



Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Bulletin

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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace

† **Sister Grace Marie Parker**, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, died May 21, 2026 in St. Augustine, Florida at age 87. She dedicated decades of her life to Catholic education, parish ministry and religious service in Florida.

† **Rachel Jacqueline Abadi**, mother of Father Roberto Manuel Cid, died recently.

Prayer request

- Please pray for **Sister Carmen Ors, SCTJM**

Assignments

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointments:

Effective May 15, 2026

- **Father Warren Julian Guillermo Escalona Martínez**, All Saints, Parochial Vicar

Effective June 15, 2026

- **Father Adam Paul Cahill**, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Henry Jair Cardenas Afanador**, St. Gregory the Great, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Tomasz Koziel**, Nativity, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Aristides Luis Lima**, St. Gregory the Great, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Carlos Eduardo Luzardo Leal**, St. John Neumann, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Cristhian David Mendieta Hernandez**, St Thomas the Apostle, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Saint-Clos Papouloute**, Notre Dame D'Haiti, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Pietro Pironato**, Immaculate Conception, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Michele Segal**, St. Katharine Drexel, Parochial Vicar

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Assignments

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Effective June 15, 2026

- **Father Juan Antonio Tupiza Ortega**, St. Kevin, Parochial Administrator
- **Father Andrew James Tomonto**, St. Coleman, Pastor
- **Father Jesse Adam Pierce**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Parochial Administrator
- **Father John Edward Buonocore**, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Dean of Men/
Vice Rector
- **Father Enzo Rosario Prendes**, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Parochial Vicar
- **Father David Zallocco**, St. Bonaventure, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Rikinson Bantou**, St. Bartholomew, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Long Hai Do**, St. David, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Jaime Iglesias García**, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Saul Holanda Martins Araujo**, Mother of Christ, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Luis Gonzalo Arboleda, IVE**, St. Gregory, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Andrew Joseph Vitrano-Farinato**, Church of the Little Flower/ St. Theresa
(Coral Gables), Parochial Vicar
- **Father Gustavo Manuel Barros**, St. Joachim, Parochial Vicar
- **Father John Yaw Aduseh-Poku**, St. Louis, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Ivan Toledo Domínguez**, St. Edward, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Mario Rodrigo Avila**, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St Richard, Parochial Vicar
- **Father David Gómez Valdes**, St. Timothy, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Félière Louis, C.S.**, St. Timothy, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Iguintz Calixte, SDB**, St. Ambrose, Parochial Vicar
- **Father Julius Nwagbara, SMMM**, Catholic Hospice Chaplain, in residence St. James

Effective July 1, 2026

- **Father Juan Carlos Ríos**, St. Justin Martyr, Parochial Administrator
- **Father Bryan Anthony García**, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary-St Richard, Pastor
- **Father Yosbany Alfonso**, St. John Vianney College Seminary, Spiritual Director
- **Father Fritzner Bellonce**, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pastor
- **Father Youry Jules**, Holy Family, Parochial Administrator

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Priest retreats

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be offered at Grand Coteau Retreats in Grand Coteau, LA from June 30 to Aug. 2, 2026. A team of trained spiritual directors will offer 30-days, 8-days, 5-days, and 3-days form of the Spiritual Exercises. The program is co-sponsored by Jesus Youth and Amoris Christi.

The cost for the 30-day retreat is \$4,400 and includes all materials and stipend for spiritual direction. The 3, 5 and 8 days retreat cost \$150 per day. Preference for admission to the 30-days retreat is given to bishops, seminary formators, vocation directors, priests, deacons and their wives, religious and lay leaders involved in spiritual formation and evangelization. For application for the 30-days retreat, contact Fr. John Horn, S.J. at 561-374-2268 or jhorn@svdp.edu. For application for the 3, 5, and 8 days retreat, contact Fr. Thomas Pulickal at retreats@amorischristi.com.

St. Paul Center Priest Lifetime Membership

The St. Paul Center is offering free all-access membership for priests. Resources include:

- The Word of the Lord weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings
- Over 20+ course on Scripture and Theology
- Flagship Journey through Scripture studies on the Mass, the Virgin Mary, and more

Priests may visit StPaulCenter.com//Priest-Membership to register.

St. Paul Center Priest Conference

Experience four days of spiritual and intellectual renewal for priests, presented by the St. Paul Center July 6-9, 2026 in Wheeling, WV. Costs vary, from \$425-\$700. Register online at StPaulCenter.com/Priests or contact events@stpaulcenter.com or call 740-264-9535 ext. 20 for more information.

Announcements

Courage and EnCourage Conference

Priests, save the date for Clergy Study Day July 15, 2026 during the Annual Courage and EnCourage Conference July 16-19, 2026 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. For more information, contact Fr.Blatchford@couragerc.org

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Requests for Faculties

We kindly request the cooperation of all Pastors of the Archdiocese of Miami regarding the submission of requests for **faculties for visiting priests and deacons**. Please remember that all requests must be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Requests received after this timeframe may not be processed in a timely or proper manner. Thank you for your collaboration.

