this delightful day, we'll head to Rome for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and comfortable accommodations at your hotel.

### **DAY 9: RETURN FLIGHT HOME**

This morning, we're gearing up for our journey back home as we make our way to the airport to catch our flight!





# HOW TO REGISTER

- \* Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport, or use the QR code below to register online.
- Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly.
- U.S. passports must be current up to six months after the return date.
- \* We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- \* Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 1/02/2026.





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# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

ReligiousEd@stjoan.org • 561-391-4345 Summer Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 9AM-4PM Fri: 9AM-4PM • Sat-Sun: Closed

\*\*\*RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES\*\*PARENTS CLASSES\*\*\* Every Wednesday at 5:30pm \*\*\*Catechesis of THE GOOD SHEPHERD\*\*\* PreK & Kindergarten Montessori Catholic Based at 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Blessing of the Creche Ceremony at Sanborn Square Park December 1st at 6pm

**COMING SOON \*\*\*Catholics Tots\*\*\* Mommy & Me Format** Open online enrollment in our website \*Liturgy of The of the Word with Children During Sunday Mass\*

### \*\*\* CONFIRMATION 2026 \*\*\*

**Students Mandatory Retreat Saturday** Saturday September 26, 2026, at Amoris Christy CONFIRMATION Day Saturday October 10th, 2026, at 11 am

\*\*\* ADULTS CONFIRMATION 2025-2026 \*\*\* Confirmation is Saturday, April 4th at 7pm in the Church.

ADULTS SACRAMENTS - OCIA ENGLISH AND SPANISH 2025-2026 Classes are every Monday at 7pm

> **BAPTISMS Classes for Parents and Godparents** Please contact the Parish Office to sign up





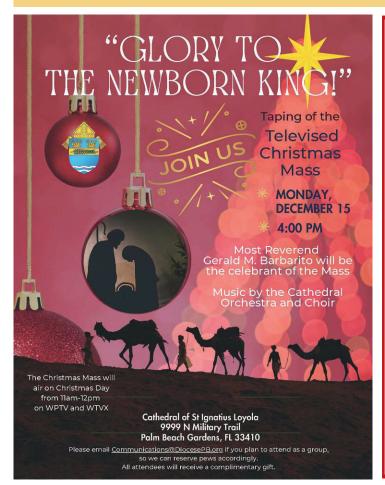
### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!









# Virgen de Guadalupe



Father of Mercy, you have placed your people under the special protection of the ever Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, Mother of your Son, grant that through her intercession we may deepen our faith and seek the advancement of our country through paths of justice and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH MERCY CENTER

- 6:30 PM Procession / Rosary
- 7:00 PM Mass
- 8:00 PM Dinner, tickets \$25 per person

Ticket sales: ERIKA CANCINO 954-873-9346





### **Christmas Caroling**

Come join The Men's Ministry, The Knights of Columbus and The Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners as we go Christmas Caroling to the surrounding Elderly Care Facilities.

We will meet on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the main church parking lot to hand out song sheets, funny hats and bags of gifts and candies to select Christmas Elves. The Caroling will commence at Avante, 1130 NW 15th St., Boca Raton, FL 33486-1331 where we will start Caroling at 6:00 pm promptly. Then we will walk over to The Atrium, 1080 NW 15th St., Boca Raton, FL 33486-1331 where we will start Caroling in the lobby at 7:00 pm promptly. We will then drive over to the Boca Rehab at 755 Meadows Rd. across from Boca Raton Community Hospital where we will start Caroling at 8:00 pm promptly.

Please bring your silly Christmas hats and musical instruments. All Carolers are welcome to participate.

All Carolers should be prepared to wear masks for the safety of all involved if requested by the facility.

Students receive Service Hours

Contact: Jose Hernandez, 561-654-3470

Help us hand out Christmas stickers, stuffed toys, candy and chocolates to the patients, but please ask if they are diabetic before dispensing the treat.

Ho Ho, let's Go Go Go Keep Christ in Christmas



# WOMEN OF GRACE MORNING OF GRACE



# Father Junesh Xavier is our speaker!

Join other Women in a Sisterhood for a Potluck Continental Breakfast, Prayer, and ongoing Spiritual Formation. Date: **Saturday**,

Date: Saturday,
December 6

Time: 9:00 - 11:00am Mercy Center upstairs (look for the balloons) Bring a Friend and a breakfast item to share.



# Blessing of the Creche



# MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st at 6:00pm



Please join our parish family at our Annual Blessing of the Creche in Sanborn Square Park 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

Live Nativity by our SJA Children, Prayer and Blessing of the Creche, Christmas Carols for all!

