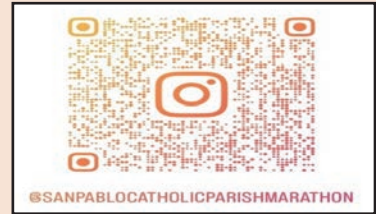


San Pablo Catholic Parish
December 6th - 7th, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent



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Communion Service

Monday: 8:00 am

Mass times

Tuesday thru Friday
8:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday:

8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon (Spanish)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm—3:45 pm
Or by appointment

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Every Thursday
(starting Dec 4th)
8:40 am—3:00 pm
with confessions
8:45 am—9:15 am



**On the second Sunday in Advent
the "Peace" candle is lit**

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Message from Father Oscar

Dear San Pablo Family,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist, the bold and uncompromising prophet who calls God's people to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Messiah. His message rings out from the desert: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!"*

John appears in a stark and simple landscape: the desert, a place where distractions fade and truth becomes clear. Advent offers us a similar spiritual desert. In the midst of our busy preparations for Christmas, the Church invites us to pause, to listen, and to allow God to speak to us with fresh clarity.

John's message is direct: true preparation for Christ requires conversion. He challenges his listeners not to rely on outward practices or religious identity alone. Instead, he urges them to *"produce good fruits of true repentance,"* to let their actions reflect a heart that is honestly seeking God.

Advent invites us not only to look forward to Christ's coming at Christmas, but to allow Him to reshape our lives now.

John also reminds us that he is only the forerunner. The One he announces—Jesus Christ—is far greater. John baptizes with water, but Christ will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire", a fire that purifies, renews, and strengthens. Jesus comes not merely to comfort us, but to transform us into faithful witnesses of His love.

As we continue our Advent journey, John's voice calls us to clear the clutter of our hearts, to straighten the paths that have become crooked, and to open ourselves more fully to God's presence. Preparing for Christmas is more than decorating our homes; it is about making room for Christ in our daily decisions, our relationships, and our priorities.

May this week of Advent help us draw closer to the Lord with renewed faith and sincere hearts. Come, Lord Jesus, prepare us and make us ready to welcome you.

This Monday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for this feast will be celebrated as follows: 8:00 a.m. – English and 6:00 p.m. – Bilingual. Please make the necessary arrangements to participate in one of these Masses.

Next weekend, December 13–14, we will take up the nationwide Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection helps provide care, medications, and other necessities for aging sisters, brothers, and priests. It also supports educational programs and assists religious communities in planning for the future. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

Have a blessed week.

Father Oscar.



Upcoming Liturgical Mass Schedule

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday December 8th - Mass at 8am and 6pm

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation) -

Christmas Eve - 4pm & 9pm, Christmas Day - 8am, 10am, & 12pm (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - January 1st (Holy Day of Obligation) -

December 31st - 4pm, January 1st - 10am & 12pm (Bilingual)

MASS TIMES - HORARIOS DE MISA		December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity	
Saturday December 6 - Sábado 6 de Decembre 4:00 pm (D) Bob Barnes Requested by The Simone Family (D) Lillian Hattan Requested by Larry & Marianne Benvenuti		On December 8th the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her mother's womb (St. Anne). The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA, meaning you have to attend Mass. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is found in the Constitution Ineffabilis Deus of 8 December, 1854, when Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." The Blessed Virgin Mary was subject of this immunity from original sin. It is the person of Mary at the moment of the creation of her soul and its infusion into her body. "...in the first instance of her conception..." The person is truly conceived when the soul is created and infused into the body. Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul. The formal active essence of original sin was not removed from her soul, as it is removed from others by baptism; it was excluded, it never was in her soul. Simultaneously with the exclusion of sin. The state of original sanctity, innocence, and justice, as opposed to original sin, was conferred upon her, by which gift every stain and fault, all depraved emotions, passions, and debilities, essentially pertaining to original sin, were excluded. But she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam — from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death. The immunity from original sin was given to Mary by a singular exemption from a universal law through the same merits of Christ, by which other men are cleansed from sin by baptism. Her redemption was the very masterpiece of Christ's redeeming wisdom. He is a greater redeemer who pays the debt that it may not be incurred than he who pays after it has fallen on the debtor. Such is the meaning of the term "Immaculate Conception."	
Sunday December 7 - Domingo 7 de Decembre 8:00 am (D) Carole Kalberer Requested by The Simone Family (D) Julie Joyce Requested by Riet Steinmetz 10:00 am (D) Julie Joyce & Kathryn Brogan Requested by Sandra Bradshaw & T 12:00 noon (D) Rosalina Falcon Requested by Mary Beth Weltman			
Monday December 8 - Domingo 8 de Decembre 8:00 am (D) Clara Mayette Requested by Jerry Mayette (D) Roland Ranaglia Requested by Rosalinda & Walt Fahey 6:00 pm (D) James Elsea Requested by Mom (D) Dirk M Smits Jr Requested by John & Lourdes Dick			
Tuesday December 9 - Domingo 9 de Decembre 8:00 am Communion Service			
Wednesday December 10 - Domingo 10 de Decembre 8:00 am (D) Edward & Bertram Melvin Requested by Maty Melvin			
Thursday December 11 - Domingo 11 de Decembre 10:00 am (D) Peg Joyce Requested by Nancy Arrowsmith			
Friday December 12 - Domingo 12 de Decembre 8:00 am (D) James Elsea Requested by Mom			
Saturday December 13 - Sábado 13 de Decembre 4:00 pm (D) Bob Barnes Requested by The Simone Family (D) Robby Kroschel Requested by Bob Kroschel			
Sunday December 14 - Domingo 14 de Decembre 8:00 am (D) Carole Kalberer Requested by The Simone Family (L) George & Pat Hospodar Requested by Stephen & Sharon Starling 10:00 am (D) Cecilia Fay Requested by Thomas Fay (D) John & Carmen Bazata Requested by Jim & Carmen Kelley 12:00 noon (D) Pedro Velazquez Requested by Jessica Velazquez			
Weekly Liturgical Calendar			
6	Saint Nicholas		
7	Second Sunday of Advent		
8	The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
9	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin		
10	Our Lady of Loreto		
11	Saint Damasus I		
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		

STEWARDSHIP

November 22nd - 23rd, 2025

Offertory	4,912.82
WeShare Electronic Giving	1,337
Capital Improvement	2,173
Devotional Candles	232
Mass Intentions	295
Poor Box	70
Garden	60
Total Received	9,079.82

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November 29th - 30th, 2025

Offertory	3,624
WeShare Electronic Giving	980
Capital Improvement	2,207
Devotional Candles	139
Mass Intentions	
Poor Box	115
Garden	45
Total Received	7,110

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Events Happening around the Parish

Next weekend December 13th & 14th there will be a special second collection for The Retirement Fund for Religious



San Pablo Church would like to thank Sunbelt Equipment & Tool Rentals of Marathon, FL for the donation of the lift to aid in putting up the many Christmas lights. This job would have been impossible without this.



In Need Of Prayer...

Prayer List Abby Cafiero, Amy Seddon, Anthony George, Anthony Gover, Bernie Benvenuti, Betty Schrage, Bonnie Cohen, Chris Carballo, David Gadberry, Dee Kiser, Donna Lushbaugh, Erin Egan, Father David Klein, Gladys Schez, Hellen Gessell, Jerome Morris, Jill Currie, Jody Hribar, Josef Rosu, Joseph Kiser, Joshua Matney, Karen Hayes, Lisa Miller, Marcia Kiser, Marie Pittman, Maria Rosu, Michael Klitgaard, Michelle Sosa, Noah Brito Del Pino, Obdulia Caridad, Patrick Anello, Rita Hess, Roy HERNON, Sharon Kiser, Sharon Sieracki, Stefan Toplician, Tasha Long, Terry McQuoid, Tom Alferes, Tom Kramarz, Will Foster

The Keys Chamber Orchestra &
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present

A Christmas Celebration

*A collection of music and
lessons to celebrate the season*

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 7:30 pm
Big Pine United Methodist Church, Big Pine Key

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 7:30 pm
Venture Out Christian Church, Cudjoe Key

Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 7:30 pm
San Pablo Catholic Church, Marathon

*A free will offering will be taken
Admission is free*



Art Show and
Sale featuring
the artwork of
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Opening night Sunday December
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Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

**"You can learn more in an hour of si-
lence than you can learn in a year from
books." Matthew Kelly**

**Come spend an hour with your savior in
Eucharistic Adoration. Every Thursday
8:45 am - 3:00 pm**

Remember to observe Sacred Silence

Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness
of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near." Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:1-12



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Spots are filling up quickly!!! If you are interested in more information PLEASE see Kimberly in the office to discuss the itinerary, ask any questions you may have and what the next steps are in securing your spot!

Cant go? Or already been? See the office about sponsoring a fellow parishioner on this exciting pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage Itinerary Spotlight of the week....

Burgos (Part 2)

5. Atapuerca- East of Burgos is the largest archaeological site in the world. You needn't be an anthropologist to be enthralled by what you'll find at Atapuerca, where the oldest hominid fossils in Europe have been discovered. These date back as far as 350,000 years and were first discovered when a deep trench through these mountains was dug for a mining train in the late-1800s. It wasn't until the discovery of Sima de los Huesos in the 90s that researchers realised the great age of the remains. The site is still being excavated, and draws archaeologists from around the world.

