



Most Holy Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading -
Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

Responsorial Psalm -
"Lord, come and save us."

2nd Reading -
James 5:7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura -
Isaías 35:1-6a,10

Salmo Responsorial-
"Ven, Señor, a salvarnos. Ven, Señor."

Segunda Lectura -
Santiago 5:7-10

Evangelio - Mateo 11:2-11



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Gaudete Sunday

Today we light the third candle, the Shepherd's Candle, on our advent wreath. This third candle is pink and symbolizes the joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day and the joy the shepherds felt.

Domingo de Gaudete

Hoy encendemos la tercera vela, la Vela del Pastor, en nuestra corona de adviento. Esta tercera vela es rosa y simboliza la alegría por la próxima llegada de Jesús el día de Navidad y la alegría que sintieron los pastores.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13

5:00 PM Nicholas Broadway (*birthday blessings*)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM + Deceased members of the Wisnar family.
10:00 AM John Dossou & Henry Pascal (*birthday blessings*)
12:30 PM + Cristian Bonilla

Monday, December 15

6:45 AM Terlop family (*God's special blessings*)

Tuesday, December 16

6:45 AM Christina & Carla Perez (*God's special blessings*)
6:30 PM Ebanks-Vinson family (*living & deceased*)

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 AM Five Guys (*God's special blessings*)
8:30 AM God's blessings to family & friends during this Christmas season.

Thursday, December 18

7:00 AM + Beverly Mikolash
7:00 PM + Rafael Núñez & Altagracia Castro

Friday, December 19

6:30 PM Gerrie Trafficante (*special blessings*)

Saturday, December 20

8:30 AM Charlotte Jahnigen (*birthday blessings*)

(+) *Deceased*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOMEBOUND, OR
CONFINED TO HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES,
ESPECIALLY:

Dcn. Joe Krzanowski	Ismael Hernández
Pat Krzanowski	Irida Ruiz
Joanna Schweiberger	Ana Iris Rivera
Olga Bonilla	Rosa del Rosario
Jeanne M. Duval	Abraham González
Ligia Grams	Ángel Rodríguez
Grecia Bonilla	Kristin Brodt
Lucy Pérez	
Rafael Pagan	
Rita Gomez	

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED, ESPECIALLY:

Walter Swisher Jr.	Jorge Pérez
Israel Aparicio	Raymond Denicourt
Steve Berry, OSF	Pat Hargraves
Ronald Haebig	Joan Wright
Beverly Mikolash	
Cathy Nurkala	
Celina Barrios	
Jessie Walter Turner	
Angelica Carasco	
Paul Reed	
German Bonilla Jr.	

MASS TIMES

Sunday

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:30 PM (*Spanish*)

Monday

6:45 AM

Tuesday

6:45 AM
6:30 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM
8:30 AM (*MSCS*)
6:30 PM (*1st & 2nd
Weds. Only*)

Thursday

7:00 AM
7:00 PM (*Spanish*)

Friday

6:30 PM (*Bilingual*)

Saturday

8:30 AM
5:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday

5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

Thursday

3:00 PM - 6:45 PM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Thursday

6:00 PM - 6:40 PM (*Spa.*)

Saturday

4:00 PM - 4:40 PM
(*Eng. & Spa.*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tue - Wed

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fri - Sun

CLOSED



THE PROPHET'S PROFIT

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God's people must obey his commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope,

with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

- Tom Schmidt

LA GANANCIA DE UN PROFETA



Si lees los libros de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento, notarás que no fueron muy populares. La mayoría fueron asesinados o exiliados porque desafiaron a la gente (especialmente a los gobernantes) a seguir los mandatos de Dios. Juan el Bautista (quien podría considerarse el último profeta del Antiguo Testamento y el primero del Nuevo Testamento) sufrió de la misma forma. Entonces, ¿qué impulsó a los profetas a seguir adelante?

En primer lugar, los profetas tenían fe en Dios. Creían que Dios hablaba a través de ellos, creían que el pueblo de Dios debía obedecer sus mandamientos fielmente y amar al Señor sobre todas las cosas. Tenían fe en que Dios los protegería y apoyaría, y que Dios siempre cumpliría sus promesas.

En segundo lugar, tuvieron paciencia. Perseveraron cuando la gente rechazó su predicación. Esperaron pacientemente a que Dios cumpliera esas promesas, a veces por el resto de sus vidas. Algunos profetas tuvieron que ser pacientes con sus propias debilidades o con su incapacidad para cambiar el comportamiento del pueblo de Israel.

El tercer don de los profetas fue la esperanza: que al cumplir los mandamientos de Dios, su pueblo se renovaría, junto con toda la creación. La primera lectura es un ejemplo de esa esperanza, con sus descripciones de desiertos convertidos en jardines y de enfermos y discapacitados sanados y fortalecidos.

