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Masses
Daily:
Mon. - Fri.
8:00 am & 5:30 pm;
Sat. 8:00 am

Sat Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions
Sat 8:30 am - 9:00 am or by appt.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
5:00 PM  For Sisters in Divine Mercy
          by The Collins Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:30 AM  For Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stroker
          by The Sedor and The Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For Mike Marino by Al & Mary Peduzzi
10:45 AM For Phyllis Beckinella by Lillian Phelps
5:00 PM  For the intentions of our parishioners
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:00 AM  For the intentions of
          Bishop Gerald Barbarito
          by David, Kathleen and Sean Ancona
5:30 PM  For Sophie Bason by her family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 AM  For Arleen & Anthony Verdesca
          by Coltide Caltabiano
5:30 PM  For Jane Dupont
          by Fr. Chamindra Williams
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:00 AM  For Andrew Jendrejack by his family
5:30 PM  For Emilia Mojica by Pat Currie
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:00 AM  For Vito Cilmi by The Lucia Family
5:30 PM  For John Morsut by Mom & Dad
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
8:00 AM  For the intentions of
          Robert Jendrejack by his family
5:00 PM  For the intentions of our parishioners
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:30 AM  For Michael and Sophie Sedor
          by The Sedor and The Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For The Burgess and Lammert Family
          by Dr. & Mrs. Gary Lammert
10:45 AM For Arleen & Anthony Verdesca
          by Collin Slean
5:00 PM  For The Held & The McMahon Families

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available in the office during the week and in the foyer of the church in the wall rack.

Registered Parishioners, please help keep our census current by advising us of any changes of address, phone numbers, and family additions or deletions.

Ministry of Religious Education
Pre-K - 7th grade        Kate Devine
Confirmation/Youth       Jim Chesnes
RCIA/Faith Inquiry       Jim & Scotty Howell

Director of Music & Liturgy  Jeanne Clark

First Friday Devotion
Benediction & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass

Devotion to Mary
First Saturday of the month following 8:00am Mass. Rosary is prayed every Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass, and with the Legion of Mary, Tuesdays after the 8 am and 5:30 pm Masses and Wednesday after the 5:30 Mass.

Adoration Chapel
Open for quiet meditation before the Blessed Sacrament during office hours. Exposition every Friday. Located across from Parish Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group
Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.
Mass & Healing Service
3rd Thursday of each month in church.

Hospital/Homebound Visits
If someone is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please advise the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday  9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday       9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday in the vestibule of the church 9:00am - 1pm

Religious Shop - 624-1752
Monday - Friday  8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday        8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday          8:30am - 12:00pm &
                 4:30pm - 6:30pm
FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
$ 16,977.77
Maintenance & Improvements
$ 3370.71
God Bless You and Thank You
for your generosity in supporting your church!

SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters. This annual appeal benefits 33,000 senior religious who have consecrated their lives to serve God.

Jubilee of Mercy TODAY

* Bishop Barbarito opens the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens.

FOR DECEMBER 19/20
Sat., 5:00 PM - Barbara Butkus
Sun., 7:30 AM - Mark Hopper
9:00 AM - Ann Scurry
10:45 AM - Matt Geary
5:00 PM - Karl Seifel

FOR DECEMBER 19/20
Sat., 5:00 PM - Michael Sicignano
Sun., 7:30 AM - Matthew Watts
9:00 AM - Bridget & Mallory Forgatch
10:45 AM - Olivia & Sofia Perez
5:00 PM - Penelope & Parker Ryan

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This week, December 14th, at a glance...

Monday:
8:30 AM Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
2:00 PM Yarn and Rose Knitting Group
5:00 PM Sandwich Makers
7:00 PM Young Adult/Leadership Christmas Party - Chesnes Home

Tuesday:
8:40 AM & 6:10 PM Legion of Mary
Wednesday:
6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Columbiette Meeting
7:00 PM BYO Bible
Thursday:
7 PM Walking with Purpose - Christmas Party
7:30 PM Mass & Healing Service
Friday:
9 AM - 5 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Cookies & Caroling
Saturday:
Sunday:
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM Story Keepers
9:30 AM RCIA
10:15 AM CIA - Religious Education

Looking forward to, in the near future:
12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant; 1/5 Knights of Columbus Breakfast; 1/6 or 1/7 Walking with Purpose; 1/7 Alpha; 1/11 Spirit & Truth - Judge Mary Lupo; 1/12 Diocesan School of Christian Formation - New Testament; 1/16 Parish Luncheon/Fashion Show; 1/30 Neapolitan Night;
2/13 Bishop Barbarito’s Anniversary Mass - Holy Spirit Church; 3/11,12,13 Caritas VI

FOR DECEMBER 6

MARRIAGES
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Call the Parish Office.
Our beautiful new Ave Maria Banquet Room (capacity 300) and our renovated Parish Hall (capacity 175) are now available for rental for approved adult receptions & gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

All Saints Catholic School
All Saints is dedicated to providing all students with a nurturing, learning environment reflecting Gospel values and teaching the traditions of our faith. Come see for yourself!
More information is located on the website at: www.allsaintsjupiter.org.