Office of Safe Environment

Safe Environment Local Coordinator

The Archdiocese of Miami's administration has reevaluated the Safe Environment Office in all aspects including the general policy, staffing and assigning of responsibilities, reporting procedures, requirements to serve as either an employee, vendor, or volunteer, and compliance procedures all in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

An imperative part of ensuring compliance for our entities is the assigning of a Local Coordinator for your site. The Local Coordinator is responsible for compliance and record keeping of the Archdiocesan Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments for Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy. Essentially, this means ensuring that compliance is met and that it can be proven. (Remember the SE Office is an independently audited office.)

The role description is extensive and requires training before access is given. If your site does not have a local coordinator, please contact the Safe Environment office at jrayburn@theadom.org for the Role Description, and consider your choice carefully. Once a candidate is identified, contact the Safe Environment Office with the name and email address of the candidate to receive the appropriate training. This person must already be compliant in Virtus, fingerprinting, and a signed pledge to promote safe environment.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls to the Pastor, Principal, or Director of the site. Thank you for joining the archdiocesan efforts to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Catholic Health Services

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, a time to remember the many individuals and families in our parishes who are living with dementia and other cognitive challenges. While memory loss can change a person's ability to communicate, it does not diminish their dignity as a child of God or their need for spiritual care and companionship.

Catholic Health Services offers resources to support both patients and caregivers through a continuum of compassionate care. From home health services and rehabilitation to skilled nursing and hospice care, our ministry accompanies individuals and families with respect for the sanctity of life and the teachings of the Church.

For more information about Catholic Health Services and available resources, visit CatholicHealthServices.org or contact Communications Director, Rose Lugo, rlugo@chsfla.com.

Extending the Church's Healing Mission

As a ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami, Catholic Health Services extends the Church's healing mission beyond the walls of the parish, providing a continuum of compassionate care rooted in the dignity of every human person. Through home health services, rehabilitation, skilled nursing, assisted living, and hospice care, Catholic Health Services serves individuals and families throughout South Florida with clinical excellence, a commitment to Catholic values, and pastoral care. Daily Masses are offered daily at our health campuses across Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

Catholic Health Services can help bridge the gap between hospital and home, illness and recovery, uncertainty and peace of mind. Our care teams work alongside patients, families, healthcare providers, and clergy to ensure that physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are addressed with compassion and respect. During Community Health Improvement Week, June 8 - June 12, we are reminded that healthcare is more than a service—it is a ministry.

When a parishioner faces a healthcare transition, Catholic Health Services is here to help. For more information about Catholic Health Services and available resources, visit CatholicHealthServices.org or contact Communications Director, Rose Lugo, rlugo@chsfla.com.

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

March for Life Pilgrimage – Washington, D.C.

The Archdiocese of Miami invites high school and college students, as well as young adults, to stand for the dignity of human life at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22–24, 2027. Join us for the 2027 March for Life Pilgrimage as we journey together in faith and witness alongside tens of thousands of young people from across the United States. Space is limited, and a non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Age Requirement: Young adults and college students must be at least 18 and no older than 29 at the time of travel.

Registration link for high schools: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wkkcg97>

Registration for Young Adults (Ages 18-29):

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/c6gusx5>

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – July 30-Aug 10, 2027

Join the Archdiocese of Miami for an unforgettable pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027! This is a unique opportunity to experience the beauty of the universal Church and to walk alongside thousands from around the world. Space is limited, and a non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot. We are currently accepting registrations for individuals and for parish or school groups.

Age Requirements: All participants must be at least 16 years old by the July 2027 departure date. High school students ages 16–17 must travel with an adult chaperone. Students who will be 18 or older at the time of the pilgrimage, including recent graduates, are welcome to travel with their school group as long as they travel as a HS participant of the school.

Registration link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5ysshk6>

Info Session (video): <https://vimeo.com/1183765743?fl=tl&fe=ec>

Office of Vocations

The Archdiocesan Vocational Chalice: The Vocations Chalice continues its journey among the parishes hosting the St. Andrew's Discernment Gathering. Serving as a visible sign of our shared commitment to pray for priestly vocations, the chalice is placed in a prominent location during Mass. Its presence invites the faithful to pray that more young men may generously respond to the Lord's call and that a spirit of openness to God's will may grow within the parish community.

Focus 11: The Focus 11 Vocations Rally for sixth-grade students, originally scheduled for May 2026, has been moved to Oct. 20–23, 2026. To better accommodate schools and reduce overcrowding, the rally will again be held over four days: October 20–21 at St. Gregory the Great in Plantation, and Oct. 22–23 at St. Agatha Catholic Parish in Miami. School principals will receive an email with further details and registration instructions.

Vocation Awareness Weekend Fall 2026: If you know a young man between the ages of 17 and 35 who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, please invite him to attend the upcoming Vocation Awareness Weekend at St. John Vianney College Seminary, taking place Nov. 6–8, 2026. We encourage your prayers and support in helping young men listen to the Lord's call. Registration is now open; please click [here to register](#).