Entonces, ¿qué aprendemos de estos profetas? Primero, tenemos que mantener firme nuestra fe en Dios. Si vas a la iglesia una vez a la semana, lo mínimo requerido, sería como hacer ejercicio solo una vez a la semana y pensar que eso te mantendrá en buena forma. La oración, para nuestra salud espiritual, es un ejercicio tan importante como los aeróbicos para la salud física.

Segundo, necesitamos paciencia, y no solo con nuestros hijos. Tenemos que ser pacientes con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Algunas personas dejan de ir a la iglesia porque no ven ningún crecimiento espiritual en sí mismas. Así que sé paciente; no esperes convertirte en un santo de inmediato. A veces, incluso los santos no pudieron ver su propio crecimiento espiritual.

Finalmente, el don de la esperanza nos ayuda a ser pacientes porque confiamos en que Dios cumplirá sus promesas y nos dará todo lo necesario. La lectura de Isaías nos da la esperanza de que Dios abrirá nuestros ojos de fe, limpiará nuestros oídos para escuchar su palabra (Is 35,5) y nos recibirá con gozo y dicha (Is 35,10).

-Tom Schmidt



**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME
NOVEMBER 28, 2025**

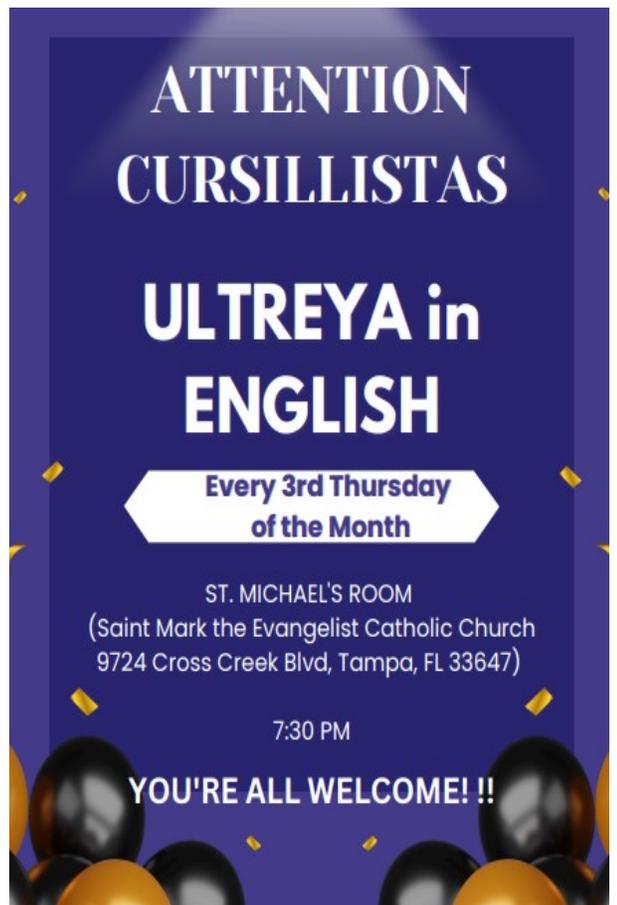
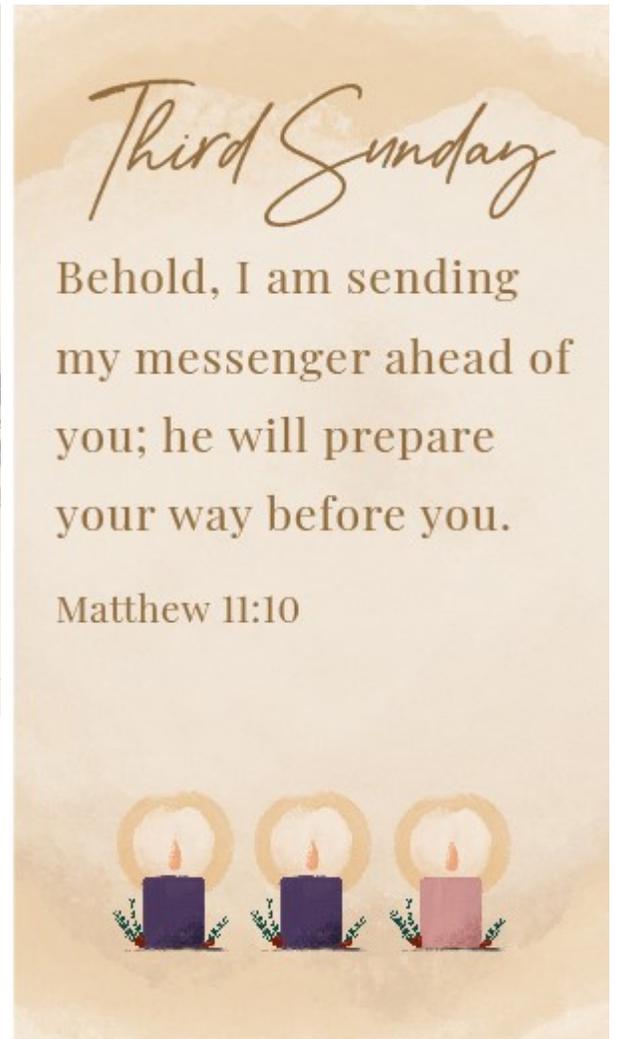
Our community joyfully celebrated the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome on November 28, 2025.

