



Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Strengthened by FAITH § Living in HOPE § Serving with LOVE



Rev. Z. Andy Rudnicki, Pastor
Rev. Laurent Assenga, ALCP, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Brian Campbell, Parochial Vicar

Parish Directory

100 Crestwood Blvd. S., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed daily from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM for lunch

Parish Office: (561) 798-5661

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Permanent Deacons

Deacon Rodney Brimlow

Deacon Stephen Hayes

Deacon Bob Laquerre

Parish Staff

Business Manager/ Stewardship	James Duemig
Director of Religious Ed.	Laura Schroeder
Director of Music	Mauricio Leguizamon
Bookkeeper	Chris Winters
Administrative Assistant	Sharyn Garcia
Receptionist/Office Assistant	Arlene Laquerre
Facilities Manager	Rick Busch
Parish Maintenance	Tom Schmidt
	Ryan Winters
	Nick DeLapi
Youth Music Director	Mindy Simpson

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
	6:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday	8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM
	6:00 PM
Weekday Masses	8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)
Friday	12 Noon (September-May)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 Noon, 7:30 PM
Saturday Confession	2:30 - 3:30 PM
Adoration	Monday through Friday 7 AM - 7 PM and Saturday 7 AM - 4 PM

NOTE: Adoration is closed when the office is closed.

Masses Intentions

SATURDAY

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Midnight Mass

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

1:00 PM Spanish

TUESDAY

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM

THURSDAY

8:00 AM

FRIDAY

8:00 AM

Noon

SATURDAY

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

DECEMBER 23

+ The Hughes Family

by The Jelencoovich Family

+ Tommy Cangelosi

by Mom and Dad

+ Manuel Abreu & Maria J. Nunez

by John & Alsacia Sakellis

DECEMBER 24

+ Ngoc Luong, Tu Van Luong, Phuc Can Luong

by Tan Hoai Luong

+ Armindo DeCarvalho

by Wife and Family

+ For Our Parishioners

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

+ Robert & Natalie Knapp

by the Knapp Family

+ Conrad Lemke

by Matt and Debbie

Intentions of Gloria Lee Mog

by Goodhealth/Brother

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Novena

+ Eileen & Edward Monahan

Monica Monahan

+ Todd Coleman Brizzard

by His Family

+ Sonia Mabel Pampillon

The DiMola Family

DECEMBER 26

Christmas Novena

DECEMBER 27

Christmas Novena

DECEMBER 28

Christmas Novena

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Novena

Multiple Intentions

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Novena

+ Joanne Tesser

by Judy Pelio and girls

+ Carlos Olvera

by Juan Carlos Olvera

DECEMBER 31

Intentions of Joan DeSantis

by Aymonin Family

Christmas Novena

+ Ray Pignato

by Bea Pignato

+ For Our Parishioners

Readings for the Week

December 25: **Vigil:** Is. 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt. 1:1-25

Night: Is. 9:1-6; Ti. 2:11-14, Lk. 2:1-14

Day: Is. 52:7-10, Heb. 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

December 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt. 10:17-22

December 27: 1 Jn. 1:1-4; Jn. 22:1a, 2-8

December 28: 1 Jn. 1:5-2:2; Mt. 2:13-18

December 29: 1 Jn. 2:3-11; Lk. 2:22-35

December 30: 1 Jn. 2:12-17; Lk. 2:36-40

December 31: Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Col. 3:12-21; Lk. 2:22-40

Parish Events Calendar

December 23

Saturday

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sunday

December 25 - Christmas Day

Monday

Office Closed

December 26 - Feast of St. Stephen

Tuesday

Office Closed

December 27 - St. John, Apostle/Evangelist

9:45 Choir Practice in the Church at 7PM

December 28 - Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Rosary Makers in Luke/John Classroom at 1PM

Spanish Prayer Grp in Matthew Classroom 7PM

6:00PM Band Practice in Church at 7PM

December 29

Friday

December 30

Saturday

December 31

Sunday

January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

Monday

Office Closed



Please Note

*The parish office will be closed for
Christmas and New Years on the
following days:*

*December 25th and 26th
and
January 1st and 2nd*

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Congratulations on the decision to baptize your child in the Catholic Faith! We are here to help you with the process. Please call or stop by the parish office and we will be happy to get you started. Travel plans for out of town guests should not be made until a date for the baptism is confirmed by the parish staff. A meeting with a priest *may* be required. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marriages: Please come by the parish office to start your marriage paperwork. Please allow six months to complete the paperwork. A wedding date cannot be set until a priest has been consulted.

