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programmed to our sound system are available for use during weekend masses. Please check with a Sacristan.

PARISH INFORMATION

Registration: All parish members, whether seasonal or permanent, are encouraged to register so we may be of service to you. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church or stop by the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Fridays after 8:30 am mass; Saturdays 3:30 –4 pm or by appointment

Baptisms: Parents should arrange with the pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony.

Marriages: Couples should see the pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Religious Education: Sundays, September-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Please contact the priest for more information.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Every Monday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Rosary: The Rosary begins a half hour prior to weekday Masses. The Rosary on Wednesdays is dedicated to Our Lady for protection of our area against disasters.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the First Friday of the month beginning 9:00 a.m. and concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at 12 noon.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Mazur

FrJacek@embarqmail.com

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Welcome to

**OUR LADY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

12175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, FL 33922-2877

Website: miraculousmedalch.org

Telephone: 239-283-0456

Pastor: Fr. Jacek Mazur

Deacon: Rev. Mr. William "Bill" Beck

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday) 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm (Spanish)

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
 AT OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



Wednesday, 30 Nov 2016

- Choir Rehearsal @5:15 pm (Church)

Thursday, 1 Dec 2016

- The Bible Timeline Series @ 6 pm (Education Bldg)

Friday, 2 Dec 2016

- First Friday: Adoration @ 9am; Benediction at noon

Saturday, 3 Dec 2016

- Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, 4 Dec 2016 (Second Sunday of Advent)

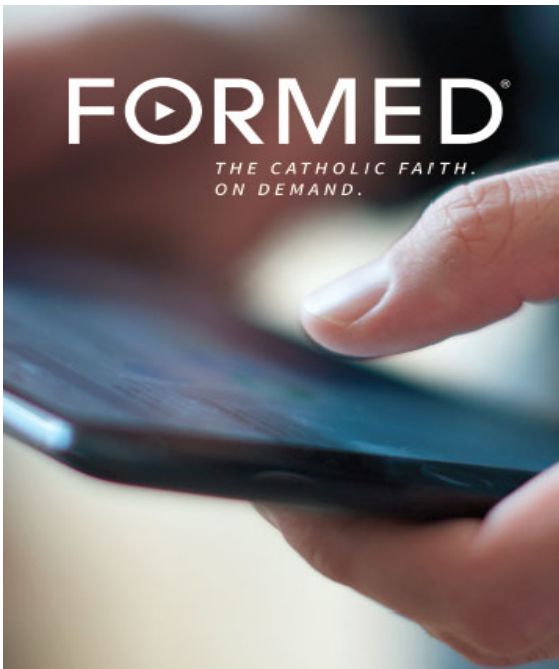
- Masses @ 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6 pm (Spanish)
- Religious Education after 8:30 am mass (Education Bldg)
- Coffee Social after 8:30 am mass (PLC)

Tuesday, 5 Dec 2016

- Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon @ Linkside Cafe in Burnt Store Marina after Guild Mtg, \$20

Wednesday, 7 Dec 2016

- Choir Rehearsal @5:15 pm (Church)
- Knights of Columbus @ 7 pm (Education Bldg)



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COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday and mandated early submission of the bulletin file to the printers, we are unable to include last week's collections and attendance figures at this time.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through their selfless offering of time, talent, and treasure. For all that you do, thank you, and God Bless!



