

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Parish Office

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Fr. José N. Alfaro,
Pastor

Fr. Yamil Miranda,
Parochial Vicar

Dennis Jordan, José Alemán,
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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
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PiercedHearts.org, Corazones.org

Sr. María Andrea Oliver, SCTJM
Superior

School Office

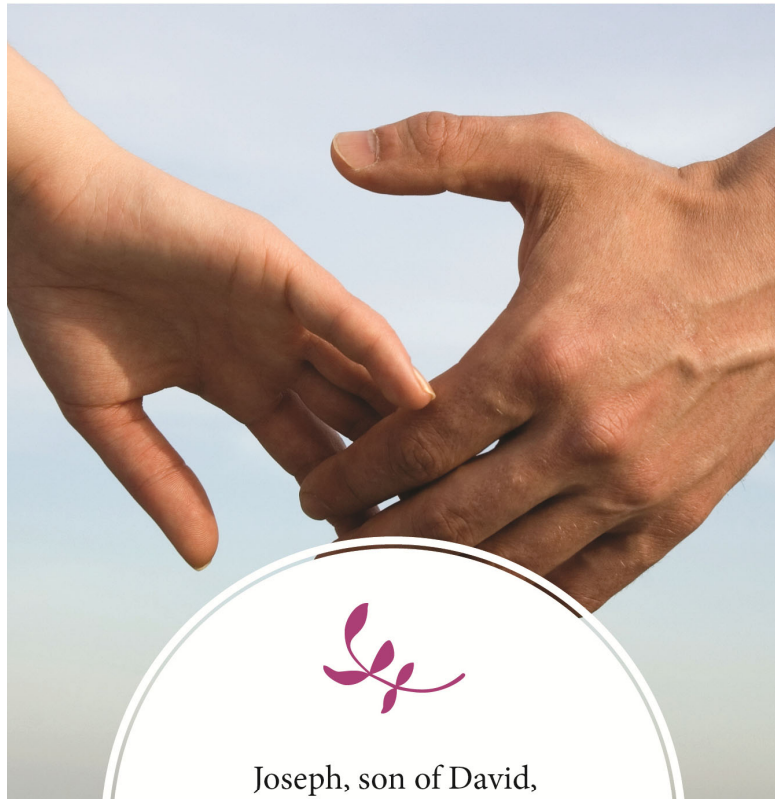
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Pre-K2 through 8th Grade

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.

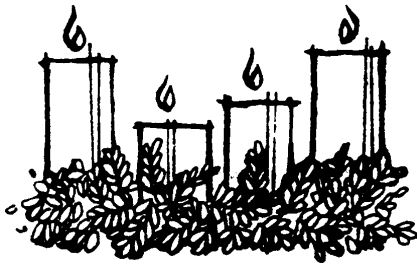
DECEMBER 18, 2016 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home.

~ Matthew 1:20

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18th, 2016

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). The Gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help instead of relying on God. He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus.

In the Gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary came to be pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and in raising Jesus afterwards.

So now we have to choose whom to rely on. Do I act like Ahaz, relying on worldly powers, or like Joseph, who trusted the Lord? If I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions? Maybe if we kept in mind the promise that God *is* with us—in the baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and in the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is, and let others see in our actions that Jesus is Emmanuel.

Blessed Trinity Children's Choir
Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 PM
followed by
the Children's Christmas Mass at 5 PM



*What would Christmas be without the angelic
voices of a Children's Choir...
Come, listen, and bring out the spirit of the
newborn Babe!*



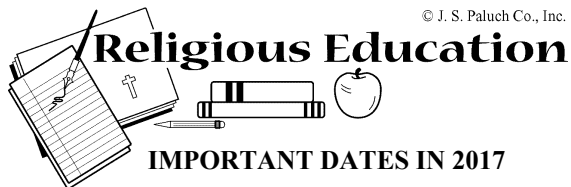
Christmas Cantata

Featuring our Pastor, Fr. Alfaro

Join us as the Adult Choir delights us with their beautiful *Cantata* on Saturday, December 24 at 9:30 PM, followed by the Christmas Liturgy at 10:00 PM. This Mass is bilingual.

Con nuestro párroco, el Padre Alfaro

Acompáñenos y deléitese con la hermosa *Cantata* que presentará el Coro de Adultos el sábado 24 de diciembre a las 9:30 PM, seguida de la Liturgia de Navidad a las 10:00 PM. Esta Misa será bilingüe.