Our Open House for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on January 22, 2016 at 8:30am. All Saints now has Step Up for Student Scholarships available. Please call the school at 561-748-8994 for inquiries or a tour.
1759 Indian Creek Parkway
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 748-8994 www.allsaintsjupiter.org
Be a “Christmas Angel” for the Taping of the Christmas Televised Mass. All are invited to attend the taping of the Diocese of Palm Beach’s televised Christmas Mass on Thursday, December 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius in Palm Beach Gardens.

There will be great music performed by the choir and Bishop Barbarito will be the celebrant of this Mass that will air on Christmas Day morning on local television for the benefit of the sick, homebound and many others in our community. Please consider attending this Mass. It means so much to our viewers to see a large faith family of individuals and families sitting in the pews together in the Church. Come dressed in your holiday finest attire and join us for this special celebration! Light holiday refreshments will be served afterward.

For more information, contact the diocesan Office of Communications at 561-775-9529 or dlaubert@diocesepb.org.

St. Paul of the Cross presents:

“The Best of Eastern Europe”
with Grand Circle Travel
May 9—25, 2016

Join fellow parishioners for a 16-day land tour of Berlin * Warsaw * Krakow * Prague * Budapest

Land tour from $2,395 + $1,450 airfare from PBI  Add 3 nights in Vienna for $645.

Contact Frank in the Gift Shop, 624-1752 or 676-6700  Colorful brochure available

There is a December 14th deadline to join the 30 travelers and keep this a St. Paul’s trip. 4 additional travelers needed!!

RELIGIOUS SHOP SALE
Stop by the shop and check out our sale. Boxed Christmas cards, ornaments and Nativity Sets are 20% off. We have a great selection of Advent Books, Wreaths and Candles. Check out Catholic gifts for everyone on your list!

CARITAS VI
March 11, 12 and 13, 2016
Applications are available for this inspiring Parish Retreat!

Treat yourself or a loved one to a joy-filled weekend with fellow parishioners.

Ave Maria Banquet Room

We are truly grateful to all of you who have donated to our Parish Center Renewal.

BALANCE OF LOAN - $197,230.00

THANK YOU to all our donors!

Watch the Catholic Mass Each Sunday
Tune in at 9 a.m. for the televised Catholic Mass on local station CW34 WTVX. Watch the Diocese’s Christmas Mass Christmas Day, December 25, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

First session of ALPHA
Jan. 7th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Kaffeehaus

Men are invited to join a dedicated and enthusiastic team as we explore the basics of what it means to be Christian, in a friendly, honest and informal environment.

Contact Deacon Bill Rich at wwrich@gmail.com, or 561-626-1873.
Whether or not we are present at Church, we remain one in the Lord. Please keep the following members of our parish family in your prayers:

Jeana Tumbarello, Robert Ifft, Peggy Black, Carol Greider, Norman Pekar, Jose Uribe, Julie Rapp, JoAnn Lang, and...

JoAnn Lang, and...