Sick and Homebound: We are blessed to have a group of volunteers in our parish who are happy to bring Holy Communion to the sick, the hospitalized and the homebound. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. If you or your loved one would like for a priest to visit with the Sacrament of Anointing, please do not hesitate to call us.

Week 4 Advent Prayer for Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.
Amen.



Deacon's Corner

Let us Rejoice with Mary in the Birth of Jesus

Rejoice! Rejoice! God is near. Praise be to God. Emmanuel! God is with us!

Today we focus on the journey of a family and the birth of a little boy in a very small town, called Bethlehem. Sometimes we get so caught up in the festivities of the Advent and Christmas seasons that we lose sight of his purpose in coming in the form of man. One way of keeping perspective is to meditate upon facts surrounding the beginning of Jesus' earthly life, and how they are similar to those concerning the end of his earthly life.

Let us begin at the place where it all started. The word "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread," and it is fitting that Jesus was born there, since he would become for us, the True Bread of Life. His birth dramatically proclaims his self-emptying love for us, his humility in becoming human, becoming flesh, flesh that he will give to us at the Last Supper, and in every Eucharistic celebration thereafter.

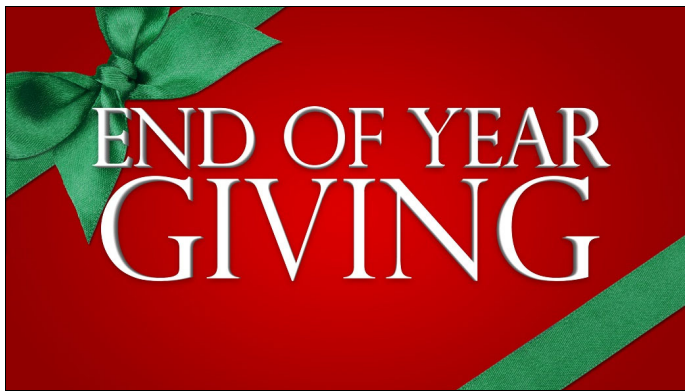
His birth was accompanied by the breaking of his mother's water and the blood of new birth, and at his death, Jesus would have water and blood pour out from his side. His blood was freely given and shed for our salvation, and is now present to us in Holy Communion, where the wine, after being mixed with water, is consecrated and truly becomes the Precious Blood of Jesus.

After his birth, Jesus was wrapped in a swaddling cloth, and at his death, a shroud of seamless white cloth. The infant Jesus was laid in an animal feeding trough, most likely made of stone, and at his death, he would be laid on a stone slab inside a tomb. It was his father Joseph to whom God the Father entrusted the care, safety, and custody of his son Jesus, and it was another Joseph, one from Aramithea, who would be given custody of Jesus's body after death. Not long after his birth, Jesus' family would flee from their homeland to avoid the death of their son, and at his final moments, Jesus would conquer death itself in the resurrection, and return to his home with the Father.

And Mary, the mother of Jesus, the first disciple, the God-bearer who was full of grace and not stained by sin, was always there. Mary was the constant, from the moment of Jesus' conception, to his birth, throughout his ministry, to his death, at his resurrection, and with the birth of the Church, his bride. She was always there for him, with him. And this is why we celebrate her as we do. Her place among the Saints is rightly supreme, for she is first among them as Mother, Most Holy. This is also why the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, takes place one week after Christmas Day. The Church recognizes and professes her role in salvation history.

As we reflect on the joys of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, let us also keep in mind his mother, Mary, who said, "Let it be done to me according to your word." And it was **that** word, the Word of God, the Gospel, the Christ himself, whom she bore. She is the example, like none other, of the authentic Christian life, so let us take extra time today, to stand in awe, just as the shepherds, at the marvelous, unfathomable, indescribable, inexpressible Incarnation of God, the God-man, the Flesh of the Father, and our eternal Savior, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

Deacon Rodney



Have you considered giving appreciated stock as your year end gift to the church?

