



CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7: 10-14 SECOND READING: ROMANS 1: 1-7

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1: 18-24

**December 21, 2025** 

IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 & WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026.

If there is an emergency and you need a priest, only in case of imminent death, please call **561-479-6031**.

We will happily schedule all other requests after January 5, 2026.



Our Holy Father POPE LEO XIV

pontifex EN: Christmas is almost here, and we want to ask the Lord that the joy of this Christmas season may be with all of you: your families, your loved ones. May you always remain in the Lord's hands in trust and the love that only God can give us. Best wishes to all!

ES: Ya estamos cerca de la fiesta de Navidad, y queremos pedirle al Señor que la alegría de este tiempo navideño los acompañe a todos: a sus familias, a sus seres queridos. Y que estén siempre en las manos del Señor con la confianza y el amor que solo Dios nos puede dar. ¡Felices fiestas a todos!

#### 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 DECEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 27, 2025

#### SATURDAY - December 20

4:30pm +Barbara D'Amico • +Helene Farrell by Pati Fizzano • Mary Wanninger by Joa An and Lud

#### SUNDAY - December 21

7:30am Jose Duran by family friend

9:15am +Alfonso Lopez Ore by Patty Delaney and family

10:45am +Peter and Santa Paradiso by Tony Paradiso • Thereza Oprea by Loving mother

12:15pm +Gregory Lacivita by his wife Debbie • Carol Hyde by Barbara Jackson

+Richard Donaldson by Annette Donaldson

5:30pm +Raul Sanchez Alvarez by Familia Sanchez • Angel Fernando Varela by Marcela Roggenburg

+Maylenis Blanco Amor by Mascela Roggenburg

#### MONDAY - December 22

8:15am Casey Clarity • Iris Ramos

12:15pm +K. Dale Doyle by Lori Doyle • +Alfonso Lopez Ore by Patty Delaney and family

#### TUESDAY - December 23

8:15am Brunilda and Victor Garcia wedding anniversary

12:15pm +Jose and Christina Balsan by Julie • +Thomas McGinleg by Marg

+Jose Babun Selman by family

#### WEDNESDAY - December 24

8:15am St Joan of Arc parishioners and benefactors

12:15pm +John Rodriguez

4:30pm Maria Miranti by Maria • +Violet Allawi by daughter • +Hanna Mourra by daughter

4:30pm +Jim Mantey by The St. Joan of Arc parish family (Mercy Center)

8:30pm +Rose Procacci by the St. Joan of Arc parish family • +Veronica Roselle by the family

10:00pm +Dr. Neta Kolasa and +Charles Krauser by the St. Joan of Arc parish family

12:00am Olga Fernandez • +Ana Alvarez • America Gonzalez

#### THURSDAY - December 25

7:30am +Anna Itwa Sil Woo and Simon Bong Woon Woo by Thuoca Woo

+Antonino Baldassarra by the family

9:15am +Mary Volpe by family • +Msgr. Michael D. McGraw by the St. Joan of Arc parish family

10:45am + Hanna and Andrezej Switalski by Joanna Garcia • + Holly Anderson by Patty Delaney

12:15pm +Ed and Bea Palguta by Sheri Lundquist • +Gloria Aliotta by Leonor Garcia

+Salvatore Aliotta by Leonor Garcia

#### FRIDAY- December 26

9:00am +Lillian and Emil Odierna • +Gale Steelman by husband Steve • +Guy Coutand by J. Paloma

### SATURDAY – December 27

8:15am +Adriano Vala by Isabelce and Celeste • +Gary Preble • Fr. Peter 7th Priestly Anniversary

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.





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



Dear St. Joan of Arc Church & School families.

As we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your families. May the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your homes with peace, love, and the light of God's abiding presence. In the humble manger of Bethlehem, we are reminded that God comes to us in simplicity and mercy, inviting us to welcome Him anew into our hearts and lives.

I offer my sincere gratitude to all our SJA ministries and volunteers who so generously live out the Gospel through works of mercy, service, and love. Your dedication and faith-filled commitment truly make our parish a living witness to the spirit of Christ. Through your service, our community continues to grow as a place of hope, compassion, and renewal.