Reem Abedrabbo
John & Natalie Alberto
Donna Ivey Ard
Charlie Augustine
Charles Aviado
Lia Barr
Chris Bastien
Dr. Ricardo Bedoya
Roger Beine
Frank Blankenship
James Boyer
Michael Brackett
Sandy Budd
Mary Carroll
Scott Chandonnet
Cecilia I. Cheves
Bob Cheviot
Kimberly Chorniewy
Jeannine Chosson
Eileen Clew
Joanne Coia
Edward Cottler
Barbara Coutu
Robert Dalessio
Rick DeBlasio
Mike DeSouza
Rita Dickson
Gina DiDonato
Kristina DiDonato
Rand Doane
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Rita Echo
Jeff English
Will English
Mary Everett
Robert Fanelli, Jr. 
Stephen Fischbein
Daniel Ford, Sr.
Terri Francisco
Jack Frazier
Gail Ganzlin
Eleanor Garrett
Brian Githens
Susan Giambalvo
Don Crawford
Michael Gintoli
Frank Giugliano
Marta Gomez
Shirley Green
Elaine Hill
Karen Hopkins
Samantha Housel
Nanette Howell
Linda Hutton
Joan Hyers
Henry Inserra
Kathleen Israel
Barbara Kaminski
John Keeler
Denise Keim
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Peter Kilfeather
Ken Kucher
Marge Lantrip
Rebecca Laughton
Gleno O’Leary Lavin
Michael Leth
Bob & Carol Lombardo
Jim Lumbra
Susan Lurz
Neal Mackey
Diane Mancuso
Ann Marino
Maria Elena Marlow
Shelly Martin
Maria Martins
Shirley Mattei-Spodak
Stephen Mazzarella, Jr
Renee McCullough
Dawn McKeich
Meghan McGivney
Pat McLury
Ray Montgomery
Jacque Morrow
Deborah Mulligan
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Amal Nawal
Marcy Nolan
Michelle Nowarth
Barbara Nyhan
Joseph O’Connor
Laurel O’Donovan
Mary Ott
Michael Palumbo
Amber Ozog
Angela Paquette
June Petrello-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Pam Reekers
John Riddle
Fred Robinson
Monette Robinson
Al Scerbo
Sherrill Schaepveld
Priscilla Searcy
Genevieve Simpson
Keith Stuart
Mike Taylor
Paula Tripa
Leslie Tripplet
Carol Truitt
Ginny Uguzzoni
Wendell Williams
Christine Yascolt

PLEASE PRAY

for the men and women in our armed forces stationed overseas, for the military commanders who lead them, for President Obama and his advisors and,

2nd Lt. Johnny Dowd, Army
2nd Lt. Andrew Dytrych, Army
Michael Andrew Dytrych, Army
Hanah Eastwood
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Farmer
Major Matthew Farmer, Army
Matthew Filimon
Jennifer Formell
Scott Fruedenthal, Army
Darrin Gabriel
Private Matthew Gainey
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Gordon
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Major Cornelius Hickey, USMC
2nd Lt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101st First Airborne
Mitchell Joslin, Army
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines

Spencer Calvin McGuire
Brian Metger
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Capt. Jennifer Lammert-Rupp
Lt. Kelly Lammert, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack, Minnesota Air National Guard
Matthew March C.P.O. Navy
Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy
Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
PFC Brian H. Pearce, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Capt. Andrew Rupp, Air Force
Laura Sepeda
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Sergeant Emily A. Konkle, USMC
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaughan, Air Force
Amanda Wilson

CS 2 Christopher Avola
Spec. Thomas Bates
2nd Lt. Travis Blaschke, Army Aviation
PFC Adam Blazak, Army
Chris Bodley
Corporal Thomas C. Boehnlein, USMC
Angela Browning
Capt. Eric Arthur Bruns
Capt. Laura Lammert
Chighizola, Air Force
Capt. Nicolaus Chighizola, Air Force
Col. John Cross, Army
Michael Crump
1st Lt. Michael J.
Culler, 101st Airborne
Josh Curtis
PFC Giulio D’Alatri,

Merciful Father, You desire the welfare of all your children. Stretch out Your protecting arm over our men and women in the service. Shield them from every danger to body, mind and soul. Comfort them in loneliness, sustain them in hardship, give them the courage they need to fulfill their duty and so do Your will in all things. Bestow on our leaders and the leaders of the world the wisdom and prudence which will bring peace and justice to all men.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.
An Advent Prayer
May the God of peace make us completely holy. May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forever faithful is the One who calls us - God our Father! Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus! To him be glory forever! Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

Gaudete Sunday
Suggestions to do yourself or with loved ones:
Read Mary’s Song: Luke 1:46-55
Light a pink candle for joy!
Read a Christmas story out loud, to a friend, child, parent, or spouse.
Get out some colored pencils and crayons and color.
For your nightly prayer, rejoice for, pray for and be grateful for one event that day.

Faith Formation
Religious Education - CIA
1st - 5th graders
Sunday's 10:15 am - 11:45 am
Dec. 20th, Jan. 10th & 24th,
6th - 7th graders Sunday Evening Sessions
1/10 & 1/24 6:15 PM - 8 PM
Confirmation I & II
Sunday evening, 6:15 - 8 PM
Dinner Parish Hall/Class Third Floor
Class - Jan. 10 & 24
Confirmation II Retreat Weekend 1/29 - 1/31

Story Keepers
Children, infant to age 5, are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Mass on Sunday. Hope you can join us!