### MINISTERIO HISPANO DE LA

### GLESIA CATOLICA

# Sta. Juana De Arco



MINISTERIO HISPANO

# Virgen de Guadalupe



Padre de Misericordia, que has puesto a este pueblo tuyo bajo la especial protección de la siempre Virgen María de Guadalupe, Madre de tu Hijo, concédenos, por su intercesión, profundizar en nuestra fe y buscar el progreso de nuestra patria por caminos de justicia y de paz. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén.

### VIERNES, DICIEMBRE 12 MERCY CENTER

- 6:30 PM Procesión / Rosario
- 7:00 PM Misa
- · 8:00 PM Cena, tickets \$25 por persona

Venta de tickets: ERIKA CANCINO 954-873-9346







Primer domingo de Adviento Primera Lectura: Isaís 2 1-5 Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13: 11-14

Evangelio: Mateo 24: 37-44

### CONSEJO DEL PAPA FRANCISCO EN EL DE SU PONTIFICADO

Primer Año como El Adviento es un regalo: te da cuatro semanas para pre-parar el nacimiento del Niño Dios. ¡Cuántas veces habrás deseado haber vi-vido hace dos mil años para ofrecer a la Sagrada Familia una habitación más digna en esa primera Nochebuena! Muchas veces te habrás imaginado ayu-dando a san José a preparar la cuna del Niño, y —las mamás más experimen-tadas— enseñando a la Virgen cómo bañar al bebé recién nacido.

Estas cuatro semanas de Adviento son una máquina del tiempo: te dan la oportunidad de acompañar a la Sagrada Familia en el camino hacia Belén. ¿No quisieras aprovechar cada instante con ellos? Sería una pena decirles: no puedo, estoy muy ocupado para ir con ustedes.

### NOS VENDRÍA BIEN ESTAR UN POCO EN SILENCIO, PARA OÍR LA VOZ DEL AMOR.

«La Navidad suele ser una fiesta ruidosa: nos vendría bien estar un poco en silencio, para oír la voz del Amor». Estas palabras del Papa Francisco, pro-nunciadas durante su primer año de pontificado, inspiran el reto para este primer domingo de Adviento. «El orden proporcionará paz a tu corazón» La lucha por adquirir esta vir-tud «no solo tiene que ver con las cosas que manejamos y las tareas que lle-nan nuestro día, sino también con nuestro corazón». Esta primera semana de Adviento queremos proponerte este reto: ojalá así puedas aprovechar cada instante junto al joven matrimonio de Nazaret, y ellos te revelarán el secreto para recibir al Niño con un corazón grande.

### Algunas ideas para vivir el reto de esta semana:

- 1. Haz una lista de tus pendientes: poner las cosas por escrito te ayudará a ordenar tu cabeza.
- 2. Prioriza: ¿qué cosas son esenciales? ¿Qué cosas puedes delegar? Apó-yate en tu familia y amigos.
- 3. Piensa en un horario para cada día, partiendo de las cosas más impor-tantes. No olvides tener ratos de oración; también puedes animarte a rezar el rosario en familia.
- 4. Puedes organizar con tu familia un día de limpieza en casa para sacar cosas que ya no usen; lo que tú ya no necesitas puede servir a alguien más.



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

**AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) Men & Women** - Saturdays meetings at Immaculata Center. Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm.

The Newcomers group meets on THURSDAY night in the Conference Romm A (2nd floor of the "Ministry Building") beginning at 6:30pm. Contact Pat McLaughlin 561 239 2462 or April Stone 760 717 5184 for more information.

Al-Anon - Meet Mondays 7:00-8:15pm in the Kilby House. Call Lucy at 915-799-7699 & Alateen Saturdays 10:00am -12:00pm 2nd floor of the Education Bldg. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesdays: 4pm to 8:30pm Fridays: 9am to 7pm, 7 until 8:30pm Bilingual Rosary and Meditation. Would you sign—up for a weekly Adoration Hour? Please without such personal commitment Adoration cannot continue. Please be a Eucharistic Adorer and commit to one hour. Call Laura at 561.702.3303 or Rosie at 954.534.5380 or 561.392.0007

CARE MINISTRY & FOOD PANTRY: Offers aid to confirmed residents of Boca Raton or Delray Beach who find themselves in crisis situations with rent, electric or water bills, childcare, etc. Hours of operation on Monday, Tuesday and Friday are from 9:00am to 12noon. Clients must call ahead in order to schedule an appointment: 561.962.6000. We also have a Food Pantry to supply those in need with basic food items. The Food Pantry is open to registered clients only on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12 noon. Clients must have a pre-scheduled appointment time to receive food. The vast majority of the SJA Care Ministry resources are donations of Time, Talent and Treasure from the generous hearts of our parishioners. All donations, either monetary or food items go to help those in our community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING CENTER - Counseling services at Catholic Charities' satellite office at SJA's Kilby House by Professional Counselors. Services are available Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm. Contact our Counselor Maria Nowak: 561-952-2852 or email: amnowak@ccdpb.org. For scheduling please contact Maria Lumbi at counseling@ccdbp.org

**CENACULO de MARIA MADRE, GUARDIANA de la FE -** Reuniones del cenáculo todos los Miercoles a las 7:00pm en el Salon Santa Rosa de Lima del Kilby House de St. Joan of Arc.