As we look ahead to the New Year, I pray that the Lord blesses each of you with good health, strength, and renewed faith. May the coming year be filled with grace, joy, and many blessings, and may we continue to walk together as a parish family, guided by Christ's love and the teachings of our Church.

Wishing you all a most blessed and Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with peace and God's abundant blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Nestor Rodriguez V.F.

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Pastor





### WEEKLY TREASURE

We ask you to please continue to support your church. The Weekly Offertory Collection for December 13/14 totaled \$25,779. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary totaled \$2,125. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession & Mass totaled \$1,192. The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection totaled \$1,536. 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 28** The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Ana Mercedes Anasaii, Viole Anderson, Joanne Anderson, Michael Angove, Cathy Azzinaro, Patty Sue Barbis-Tanji, Emilia Baeza, Laura Berman, Monique Bernstein, Joy Bernabey, Andrea Bonilla, Luis Benavides W, Alfredo Bernabey, Andrea Bezjak Mark Bouchard, Carolyn Brown, Ted Burton, Tummy Marie Caceres, Gustavo Caica, Claudia Campbell, Carol Cancel, Sal Capriles, Nilse 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 Creighton, Monica Crucet, Fr. José Cwal, Anna Cwalinski, Paul D'Amico, Mr. & Mrs.

Alonzo Martnez,



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

David, Betty Davidson, Nelda Davidson, Rosa Des Maris, Jean Charles De Souza Deborah Diamond, Richard Di Federico, Carmen Dole, Rana Dunne, Joyce Dunning, Thomas Duque, Luz Durant, Alvssa Eastes, 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

Jara, Patricia Jimenez, Mia Isabel Kabbas, Diane Kahhas Flise Kayle, Mildred Kallaher, Colleen Kelleher, John Knickman, Shane Krolikowski, Johnny Kussack, Russ Lango, John LaPan, Rebekah, Maggic and Carol LaRiche, James Laroche, Ashlev Laver, 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 Lonez Carlos La Rota, Antonia Lynch, Chuck Maloney, Jim Maingot, Keith Maingot, Mary Mantey, Sandra Martinengo Pino, Lucila Martinez, Joel

Mena, Suzanne Mendez Thorne, Rosario Stefancic, Guido Medina, Luis Javier Montigny, Cathy Morgan, Todd Mullen, Peter Murphy, April Nowak, Andrzej 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 Roy, Barbara Ruscito, Nancy Russell Taxo Saavedra Burbank Lea

Salamack, Debbie

Sgarlato, Mary Ann Sedlik, Steven Shepherd, Alan Shoopman, Sarah Silva Kevin Silva Moreira, Maria M. Solari Pablo Spinella, Grace Sreenan, Alex Strazzulla, Chris Steinemann, Anne Stewart Mendez, Rocio Tarlow, Chris Thompson, Jaqueline Torrejón, 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

Sanders, Dylan

Saunders, Cindy Saunders Jackie

Sarra, Carolina



### St. Joan of Arc's Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

DEC. 24 DAY MASS SCHEDULE 8:15am & 12:15pm, in the Chapel (These are daily Masses and not considered a Christmas Eve Mass)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday, December 24 4:30pm (2 sites), 8:30pm &10:00pm (last English Mass of the day), 12:00am Midnight Spanish Mass (Misa de Gallo)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE Thursday, December 25 7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm (last Mass of the day)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday, December 27 Vigil Mass at 4:30pm Sunday, December 28 Masses at 7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm, Spanish Mass at 5:30pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Wednesday, December 31 9am – One Mass Chapel 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**NEW YEAR'S DAY / SOLEMNITY OF MARY,** THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2026 9:00 am - One Mass in Church

#### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, January 3, 2026 4:30pm Vigil Mass Sunday, January 4, 2026 7:30am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm and 5:30pm (Spanish Mass) With Warmest Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Grace-Filled and Healthy New Year



Very Rev. Nestor Rodriguez V.F., Pastor Fr. Junesh Xavier, Fr. Armando Leon, Parochial Vicars Deacon Bill Watzek, Deacon Michael Zatarga, Deacon Oscar Rodriguez Assisting Priests:

Fr. Michael Driscoll, Fr. Adam Forno, Fr. Richard Moran, Fr. Peter Wojuaye and the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Parish & School Staff 370 SW 3rd Street • Boca Raton • FL 33432 561.392.0007 • www.stjoan.org



### **End-of-Year Appeal: A Christmas Gift of Care and Hospitality**

As we enter the holy season of Christmas and approach the close of the year, we invite our parish family to consider a meaningful gift that will bless our parish for years to come—the restoration of the Kilby House (Old Rectory).