Children's Liturgy during the 9 AM Mass!
Youth Activities!
Service Project
Please bring an unwrapped stocking stuffer gift, or two, for boys and or girls, ages infant to 12 yrs. old, by next weekends Christmas Party!
Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called for an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy within the Church which is to begin on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conclude on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. In the Bull of Indiction for the Holy Year, Misericordiae Vultus, the Pope proclaims that, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in Him."

Merciful Like the Father (cf. Lk 6:69) is the motto chosen by Pope Francis for the Jubilee of Mercy. He expresses that, "In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives His entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon Him." The Jubilee of Mercy offers us, in the Diocese of Palm Beach, an opportunity to join with the Universal Church in celebrating God's mercy in our lives and in sharing that mercy with each other in a concrete manner. It truly is meant to be a special year of grace.

One of the primary signs chosen by Pope Francis for the Jubilee of Mercy is the door of St. Peter's Basilica which has been used in other Jubilee years. The Pope will formally open this door on December 8 through which the faithful of the world are invited to enter on pilgrimage during the year. On that day, the door will become, in the words of the Pope, "a Door of Mercy, through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." Pope Francis has asked that on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, every bishop open the door of his cathedral as a Door of Mercy for the Jubilee of Mercy, which I will be privileged to do at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola at the 10:30 am Mass.

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to the faithful who cross the Door of Mercy of every cathedral throughout the world. The Door of Mercy at St. Ignatius Cathedral will offer this plenary indulgence. This door will be open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm throughout the Jubilee of Mercy. I believe that Pope Francis' words on the indulgence are significant in understanding God's overwhelming mercy, "To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely begging the Father to forgive oursins and to bathe us in His merciful indulgence."

While the door of St. Ignatius will be officially designated the Door of Mercy for our Diocese, I am also asking that every parish designate a particular door which is to be associated with the Jubilee of Mercy at the local level. This door will be a reminder of our spiritual union as the Church and a visible sign of the Church's universal communion. Every parish will have a special banner for the Jubilee of Mercy which will be placed at this door.

I am also asking that another simple designation of a door be made in every home of every individual and family during this Jubilee of Mercy. This door will be a reminder of the Jubilee of Mercy and a simple prayer, such as the Holy Father's, printed below, can be placed upon it and prayed as it is passed through or as families gather at the door. This door would be a simple reminder that God dwells
among us and His mercy never departs from us. It is especially fitting to share this mercy with each other in our homes. May this household door remind us during the **Jubilee of Mercy** that we must open the most intimate door of our hearts to the love and mercy of God always present within us.

In our Diocese of Palm Beach, I am asking that the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** be associated in a special way with the vocations of priesthood, religious life and family. The priest is the minister of God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a unique manner as he stands in the Person of Christ forgiving sin. He is also the minister of God's mercy in a unique manner when he celebrates the Eucharist and stands in the Person of Christ making present His Sacrifice and the gift of His Body and Blood. Religious life is the manner in which the mercy of Christ becomes evident as women and men commit themselves to living in a manner that radically imitates the life of the Lord Himself. And it is in the family that we are at home and most deeply experience the unconditional love of each other so many times manifested in mercy.

In this regard, I invite families to consider a visit to the Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul during the **Jubilee of Mercy**. Special arrangements can be made through contacting our Vocation Director, Father Brian Lehnert, (561) 775-9555 or 9552, who will be happy to facilitate such a visit. The Seminary will also have its doors open to welcome visitors every Wednesday at 12 noon for the celebration of the Eucharist. Families are encouraged to make a pilgrimage together to St. Ignatius Cathedral as well as to get together to come to their own parish church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, all families are encouraged to participate in the **Family Fully Alive in Christ Rally** sponsored by the Florida Catholic Men for Jesus Christ on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the Palm Beach Convention Center in West Palm Beach. All of these practices can go a long way in being vehicles of grace for families during this special year.

In addition to our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our Adoration of the Eucharist and our personal prayers, let us consider doing something concrete for others during the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**. From the practices of spiritual works of mercy to the many outreaches in corporal works of mercy, which emphasize our sacrifice for others, God's mercy can be experienced in a very personal way.

I invite you to visit our diocesan website (www.diocesepb.org) as well as the Vatican website (www.im.va) for more information, suggestions and assistance in this regard.

As the Holy Father also commends us to Mary during the **Jubilee of Mercy**, may we in a special way look to our patroness, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, as she invites us to experience the mercy of her Son in our lives here in southern Florida.

