

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*Journey Towards Jesus
in Advent*

December 9, 2018

*Viaje hacia Jesús en
Adviento*

**Second Week of Advent
Segunda Semana de Adviento**

*Luke 3: 1-6
Prepare the way.
Prepare el camino.*

4020 Curtiss Parkway, Virginia Gardens, Florida 33166

Parish Office: Phone: 305-871-5780

School Office: Phone: 305-871-5766

Mass Times/ Horario de Misas

Monday- Friday/lunes a viernes: 7:30 AM (English)

Saturday/sabado: 8:30 AM (English) & 5:00 PM (English Vigil)

Sunday/domingo: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM (English)

& 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday 4 :00 PM – 5:00 PM/ Sunday 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Websites: www.blessed-trinity.org

Parish

Pastoral Staff

Fr. José N. Alfaro,
Pastor

Fr. Pawel Duda,
Parochial Vicar

**Dennis Jordan, José Alemán,
and Javier Inda**
Deacons

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5 pm
Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: 9 am – 2 pm
reception@blessed-trinity.org

Parish Mission

*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.*

School

Pre-K2 through 8th Grade

School Office Hours

7:30 am - 3:30 pm
btschool@blessed-trinity.org
btsreligion@blessed-trinity.org

Mrs. María Teresa Pérez,
Principal

School Mission

*"Blessed Trinity Catholic School's mission is
to witness and nurture the transforming power
of the teachings of Christ through
academic excellence and servant discipleship"*

St. Joseph's Convent

1040 Hunting Lodge Drive
Miami Springs, FL 33166
Phone: 305-871-3246

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



The Sacraments



Baptisms / Bautizos

ENGLISH: First Sunday of every month @ 2PM

ESPAÑOL: Segundo domingo del mes @ 2PM

Baptismal Preparation classes:

ENGLISH: First Thursday of every month @ 7PM

ESPAÑOL: Segundo jueves de cada mes @ 7PM

Please, call the parish office for more information.

*Por favor llamar a la oficina para mas
información.*

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**Communion and Confirmation** require 2 years of  
preparation in order to receive the Sacrament.

*La Primera Comunión y Confirmación requieren  
2 años de preparación para recibir el sacramento.*

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Holy Matrimony - A date cannot be set until all
requirements are met. You should schedule to meet
with our priest at least 8—10 months prior to
expected wedding date.

*No se puede establecer una fecha hasta que se
cumplan todos los requisitos. Usted debe hacer cita
con el sacerdote por lo menos 8- 10 meses antes de su
boda.*

Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los enfermos

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Anyone who is ill, anticipating surgery, or  
undergoing medical testing is encouraged to receive  
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

*Cualquier persona que esté enferma, anticipando una  
cirugía, o sometiendo a pruebas médicas, puede  
recibir el Sacramento de la Unción de los enfermos.*

