Saint Paul of the Cross
First Sunday of Advent

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and
raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.


Reverend Thomas R. Lafreniere, Pastor
Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob, O.A.D., Assisting
Rev. Daniel Devore, Assisting
Rev. Lee Smith, Retired
Deacon Frank Bandy

Rev. John Chandler, S.J., Retired
Rev. Melvin Shorter, C.P., Assisting
Rev. Brian Flanagan, Retired
Deacon Gregory C. Quinn

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 - 9:00 am or by appt.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
5:00 PM  For the intentions of Brian Githens by his grandmother, Theresa Trozza

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 First Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM † Helen & Louis Stroker by The Sedor & The Stroker Families
9:00 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
10:45 AM  For the intentions of Stephen Manganelli by Michael Manganelli
5:00 PM † Robin Dockery by Bob & Annette Lesser

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 AM  For the intentions of John Stonitsch by Edith & The Money Counters
5:30 PM † Betty Eager by Pia McCarthy

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:00 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kostos and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keifer by Faye & Ed Ettinger
5:30 PM † Mary Pfeiffer by Arlene Widmayer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM † Gertrude Bandy by The Bandy Family
5:30 PM † Robin Dockery by Theresa Trozza

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:00 AM  For the intentions of Stephen Manganelli by Michael Manganelli
5:30 PM † Richard Van Duren by Rosemary & Mark Studer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:00 AM † Mark Scarmazzo by Patti & Tim Wengierski

Vigil 5:30 PM † Albert Damerau by Chris & Hank Stauder

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8  Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM † Miguel David de la Cruz by his family
5:00 PM  For the intentions of Stephen Manganelli by Michael Manganelli

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM † Charles Kelley by The Sedor Family
9:00 AM † Dorothy O’Hara by Sheila Geary
10:45 AM  For the intentions of our parishioners
5:00 PM  For the intentions of Stephen Manganelli by Michael Manganelli

FOR DECEMBER 8/9
Sat., 5:00 PM - Priscilla Pignone
Sun., 7:30 AM - Kathy Doggett
9:00 AM - Andrea Taffy
Ken Dwyer
10:45 AM - Lee Vaughan

Don’t forget today!!
Tailgate and Football game - Dolphins vs. Bills
Start time: 12 noon in the Ave Maria Theater
Blessing of the Outdoor Nativity after the 5 PM Mass, on the front lawn

This week, December 3rd, at a glance…

Monday:
8:30 AM  Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12 PM Novena Mass for Healing and Reconciliation followed by The Rosary
2 PM Yarn & Rose Knitters
5 PM  Sandwich Makers

Tuesday:
8:30 AM Legion of Mary
6 PM Legion of Mary
6:45 PM All Paul’s Men

Wednesday:
6:45 PM  Choir Rehearsal
7 PM  St. Matthew Bible Study
7 PM Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Thursday:
6:30 PM  Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday:
9 AM – 5 PM  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday Adoration after Vigil Mass
6 PM Ministries Dinner Dance

Saturday:
8 AM  All Paul’s Men
9 AM  Contemplative Prayer Group
10 AM  Baptism Instruction

Sunday:
8:50 AM - 12:30 PM  Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
9 AM  Story Keepers
9 AM  Family Mass & CIA Session
9:15 RCIA
5 PM  Confirmation I & II and Middle school - Mass, Dinner and Class

Looking forward to, in the near future:
Mondays 5:30 PM - Al-Anon Meeting; 12/4 Kairos Ad Council Meeting; 12/6 Lighthouse Meeting;
12/14 Legend Series Concert – Second Time Around;
12/15 LIFT; 12/15/16 Columbiette Gift Wrapping;
12/24-25 Office Closed; 12/25  Merry Christmas!!

Your donations assist the poor in many ways. Thank you for dropping your dollar bills and loose change in the poor boxes. God bless you!
Welcome

Ministry of Religious Education & Confirmation
Kate Devine

RCIA/
Faith Inquiry
Deacon
Gregory C. Quinn

Director of Music & Liturgy
Jeanne Clark

Director of Family Life Ministries
Jon Niven

First Friday
Exposition & Holy Hour after 5:30pm Mass

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

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

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

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 9am - 12noon

Religious Shop - 624-1752
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am - 12:00pm & 4:30pm - 6:30pm

New Parishioners
Registration forms are available on our website, in the office during the week, and in the vestibule 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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation MASSES
Fri. Dec., 7th—5:30 PM Vigil & Sat., Dec. 8th—8 AM

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
First Friday, Dec. 7th, after the 5:30 Vigil Mass in the church.

FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
$11,819.00 + Online $1,447.00
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Collection to help support Family Promise
$1,420.00 + Online $50.00
Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection to help support our St. Vincent de Paul Society
$927.00 + Online $30.00

FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
$12,615.00 + Online $1,677.00
God Bless You and Thank You
for your generosity in supporting your church!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS weekend is the monthly collection for our Maintenance and Improvements fund.
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters.

Baptisms
Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend instruction class prior to the birth of their first baby. Please call the office to register. Baptism Class is Next Saturday, December 8th

Marriages - Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.
Our beautiful Ave Maria Banquet Hall (capacity 325) and our St. Joseph Hall (capacity 175) are available for rental for approved adult receptions and gatherings for occasions connected with church events.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Thrift Store
250 W. INDIANTOWN ROAD #108
Call 561-401-9585
Mon. - Fri. 10am-4pm & Sat. 9am-3pm Donations needed, Volunteers welcome!
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear
and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. How-
ever, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance.

God’s justice is something other than this, of course. God’s justice comprises a wonderful
rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-
off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah’s time. Is-
rael’s kings held the promise of God’s fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God’s promise
could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke’s Gospel echoes that
announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

To prepare for the Readings of December 8/9
Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God
(Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until
the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).
The Mass, Part 10 – The Sacrament of Sacraments

So far, we have made our way approximately halfway through the Mass as banquet. We have covered the “Welcome,” or Introductory Rites, and the “Getting to Know You,” or Liturgy of the Word. We now continue with “The Meal Proper,” which takes place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Approximately 10 days ago, many of you experienced a Thanksgiving meal. During that feast, you may remember that the food was brought to the table, a blessing was said, and then the turkey and “all the fixin’s” were distributed to everyone. In the same way, during our Eucharistic feast, the food is presented to the table, a “blessing” is said (actually multiple blessings), and then the meal is distributed to those in attendance. (By the way, you may recall from a previous column that the word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for “thanksgiving.” [cf. Looking Through Stained Glass, “The Mass, Part 2 – A Mass by any Other Name Would Be as Sweet,” Sept. 23, 2018])

We begin the “meal proper,” or Liturgy of the Eucharist, with the Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of the Gifts. These actions would be similar to setting the table and to bringing in the various dishes for the feast, respectively. When we invite guests to a banquet, our guests will often, from their generosity, offer some dish for the feast or a gift for the host. In the same way, the Presentation of the Gifts allows for the faithful to bring forward the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine, as well as an offering for the poor or for the Church. Jesus is the Host of the Mass, and all of us, are guests at this “banquet.” “Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance. […] Money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, are [also] acceptable.” [General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), No. 73]

After the Altar, the Table of Sacrifice, is prepared and the gifts of bread and wine have been presented to the Priest (and Deacon), the final preparations of the bread and wine are made. These preparations include a short prayer of blessing said over each element – the bread and the wine. The priest then calls us to prayer as we prepare ourselves for the most important prayer of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer, which consecrates the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Next week, we will continue our discussion with the Eucharistic Prayer as we make our way through the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
**FAITH FORMATION**

**Parish Family Vocations Chalice Program**
Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 12322

Thank you to this week’s family:
The Bloodgood Family

Please call the office to sign up for a weekend.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**
Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM
in the All Saints Room

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 561-626-1873.

**Confirmation I & II and Middle School classes**
5 PM Mass, Dinner & Class
Next Class Today, Dec. 2nd,
Dec. 9th & 16th

**STORY KEEPERS**
Children infants to age 5 are welcome to come to the Parish Center during the 9 AM Sunday Mass. This program is ongoing and free of charge. Hope you can join us!

**Bereavement Group**
St. Paul of the Cross Parish will be starting a 12 week group in January for anyone who has lost a spouse, a child, a parent, a sibling or other significant person in your life and is in need of help working through the pain and grief of such a loss.

Patricia Booth, MSW (561-396-6021) and Jack Land, Ph.D. (561-827-5130) will co-lead the group. Please call one of us for a personal interview, or ask a friend to call us if you believe he or she would benefit from a caring, gentle, Christ-centered approach to the loss of a loved one.