With the assurance of my prayers and every best wish, I am

* Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito**
Bishop of Palm Beach

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**Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Year of Mercy**

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,*

*and have told us that whoever sees you sees him.*

*Show us your face and we will be saved.*
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REST IN PEACE -
Angela Ganther, Ron Sowers,
May they rest in God’s peace and may their families be strengthened in faith.

Your donations assist the poor in many ways. Poor boxes are located near the doors of the church. Please drop your loose change and help us help others. God bless you!

Readings for the Week

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To prepare for the Readings of December 19/20

First Reading — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).
Gospel — “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:39-45).

All are invited to join us for a Mass & Healing Service
Thursday, December 17th, 7:30 PM
Come share your prayers for yourself or for a loved one, and benefit from the precious healing power of the Eucharist.

Byobible Study
Wednesday, December 16th
7:00 - 8:00 PM
in the Parish Hall
If you would like to read ahead...
The Letter to the Colossians

Strength and Courage - Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage. Anonymous

A New Catholic Radio Station
Listen live at 98.3 FM or www.wpbvradio.com

Walking With Purpose
A Women’s Bible Study -
Touching the Divine: The Gospel of John
meets Wednesday at 10 or Thursday at 7 in the Kaffeehaus. Resumes Jan 6/7
Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7 PM.
Contact Kate or Joanne at 626-1873 for more information.

Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture
UN-TRIM THE TREE
Parish Advent Program

Like the three wise men who went bearing gifts to the Infant Jesus, please consider joining our parish community in bearing the light of Christ this Christmas through our Un-trim the Tree Parish Advent Program.

We will be distributing about 100 presents to the children at Holy Cross Preschool; 100 gifts to elderly residents at St. James and St. Andrews government-subsidized housing in West Palm Beach; 100 gifts to senior residents at Villa Regina in West Palm Beach and Villa Franciscan in Riviera Beach, both of which are subsidized by Catholic Charities. We will also give gifts to 50 children from Family Promise, 50 or so handicapped people, 20 children through a local outreach program, and several families we serve directly.

The presence of our Parish ministering to those who are less fortunate throughout the year, and especially at Christmas, is truly a blessing to them, and to us.

Each parish family may participate in the following way:

Place the gift with the paper ornament attached under the bare tree no later than TODAY Sunday, December 13.

If you forgot, please bring the gift to the Parish Office as soon as possible, this week, as each tag is assigned to a child or adult.

Your gift will be delivered during the week before Christmas.

UN-TRIM THE TREE FOR CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR BY SHOWING OTHERS HOW MUCH WE CARE!!
A Parish Event!
Cookie Exchange
Thursday, December 18
7 PM
Parish Hall

Annual Christmas Eve Children’s Gospel Pageant
Thursday, December 24, 2015  5:00 PM

Parents : Help make Christmas meaningful and memorable for your children! Please, encourage them to participate in our pageant to be held during the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Sheep : 4-year olds, Kindergartners, First Graders
Shepherds : Grade 2-4
Donkey : The first fourth, fifth or sixth grader who signs up.
Angels : Grades 2-4 Archangel & Star : The first two fifth graders who sign up.
Kings : First three 6th/7th graders who sign up.

There will only be one rehearsal for the pageant. You must be available for both the rehearsal and the pageant. Rehearsal is Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 6:15 P. M.* - 7:30 P. M. in the Church. *or when Mass is over!

To participate, please complete the following and return to the Parish Office by Monday, December 14th or call/email Kate 626-1873/kate.devine@att.net.

Family Name:__________________________________________________________________
Daytime phone/email:____________________________________________________________
Child:  _______________________Age ______ would like to participate as:  ______________
Child:  _______________________Age ______ would like to participate as:  ______________

If any school age child is interested in singing for the pageant, you may do both.

_____ I am willing to help as a volunteer. Parent Volunteers are invited and needed to help children with costumes, lining up, leading and directing them to their places, clean up, prop preparation etc.

Cookies & Caroling
Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share and your singing voice! (or your listening ears!)

Come one, come all! Fun for all ages!
CONFESSIONS
Monday, December 21 - 8:30 AM
Tuesday, December 22 - 8:30 AM
Wednesday, December 23 - 8:30 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASSES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM - CHILDREN’S PAGEANT
(Come early for pageant seats. Concert begins at 4:30 PM)
8:00 PM (Concert begins at 7:30 PM)
11:00 PM (Concert begins at 10:30 PM)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DAILY MASS
Thursday, December 31 - 8:00 AM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES
VIGIL - Thursday, December 31  5:30 PM
Friday, January 1
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (no 5:30 PM Mass)

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
11:30 AM on Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
11:30 AM on Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1