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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Masses

Monday – Saturday 8:00am

Saturday Sunday Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm en Español

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick
Visits to the sick may be arranged by
telephoning the parish office.

Baptism

Detailed information may be obtained by visiting our website stjudeboca.org or calling the church office.

*No baptism is considered booked until all paperwork is received.

Eucharist and Confirmation
Baptized persons wishing to receive these sacraments should contact the Religious
Education office.

Marriage

Couples must call the Parish Office at least five months prior to the anticipated wedding date. For further information contact the Parish Office.

Do not book a reception hall until you have secured a date for church.

*No date is confirmed until all paperwork is received.

Priesthood/Religious Life
If you would like to serve God by preaching the
Word of Salvation, by celebrating the Sacraments
and by serving those in need, you may have a
vocation to the priesthood. Why not speak to a
priest or a sister today or contact the Church Office
for more information?

Reconciliation
Confessions are heard on Saturdays
From 4pm to 4:30pm or by appointment.

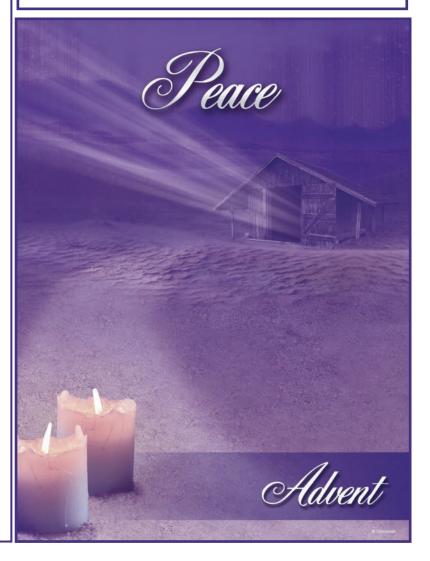


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Parish Ministries & Parish Organizations

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Christ Child Society

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Tricia Mancini

Emmaus English

Jose Rafael Capo'

Emmaus English

Beatriz Aguirre de Capo´

Emmaus Men Spanish

Manuel Cruces

Emmaus Women Spanish

Maria Bardagi

Eucharistic Ministers

Barbara Batchelder

Finance Council

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Hispanic Community

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Journey to Justice

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Welcome to our Parish

We invite you to share in our mission

St. Jude Parish is a Catholic Community of God's People of the Diocese of Palm Beach located in Boca Raton, Florida, founded in June, 1979. We are a people of diverse backgrounds and ethnic origins united by God, formed by the Gospels, strengthened by the Sacraments and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ and to grow as a faith community. We seek to enrich our heritage of care and concern for all by sharing God's love and healing with the world around us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission by participation in the liturgical, educational, and social ministries of the Church. We recognize that to be effective, these ministries require spiritual, physical, and financial resources, and we accept our responsibility as Christian Stewards to provide these resources.

Parish Directory

Pastor:	Rev. John F. Horan, O.Carm.	x1001
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The Weekly Offertory Collection
The collection for
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The Second Collection on December 14th is for Retired Religious Fund



If your means allows, please continue to support your church. You can mail in your envelopes, drop them at the Church office, or click on the secure "ONLINE GIVING" button on the St. Jude

Website **stjudeboca.org.** St Jude appreciates and relies on your generous offertory support.

From the desk of Fr. John ...

The Second Sunday of Advent

I begin this letter with an invitation, and a reminder, that on Thursday, December 11, we will gather at 7pm for our annual Advent Reconciliation Service. As usual, we expect to have at least ten priests on hand to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I remind you that on December 17 we will gather at Saint John the Evangelist and on December 18 we will be at Saint Joan of Arc for the Evening of Reconciliation. We are available for the Sacrament every Saturday at 4pm in the Church. As I wrote in my previous letter I ask that you honor these times—in the past we have been asked to hear a confession ten minutes before Mass on Christmas Eve---the Sacrament is too important to be rushed.

Tomorrow, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated at 8am and 12 noon.

Next weekend, December 13-14, we commemorate Bambinelli Sunday. We invite you to bring the "baby Jesus" figurine from your nativity display to Church for a special blessing. This tradition was started by John Paul II to emphasize that Jesus is the center of Christmas.

I trust you have marked your calendar and plan on attending our Christmas Concert on December 17. This yearly event is one that we all look forward to. Nobody leaves the Church without the Christmas Spirit after the Concert!

Looking ahead—on Saturday, December 20 at 5pm we will celebrate our second candle light Mass. This Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated by candle light. Following Mass, we invite you to the Gathering Place for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Many people commented on the peace they felt and the beauty of this Mass when we celebrated it last year.

December is certainly a busy month! Remember that our Adoration Chapel is open and provides a peaceful oasis for prayer and quiet reflection---something I know I need especially amid the hustle and bustle of this time of year and the days leading up to Christmas!

I remind you that our Church can only seat a limited number of people at the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve and for everyone's safety after we reach capacity nobody will be admitted to the Church. Ushers will seat people as they arrive—no saving of seats. A Palm Beach County Sheriff will be at the doors and he will not admit anyone once capacity has been reached. We remind you that on Christmas Eve we have Mass in Mount Carmel Hall at 5pm.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6th

5:00 pm

† Mark Schoenfeld by Fr. John, O.Carrm.

Sunday, December 7th

7:30 am

† Marie Rosette Aubin by Regine Kurdys

9:00 am

† Louise Pontillo by Tara Taylor

11:00 am

† Amelia and Joaquin Da Rocha by Ana Viola-Prioli

1:00 pm

Intentions for All St. Jude Parishioners

Monday, December 8th

8:00 am

† Edward Colson by Donna Colson

12:00pm

Intentions of All St. Jude Parishioners

Tuesday, December 9th

8:00 am

† Ciacomo Piraino by John Sause

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 am

† Sr. Joseph Marie, O.Carm. by Fr. John, O.Carm.