|                            |          | INTENTION                                                                                                                                                                                                         | REQUESTED BY                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, December 8 Vigil | 5:00 PM  | Jacob & Nicolas Celebrating their First Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                            | Parish Priests & Deacons                                                                                                                  |
| Miami Airport Chapel       | 7:00 PM  | For all travelers                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Parish Priests & Deacons                                                                                                                  |
| Sunday, December 9         | 8:30 AM  | †Jose Mecsery                                                                                                                                                                                                     | His family                                                                                                                                |
|                            | 10:30 AM | People of the Parish                                                                                                                                                                                              | Parish Priests & Deacons                                                                                                                  |
|                            | 12:30 PM | †Jaime y Gloria Perez<br>†Lillian McNaboe<br>Bendiciones por el matrimonio de Juan Carlos Arana y Mayra Alejandra Reyes<br>†Stephanie Balais<br>†Ernestina Perez<br>En acción de gracias<br>†Kenny Xavier Texeira | Sus hijos y nietos<br>Familia Haas<br>Su familia<br><br>La familia Venegas<br>La familia Perez<br>Familia Ascanio Blanco<br>Helen Meneses |
|                            | 5:30 PM  | †John McWhorter                                                                                                                                                                                                   | His family                                                                                                                                |
| Monday, December 10        | 7:30 AM  | † Francis Smith<br>††Lillian & Thomas McNoboe<br>†Francesco Andolfatto                                                                                                                                            | BT family & friends<br>BT family & friends<br>Viola Zilio                                                                                 |
| Tuesday, December 11       | 7:30 AM  | In thanksgiving<br>†Carmen Garcia                                                                                                                                                                                 | Vidal family<br>Her daughter Deborah                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday, December 12     | 7:30 AM  | †Raul Villaseñor<br>†Eduardo Moreno<br>†Laural Molin                                                                                                                                                              | Fr. Alfaro<br>Fr. Alfaro<br>Fr. Alfaro                                                                                                    |
| Thursday, December 13      | 7:30 AM  | The deceased members of the Villalobos & Coto families<br>Isabella Spangler's birthday<br>Lucy Diaz's Birthday                                                                                                    | Their family<br><br>Her parents<br>Her friends                                                                                            |
| Friday, December 14        | 7:30 AM  | † Kellyfaite Herard                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fr. Alfaro                                                                                                                                |
| Saturday, December 15      | 8:30 AM  | †Bolous Saba<br>†Mary Kerrigan                                                                                                                                                                                    | Joseph, Rahil & family<br>Her family                                                                                                      |
| Vigil                      | 5:00 PM  | †Eli Koenig                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Knigge Family                                                                                                                         |
| Miami Airport Chapel       | 7:00 PM  | For all travelers                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Parish Priests & Deacons                                                                                                                  |
| Sunday, December 16        | 8:30 AM  | †Enrique Carneri                                                                                                                                                                                                  | His family                                                                                                                                |
|                            | 10:30 AM | People of the Parish                                                                                                                                                                                              | Parish Priests & Deacons                                                                                                                  |
|                            | 12:30 PM | †Luis y Elvira Santana<br>†Gilberto F. Oliva<br>†Lazaro Diaz<br>†Esperanza Dager<br>†Ninfa Bermudez<br>†Noemi Alamo                                                                                               | Su hija<br>Padre Yamil<br>Su familia<br>Su familia<br>Su familia<br>Caridad Bencomo                                                       |
|                            | 5:30 PM  | Deceased members of the Guzman & Ruiz families                                                                                                                                                                    | The Perez family                                                                                                                          |

Today's second collection is for the retirement Fund for the Religious. Please be generous! Hoy la segunda colecta será para ayudar al Fondo de Jubilación para los Religiosos. Sean Generosos!



**Offertory collection for**  
December 2, 2018: \$10,447

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
**Gracias por su generosidad!**

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week of**  
**December 9th**



**For Rahil Ghalloub's health**

**Requested by: The Rosary Group**

## Daily Mass Readings

**Dec. 3rd— 9th**

MON.: RD IS 35:1-10 RESP PS PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14 GOSPEL LK 5:17-26

TUES.: RD

IS 40:1-11 RESP PS PS 96:1-2, 3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13  
GOSPEL MT 18:12-1

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

WED.: RD ZEC 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB RESP PS JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19 GOSPEL LK 1:26-38 OR LK 1:39-47

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

THURS.: RD1 IS 41:13-20 RESP PS PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB GOSPEL MT 11:11-15

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

FRI.: RD IS 48:17-19 RESP PS PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 GOSPEL MT 11:16-19

SAT.: RD1 SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 RESP PS PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16, 18-19 GOSPEL MT 17:9A, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

SUN.: RD1 ZEP 3:14-18A RESP PS IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 RD2 PHIL 4:4-7 GOSPEL LK 3:10-18



**WeShare makes giving easy!**

The Offertory Collection is used for the day-to-day operation of the parish and its programs. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to our parish. Go to website : <https://blessed-trinity.weshareonline.org/>

A praying Community

**Please keep all of these intentions in your daily prayers:**

**For our Pastor's Intentions:**

\* Let us pray in reparation for the sins committed by Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Deacons against the Lord's commandments, as well as for healing for the victims of sin.

