

# St. John Fisher Catholic Church

Rev. Benedict Redito, Pastor

Rev. Duvan Bermudez, Priest in Residence

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



*The King of Israel, the LORD,  
is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— Zephaniah 3:15b

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 5:30 pm  
Wednesday: 8:00 am  
Thursday: 5:30 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday/Domingo: 8:00 am (español)  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
Sunday/Domingo: 12:00 pm (español)

## Parish Office

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### Reconciliation (Confession):

Tuesday: 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Please call the parish office  
for more information on:  
**Baptisms, Weddings,  
Anointing of the Sick**

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Somos una comunidad eucarística arraigada en las tradiciones católicas romanas, y dotados con tiempo, talento y tesoro. Estamos dedicados a dar testimonio de nuestra fe a través del culto, la educación, la evangelización y el cuidado de nuestra familia de fe a través de la vida parroquial y el servicio cristiano. Todos ustedes son bienvenidos a registrarse con nosotros. El registro en St. John Fisher nos permite reconocerlos como católicos practicantes y un miembro activo de la parroquia. Su donación registrada está personalizado con su nombre y número de sobres. Muy a menudo recibimos solicitud de verificación con el fin de actuar como patrocinadores en el bautismo, la confirmación, etc si no estan registrados es difícil de asistirlos. Si usted no esta registrado, por favor de llenar el formulario que esta en las dos entradas de la iglesia y ponerlo en el canasto de ofertorio o mandarlo a la oficina parroquial o tambien puede llegar a la oficina y registrarse.

## Reflecting on God's Word

We often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies." (Zeph 3:15)

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

Tom Schmidt

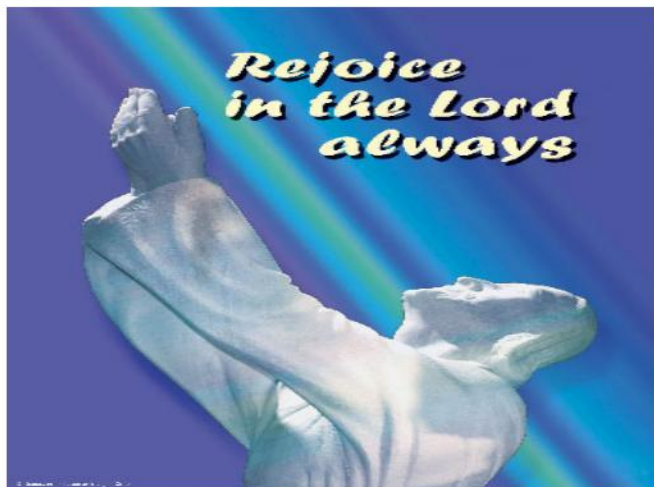
A menudo nos envolvemos tanto en todas las preparaciones para la Navidad que nos olvidamos por completo del Adviento. Las lecturas nos recuerdan que, a pesar del estrés que podamos sentir al pensar en lo cerca que está la Navidad, estamos llamados a regocijarnos porque el Señor está cerca.

El estrés que sentimos puede deberse al miedo. Pero, ¿alguna vez has notado que es mucho más fácil cuando tienes a alguien que te acompaña en las compras, o te ayude a escribir las tarjetas navideñas o a decorar el árbol? "[D]a gritos de júbilo... No temas", dice el profeta Sofonías en la primera lectura (Sofonías 3,14). No dice que el Señor viene a castigarnos por esperar hasta el último minuto para poner el árbol. El profeta dice que el Señor está en medio de nosotros, no estamos solos. "[H]a expulsado a todos tus enemigos" (Sofonías 3,15).

Y como si eso no fuera suficiente, dice que el Señor se goza y se complace en nosotros. ¿Cuántas veces te has preguntado si podrías pedirle ayuda al Señor? Sofonías nos recuerda que le da gusto al Señor ayudarnos. Y san Pablo dice lo mismo en la segunda lectura: "No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten... sus peticiones a Dios" (Flp 4,6). Ahí es donde entra en juego el Adviento. Podemos anticipar la presencia del Señor en nuestras vidas. Por eso la fe y la esperanza son centrales al tema del Adviento. La fe en el amor de Dios tiene por nosotros nos da la esperanza de que nos apoya en la debilidad y nos llena con la misma alegría que Él tiene por nosotros.

