

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

BLESSED NEWS

Both Numbers and the psalm describe being blessed, like the experience of our father's face lighting up as he sees us. Blessings are received with gestures and expressions of kindness and grace. In Galatians we are reminded that we too are children of God. As children, our Father's blessing is sought and cherished. The shepherds arrive and repeat the message of the angels. They bring news from angels that this child is both Son of God and son of Mary. This small, helpless, impoverished infant is the Savior, the Lord and King for whom all have been waiting. He is the blessing that lights the sky and the face of all who see him. This Son, this Lord and King, rests in his mother's arms as she reflects on all these things.

ANSWER TO OUR PRAYER

There is lots of news from various sources in these readings. Moses, Paul, angels, shepherds, all have some news about this child. But there is no news from Mary. Mary is silent and reflective. The shepherds' message is amazing, but she had heard this message before and her response then was to say yes. Yes to the uncertainty, the unknown, the blessing. Her response now is to reflect, keeping all these things in her heart. She said yes and now that yes is real in her infant son. She holds the fulfillment of that earlier promise in her arms and she is powerfully aware of how small and vulnerable that promise is. She knows that her son, God's Son, is the answer to the prayers of so many for so long, and she knows how fragile that answer is. Her son needs to be loved and nurtured. As Mary knows and we will learn, the answer to a prayer is only the beginning.

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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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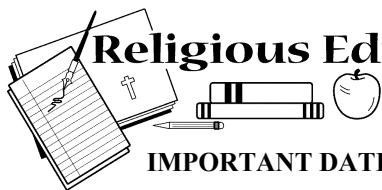
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**Sr. María Andrea Oliver, SCTJM
Superior**

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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



Religious Education

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2017

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



**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**



Find us on Facebook:

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
Blessed Trinity Youth Group
Blessed Trinity Catholic School



Congratulations to our 6th grader, Cary Scheuerle for receiving the honor of runner up for her beautiful artwork in the Mission Kids Art Contest. We are so proud of this honor as she was selected from over 1,900 submissions from students in over 33 parishes and schools.

It reminds us of the tender love that is shared between our Blessed Mother and Jesus. May we always make room for the love of Christ in our hearts and homes as Mary did.



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



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

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

Week of January 8th:
Sebastian Ortiz
Requested by the Toyos-Sitges Family

CELEBRANT INTENTION REQUESTED BY

Saturday December 31 <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
Monday, January 2	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Fr. Joseph T. Carney † Gustavo Menéndez	The Preston Family Lucy & Lázaro Díaz
Tuesday, January 3	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Ray Shourds	Stephanie Kondy
<i>Wednesday, January 4</i>	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	For Ángela Flórez's Birthday	Her Family
Thursday, January 5	7:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Leona Kelley † Genevieve Durden	Bill, Clarisa & Melissa Kelley Diane Devereaux
Friday, January 6	7:30 AM	Fr. Yamil	† Monica Carneri	Her Family
Saturday, January 7	8:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† César Calas	His Wife and Family
<i>Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Fr. Yamil	† Dorothy Haiduven	The Knigge Family
<i>MIA Airport Chapel</i>	7:00 PM	Fr. Alfaro	For All Travelers	Parish Priests and Deacons
Sunday, January 8	8:30 AM	Fr. Alfaro	† Gilberto Bonet	The Blain Family
	10:30 AM	Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	For the People of the Parish	Parish Priests and Deacons
	12:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Dc. Alemán	†† Jaime y Gloria Pérez † Jesús María Castillo † Fabiola Rodríguez † Margarita Bedoya † Javier Hernández Cumpleaños de Jimmy Restrepo Cumpleaños de Alex David Castillo	Su Familia Su Familia Darío Del Valle y Familia Libia Restrepo Su Mamá Libia Restrepo Sus Padres
	5:30 PM	Fr. Yamil, Ernie	† Ida M. Preston	The Preston Family

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.)



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA®

*Please join us every First Saturday of the month as we pray the Rosary publicly with Our Lady of Fatima for our Traditions, Families, and Property!
America needs Fatima! The world needs Fatima!
The world needs healing!*

Next meeting:

Sat., January 7th, 2017 at 12 noon
on Curtiss Parkway on the corner of
the church property.

*Sponsored by: The Legion of Mary "Virgin Most Powerful" and The Rosary Group at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.
Contact Caridad Bencomo at 305-335-7912 or Rachel Ghalloub at 305-885-2386 for information.*

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

Friday, January 6th, 9PM until 8:15 AM Saturday

Adoración al Santísimo

Ven a adorar a Jesús.



Emmaus Retreat for Men (English)

March 3-5, 2017
Mark your calendar!

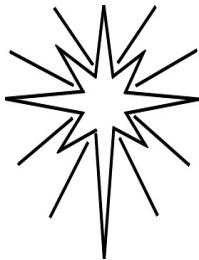
For questions or more information,
call Rigo Labrada (305) 905-6865
or Carlos Cortez (305) 283-8778

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday 2: | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| Tuesday 3: | 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6;
Jn 1:29-34 |
| Wednesday 4: | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 |
| Thursday 5: | 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 4:14-22 |
| Friday 6: | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34,
36, 38] |
| Saturday 7: | 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6, 9; Jn 2:1-11 |
| Sunday 8: | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |

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, Gerry Trepanier
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,
Valia Malaragno-Skelton,
Donald Bender, Elizabeth Annable.*

An important note...

With New Year's Day falling on Sunday, the parish loses this much needed weekend of collection. Help us make up for this calendar coincidence!

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

Remember all your contributions to the parish are tax deductible.

**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.



The parish office will be closed on New Year's Day. It will open on Monday, January 2nd, from 9AM until 1PM. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Happy New Year!

Thank You



The Ladies Guild graciously donated the remainder of the funds needed to replace our church bells.

Thank you for responding to this request and for your continued support to the parish.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year;
for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
a mighty flame
so that in our time, many will see
the wonders of God
and live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen