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

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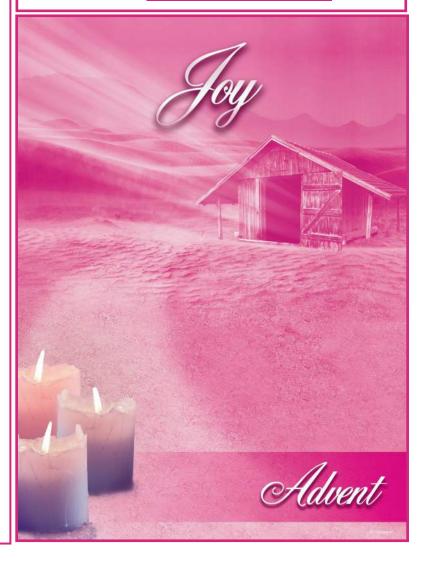


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Welcome to our Parish

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.

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Top 7 sins we forget to confess & good replacement behaviors.

Our benchmarks in holiness are not our peers. We strive to compare our holiness with that of Jesus and Mother Mary. Jesus wants us to become perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect. The saints have proven throughout time that everything is possible with God. Meanwhile, we must do our part. While culturally approved behaviors occur every day in our lives, Biblically, they are sinful. These normalized, subtle slights are easily excused because everyone does them. Seemingly innocent, they quietly weaken our spiritual growth, dull discernment and distance our hearts from God without our realization. Here

are the top 7 things we forget to confess, why they are spiritually dangerous, and good habits to honor God instead. Tweaking these behaviors will alter our journey to holiness while bringing breakthroughs to God in bigger things.

- 1. Gossip is one of the most common sins because it disguises itself as conversation, concern, or support. It is talking about people in ways that do not honor God or show love for neighbor. Proverbs 16:28 says, "A gossip separates close friends. It spreads division, assumptions, and spiritual poison." Why are we comfortable repeating stories we didn't witness, sharing private details or entertaining rumors? Meanwhile, we grow in pride, judging others and breaking trust. Good habits to replace are pausing to think before speaking. For example, "would I say this if the person were here? Am I helping or harming?" If gossip happens around us, silence is not good enough. Silence is interpreted as agreement. Shut it down kindly. Ask to pray together for resolution instead. Switching to prayer kills gossip. If we refuse to participate in gossip, we become a safe person, someone God can trust around His children. This leads to our growing in holiness, influence, and greater spiritual responsibilities.
- 2. <u>Complaining and grumbling</u> is so common we barely notice it. We vent about our jobs, families, the weather, finances and co-workers. But the Bible is clear. *Do everything without grumbling*, Philippians 2:14. Complaining isn't only about airing our frustration. It's a spiritual declaration that God's grace is not sufficient or that He is not good provider. It shifts hearts filled with gratitude to negativity. It blinds us blessings, fuels anxieties and invites discouragement. Whining is more than a bad habit. It's a mindset that rewrites how we interpret God. Replace complaining with gratitude. Each morning, seek out one blessing and say "Thank you God" aloud to overpower temptations from evil spirits. Throughout the day, as the problems present themselves, stop and thank God for having a job, beautiful kids or the car cutting us off to save us from an accident ahead. Gratitude resets our spirit and releases negativity. A thankful heart brings peace, clarity, and joy. When we choose gratitude over grumbling, we create more space for God in our hearts.
- 3. <u>Little white lies.</u> We may call it stretching the truth, avoiding conflict or saying what people want to hear. But lying is lying no matter the size or shape. Ephesians 4:25 commands, "*Speak the truth to your neighbor. Even small lies damage integrity, distort trust, and plant seeds of dishonesty in the spirit.*" When we find comfort in small lies, bigger lies follow. What we forget is lying isn't about morals, it's spiritual alignment. Satan is the father of lies. When we lie, even casually, we imitate and invite the wrong father. It is cleaner to embrace honest simplicity. If the truth will disappoint someone, we deliver it gently. If we don't know, we say so. If we make a mistake, we admit it. Telling the truth is uncomfortable at first, but it strengthens our character and relationships. Honesty brings freedom. God blesses those who can be trusted. Moreover, truth creates a stronger foundation for every other area of our life.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13th

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 by Alexandra Conde Green 1:00 pm

Intentions for All St. Jude Parishioners

Monday, December 15th

8:00 am

† Victoria Clemens by Donna Colson

Tuesday, December 16th

8:00 am

† Cynthia Vincennie by Patrick Whipp

Wednesday, December 17th

8:00 am

† Marcus Friedel by Fr. John, O.Carm.

Thursday, December 18th

8:00 am

† Denise Negrin by Alberto Tio

Friday, December 19th

8:00 am

† Nicholas William Pfeffer by Jean Merget

Saturday, December 20th

8:00 am

Intentions of Mary Mitchel by Donna Colson 5:00 pm

3.00 pm

† Ida and Angelo Raccaghi by the Mackey family

Sunday, December 21st

7:30 am

Intentions for All St. Jude Parishioners

9:00 am

Intentions of Alexandra Conde Green by Alexandra Conde Green

11:00 am

† Kenneth Medford by Ingrid, Lindsay, Paul, Kenna, Luca & Dario

1:00 pm

† Gilma Guerrero by Estella Sanchez



Scripture Readings for December 21, 2025

Isaíah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

...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:

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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,
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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.

