

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Parish Office

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Fr. José N. Alfaro,
Pastor

Fr. Yamil Miranda,
Parochial Vicar

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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
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Servants of the
Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary
PiercedHearts.org, Corazones.org

Sr. María Andrea Oliver, SCTJM
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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.

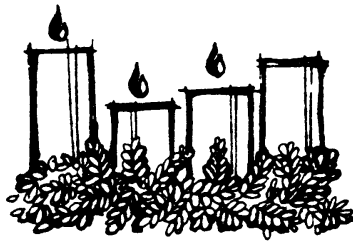


**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de América,
¡Ruega por nosotros!**

PARISH SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS	Mon-Fri 7:30am (Eng); Sat 8:30am (Eng)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 pm (English)
SUNDAY MASSES	8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm (Eng) 12:30 pm (Spanish)
CONFESSIONS	Saturdays, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sundays, 9:45 am to 10:30 am

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Third Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 2016

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday, which means “rejoice.” For three weeks now we have been preparing for Christmas and, one hopes, enjoying some peace to pray and anticipate the coming of the Lord, not just as a baby two thousand years ago, but also in the end-times, the *parousia*, when the Lord will come again in glory.

This is the Sunday when the rejoicing begins. Advent, unlike Lent, is not a penitential time, but a time of waiting and anticipation for the fulfillment of God’s promises. “[We] will see the glory of the LORD, / the splendor of our God” (Isaiah 35:2). So, “Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord . . . Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:7, 8).

**Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,
Patrona de las Américas
Lunes 12 de diciembre a las 7PM
en español**

Este lunes 12 de diciembre es la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de América. La Conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos ha hecho un llamado a todas las diócesis a unirse en oración por todos los inmigrantes y refugiados, que han venido a los estados Unidos buscando una vida mejor.

Por favor, acompáñenos este lunes 12 de diciembre a las 7PM a celebrar una Misa especial para poner ante Dios misericordioso las esperanzas, los temores y necesidades de estas familias.

**Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas
Monday, December 12th, at 7PM
in Spanish**

This Monday, December 12th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The U.S. Conference of Bishops is calling all dioceses to unite in prayer for all migrants and refugees, who have come to the United States seeking a better life.

Please, join us on Monday, at 7PM, as we celebrate a special Mass and we place before a merciful God the hopes, fears and needs of all those families.

Immaculata - La Salle High School 2016-17 First Quarter Honor Roll

***Congratulations to our Alumni who continue to make us proud at
Blessed Trinity and in their new High School.***

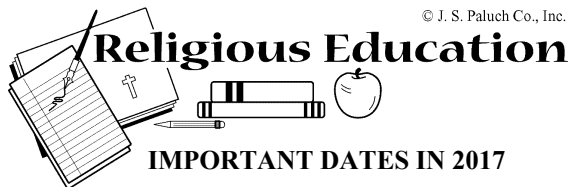


**Amanda Santín
Amanda Abadie**

**Kristina Moya
Karina Santín**

Our prayers for your continued success!





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, 7-9PM, en aula de 8
grado.

**Redescubre
el Catolicismo**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Week of December 11th:
Available

Week of December 18th:
†† Estela & Henry López-Oña
Requested by Their Family

		CELEBRANT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday December 10 <i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Dc. Inda	Adelina Lecusay	The Pla-Antón Family
<i>MIA Airport Chapel</i>	7:00 PM	Dc. Inda	For All Travelers	Parish Priests and Deacons
Sunday, December 11	8:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† José Mecsero	Carmen Tapp
	10:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro, Dc. Alemán	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
<i>Español</i>	12:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	† John McWhorter † Andrés Quintero † Yolanda Varela † Mercedes Prieto †† Porfirio y Lesbia † Debra Núñez Por el cumpleaños de Alex Castillo	Su Familia Su Familia Nurelay y Charlie Nurelay y Charlie Ariana Fajardo Samantha Fajardo Su Familia
	5:30 PM	Fr. Alfaro, Ernie	† Matthew Peters	His Wife
Monday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For our Blessed Trinity priests † María Marta Stinson † Daniel Martínez	The Pla-Antón Family Her Children His daughter, Marisel Meyer
	7:00 PM	Fr. Yamil	Por los inmigrantes y refugiados	Sacerdotes y diáconos de BT
Tuesday, December 13	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	For the deceased members of the Villalobos-Coto Family † Clarilda Cárdenas	María Teresa Pérez
Wednesday, December 14	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Agustín López † Ray Shourds	His Family His Family
Thursday, December 15	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Blanca Cabarcos	Ileana Zegueira, Mercedes, and Larry
Friday, December 16	7:30AM	Fr. Yamil	† Nancy Heckinger	Marietta Heckinger and Family
Saturday, December 17	8:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Madeline Nettare † Solomon For Alberto and Raisa's 50th Wedding Anniversary	The Preston Family The Ghalloub Family Their Children
<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
	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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please, give generously to today's second collection.

Los hermanos ancianos necesitan su ayuda. Estas hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas católicas han dedicado su vida al servicio de los demás — educaron a los jóvenes, cuidaron a los enfermos y lucharon para que los oprimidos fueran tratados con justicia. Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan atenciones. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Sea generoso con la segunda colecta de hoy.



Confessions:

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

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

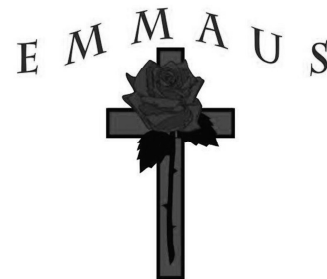


Thursdays - 6:00-7:30AM
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

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.



Anointing of the Sick



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 12: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Tuesday 13: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday 14: Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday 15: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12, 13; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday 16: Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday 18: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Christmas Wish List

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

Replace the Church/School telephone system.

Microphones for the church choir.

Cover for our piano.

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 Ciccarella,
 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
 12/04/16 was \$10,133.
 Thank you for your generosity.



TOY DRIVE:
 December 10 & 11

**COLECTA DE
 JUGUETES**
 Diciembre 10 y 11

Please, join us in our efforts to support the community of St. Martin de Porres in Homestead. We will be collecting new toys for children of all ages. This community has a special event to distribute new toys to children in need. Without the support of communities like ours, it wouldn't be possible for them to continue with this beautiful mission. **Toys must be new and unwrapped.**

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Este año los invitamos a que se unan a nosotros en nuestros esfuerzos para apoyar a la comunidad de San Martín de Porres en Homestead. Estaremos recogiendo juguetes nuevos para niños de todas las edades, para la celebración del Día de Reyes, cuando regalan juguetes nuevos a todos los niños pobres del área. Comunidades como estas no podrían hacer lo que hacen, sin la ayuda de comunidades como la nuestra. **Los juguetes deben ser nuevos y sin envolver.**



Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Children's Concert 4:30 PM
Children's Mass 5:00 PM (English)

Choir Cantata *featuring* 9:30 PM
our Pastor, Fr. Alfaro

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)

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

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