Meetings will be from 1 – 2:30 PM in the All Saints Room on a date to be determined.

**In preparation of the Second Sunday of Advent December 9th Proclamation**

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah. How will we prepare?

**Advent Wreath Prayer**
Light the second candle and say...

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).
God of salvation, help us give voice to the voiceless as we cry out in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

**Family Advent Activity**
You can un-trim the Christmas tree in the sanctuary by taking a paper ornament or two. As a family select and purchase a gift then wrap it and return it to the sanctuary. Pray for the family you will touch this year as you remember them with a gift.

Remember the basics are always needed: socks, undergarments and pajamas.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Many of us have treasured stories involving Religious Sisters, Brothers and priests who impacted our lives and gave of themselves so generously out of love for us and the Church. These dedicated religious women and men of faith responded enthusiastically to Jesus Christ and gave of themselves in joyful service.

Though age and infirmity have caused many to retire from active ministry, these holy women and men continue to offer their lives in prayer for us every day. From their sanctuaries of holiness, they continue to live their vocation of service to Jesus Christ and His Church.

As grateful members of the faithful, we are invited to participate a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of December 8 and 9, to assist nearly 31,000 retired religious women and men. Through our prayers and financial support we can walk with these dedicated women and men of faith as they live out the final chapter in their story of faith and service.

Thank you for all that you do for our retired religious women and men, for your prayers, your friendship, your love and your generosity. May God bless you with every grace and strength and may our Blessed Mother always intercede for you.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

December 2, 2018
Annual Christmas Eve Children’s Gospel Pageant
Monday, December 24, 2018  5:00 PM

Parents: Help to 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, Kindergarten and First Graders – wear regular Christmas clothes. Costumes will be provided.

Shepherds: Grade 2-4 – wear some sort of shepherd’s garb.

Donkey: The first fourth, fifth or sixth grader who signs up. Wear shepherds garb, you will lead the donkey.

Angels: Grades 2-4 – wear a long white “angel” costume with silver trim at the hem and at the edge of the sleeves. Wings and halos needed.

Archangel & Star: The first two fifth graders who sign up. Archangel needs an angel costume with gold trim. Star wears regular Christmas clothing.

Kings: First three sixth/seventh graders who sign up. Costumes will be provided.

There will only be one rehearsal for the pageant. You must be available for both the rehearsal and the pageant.

Rehearsal is Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 6:15 PM* - 7:30 PM in the Church. *or when Mass is over!

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.

To participate, please complete the following and return to the Parish Office by Monday, December 10th or call/email Kate at 626-1873/kate.devine@paulcross.org.

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.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & DECORATIONS

We will be decorating our church for Christmas with poinsettias, wreaths, trees, and lights. Your memorial will help us to do this. The offering for a memorial of a loved one is $10. Please print CLEARLY the name of the deceased in the space provided below, place the offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. The names of the deceased will appear in our bulletin in January.

Name _________________________________________________________________
"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 85 presents to the children at Holy Cross Preschool; 50 gifts to elderly residents at St. James and St. Andrews government-subsidized housing in West Palm Beach; 50 gifts to senior residents at Villa Regina in West Palm Beach and 50 gifts to Villa Franciscan in Riviera Beach, both of which are subsidized by Catholic Charities. 25 or so handicapped people, 20 children through a local outreach program, 10 to DePorres Place, 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:

1. Take one or more paper ornaments from the Advent Tree in our Sanctuary along with a "directions" flyer which can be found in a basket beneath the tree.
2. Purchase & wrap the gift and tape the SAME TAG on top.
3. Place the gift under the bare tree no later than Sunday, December 16

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!!
CONFESSIONS
Friday, December 21 - 8:30 AM
Saturday, December 22 - 8:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY VIGIL, Dec. 22nd 5 PM
Sunday, Dec. 23rd  7:30, 9:00, 10:45 AM and 5 PM

Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec. 24  Daily Mass 8 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - MASSES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM - CHILDREN’S GOSPEL 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)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday, January 1
8:00 AM, 12:15 PM
NO EVENING MASS ON NEW YEAR’S DAY

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25
Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, January 1
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH

PROUDLY PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF TRIBUTES

LOU VILLANO
Dynamic singer Lou Villano brings his Paul Anka songbook to the stage!

DREAMS
Crystal Visions of Fleetwood Mac
This Premier tribute band will be playing the hits!