\* For the Holy Spirit to fall fresh upon our parishioners and for the constant renewal of our parish.

\* That the Holy Spirit may give us the gift of worship and more people discover the gift of music and join our choirs.

\* For all the young people travelling to WYD in Panama from around the world, especially the group that is going from Blessed Trinity.

**For our Parish Intentions:**

\* For our school families, faculty & staff

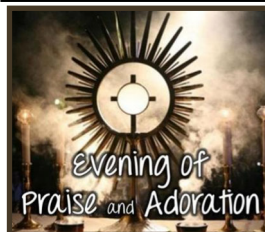
\* For our BT family community

**For the Pope's Intentions: In the Service of**

**Peace.:** In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

- That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**For the sick and elderly of the Parish, especially for baby Zac Knigge and Rahil Ghalloub.**



*Come join us, every Wednesday beginning with a rosary at 7 P.M. Followed by an hour of adoration with the Blessed Sacrament!*

### Weekly Meetings

|                               |           |        |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Adoration/Holy Hour.....      | Wednesday | 7PM    | Church      |
| Adult Choir Practice.....     | Thursday  | 7PM    | Church      |
| Children's Choir Practice...  | Wednesday | 3PM    | Church      |
| Emmaus—Women.....             | Monday    | 7PM    | Parish Hall |
| English Bible Study.....      | Thursday  | 10AM   | Parish Ofc  |
| Griefshare.....               | Sunday    | 2PM    | BT Library  |
| Legion of Mary.....           | Monday    | 7PM    | Parish Ofc  |
| Ministerio de Intercesión.... | Jueves    | 7PM    | Library     |
| RCIA                          | Sunday    | 10AM   | Parish Ofc  |
| Rosary Group.....             | Mon—Sat   | 8AM    | Church      |
| TMIY.....                     | Thursday  | 6AM    | Parish Hall |
| Youth Group                   |           |        |             |
| Lifeteen—High School          | Sunday    | 6:45PM | Carney Ctr  |
| Edge— Middle School           | Wednesday | 6:45PM | Carney Ctr  |



### Monthly Meetings:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Emmaus Men's                   | 2nd Thursday |
| Knights of Columbus            | 4th Monday   |
| Ladies Guild                   | 3rd Thursday |
| SAAM                           | 2nd Saturday |
| Grupo Enriquecimiento Conyugal | 1er Viernes  |

## *Father Alfaro's Midnight Musing*

### WELCOME WEEKEND

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you here today. If this is your first time visiting Blessed Trinity or if you have not been here for a while, I hope that you find a home in our midst. It is a blessing to have the opportunity to praise and worship together today.

Welcome Weekend is an initiative that came from the Synod that Archbishop Wenski initiated several years ago. An Archdiocesan Synod is a local council formally convened to discuss church affairs. At that Synod, one of the main priorities was for parishes to become centers of hope and evangelization. Every Catholic needs to embrace his/her missionary call from Christ to "Go and make disciples of all nations." This may not be something that we are used to as Catholics, but the reality is that the church is missionary from its inception. Pope Francis has renewed this call by reminding Catholics to go out and bring Christ to others. This is something that we must do every day; it cannot be left to chance. St. John Paul II would state that the task of evangelization "cannot be left to a group of 'specialists' but must involve all the members of the people of God. Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep Him for themselves, they must proclaim him." My desire is that Blessed Trinity continues being an invitational church not only this weekend but throughout the entire year.