**COLUMBIETTES** - Ladies group building a strong bond in our parish. Columbiettes, are religious convictions: Mass attendants, blood drives, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Bearevement Committee. Many members serve on various committees of their parish. Join us and help us make a difference by touching hearts and changing lives. For details call Terry Picinich at 561-901-7312.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)** - We are a joyful group acting through our members to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Our seven circles offer a variety of monthly meeting times. Join us and make new friends as we are Women Making a Difference. SJA Council of Catholic Women Circles: Santa Ana Circle, Last Wednesday of the month 7pm to 9pm, St. Martha & Mary Circle, 3rd Thursday 1 -2:30 P.M. Kilby House St. Monica Circle, 4th Monday 1-3 P.M. Kilby House

For more information, email stjoanccw@gmail.com.

**DAD'S CLUB** - Every Monday in Mercy Center at drop off - 7:45am. All dads in the Parish welcome. For more information contact the school office.

DAILY ROSARY: We pray the Holy Rosary at 4:00pm at the Marian Garden. GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS - When grief is shared, pain may be eased and life be more bearable because we see that we are not alone. The SJA Grief Support Program have been having small group meetings in the Kilby House on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. If you've lost a loved one and would like to participate in this program please call Marjorie O'Sullivan at 561.609.2542 or email osullivanmarjorie546@gmail.com.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** - Call us if you or someone you know is no longer able to attend Mass. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit the elderly & infirmed parishioners 561-392-0007.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - We are a part of this great dynamic Catholic International Organization. Contact: knights.council13051@gmail.com

**KOINONIA** - Our annual St. Joan of Arc Lenten Retreat. A spiritually uplifting weekend experience that takes place on our parish grounds. Please contact: John Stoltz at jcs0011@gmail.com or call 561-322-8819.

**MEN'S MINISTRY** - Strives to develop God-centered Catholic men through Christian fellowship, education and service. Meetings Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:15pm in Mercy Center's Room #209. All men of the parish are most welcome. Call Paul Paschke 561-392-2476.

MOTHER MARY CONTINUUM BIBLE STUDY Meet Fridays at St. Kateri Room in the Kilby House or online. We start with the Rosary at 9:15am. For additional information please contact Kathy Graham (kathymthgraham@gmail.com)

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS IN ENGLISH - First Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Please contact the Parish Office at 561-392-0007 to pre-register before attending. Then, you must attend your scheduled class & receive your verification at the class. You can pick up your certificate at the parish office.

CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL EN ESPANOL - Tercer Jueves del mes a las 6:30pm en Mercy Center, 2nd Floor. Por favor comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 561-392-0007 para pre-registrarse antes de asistir. Luego, Ud. debe asistir a la clase seleccionada y ahí recibirá su constacia y el certificado lo puede recoger en la oficina.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Mercy Center upstairs.

Contact George Kunzman at bridgefin@bellsouth.net or call 561-394-7128.

SJA SCHOOL ALUMNI - We invite you to register on our St. Joan of Arc website as an alumni if you haven't already done so at stjoan.org/school/alumni-outreach/

SPANISH ACTIVITIES:

Prayer Group – Every Tuesday at 7pm 2nd floor in Mercy Center.

SOULCORE CLASSES - SoulCore is an apostolate that nourishes mind, body and spirit by combining the prayers of the rosary with movement of gentle stretching and core strenthening exercises. Classes are offered Mondays at 5:15pm in Mercy Center (upstairs Msgr. McGraw Study Room), Wed. at 4pm at Emmanuel Church & Sat.

sunrise at Boca Beach at 6:45am. Please contact Ramona joachim for locations or

Rosary for Priestly Vocations – Wednesdays at 5pm in the SJA Chapel.

more info 561-866-4820

SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - The Diocese of Palm Beach's weekly Sunday morning Mass for the homebound airs on CW34 WTVX at 10:30am -11: 00am UPLIFT THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Please join UPLIFT, the Thursday morning Bible Study group. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 in Mercy Center, 2nd floor conference room. Please contact the Religious Education office to register (561-391-4345 or ReligiousEd@stjoan.org).

**USHERS** - Men & women at SJA represent the parish and the community in their function as hosts and hostesses at our liturgies.

For more information contact Javier Palermo via text at 561- 445-1782 or call Fr. Junesh Xavier at 561-392-0007.

**WOMEN OF GRACE** - Travel a spiritual pathway with the Blessed Mother through the Women of Grace Foundational nine-week program and discover your purpose, your mission, and the gift of your feminine genius! For more information contact Mary Indiviglio at maryind@aol.com

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