Rose Adams, Tony & Alice Ambrose, Eddie Anderson, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Glenn Armani, Pat Auge, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Wally Bermingham, Ami Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril, Roger Bolduc, Katy Boylan, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Larry DiOrio, Alan Doerman, Al Donah, Don & Wanda Eck, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Guidi, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Jan Hartman, Harry Haskins, Frank Heeg, Shawn Heeter, Pete Herber, Helen Holfelner, Eddie Holloway, Lillian Honc, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Dave & Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Pat & Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Pete LaVigne, George Leidecker, Vito Licari, Eric Marinelli, Tom Marrs, Catherine Mazzola, Jim McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Patty 'McGlone', Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, Veronica Moran, Gema Moreno, Wes Morris, Dorothy Otott, Ruth Nayard, Bernadette Nyka, Terry O'Donnell, Jack O'Neill, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, John Pitale, Shirley Porter, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Jeanette Smith, Colleen Sullivan, Kathy Swartz, Bernadette Thompson, Julianne Thorstenson, Carol Ann Turner, Pat Tweed, Pamela Vadas, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon., Nov 28** Doll Connolly
 8:30 a.m. Requested by Joe & Marianne Baha
- Tues., Nov 29** Edward Anderson
 8:30 a.m. Requested by Joan McCaffrey
- Wed., Nov 30** Helen Iannarone
 8:30 a.m. Requested by Fran Ostrander
- Thu., Dec 1** **Members of the Parish**
 8:30 a.m.
- Fri., Dec 2** Michael P. Hughes
 8:30 a.m. Requested by Augustinian Community
- Sat., Dec 3** Robert Anderson
 4:30 p.m. Requested by Vincent & Stephania Zeppie
- Sun., Dec 4** Stanley & Ruth Miller
 8:30 a.m. Requested by Fred & Mary Sikorski
 10:30 a.m. Jeanette Smith
 Requested by a friend



THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Story of Salvation

Every Thursday until 23 Feb 2017

6 pm in the Education Building

For more info or if questions,
contact Vicki Jaunich at 239-282-1612.

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances;
to seek him, the greatest adventure."*

~ St. Augustine

*Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal*
Tuesday, 13 Dec 2016
6 p.m.

*An Ecumenical Advent Service of
Lessons & Carols*
Featuring the collaborative voices
of the Choirs of Pine Island Churches



The annual Christmas luncheon for the ladies of the parish will be on **Tuesday, December 6th at noon at Linkside Cafe in Burnt Store Marina**, after our guild meeting. The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes tip and taxes. For more info or if questions, contact Paula Larson at 283-6198.

Advent Penance Service
Servicio Penitencial de Adviento
Prepare the way of the Lord...

Wednesday, 14 Dec 2016 @ 6 pm

The **OLMM Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, 10 Dec 2016, at 6:00 pm** in the **Parish Life Center**.

*Christmas
Dinner*



Honey Baked ham, raisin sauce and rolls will be furnished.

Everyone is invited to participate by bringing a covered dish to share.

Food sign-up and reservations sheets will be available after the 26 & 27 Nov and 3 & 4 Dec weekend masses. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Contact Marie Hughes for info.

ARTIST APPRECIATION NIGHT
SATURDAY, 7 JAN 2017
Parish Life Center
5:30 pm (after the 4:30 pm mass)
Come and enjoy a relaxing evening and discover the great talent we have on the island.
Artists will display and sell their artwork.
Complimentary wine, cheese, and crackers will be served.
If interested in displaying your artwork, Contact Judy Hage at 239-848-0435.

A Bereavement Ministry at OLMM

MOURNING TO JOY

If you have lost a dear one,
please join the Bereavement Support Group every second Monday of the month at 10 am in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

Our next gathering is Monday, 12 Dec 2016.

For more information,
contact Helen Armani at 283-0701

**OLMM
LADIES
GUILD
PARTY**

SAVE THE DATE
CARD PARTY, GAMES, AND LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, 20 JAN 2017
PARISH LIFE CENTER 10 AM - 3 PM
\$20/TICKET
Contact: Judy Hage 239-848-0435

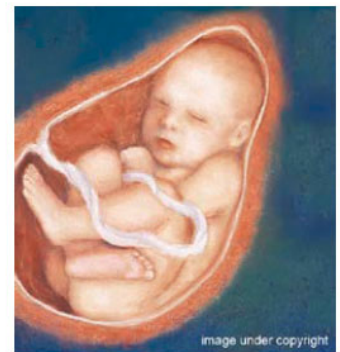


In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided immigration services to 323,151 clients. To learn more, visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

MONTH 8 – Developing Baby -- “I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!”

Spiritual Adoption Program

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother’s womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother’s voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby’s mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



1 Samuel 1:27-28 - I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.



“God as Father, Jesus as Spouse: You Are Who You Hang Out With”

Presenter:

Sue Ellen Nolan, MTS, Ed.D.