Peace and blessings,  
Fr. José N. Alfaro

## *Meditación de Medianoche del Padre Alfaro*

### FIN DE SEMANA DE BIENVENIDA

Quisiera darles una calurosa bienvenida a todos ustedes hoy. Si esta es la primera vez que visitas nuestra parroquia o si no has venido en algún tiempo, espero que encuentre un hogar entre nosotros. Es una bendición tener la oportunidad de alabar y adorar juntos hoy.

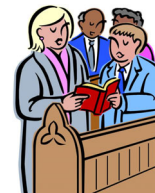
El Fin de Semana de Bienvenida es una iniciativa que surgió del Sínodo que el Arzobispo Wenski inició hace algunos años. Un Sínodo de la Arquidiócesis es un consejo local convocado formalmente para discutir asuntos eclesiales. En ese Sínodo, una de las principales prioridades era que las parroquias se convirtieran en centros de esperanza y evangelización. Cada católico necesita abrazar su llamado misionero de Cristo para "ir y hacer discípulos de todas las Naciones." Esto quizá sea algo a lo que no estemos acostumbrados como católicos, pero la realidad es que la iglesia es misionera desde su fundación. El Papa Francisco ha renovado este llamado al recordarnos que debemos salir afuera y traerle a Cristo a los demás. Esto es algo que debemos hacer todos los días; no se puede dejar al azar. San Juan Pablo II afirmaría que la tarea de evangelización "no se le puede dejar a un grupo de 'especialistas' sino que debe involucrar a todos los miembros del pueblo de Dios. Aquellos que han tenido un encuentro genuino con Cristo no se pueden quedar con Él en sus adentros, deben de proclamarlo." Mi deseo es que Blessed Trinity siga siendo una iglesia acogedora no sólo este fin de semana, sino durante todo el año.

Paz y bendiciones,  
P. José N. Alfaro



### Did you know... Part I Why do we Catholics, stand, sit and kneel during mass?

To our non-Catholic friends we may come across as maybe a bit anxious or that we simply can't stay still....Not quiet, there is a significant reason for all our postures.



Standing is a common posture for prayers started during the early Christians. We stand out of respect. We sit to listen and to learn. And we kneel as the ultimate surrendering before our God.

When the priest enters and processes towards the altar, we stand in reverence. The priest is in the person of Christ. We continue to stand during the opening prayer, the Penitential Rite and the Gloria. We also stand when the Gospel is read to show reverence and respect to the word of God. We sit to listen to the two readings and the singing of the psalms. This is the time to listen and learn, "what message does God want for me today". We kneel as the ultimate sign of humility before our God, praying and surrendering ourselves to Him.



## Camillus House Casserole Ministry

For the month of November, we collected 52 meals which feeds approximately 520 people. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Our next casserole meal is **Baked Ziti** and is scheduled to be delivered on **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Cook early so that the date does not sneak up on you!

Are you interested in joining the **Camillus House Casserole Ministry**? Contact one of the following:

Ana Drew (786) 247-4859

William Drew (786) 325-5925

Ileana Rodriguez (786) 302-7808

[btcamillus@gmail.com](mailto:btcamillus@gmail.com)

## Welcome Ministry

We're Hiring...

If you have a beautiful smile and a welcoming personality, and if you are good with people, we need you. Have you ever noticed the handsomely dressed Men and Woman who welcome you when you arrive at church? We are looking to add more members to this group at all masses especially at the 5:30 p.m. mass on Sundays. The pay is good: it's one step on the "Stairway to Heaven." if you are interested please contact Isis (305) 733-9910 or the Church office.



BT blood drive is December 16, 2018 from 8:45am to 2:00 pm. Please consider giving blood. It's a great gift.



If you have left Blessed Trinity in your will, please let us know so we can add you to our Legacy of Love Circle!