Tom Schmidt





**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — *The Lord will return his favor to Jerusalem.*

Zep 3:14-18a

**Psalm** — *Cry out with Joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**Second Reading** — *Rejoice because the Lord is near.*

Phil 4:4-7

**Gospel** — *John testifies that one greater than he is coming.* Lk 3:10-18

**Pray for our Sick**

**OREMOS POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS**

*Find healing in God's tender embrace & in knowing that others remember and care.*

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Carlos Aguierre    | Adriana Fontes    | Daphne Jean        |
| Mercedes Aguierre  | Andrea Lewis      | Diego Rojas        |
| Donald Hughes      | Rebecca Fernandez | Alfonso Gonzales   |
| Narcisa Martinez   | Lisie Pagan       | Lisa Peck          |
| Marco Palacios     | Magdalena Kinney  | Teresa Delgado     |
| Ricardo Palacios   | Chaz Azzurro      | Charlie Fletcher   |
| Carmen Vila        | Esperanza Gordan  | Joseph Madden      |
| Pedro Albizu       | Sarah Brown       | Thomas Mongiello   |
| Juan Tirado        | Ja-Ku Brown       | Ann Wehner         |
| Jose Lizcano       | Rebeca Sanchez    | Maggie Conley      |
| Connie Palmer      | David Lindsey     | Benny Martin       |
| Joyce Jopek Peters | Angelica Perez    | Mildred Martin     |
| Sylvia Fields      | Brittney Andrews  | Lisbett Waught     |
| Connie Osborn      | Amparo Perez      | Harlan Waught      |
| Laura Nicole       | Santiago Rivera   | Laura Smith        |
| Jaime Adkins       | Marie Taylor      | Leah Zimmerman     |
| Sara Gomez Ortega  | Devon Siniscalchi | Walter Wollace     |
| Gary Frye          | Maria Hubble      | Sylvia Raftery     |
| Teresa Juan        | Joey Labati       | Mary Rocanova      |
| Frank Mongillo     | Susan Smith       | Pablo Velasquez    |
| Audrey Fermin      | Herb Finkelstein  | Sacarias           |
| Sarah Pastor       | Gary Rose         | Marie Jane Charico |
|                    | Clyde Thirbenny   | Antonio Neto       |

**To add someone's name to the prayer list in the bulletin, please call the parish office.**

**OUR PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED**

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|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Theresa       | Dcn Ira Sawney    | Chuck Rock       | Jesus Soliz    |
| Thirbenny     | Serge St. Gerard  | Nicolo Redito    | Dcn Jack Rhine |
| Emilio Muñoz  | Juan Hernandez    | Donald Wolken    | Theresa Allen  |
| Alicia Pring  | Bernadette        | Norma Buckley    | Margarite      |
| Camila Vetri  | Millien           | Pauline Sherrock | Forside        |
| Betty Conover | Sandy Fernandez   | M. Estella Andre |                |
| Omar S. Muñoz | Jacqueline Taylor | Clinton          |                |



**Sanctuary Candle**

**Is being offered for  
Fr. Marco DeLeon, RIP  
At the request of  
The Legion of Mary**

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
<b>Sunday/Domingo</b> <b>8:00 am (Spanish/Español)</b> †Rogelio Gabriel Vasquez †Gian Carlo Moran Jimenez †Maria Mateo Ailon	<b>December 15, 2024</b>  Berta Gabriel Sus Padres Juan Ortiz
<b>10:00 am</b> †All Deceased Members of the Vignolo Fam.	Vignolo Family
†Antonine Denis	Mallebranche Family
<b>12:00 pm (Spanish/Español)</b> †Pedro Chel & Elena Ceto †Saulo Palomino †Hilda Hernandez †Angel Martinez †Carmen de Arma	Sandra Chel Sus Hijas Elizabeth Fontanil Elizabeth Fontanil Elizabeth Fontanil
<b>Tuesday/Martes</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> †Claudia Colomine	<b>December 17, 2024</b>  Eugenia Colomine
<b>Wednesday/Miercoles</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<b>December 18, 2024</b>
<b>Thursday/Jueves</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>December 19, 2024</b>
<b>Friday/Viernes</b> <b>8:00 am</b> SI Paul Cherico	<b>December 20, 2024</b>  His Mom
<b>Saturday/Sabado</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> †Jimmy Hababag †All Deceased Members of Filipino Apostolate of Diocese of Palm Beach	<b>December 21, 2024</b>  Pido Family Marie Pido
<b>Sunday/Domingo</b> <b>8:00 am (Spanish/Español)</b> †Almas del Purgatorio SI Josue Chun Morales	<b>December 22, 2024</b>  Sandra Chel Sus Padres
<b>10:00 am</b> <b>12:00 pm (Spanish/Español)</b> †Noemi Medina de Palomino †Saulo Palomino	Sus Hijas Sus Hijas

† = RIP  
SI = Special Intentions

**IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK  
EVENTOS DURANTE LA SEMANA**

**Sunday**      **Grupo Adolescents**  
3:00-4:00 pm (Hall)  
Every other Sunday  
**Grupo Emaus Mujeres**  
Last Sunday of the month  
5:00 pm (Hall)