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 am

† Elisa Echegaray by The Brehmer family

Friday, December 12th

8:00 am

Intentions of Gavin Circosta by Madeleine

Saturday, December 13th

8:00 am

† Hilda Casana by The Brehmer family

5:00 pm

† Nicholas William Pfeffer by The Pfeffer family

Sunday, December 14th

7:30 am

† Conor Brennan by Eamon Brennan and Laura Medina 9:00 am

† Russel Arnold by Anna Arnold

11:00 am

Intentions of Anne-Isabelle Hogan by Alexandra Conde Green

1:00 pm

† Intentions for All St. Jude Parishioners



Scripture Readings for December 14, 2025

Isaíah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

...for those who are sick:

Judy Aprill, Bernard Bean,
Stephen Castiglione, Mario Enrique Estrada,
Lucas Alexander Garcia, Hunter Grayson Garcia, Monica Kirk,
Robert Fryer, Zane Jordan, Mary La Bonte, Christine Mercugliano, Denise Negrin, Jimmy Madden, Robert McNicholas,
John Marzuk, Josephine Sapone, Alan Schwartz, Tali
...for all those who have died

...for our deployed service members:

LT Christopher Anderson, Lt. Daniel V. Adams, Naval Aviator,
A.J. Barbaria, Navy, Gabriella Fasano, U.S. Navy, Camp
David Michael Fink, Navy Seal, ENS Corey Mullane, USN,
Cmdr. Derek Murphy in Iraq, Lucas Lima, US Army,
SG T. Jeff Troisi in Iraq, SGT. Jacob Dayman-Chavira in Iraq,
Parker Poloskey, Lt. Lauren Vernazza, USN,
VADM Michael Vernazza, USN, Lt. Joseph Wright

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Names stay on the prayer list for approximately 2 months

These special candles will be lit

December 7th thru December 13th Sanctuary Candle

The unborn

St. Therese's Candle

Gavin Circosta



In our parish...

IMPORTANT DATES & CELEBRATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent Confessions

Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 pm - St. Jude Church Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm - St. John Evangelist Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm - Saint Joan of Arc

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 pm - St. Jude Church 5:00 pm - Mt. Carmel Hall 8:00 pm - St. Jude Church

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25th

9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 (Spanish) St. Jude Church

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 pm St. Jude Church

New Year's Day Mass

Thursday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:00 am St. Jude Church





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Office of THE BISHOP

December 5, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps meet the growing needs of more than 21,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious-order priests who have been faithful servants of the Church, will be next weekend, December 13/14.

Rising health care costs and the absence of traditional retirement plans have placed significant strain on many religious communities. In 2024, the average annual cost of care for those over age 70 was about \$56,600 per person, with skilled nursing care averaging \$96,000. Also, the average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$9,090, while the average lay beneficiary receives \$23,704. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps address these challenges.

Since 1988, the U.S. Catholic bishops have organized a collection to address the deficit in retirement funds among religious communities. Last year, the appeal raised more than \$28.1 million, providing assistance to 266 U.S. religious communities. Beyond financial aid, the collection supports educational programs, empowering religious communities to plan for their long-term needs.

I am grateful for the impact these women and men have had on our faith journeys, inspiring and guiding us all. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious plays a vital role in providing necessary financial support. I invite you to give whatever you can toward this year's collection, and please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A pastor was working in his office one day when the church secretary came scurrying through the door out of breath. "Pastor, Pastor, I have news!" she said, trying to regain her composure.

"Well, what's the news?" asked the perplexed pastor. "Jesus is coming. He's back, and he's coming here right now. What should we do?" The pastor smiled, turned back to his computer and answered, "Look busy!"

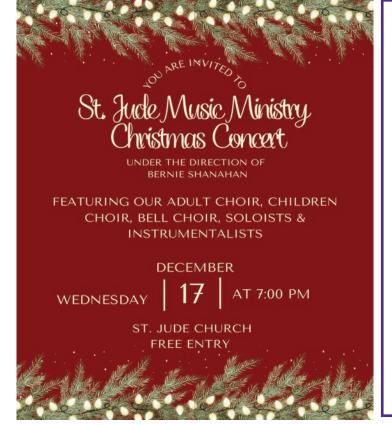
The 2nd Sunday of Advent is about getting ready in the right way. It is not just about waiting. It is about turning back to God with open hearts and open hands. In the Gospel, John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to repent. Turn around. Get ready. Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent helps us focus on changing our lives to be ready for Christ. It's not enough to just "look busy", by turning away from sin and living with hope, we welcome Jesus into our hearts. Advent reminds us that waiting is not passive but active and joyful, filled with expectation and faith.

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Encountering

Virgin Mary of Guadalupe



sabemos que la Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe es la Madre del verdadero Dios por quien se vive y es portadora de Jesucristo que nos da su Espíritu, que vivifica a nuestra Iglesia

Gracias a san Juan Diego.

Thanks to Saint Juan Diego, we know that the Most Holy Virgin of Guadalupe is the Mother of the true God by whom we live and is the bearer of Jesus Christ who gives us his Spirit, which gives life to our Church

Te invitamos a celebrar los 495 años de las apariciones de *Nuestra señora de Guadelupe*. Misa solemne bilingüe, *viernes 12 de diciembre de 2025 a las 7:00 p.m.* uniendo a toda la comunidad de St. Jude en honor de María.

We invite you to celebrate the 495th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadelupe with a solemn Mass on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. It will be a bilingual liturgy uniting the entire St. Jude community in honor of Mary.



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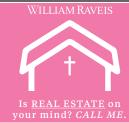
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