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- 4. Envy and comparison. We compare our bodies, marriages, careers, homes, ministries and talents; often without realizing it. Social media encourages comparison, yet it is spiritual suicide. James 3:16 says, "Where envy exists, there is disorder and every evil practice." Envy is not just coveting what others have. It's resenting their blessings and hoping they fail. Comparison steals joy, distorts identity, and distracts us from our calling. It is a lie--that God is doing more for others than for us. When envy arises, bless the person by praying a quick Hail Mary. Then thank God for everything He is doing in our lives, even if things are in process. If social media is the source, unfollow accounts that trigger insecurity. Our stories are unfolding exactly as God intends. We don't need anyone else's approval. We must love ourselves exactly as God made us. If we offload envy, we make more room for God to grow in us.
- 5. <u>Grudges.</u> In today's culture, everyone is offended by something, but resentment is spiritual poison. Hebrews 12:15 warns, "bitterness defiles many." We wallow in our hurt, replaying conversations, assuming motives and building walls around our hearts. Normalizing grudges by saying, "I'm not mad. I just won't deal with them" is a barrier to healing. Avoidance is a cyclical trap that promotes non-spiritual heaviness. Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was OK. It is choosing not to carry the burden of bitterness. Ask for help, "Lord, take this from me and replace it with love." Emotions will catch up and hearts heal as we choose obedience. We were not created to carry offense. When we release anger towards others, we release ourselves. Emotional freedom begins with forgiveness.
- **6.** <u>Selective prayer.</u> Many of us don't pray unless something is wrong or worse, we treat God like a vending machine. Prayer is not a crisis hotline. It's a relationship. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. When we neglect prayer, we become spiritually malnourished, lose discernment, peace, guidance, and strength. Satan doesn't have to destroy our faith. He just needs to distract us from prayer. Prayer is oxygen for our spirit and being prayerless is being powerless. Many busy lifestyles mean minimal contact with God. We must actively make time for God. If we set prayer checkpoints in our day: morning, midday, and before bed we are more successful. Even 5 minutes at each point creates spiritual consistency. As we build habits, prayer becomes natural, and keeps our heart aligned with God. When we prioritize Him, we gain clarity, strength and "the peace surpassing all understanding," Philippians 4:7.
- 7. <u>Justifying sexual sin.</u> Modern culture treats sexual sin as normal, even among Christians. Even *thoughts* of lust, porn, emotional affairs, crossing boundaries, premarital sex, cohabitation; all these are dismissed as struggles, not sins. But 1 Corinthians 6:18 says, "Flee sexual immorality. Not flirt with it, not manage it, flee from it." Sexual sin distorts intimacy and invites shame and confusion. What feels normal to us is sin to God--because it disrupts His plan for us. Set clear boundaries. Set filters on streaming accounts and social media. Avoid situations and near occasions of sin that invite temptation. Seek a sponsor for accountability--who is spiritually mature. Replace lustful thoughts with wholesome reading about saints who fought sexual sins: St Augustine, St Jerome or the female martyrs. Sexual purity requires intentionality and God strengthens those who seek holiness.

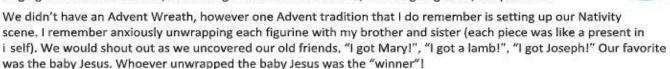
Freedom from guilt and shame brings spiritual peace. As we pray, we find greater clarity and feel greater intimacy with God. He restores and replaces everything we surrender to Him. In summary, gossip divides. Complaining blinds. Lies destroy integrity. Comparison steals joy. Resentment is poison. Prayerlessness weakens the spirit. Sexual sin traps souls. These behaviors feel small but snowball over time towards greater evil. When we choose obedience in the everyday things, God elevates us toward bigger things. Holiness begins with awareness. Transformation begins with surrender.

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I have cherished memories of Christmastime from my childhood. I vividly remember decorating Christmas cookies with my sister and my mom. The angel cookie cutter was my favorite! I remember singing in the choir at school, decorating the Christmas tree and, I'm not going to lie, the presents!



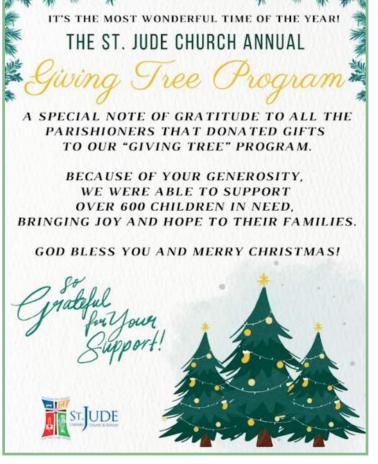
The Third Sunday of Advent marks St. John Paul II's beloved tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. Pope John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home. He blessed the figurines of those present and told them to gather as a family, before the manger scene at home, in a spirit of prayer. Bambinelli Sunday is a beautiful Advent tradition, that we celebrate here at St. Jude Church as well! It sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event. Advent traditions are a great way to encourage and strengthen the natural bonding of families with each other and with God.

I still have that Nativity set from my childhood. My parents received it as a wedding gift, so it has seen better days, but I will cherish it forever. I still play that little game (in my head) as I meticulously unwrap each figurine, "I got Mary, I got a lamb, I got Josephl" - but my favorite is still the baby Jesus!

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" Luke 2:12

Wishing you joy today and always, Susan





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