**Monday:**    **Grupo de Oración**  
7:00–9:00pm (Parish Hall)

**Tuesday:**    **Adoration**  
6:00 pm-9:00 pm (Chapel)

**Wednesday:**    **Adoration**  
9:00-11:00 am  
**Amigos de Jesus**  
6:30–9:30 pm (Hall Rm. 5)

**Thursday:**    **Adoration**  
6:00-9:00 pm  
**English Choir Practice**  
6:00–8:00 pm (Church)  
**Grupo Juvenil de Adultos**  
7:30–9:30 pm (Parish Hall)

**Friday:**      **Grupo de Oración**  
7:00–9:00 pm (Church/Hall)

**Saturday:**    **Legion of Mary**  
9:00–10:30 am (Hall Rm 5)  
**Sec. Ord. Servants of Mary**  
4th Saturday of the month  
10:30am–12:30pm  
(Hall Rm 5)  
**St. Peregrine Prayer Group**  
Third Saturday of the month  
10:30–12:00 (Chapel)  
**Ujieres Meeting**  
2nd Saturday 5:30–7:00 pm  
**Damas Católicas**  
Every other Saturday  
5:00-6:30 pm  
**Grupo de Familia**  
7:30–9:30 pm (Hall)  
**Grupo Emaus**  
Last Saturday of the month  
7:00–9:00 pm (Church)

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 10:30AM, at St. Lucie Church in Port St Lucie. There will be a reception in the parish hall after the Mass. All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, or 50 or more years of marriage in the calendar year 2025 are invited to participate.

To attend, please contact the Parish Office at (561) 842-1224, and register your names as soon as possible – but *no later than Monday, January 27, 2025*. We ask that all participating couples arrive at St. Lucie Church by 10:00AM -- thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass, so you can receive your personalized certificate.



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*Anniversary Mass*

Come and join Bishop Gerald Barbarito as he celebrates the 41st Annual Anniversary Masses for Married Couples. This mass is for couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage during the year 2025.

**Saturday  
February 8, 2025  
10:30 AM**

St. Lucie Catholic Church  
280 SW Prima Vista Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



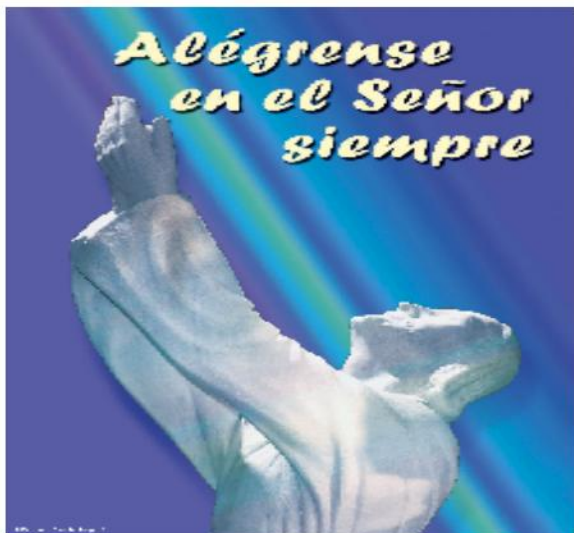
**Saturday  
February 15, 2025  
10:30 AM**

St. Jude Catholic Church  
21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

**For information and registration contact the Parish Office.**

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — *El Señor devolverá su favor a Jerusalén* Sof 3, 14-18

**Salmo** — *El Señor es mi Dios y salvador.* Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6

**Segunda lectura** — *Alégrense porque el Señor está cerca.* Flp 4, 4-7

**Evangelio** — *Juan testifica que viene uno más grande que él.* Lc 3, 10-18

**Intenciones de la Misa**

**8:00 am**

Por el eterno descanso de Rogelio Gabriel a petición de Berta Gabriel y por el eterno descanso de Gian Carlo Moran Jimenez a petición de Sus Padres y por el eterno eescanso de Maria Mateo Ailon a petición de Juan Ortiz.

**12:00 pm**

Por el eterno descanso de Pedro nChel e Elena Ceto a petición de Sandra Chel y por el eterno descanso de Saulo Palomino a petición de Sus Hijas y por el eterno descanso de .Hilda Hernandez a petición de Elizabeth Fontanil y por el Eterno Descanso de Angel Martinez a petición de Elizabeth Fontanil y por el Eterno Descanso de Carmen de Arma a petición de Elizabeth Fontanil.



**Vela en el Santuario del Tabernáculo**

Esta disponible para ofrecer intenciones especiales. Por favor hablar a la oficina para mas información.

**No One Buried Alone Service**

Saturday, December 21, 2024

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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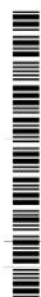
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