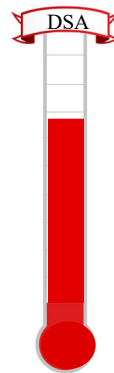
Each year many parishioners make their year end tax deductible gifts to our parish. Have you considered this, and if so, have you considered the major advantages to giving appreciated stock? By giving a gift of appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains on the stock or security, receive a charitable gift deduction on your tax return and Our Lady receives the full value of your security. (Please consult you Financial Advisor or Tax Consultant) For more information visit the Diocese page at www.diocesepb.org/other-ways-to-give

Weekly Treasure

December 17	Offertory	On-Line	Total
Offertory	\$16,447	\$4,589	\$21,036
DSA Debt			\$1,349
SVDP			\$195
Attendance	2,054		

It is in giving, that we receive.

Diocesan Services Appeal



2017 DSA Commitment	\$200,000
Pledges and Gifts:	\$150,079
Amount Needed:	\$49,921
Donors:	364

2017 Diocesan Services Appeal

Now these three remain:

Faith, Hope and Love.

But the greatest of these is Love

As we approach the end of the year, especially at a time when we give thanks, it's hard not to think about the blessings we have been given by our Lord. It's a time of reflection of "what we have done, and what we have failed to do". In last week's Gospel we heard our Lord talk about feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, caring for the sick, clothing the naked, and visiting the imprisoned. This is what the DSA is all about. It's about helping the most needy in our Diocese. We are considerably short on our commitment to the Diocese in our DSA and if you haven't offered your gift, we ask that you prayerfully reflect on your gift and consider all those who are in need...the brothers and sisters that Jesus spoke about in the Gospel last week. He said, "whatever you do to the least of your brothers, you do to me"!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

PREP News

There will be **no** PREP next week, December 25th-December 28th.

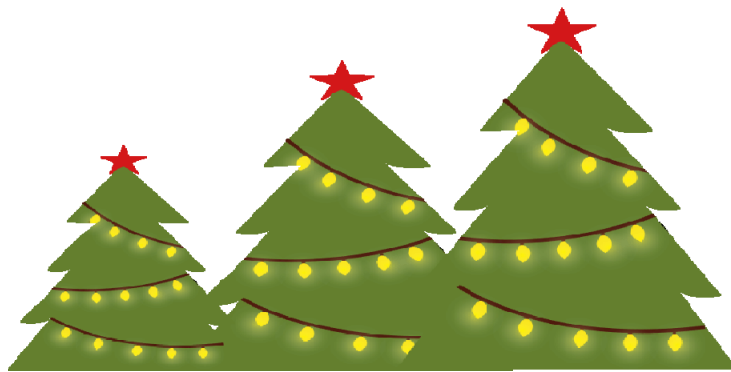
Confirmation Students:

*Saint essays are **due Monday, January 8th!!***

First Communion Families:

- **January 3rd:** 7:00-8:00pm First Communion Parent Informational Meeting in Celebration Hall.
- **January 13th:** 12:00- 2:00pm First Communion Parent/Child Day in Celebration Hall.

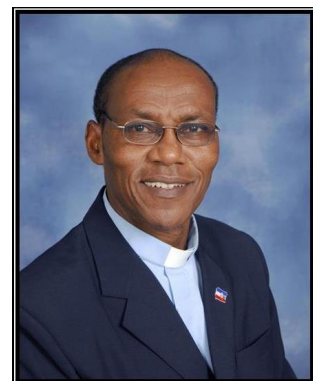
I wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



***Father Andy
December 20th***



***Father Laurent
December 27th***

The History Of The Twelve Days Of Christmas

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

December 25th - The "**partridge in a pear tree**" was Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.

December 26th - The "**two turtle doves**" were the Old and New Testaments - another gift from God.

December 27th - The "**three French hens**" were faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Spirit that abide .