*Dear Parish Family,*

*Often parishioners, alumni, related family members and guests will ask if there is anything they could contribute towards beyond their regular financial contributions. As well, many people will ask if there is something they could purchase in memory of a loved one who has died or to honor a special occasion in their lives. In response to these request we have established, The Blessed Trinity Christmas Wish List.*

*If you are interested in helping to support a specific project on the wish list, please feel free to drop off your contribution or call the parish office if you have any questions. Very grateful!*

*Querida familia parroquial,*

*A menudo, los feligreses, los exalumnos, los familiares y los invitados preguntarán si hay algo que puedan aportar más allá de sus contribuciones financieras regulares. Además, mucha gente se preguntará si hay algo que puedan comprar en memoria de un ser querido que ha muerto o para honrar una ocasión especial en sus vidas. En respuesta a estas peticiones, hemos establecido La Lista de Deseos Navideños de Blessed Trinity.*

*Si usted está interesado en ayudar a apoyar un proyecto específico en la lista de deseos, por favor siéntase libre de dejar su contribución o llamar a la oficina de la parroquia si usted tiene alguna pregunta. Muy agradecidos!*

## Blessed Trinity Christmas Wish List



Fence for Front Field \$7,000

Camera System \$4,000

School Intercom System \$3,600

New A/C for School \$4,000

Plants & Greenery or the Grounds \$1,300

Greenery for Campus Beautification \$1,000

Two New Picnic Tables for School \$1,200

Fan for Church External Foyer \$1,200

Buffing of Church Floors \$7,000

New Lifteen Youth Group Program \$1,995

Torches for Processions \$1000

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO AN

# Advent

EVENING OF REFLECTION &  
PENANCE SERVICE



## WHEN

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19TH @ 7:00 P.M.

*Bilingual  
Extra  
confessors  
will be available.*

## WHERE

BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH

## SPEAKER

FATHER ELVIS GONZALEZ  
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR, ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

## HOW BOX TOPS WORKS:

**BUY** Find Box Tops on hundreds of products.

**CLIP**  Clip Box Tops from each package.

**SEND**  Send the Box Tops to school in a baggie or on a collection sheet.

**EARN**  Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your school.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

S.O.S. 'Save Our Society'.

The Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Society is Your Society. It is your Dimes, and Dollars (sometimes more), that pays for the overdue FPL Bill, the Water Bill, sometimes the rent, and often pays for the groceries of people in our community who are in need. So when you see the 'Poor Box', or the ushers holding the SVDP

Collection Baskets as you leave Church, please think of all you can do, by supporting Your Blessed Trinity SVDP.

## CHRISTMAS



### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm **Vigil Mass** (Bilingual)

5:30 pm Children & Adults Choir

6:00 pm **Children's Mass** (English)

### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

**\*Note there is no 7:30am Mass\***

8:30 am & 10:30 am (English)  
12:30 pm (Spanish)

## NEW YEARS



**MARY MOTHER OF GOD**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Tuesday, January 1st, 2019**  
**\*Note there is no 7:30am Mass\***

Mass Times: 5:00 PM (12/31/19)  
Vigil English  
10:30 AM English  
12:30 PM Spanish



Bilingual

**Great celebration in honor of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas  
Wednesday, December 12th**

**Holy Hour / Hora Santa  
from 7:00 - to 8:00 p.m. in the Church**

Holy Hour is offered for all of the parishioners going to World Youth Day,  
praying for the intercession of the Blessed Mother upon us.

Hora Santa ofrecida por todos los de la parroquia que van  
a la Jornada de Jovenes en Panama, para la intercesion de nuestra Madre

**Celebration following at the Parish Hall  
from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

*Mariachis, food for sale and blessing of religious items!*



Life Teen Youth Group  
invites all the parish high school youth  
to our end of semester and  
holiday celebration



- Starts with Mass at 5:30pm
- Followed by social gathering in the Parish Hall
- For more information and/or RSVP call the parish office at 305-871-5780 or email Mrs. Jenny De La Cruz at [jenny@blessed-trinity.org](mailto:jenny@blessed-trinity.org)



**LIFE TEEN**

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

