

December 25, 2016 • Christmas

Blessed Trinity
Catholic Church

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

Waiting in the Dark

Isaiah writes powerfully of the darkness and the gloom, the burden and the sacrifices that the Jews have been living with for years and years. Their waiting, their misery is deep and prolonged. Yet they continue to wait. In Paul's letter to Titus, the Christian community is also waiting, not for the birth of the Savior, but for the return of that Savior. Paul reminds us of the "blessed hope" that sustains our wait. In Luke we hear the familiar story of Mary and Joseph, the pregnancy and birth, the baby, the Son. This is the one for whom all have been waiting. His coming, long awaited, much anticipated, is real. The only reaction we are told about is that of the shepherds, and they are afraid. But they are reassured with the same words spoken to Mary by the angel who announced that she would give birth to a son, "Do not be afraid."

Parish Office

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Fr. José N. Alfaro,
Pastor

Fr. Yamil Miranda,
Parochial Vicar

Dennis Jordan, José Alemán,
and Javier Inda
Deacons

Our mission is to live the Gospel message and to bring God's Trinitarian love to others in order to be a beacon of light and hope for all.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm
Sunday: 9 am – 2 pm

St. Joseph's Convent

1040 Hunting Lodge Drive
Miami Springs, FL 33166
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Servants of the
Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary
PiercedHearts.org, Corazones.org

Sr. María Andrea Oliver, SCTJM
Superior

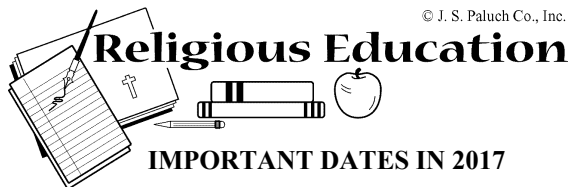
School Office

4020 Curtiss Parkway
Virginia Gardens, FL 33166
Phone: 305-871-5766
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Pre-K2 through 8th Grade

Mrs. María Teresa Pérez,
Principal

Our mission is to witness and nurture the transforming power of the teachings of Christ through the education of our children



Saturday, February 18, at 10AM
Penance for First Communion class

Saturday, May 20, at 10AM
First Communion

Saturday, May 20, at 2PM
First Communion (older class)

Friday, June 2, at 7PM
Confirmation Ceremony
Archbishop Wenski

*Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother
of God
January 1st, 2017*



New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM (English)

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

Holy Day Masses 8:30AM (English)
10:30 AM (English)
12:30 PM (Spanish)
5:30PM (English)



The Sacrament of Baptism will be
celebrated on the following dates:

ENGLISH: Sunday, January 8th, 2017
SPANISH: Sunday, January 15th, 2017

Baptismal Preparation classes will
be offered:

ENGLISH: Thursday, January 5th, 2017
SPANISH: Thursday, January 12th, 2017

Please, call the parish office for more
information or to sign up.

Vocations Cup Ministry. The purpose of this ministry is
to encourage the faithful to offer prayers and a spirit of
sacrifice for vocations. Parishioners attending the
10:30AM Mass on Sundays will be given the opportunity to
take home the Vocations Cup.

To sign up call Paola at (305) 469-5013
or Mario at (305) 343-5362.

***Pray for
Vocations***



NOW OPEN!



Registration for the 2017 - 2018
**Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Saint John Paul II Program**
for students with
exceptional needs (ESE)

For more information, please call
305-871-5766

***Now accepting the McKay &
Gardiner (PLSA) Scholarships**



***Merry
Christmas***

The parish office will be closed on Christmas Day.

It will be open on Monday, December 26, from
9AM until 1PM. We will resume normal hours on
Tuesday, December 27.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Week of December 25th:
Charles Perks
Requested by His Family

Week of January 1st:
For the safety of Philip Moore

		CELEBRANT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday December 24 <i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Ernie	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	10:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
<i>MIA Airport Chapel</i>	7:00 PM	Fr. Yamil	For All Travelers	Parish Priests and Deacons
Sunday, December 25 	8:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	10:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	12:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	Por los Feligreses de la Parroquia	Sacerdotes y Diáconos de BT
	5:30 PM	Fr. Yamil	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
Monday, December 26	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For Sebastián Ortiz and Family	
Tuesday, December 27	7:30 AM	Fr. Perales	† Luis Díaz	His Family
Wednesday, December 28	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For Sebastián Ortiz and Family	The Toyos-Sitjes Family
Thursday, December 29	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For Migrants and Refugees	Parish Priests and Deacons
Friday, December 30	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Vicente Andreu † Joseph Corey, Sr.	His Family His Brother, Roger, & Family
Saturday, December 31	8:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Andy Clark † Herminia Delgado For the deceased members of the Pla-Antón Family	His Family Her Family
<i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Dc. Alemán	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
<i>MIA Airport Chapel</i>	7:00 PM	Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	For All Travelers	Parish Priests and Deacons
Sunday, January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> 	8:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	10:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	12:30 PM	Fr. Alfaro	Por los Feligreses de la Parroquia	Sacerdotes y Diáconos de BT
	5:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Ernie	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish would like to start projecting the songs at all Masses. We need people to manage the laptop during each Mass. No experience necessary. We will train you; it's as simple as clicking a button! Please contact the parish office to sign-up.



NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS

Nos gustaría comenzar a proyectar las canciones en todas las Misas. Necesitamos personas que operen la computadora en cada Misa. No se necesita experiencia. Lo entrenaremos; ¡es tan sencillo como apretar un botón! Por favor, llame a la oficina de la parroquia para anotarse.

If a Sunday Mass is offered for one of your loved ones, the ushers will be happy to designate you as the gift bearers. Simply make sure that you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass before they have picked anyone else and be sure to dress appropriately (i.e., covered shoulders, no shorts or tank tops, etc.)

Thank you!

The Blessed Trinity Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society extends our gratitude to the Benefactors of the Society. Your nickels, dimes, and dollars equate to food, FPL bills, and even rent for those in need within our parish. We pray for you, our Benefactors, at our weekly meeting prayers.



Thank you!



Confessions:
Saturday, 4-5 PM
Sunday, 9:45-10:30 AM

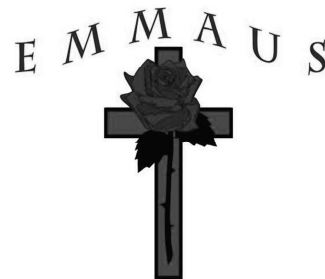
**THE LIGHT IS
ON FOR YOU**

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Thursdays - 6:00-7:30AM
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

Anyone who is ill, anticipating surgery or undergoing medical testing is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office to set up an appointment.



Emmaus Retreat for Men (English)
March 3-5, 2017
Mark your calendar!

For questions or more information,
call Rigo Labrada (305) 905-6865
or Carlos Cortez (305) 283-8778

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1, 2-8
- Wednesday 28: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday 30: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

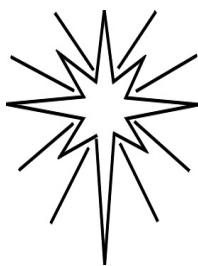


The coming new year provides a good time to look at how blessed we are and to ask ourselves how we can say “thank you” to God. Have your estate plan prepared and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and Blessed Trinity. For more information, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1110.



School Christmas Wish List

- ◆ Acrylic podium
- ◆ Rosary garden/stations of the cross
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Picnic tables
- ◆ P.A. system rewiring
- ◆ Playground mulch
- ◆ Pressure clean school
- ◆ Paint school
- ◆ Science supplies



Thank you for your generosity!



*Victoria González Baltar, Nicholas Schaffer,
Milagros González, John Cavalier, Jr.,
Richard Vázquez, Hermes Hernández,
Jimmy and Libia Restrepo,
Antonia Esther González, Rose Bechamps,
William and Joan Sachs,
Elaine Floyd, Ovelinda Rodríguez,
Ana María Tillit, Margarita Jordan,
Evie Sholtis, Isabel González,
Ruth Coward, Charles Perks,
Carol Snoke, Gina W., Sebastián Ortíz,
Prudence Highfield, Hunter Ciccarelli,
Mike Sinclair, Tana Verdooren,
Celeste Nápoles, Adrienne Nápoles Huizenga,
Rafael Zayas, Víctor Marchena,
Valia Malaragno-Skelton,
Donald Bender, Elizabeth Annable.*



An important note...

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sunday, the parish loses these much needed two weekends of collections. Help us make up for this calendar coincidence!

Please consider being extra generous to our parish for Christmas and New Year's Day **in addition** to your regular Sunday Stewardship contributions.

Remember all your contributions to the parish are tax deductible.



Stewardship Offering for the week of
12/18/16 was \$10,742.
Thank you for your generosity.

SAAM White Elephant Gift Exchange

**Saturday,
January 14th
6:30PM**



Join us for SAAM's White Elephant Gift Exchange on Saturday, January 14th, 2017, at 6:30PM, at Blessed Trinity parish Hall. We are having a yummy potluck social and re-gift that 'special' holiday present (minimum \$10 value). Bring a dish to share with 6-8 people and your re-wrapped gift.

RSVP by Thursday, January 12th to Candy at (305) 733-1353 or Vicky at masokolowski@aol.com

Reduce / Reuse / Re-gift!

SAAM (the Social Active Adults) is looking for additional committee members, ready to "take action" in 2017! Call Candy at (305) 733-1353 a.s.a.p.



Our list of faithful supporters is still growing! Now we have 268 families. Stewardship pledges total to date is \$333,150.

***Pilar Fernández
Rachel McHale
Elaine Rubianogroot***

Thank you for your Commitment!



STEWARDSHIP



**Camillus
House**

Thank you!

From the BT Camillus House Ministry, we would like to wish all the Blessed Trinity Parishioners and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Because of you, we have provided over 6000 meals for the homeless this year. Thank you and God Bless you!