December 28th - The "**four calling birds**" were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.

December 29th - The "**five golden rings**" represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describes man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

December 30th - The "**six geese a-laying**" stood for the six days of creation.

December 31st - The "**seven swans a swimming**" were the "seven gifts of the Holy Spirit" - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

January 1st - The "**eight maids a-milking**" were the eight beatitudes.

January 2nd - The "**nine ladies dancing**" were nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience (Forbearance), Goodness (Kindness), Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Self Control (Chastity).

January 3rd - The "**ten lords a-leaping**" were the Ten Commandments.

January 4th - The "**eleven pipers piping**" were the eleven faithful Apostles.

January 5th - The "**twelve drummers drumming**" were the twelve points of belief of the Apostles' Creed.

So, the next time you hear "**The 12 Days of Christmas**", consider how this otherwise non-religious sounding song had its origins in the Christian faith.



Christmas Schedule 2017

Vigil Masses

**Sunday December 24th
4:00 PM and 6:00 PM (English)**

Christmas Day Masses

**Monday, December 25th
Midnight, 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM, Spanish Mass - 1:00 PM**

New Year's Day Mass - Solemnity of Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Monday, January 1st — 8:00 AM



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Save the Date!

Annual Anniversary Masses

Bishop Gerald Barbarito will celebrate the Annual Anniversary Masses for Married Couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage during the year 2018.

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM ~ OR ~ Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 10:30 AM

St. Lucie Catholic Church
280 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



St. Paul of The Cross
10970 Jack Nicklaus Dr.
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Cake, Coffee and Punch reception following Mass

Watch your Bulletin for details on how to register with your parish for one of these special celebrations.

Bible Study

Bible study will be back in
January, 2018
7:00—8:30PM

We hope to see you there...

...and remember, feel free to bring
a treat!



***Journey with Fr.
Brian Campbell***



***Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
October 16-26, 2018***



**Brochures available in
the Parish Office**

**Your
New
Year's
Event**

To WELCOME 2018!!
Let's get together and
celebrate BIG!

There will be live
entertainment, a cocoa
bar, cookie station,
craft station, talent
show, and then the
dance floor will be
open.

Please join us for an
amazing night!
Help with desserts
would be very
appreciated.

Saturday, January 13th
6 p.m.
Celebration Hall
- OLQA -

RSVP by
January 5, PLEASE



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Family Life Ministry

*The priests, deacons and
parish staff wish you a
Blessed and Merry
Christmas*



ACTIVIDADES DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Novenas/ Posadas

“En Nombre del Cielo os pido Posada”

La comunidad hispana de Nuestra Señora Reina de los Apóstoles los invita a participar a partir del 16 al 24 de diciembre. Ven y participa.



- 16 de diciembre salón Celebration Hall después de la misa
- 17 de diciembre casa de Aida y Miguel
- 18 de diciembre casa de Enrique y Fela
- 19 de diciembre casa de Clara y Alberto
- 20 de diciembre casa de Conchita y Pepe
- 21 de diciembre casa de Ruby y Alex
- 22 de diciembre casa de Dolly y Miguel
- 23 de diciembre casa de María y Bernardino
- 24 de diciembre casa de Areani y Jorge

Tercer Domingo de Adviento (16 de diciembre)

Un llamado a la conversión nos traen las lecturas de hoy. Ungido por el Espíritu Santo, Isaías es enviado a proclamar el año de gracia. El bautista se presenta como la voz que grita en el desierto, invitando a la conversión porque el Mesías ya está en medio de su pueblo. Por su parte, Pablo exhorta a los habitantes de Tesalónica a estar siempre alegres y alejarse del mal.

Lecturas próxima semana

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento (23 de diciembre)

Primera lectura: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12,14a,16

Segunda lectura: Romanos 16:25-27

Evangelio: Lucas 1:26-38

Para ti hermano:

Ministerio quiere decir servicio. Así como Cristo no vino a ser servido sino a **Servir** Mt 20,28. Los ministerios existen para el bien y el servicio a la comunidad, por voluntad de Cristo. Si escuchas el llamado a servir, comunícate.

Alsacia 792-7476