The Rite of Acceptance recognizes the Catechumen's decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith into the process of full communion with the Church. Please keep each of them in your prayers as we accompany them on their journey to their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Welcome to our family! Bienvenidos a nuestra familia!

- ◇ Liam Hernandez
- ◇ Renata Ruiz
- ◇ Yoselin Arreguin
- ◇ Johan Arreguin
- ◇ Salvador R. Arreguin
- ◇ Leyvin D. Hernandez
- ◇ Ilene Chavez
- ◇ Ninoska Monserrate
- ◇ Gabriela Osorio
- ◇ Miguel Angel Hernandez
- ◇ Aldo Artemio Camacho-Molina

**Not all individuals listed are shown in the photo.*



Christmas

Mass Schedule

24

DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - Children's Mass

10:00 PM - Vigil Night Mass

25

DECEMBER

Christmas Day

10:00 AM - English Mass

12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

31

DECEMBER

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (vigil)

5:00 PM - English

1

JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM - English

12:30 PM - Spanish

****The Nativity of the Lord (aka Christmas) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are holy days of obligation!**





MHR PARISH STATISTICS

# of MHR Families	575
# of Gifts	144
Participation	25%

OUR GOAL: \$9.5 MILLION

23% | ENCOUNTERING GOD AND NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Bethany Center for Spiritual & Formation Development
- Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program
- Marriage & Family Life
- Ministry to Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance Grants
- Ministry to Multicultural Communities
- Ministry to Youth & Young Adults
- Missionary Discipleship
- Office of Faith Formation
- Office of Worship & Diocesan Liturgical Celebrations
- Support of The Catholic University
- Tribunal Office for Canonical Information & Sacramental Support

33% | EMBRACING GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

- Diaconate Program & Formation
- La Clinica Guadalupana & Medical Clinics Support
- Pinellas Hope, Tampa Hope & Pasco County *Shelters of Hope* of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg
- Prison Ministry
- Seminarian Education & Support, & Promotion of Vocations
- Vicar for Religious

44% | ACCOMPANYING OUR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

- Clergy Care, Ministry to Priests & Continuing Education for Priests
- Diocesan Mission Initiatives
- Gulf Coast Catholic Magazine*
- Haitian Apostolate & the St. Rita, St. Joseph-Tampa & St. Clement Migrant Apostolates
- Justice, Life & Advocacy Promotion & Formation
- St. John XXIII Residence
- Safe Environment Program
- Stewardship Formation, Development Services & Ministry Advancement
- Support for Shrines in the Holy Land & Churches in Latin America

CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

Progress Update

As of December 5, 2025:
 We've raised \$74,168.24 of our \$95,616 goal!

78%

CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

MAKE YOUR GIFT OF **Hope**

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11-30-2025		
First Sunday of Advent		
Mass Time	Amount Collected	Adult Attendees
5:00pm	\$1,698	115
8:00am	\$661	75
10:00am	\$1,583	158
12:30pm	\$1,460	229
Totals	\$5,402	577
Attd. incl. children		687
Online Giving		\$2,538
Total Offertory (incl. other or non-regular offertory)		\$8,775

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Estamos agradecidos de que esta pieza de comunicación se proporcione a nuestra parroquia sin costo GRACIAS al apoyo de los patrocinadores del boletín.

Llame a la oficina si está interesado en colocar un anuncio de su empresa, familia, organización, o para conmemorar a un ser querido. ¡Gracias!

BIBLE/ CHRISTIANITY TRIVIA

Try to answer these trivia questions as best as you can. When you're done, you can check your answers by looking them up!

1.) What is the word that embodies the Third Sunday of Advent? Hope, Peace, Love, or Joy?

2.) What is another name for the Third Sunday of Advent?

3.) Who is the voice crying out in the wilderness?

4.) Finish the verse: "Be _____, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord."

Last Sunday's answers:

1. Peace
2. The Jordan River
3. Cousin
4. Root of Jesse

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Rearrange the letters to discover a message from today's readings!

EB OGSNRT, AFRE TON!

_____, _____!

The Kids' Corner



SUNDAYKIDZ

3rd Sunday of Advent

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P	E	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	R
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