Thursday, December 1st

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Our Lady of Light

Tickets are \$10.00

All women are invited from all parishes to join us for a light dinner and a glass of wine. For more information and to register please visit: www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

Mail to: Julie Richards,
6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919



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Contact Luis Ramos 239-560-6380



FIESTA DE GUADALUPE

Sunday, 11 Dec 2016

Solemn Mass at 5:00 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm

\$10/person ages 12 and over

\$5/person ages 7 and 11

Free for kids 6 and under

Contact Luis Ramos 239-560-6380

Whom Would Jesus Execute? Come and pray for an end to the use of the death penalty on Wednesday, November 30, at 6:15 p.m. following the 5:30 p.m. Communion Service at St. Martha Church, 200 N. Orange Ave in Sarasota. Join your prayers with others in over 2,000 cities around the world for the 14th Annual International "Cities for Life, Cities Against the Death Penalty" event. For details contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.



27 de noviembre de 2016 • Primer Domingo de Adviento

Podemos ponernos demasiado ocupados y preocupados con los preparativos para la Navidad, tanto comercial como religiosamente. A menudo, tan expuestos a la publicidad comercial de “las ofertas de Navidad” de todo tipo, desde las ofertas en las tiendas hasta en el Internet, incluyendo también ofertas de última hora en la televisión y compras navideñas de último momento; ponemos la preparación pacífica y contemplativa de Adviento a un segundo plano. Luego nos cansamos y algunas veces quedamos resentidos de todo lo que se nos ha acumulado en nuestras vida regular y ocupada.

Necesitamos ir más despacio, y quizá eliminar algo de las partes más extrañas de esta celebración. ¿De verdad necesitamos poner luces en nuestras casas, que requieren de tiempo para colocarlas y que requerirán de tiempo para retirarlas; algunas veces mucho después de que el Tiempo de Navidad haya terminado? ¿En serio necesitamos todas esas decoraciones que ponemos alrededor de la casa o es suficiente con un árbol de Navidad y algunas flores de Nochebuena? ¿Necesitamos cientos de galletas o será suficiente con solo algunas docenas? ¿Acaso todos necesitan muchos regalos o solo uno para una sola persona bastará?

Piensa en cómo sería mejor durante estos días navideños si

podemos ir despacio, dar tiempo a una lectura bíblica durante cada uno de estos días y no estar como un manojo de nervios que ni siquiera podemos tener una buena noche de descanso. La urgencia de hoy de “estar alertas” no significa que no vayamos a dormir y dar vueltas toda la noche pensando en “la lista de pendientes” y preguntándonos cómo vamos a hacer todo eso.

LA LUZ DEL MUNDO

Que gran alivio sería si tuviéramos el tiempo para pensar en el milagro de Dios-con-nosotros. En nuestro mundo atormentado, necesitamos mucha oración por la paz. “Ellos convertirán sus espadas en azadones / y sus lanzas en guadañas; / una nación no levantará su espada contra otra, / no se entrenarán para la guerra” (Isaías 2:4). Si tan solo se cumpliera con nuestro deseo, pero Jesús dijo que cualquier cosas que pidiéramos en su nombre, lo recibiríamos. Quizá podemos dedicar un tiempo aún para una oración corta para nuestro mundo cansado y desgarrado por la guerra.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

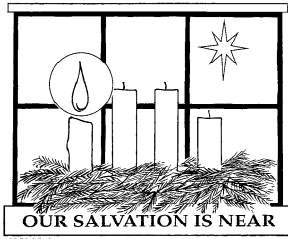
Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

DE LAS ESPADAS
FORJARÁN
ARADOS



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REFLECTING ON TODAY'S READINGS

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

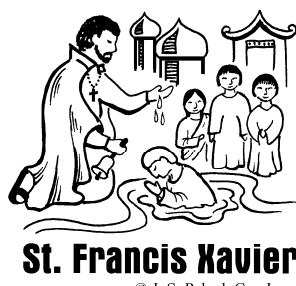
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday: St. Andrew
- Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

28 Nov—4 Dec 2016

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world. —John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. —Anonymous