6. Museum of Human Evolution- Make a day of it by coming to this attraction before or after Atapuerca. The museum was opened in 2010 and has an innovative layout, recreating parts of the Atapuerca landscape in the basement, including a 3D model of the Sima de los Huesos. As you move up you'll be filled in about the Darwin's theory of evolution and what we've learned from Atapuerca about human evolution. You shouldn't miss ten highly-detailed sculptures of early man through different stages of its development. Higher up you'll see the ways we've changed since prehistory and then enter an accurate reproduction of the environment in which Atapuerca's early humans lived.

7. Miraflores Charterhouse- A short drive in the countryside east of Burgos is this beautiful historical site that you can also reach on foot by following the course of the river. The monastery dates to the 15th-century and was adapted from a former hunting lodge belonging to King Juan II and built by his father Enrique III. It is still occupied by monks and is a stunning piece of late-gothic architecture replete with gothic and renaissance art. Inside feast your eyes on the extravagant high altar, gilded with the first shipments of gold from the American continent. Also wonderful are the tombs of Juan II and Isabel of Portugal, carved from alabaster.



8. Camino de Santiago- Pilgrims have been stopping at Burgos on the historic Way of St. James for many hundreds of years, as they head for the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela. The route into the city isn't worthwhile as it goes through Burgos' industrial zone, but you could definitely walk a portion of the trail as it leaves Burgos and winds east through rolling wheat fields on the way to León. The course is marked by the distinctive scallop shells, and of course it's not just for Christians: Many people of all backgrounds take on this mammoth challenge every year.

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Mensaje del Padre Oscar

Querida Familia de San Pablo,

En este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, el Evangelio nos presenta a Juan el Bautista, el profeta audaz e inmovible que llama al pueblo de Dios a preparar su corazón para la venida del Mesías. Su mensaje resuena desde el desierto: *“Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus senderos”*.

Juan aparece en un paisaje austero y sencillo: el desierto, un lugar donde las distracciones desaparecen y la verdad se hace clara. El Adviento nos ofrece un desierto espiritual similar. En medio de nuestros ocupados preparativos para la Navidad, la Iglesia nos invita a pausar, a escuchar y a permitir que Dios nos hable con nueva claridad.

El mensaje de Juan es directo: la verdadera preparación para Cristo requiere conversión. Él desafía a sus oyentes a no confiar únicamente en prácticas externas o en la identidad religiosa. En cambio, los exhorta a *“producir buenos frutos de verdadero arrepentimiento”*, dejando que sus acciones reflejen un corazón que busca sinceramente a Dios.

El Adviento nos invita no solo a esperar la venida de Cristo en la Navidad, sino también a permitir que Él transforme nuestras vidas desde ahora.

Juan también nos recuerda que él es solo el precursor. Aquel que anuncia—Jesucristo—es mucho mayor. Juan bautiza con agua, pero Cristo bautizará *“con el Espíritu Santo y fuego”*, un fuego que purifica, renueva y fortalece. Jesús no viene solo a consolarnos, sino a transformarnos en testigos fieles de Su amor.

A medida que continuamos nuestro camino de Adviento, la voz de Juan nos llama a despejar el desorden de nuestros corazones, a enderezar los caminos que se han torcido y a abrirnos más plenamente a la presencia de Dios. Prepararse para la Navidad no es solo decorar nuestras casas; se trata de dar espacio a Cristo en nuestras decisiones diarias, nuestras relaciones y nuestras prioridades.

Que esta semana de Adviento nos ayude a acercarnos al Señor con fe renovada y corazones sinceros. Ven, Señor Jesús, prepáranos y ayudados a estar listos para recibirte.

Este lunes, 8 de diciembre, celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, día de precepto. Las Misas para esta solemnidad se celebrarán de la siguiente manera: 8:00 a.m. – Inglés y 6:00 p.m. – Bilingüe. Por favor, haga los arreglos necesarios para participar en una de estas Misas.

El próximo fin de semana se llevará a cabo la Colecta Nacional para el Fondo de Jubilación de los Religiosos. Esta colecta ayuda a proveer cuidados, medicamentos y otras necesidades para hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos. También apoya programas educativos y ayuda a las comunidades religiosas a planificar para el futuro. Gracias por su generosidad y apoyo en oración.

Tengan una bendecida semana.

Padre Oscar.



On Saturday, January 10, 2026, our parish will joyfully celebrate the 70th Anniversary of its foundation. We are honored to welcome the Most Reverend Enrique Delgado, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, who will preside at the 4:00 p.m. Mass here at San Pablo. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the parish hall, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend as we give thanks to God for seventy years of faith, community, and service.

El sábado 10 de enero de 2026, nuestra parroquia celebrará con alegría el 70º aniversario de su fundación. Tenemos el honor de recibir al Excelentísimo Monseñor Enrique Delgado, Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, quien presidirá la Misa a las 4:00 p.m. en San Pablo. Después de la Misa, habrá una recepción en el salón parroquial, y todos los feligreses están cordialmente invitados a participar mientras damos gracias a Dios por setenta años de fe, comunidad y servicio.



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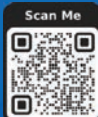
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