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)

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

The Children's Choir is open to everyone
from CCD and Blessed Trinity School, from
2nd grade and up.

Our Choir is not limited to voices, we would
also like to encourage anyone who plays an
instrument to join.

We sing every Saturday at the
5 PM Vigil Mass.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays,
3:00 until 3:45 PM.

Children's
Choir



January
2017

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



ESPAÑOL: El Diácono José Alemán continuará
el análisis y discusión del libro "*Redescubre el
Catolicismo*". La próxima reunión será el
lunes 19 de diciembre, 7-9 PM, en aula de 8
grado.

**Redescubre
el Catolicismo**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Week of December 18th:

†† Estela & Henry López-Oña
Requested by Their Family

Week of December 25th:

Available

		CELEBRANT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday December 17 <i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Yamil, Ernie	For the Pla-Antón Family Anniversaries	The Pla-Antón Family
<i>MIA Airport Chapel</i>	7:00 PM	Dc. Inda	For All Travelers	Parish Priests and Deacons
Sunday, December 18	8:30 AM	Fr. Reeves, Dc. Inda	† Anthony Mascaro	His Family
	10:30 AM	Fr. Reeves Dc. Alemán	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
<i>Español</i>	12:30 PM	Fr. Yamil	†† Jaime y Gloria Pérez †† Joe Corey y Ramona Mroz † María Díaz † Andrés Quintero † Elena Rosales † Sara González Espinosa † Santiago Cadavid Por el cumpleaños #16 de Ivanna Rivas	Su Familia La Familia López Su Familia Su Familia Su Familia Josefina González Ana y Patricia Cadavid Sus Padres
	5:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Ernie	†† Betty and Walter Kryswaty	Their Family
Monday, December 19	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Jaime A. Rubianogroot	His Family
Tuesday, December 20	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Kathy Shelton	Carmen Tap
Wednesday, December 21	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Carmen Hughes	Carmen H. Tapp and Family
Thursday, December 22	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	For the healing of Sebastian Ortiz	
Friday, December 23	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Dulce Cabrera Jairo and Ángela's 45th Wedding Anniversary	Their Family
Saturday, December 24	8:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	†† Estela & Henry López-Oña † Marie Della Lucia † Irmira del Castillo	Their Family Viola Zilio and Family Her Family
<i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Ernie	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 th <i>Christmas Day</i>	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

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.

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

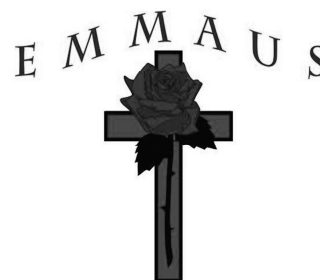


Thursdays - 6:00-7:30AM
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

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.



Stewardship
a way of life



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 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday 20: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday 21: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
- Friday 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Sunday 25: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25].
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Christmas Wish List

Replace the Air Conditioning System in the Parish Hall (estimated cost \$14,000).

Replace the Church/School telephone system.

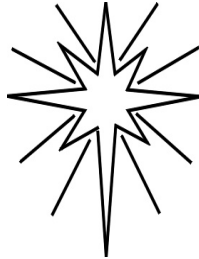
Overhead choir microphones.

Cover for our piano.

New white robes for the choir

Laptop computer stand

Children's choir robes



The total cost to replace our church bells is \$7,790. Thanks to your sacrificial gifts, including last week's \$695, we have collected \$5,040. We still need \$2,750.

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 Ortiz,
Prudence Highfield, Hunter Ciccarelli,
Mike Sinclair, Tana Verdooren,
Celeste Nápoles, Adrienne Nápoles Huizenga,
Rafael Zayas, Víctor Marchena,
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
12/11/16 was \$11,024.
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!

The Ladies Guild would like to thank you, our Blessed Trinity family, for your generous support of our Christmas Bazaar. Many blessings to you this holy season!

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Children's Concert	4:30 PM
Children's Mass	5:00 PM (English)
Choir Cantata <i>featuring our Pastor, Fr. Alfaro</i>	9:30 PM
Mass	10:00 PM (Bilingual)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

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

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass	5:00 PM (English)
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New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

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