JOHNNY T
The Man of Many Voices performs the great crooners — Dean, Frank, Bobby, and many more!

Partial Proceeds Benefit our Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8pm

Tickets $30 pp • Purchase online at www.paulcross.org or call 561.626.1873
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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: Bob Biga, Ida Campesi, Kathy Dwyer, Jack Frazier, Maddalena Giambrone, Sal Mazella and Tony Parziale and,

Bob McIlvain
Aden Miller
Mary Lou Miller
Jacque Morrow
Pat McIlroy
Deborah Mulligan
Robert Mulligan
Gregory Mundie
Denise Murphy
Karen Murphy
Amal Nawal
Michael Nelson
Mona Nunez
Patricia O’Hagan
Ethel Rodriguez Ortiz
Mary Otis
Kevin Parise
Dr. Harry P. Pasquale
Clare Pearce
Abby Peeples
Jim Perrella
June Petrello-Henig
Mike Piotrowski
Eric Price
Linda Prinz
Martha Prucker
Bob Quij
Chris Rachuba
Courtney Ramos
Kyle Rathbun
Donna Rawnsley
Gio Romero
Paul Saffron
George Sakis
Rita Sanchez
Carlos Sardina
Alys Sauraisa
Ann Scappatore
Joseph Scappello
Charles Sears
Ray & John Seymour
Chuck Shaw
Kathleen Shea
Christie Lyn Shrank
Ray Short
Richard Shorter
Daniel Sieff
Linda Sieppermann
Cameron Simpson
Patricia Smith
Mila Solis
Hannah Elizabeth Sousa
Charles Speer
Joy Spencer
Ki and Beth Spencer
Edward Stewart
Patricia Stinloth
Kelly Suddeell
Maryann Talamo
Rebecca Timmons
Carol Truitt
Jeanne Tumbarelo
Mary Tumbull
Gra Turek
Joe Uribe
Bobby Venezia
Robsen Wabe
Doug Weiss
Luann Wlita
Albert Wiker
Felix Wilson
Amber Wojcik
Jeff Woods

PLEASE NOTE: Please call the Parish Office if you are being admitted to the hospital or know of someone in our parish who requests a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months, unless notified.

PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES STATIONED OVERSEAS, FOR THE MILITARY COMMANDERS WHO LEAD THEM, FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS ADVISORS AND FOR...

Matthew Filimon
Lt. Col. Douglas Y. Finn, USMC
Lt. Col. Jennifer Formell
PFC Chase Forrest, Army
Scott Freudenthal, Army
Darrin Gabriell
Private Matthew Keay
Lance Cpl Tyler Geary, USMC
LT Ruth Gaunt, Navy
Michael Groczynski
Michael Gordon-Tenant, Army
PFC Thomas Greenia, Army
PFC Thomas Grodeska, Army
Capt. Matthew Guidone, Army
Capt. Thomas Harris, Army
Tech Sgt. Thomas M. Hennessy, Air Force
Lt. Col. Cornelius Hickey, USMC
Capt. Kristine Hochschwender
Lt. Tyler Hochschwender
Captain Steve Irving, 101st First Airborne
Sgt. Christian Marino Jakobsen, USMCR
Capt. Mitchell Joslin, Army Ranger
Capt. Jeff Keating, Marines
2nd Lt. Andrew King, Army
Sgt. Emily M. Konkle, USMCR
Major Karl Kuechenmeister, Army
Spencer Calvin McGuire
Major Jennifer Lallart-Rupp
Capt. Kelly Lallart, Air Force
Private Joseph LaSasso, Army
Master Sgt. Kyle Mack
SRA Jessica Maguire, Air Force
Daniel Malloy, USMC
Matthew Mach C.P.O. Navy
Brian Metzger
Ens. Daniel Mongiove, Navy
Bryan Neumann
Fr. Tom O’Flanagan, Chaplain, USN
Chad Owens
Capt. A.J. Palumbo, Army
Staff Sgt. Derek D. Ragion, Marines
Capt. J.T. Siglie, USN
Capt. Brice Roberts, Army
Capt. Richard Shorter, USMC
Lt. Col. Laura Sepeda
Robert Shiner
Capt. Christine Stevens
Steve Stropp, Marines Special Ops
Capt. Patrick K. Thompson, Army
Tech Sgt. Marcy Vaughn, Air Force
Amanda Wilson

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.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.