We are deeply grateful to all who generously supported our Giving Tuesday appeal. While we have not yet reached our goal, all end-of-year contributions will continue to support the Kilby House Restoration, an essential project that provides a safe and welcoming home for our visiting priests and currently for **Fr. Peter and Sister Cecilia**, whose loving ministry is a true blessing to our parish.

The Kilby House, built in the same era as our convent, is a treasured part of our parish history. Today, it requires critical repairs and updates, including roofing, windows, kitchen and bathroom renovations, and electrical, plumbing, and safety improvements, to meet current standards and continue serving those who serve us.

This Christmas, your gift is more than a donation, it is an act of hospitality, stewardship, and gratitude. By helping restore the Kilby House, you are caring for the clergy and religious who dedicate their lives to our spiritual home.

As you prayerfully consider your end-of-year, tax-deductible giving, please know that every gift, large or small, makes a difference. Together, we can preserve this historic home and strengthen our parish mission for generations to come.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may this Christmas season fill your hearts with peace and joy.

#### Ways to Give:

**Online:** Donate securely at www.stjoan.org https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\_button\_id=Z2ABU3WBW9G56 (Please specify Kilby House Restoration)



**Check:** Payable to St. Joan of Arc Church with

"Kilby House Restoration" in the memo

Mail to: 370 SW 3rd Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432

**Pledge or Corporate Sponsorships:** Available upon request **Questions?**:

Please contact Mary Jane Sullivan at 561-392-0007









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WE HAVE SOME OPEN SPOTS AVAILABLE IN PRE-K2, PRE-K4, & MIDDLE SCHOOL.



DON'T MISS OUT ON
THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!







 The child must be two and a half years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and fully potty trained.

### Pre-K4

- The child must be four years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and fully potty trained.
- We accept the VPK voucher.

## WHY CHOOSE US?

- Catholic Education
- STREAM Certified
- Caring, Experienced Teachers
- Safe & Supportive Environment
- Creative & Interactive Learning
- Modern Facilities & Play Areas



**Middle School** 

For More Information contact Marie Loomis at loomis\_marie@stjoan.org 561-392-7974 www.stjoanschool.org With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Diocese of Palm Beach
Joyfully Announces the Ordination of

Rev. Mr. Alpha Jorge Jedidiah Preble to the

Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit By His Excellency

The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola 9999 N. Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

View the livestream Mass at: cathedralpb.com Click on "Live Mass' button





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

Date: Saturday, January 3, 2026 Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am Place: St. Joan of Arc Church

Mercy Center upstairs (look for the balloons)

Bring a Friend and a breakfast item to share.

"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; He that has found one has found a treasure. There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend, and no scales can measure his excellence." (Sirach 6:14)

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday December 21, 2025

> St Joan of Arc Mercy Center

After the 7:30, 9:15, and 10:45 AM Masses

**Donations welcomed!** 







- + 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



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delicious dinner and a restful night at our hotel.

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

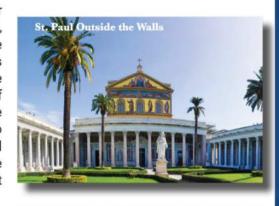
What a wonderful day lies ahead! After breakfast, we'll explore the Old Church, where you can admire the crucifix where St. Pio received the stigmata and visit his cherished confessional. Then, we'll take a scenic bus ride to the historic Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. After some free time to enjoy 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 and Kinder Montessori Catholic Based at 4:30pm to 6:30pm

#### STARTING IN JANUARY

\*\*\*Catholics Tots\*\*\*Mommy & Me Format
Open online enrollment in our website
\*Liturgy of The of the Word for Children 10:45am 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 on 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 for January 8th (English), 15 de Enero (Español)





# What Catholics Believe About Christmas: Traditions, Santa Claus

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

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!