Administrative Assistant: Office of Vocations at the Pastoral Center

The Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Miami is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to support the mission of promoting and fostering priestly vocations. This position provides administrative and project management support to the Director of Vocations and assists in the daily operations of the office.

Qualified candidates who are interested in serving the Church through this role are invited to apply. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter addressed to the Director of Vocations, Rev. Milton Martínez, at mmartinez@theadom.org and careers@theadom.org.

The subject line should read: Administrative Assistant, Office of Vocations. For more information and application details, visit the Archdiocese of Miami employment page.

One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations: Thank you for continuing to pray #AHailMaryADay! Please pray for the seminarians and their vocation as they continue to minister in your respective parishes throughout the summer.

Office of Respect Life

St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Miscarriage Ministry wants to invite you to honor your child/children lost through miscarriage. Memorializing a loved one can be a very powerful part of the healing process. Many parents and relatives find it helpful to name their babies.

If you have not done so, visit us on our Heaven's Littlest Saints wall:

https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Memorial_Miscarriage_Ministry.

Office of Detention Ministry

Pastors, please consider announcing the following in your parish bulletin:

Volunteers Needed: The Office of Detention Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami is looking for priests and lay volunteers for one of 30 correctional facilities in Miami-Dade. For more information, email Deacon Edgardo Farias at efarias@theadom.org, or <https://detentionministry.org>.

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Rediscovery/Retrouvaille: A Weekend of Transformation

Step away from daily distractions and invest in what matters most - your marriage. Find real marriage help through Retrouvaille's proven program. We've helped thousands of couples worldwide rebuild trust and restore their relationships. Whether you're facing communication challenges or considering separation, Retrouvaille offers hope and practical solutions for couples at all stages. Experience powerful communication techniques and practical tools for rebuilding trust and intimacy in your relationship. Continue your journey with our essential post-weekend sessions that reinforce your progress and provide ongoing support for lasting change. Our upcoming program is **July 17-19 (en Español)**. For more information call 305-915-4607 or visit our website www.marriagelifeline.org.

Office of Marriage and Family Life, continued

Fully Engaged Training for Mentor Couples

Fully Engaged Pre-Marital & Convalidation Inventories are offering New Facilitator Webinar Trainings via ZOOM (ONLINE).

- Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in English (Online)
- Sábado, 13 de junio de 2026 – 10 a.m. a 4 p.m. en español (en línea)

Please register at least 10 days prior to the class. To register, call 320-258-7611. email Jill at jill.svihel@gw.stcdio.org, or visit <https://getfullyengaged.com/new-mentor-training/>

Transformed in Love

Transformed in Love is an official Archdiocesan program created by many different experts to help you prepare for your wedding day and to begin your marriage by building a strong foundation together.

Please note that couples must attend both sessions to receive their certificate. Remember to inform your Priest in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.”

- Aug. 15 and 16, 2026, in ENGLISH. Location: St. Mark Catholic Parish, 5601 South Flamingo Road Southwest Ranches, FL 33330. Register at: <http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/uk8mpgn>

Natural Family Planning: Learn a medically safe and highly effective method of postponing and achieving pregnancy that respects the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage:

Creighton Model Introductory Session:

- **Spanish Session:** 7 de julio de 2026, a las 7:30 p.m. (En línea / Gratis). Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aecazw8>
- **English Session:** July 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. (Online / Free). Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8j7wzdw>

Catholic Hospice

The Volunteer Services Department offers volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to join an organization committed to providing care to vulnerable populations. You can choose to join: Companion Care, Acts of Kindness Project, Camp Erin, We Honor Veterans, Pet Peace of Mind and more! For more information, email volunteerservices@catholichospice.org.

Office of Communications

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X [@CatholicMiami](https://twitter.com/CatholicMiami) |



Instagram [@CatholicMiami](https://www.instagram.com/CatholicMiami)

Archdiocesan website

In an effort to update and maintain current information on our website, we ask parishes and schools to review their contact information on the archdiocesan website and email Maria Alejandra Rivas-Ávila at mrivas@theadom.org to request changes to your profile pages.

Pastors, please add the following announcements in your parish bulletins:

Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God's word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit miamiarch.org | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion may contact their parish office directly.

Office of Communications, continued

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski and some of our priests on Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms, as well as via texts and phone calls. Please be aware that no archdiocesan priest or bishop will ever contact you directly asking for money, gift cards or anything else.

If you, your friends, family, or parish staff receive a direct message from anyone impersonating Archbishop Wenski or one of our priests, please do not respond. Report the fake account immediately to the social media platform and let the archdiocesan Communications Office know by emailing mrivas@theadom.org.

Impersonator scams also should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357; or Florida's Consumer Protection Division, 1-866-966-7226. Find out more about the types of scams making the rounds at myfloridalegal.com.

Events

Great Vigil of the Two Hearts

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary invite you to the Great Vigil of the Two Hearts beginning Friday, June 12 with the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 11691 NW 25 St., Doral. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. It will be followed by a night of adoration, reparation, prayer, intercession and consecration to the Two Hearts. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart will take place at 1 a.m.