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Acompáñanos a celebrar la llegada del niño Jesús con la

## NOVENA DE AGUINALDOS

Diciembre 21 4:45pm

Diciembre 22, 23 6:30pm

Diciembre 24 11:20pm

PALM COURT





# **CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST**

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RALLY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
CATHEDRAL OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

MONSIGNOR JAMES PATRICK SHEA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, RECENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS





MARIO ENZLER, FORMER SWISS GUARD FOR SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II WILL SHARE SOME AMAZING MEMORIES OF SERVING A BELOVED SAINT

CAPTAIN GUY GRUTERS, AIR FORCE FIGHTER PILOT, SURVIVED FIVE YEARS AS A POW IN VIETNAM, THANKS TO HIS CATHOLIC FAITH





NASH GEORGIEV IS A RECENT CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM WHO CREDITS LAST YEAR'S RALLY AS A CATALYST IN HIS FAITH JOURNEY. HE IS NOW A CATHOLIC PODCASTER WITH OVER 300k VIEWS OF HIS FIRST PODCAST

BISHOP GERALD BARBARITO OUR SHEPHERD IN PALM BEACH, WILL BE THE MAIN CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST FOR OUR CLOSING MASS



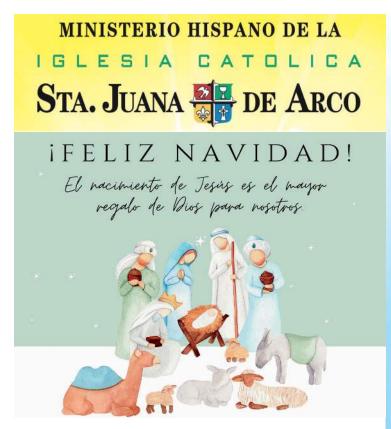
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\$35 PER ADULT

KIDS/STUDENTS FREE





### **Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

LA VIRGEN MARÍA había escuchado llena de sorpresa las palabras del án-gel: «Darás a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús» (Lc 1,31). Pero ella, en lugar de quedarse paralizada ante el plan divino que venía a cambiar su presente y su futuro, exclamó con una serena convicción: «He aguí la escla-va del Señor, hágase en mí según tu palabra» (Lc 1,38). Nos llena de admira-ción que unas palabras tan sencillas sean la puerta por la que Dios haya que-rido entrar en nuestro mundo, y también sean la puerta por la que entramos a esta semana de Navidad. «"He aquí", son las palabras clave de la vida. Marcan el pasaje de una vida horizontal, centrada en uno mismo y en las propias necesidades, a una vida vertical, elevada hacia Dios. "He aquí" su-pone estar disponible para el Señor, es la cura para el egoísmo, el antídoto de una vida insatisfecha, a la que siempre le falta algo» Papa Francisco.

Quizás en estos últimos días de Adviento nos hemos entretenido haciendo algunos retoques a nuestros belenes. Hemos movido una oveja que se había descarriado y que miraba en dirección opuesta al Niño, o hemos procurado que el musgo reseco de la pradera junto al establo adquiera un verdor más acogedor. Son pequeños gestos que queremos que sean una imagen de la fe con la que deseamos responder a las llamadas constantes y sutiles de Dios. Ven, Señor, ¡no tardes! Te necesitamos y queremos preparar con cariño tu venida.

Creer en Dios es, primero, acoger a su Hijo en nuestro interior y compartir con él toda nuestra vida. En definitiva, convertir nuestra alma en Belén. Si gracias al cariño de María y de José, y al calor de unas pocas ovejas, pudo sentirse a gusto en la pobreza de aquel establo... ¿Por qué no va a sentirse también dichoso en nuestros corazones, si intentamos regalarle las alegrías y las contrariedades de cada una de nuestras jornadas?

#### 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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**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:

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

more info 561-866-4820

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

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.

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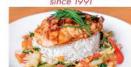


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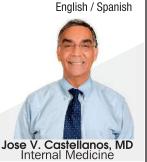


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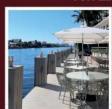
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