

BETHESDA CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sermon
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, Sunday School Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with sermon and hymns
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Forum, Parish Hall
- *  11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with sermon, hymns, and choir
- 11:00 a.m. Pre-K–4th Grade Sunday School Sunday School Hall
- 11:00 a.m. 5th–7th Grade Sunday School Library
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Bethesda 101, Guild Room
- 4:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 a.m. AA, Guild Room
- 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's Guild Luncheon, Parish Hall
- 5:45 p.m. New Testament 101,
- 6:00 p.m. EfM, Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 7:00 p.m. Beginners AI-Anon, Parish Hall
- 8:00 p.m. AA Group, Parish Hall
- 8:30 p.m. AI-Anon, Guild Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 9:00 a.m. AA, Guild Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Bethesda Book Club, Guild Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 5:30 p.m. Ladies Choice, Guild Room
- 7:00 p.m. Beginner's AA, Guild Room
- 7:00 p.m. Bethesda Choir Rehearsal
- 8:15 p.m. AA Textbook Study Group, Guild Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:00 a.m. St. George and Holy Redeemer Sandwich Making, Kitchen
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Choir Pews
- 9:00 a.m. AA Group, Guild Room
- 10:00 a.m. Previewing the Lectionary, Zoom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7


- 8:30 a.m. Advent Retreat, Parish Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Bethesda Saturday Stitchers, Library

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sermon
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, Sunday School Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with sermon and hymns
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Forum, Parish Hall
- *  11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with sermon, hymns, and choir
- 11:00 a.m. Pre-K–4th Grade Sunday School Sunday School Hall
- 11:00 a.m. 5th–7th Grade Sunday School Library
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour & Gift Wrapping, Parish Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Church Tour
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

* Nursery care for infants through age 3

 The service will be live streamed to our website. You may watch the service online at bbts.org.

Today, after all three services, our Angel Tree is stationed in the church entry! To participate, take a paper angel from the tree and purchase a gift for the child indicated on the angel (children's age and gender are given to guide your shopping). Bring unwrapped gifts back next Sunday, December 8; we'll deliver them to Palm Beach Public School guidance counselors. Gifts will then be distributed to students and their siblings in need, who attend school in our community. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ this Christmas!

BETHESDA HAPPENINGS

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

The Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea



SUNDAY FORUM: ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 10:00 A.M. | GUILD ROOM

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. One of Bethesda's great annual traditions, Advent Lessons & Carols, is one way we observe this holy season. Come learn about this well-loved service of scripture readings, prayers, carols, and hymns that originated in nineteenth-century England. You can then attend the service this afternoon with deeper appreciation!

BETHESDA 101 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 12:30 P.M. | GUILD ROOM

Bethesda 101 is a great way to learn more about the mission, ministries, and connection opportunities available for you at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. This informal session, which includes a light lunch, is led by the clergy. It's an opportunity to meet parish staff, ask questions, and get to know others who are interested in getting involved and taking the next step of membership at Bethesda. RSVP to Jennifer at jennifer@bbts.org or 561-655-4554.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

SUNDAY FORUM: THE REAL ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 10:00 A.M. | PARISH HALL

How much do you know about the real St. Nicholas, the first century bishop from Turkey, upon whom that "jolly old elf" is based? Join us this Sunday as we have fun with church history, and learn about the legends and traditions surrounding St. Nicholas Day. A cameo appearance is definitely a possibility...

CHURCH TOUR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 12:15 P.M.

A church tour will follow the 11:00 a.m. service in the Chancel.

Music at Bethesda

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 4:00 P.M. | CHURCH

Sixteen years after introducing the now-famous Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols to King's College, Cambridge, the Dean of King's College created this service for Advent. He stated that the purpose of the service was "not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it." The Bethesda Choir leads the service and offers Advent carols and anthems. Some of the greatest hymns of the church year are in the Advent section of our hymnal, and the congregation sings many of them in this service. There is no recital preceding the service, but Prelude music begins at approximately 3:40 p.m. Please come and bring your friends.

TICKETS FOR THE 2024—2025 SEASON ARE NOW ON SALE!

Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

For those who would like to pre-purchase a video recording of the concert, please visit bbts.org/Christmas-concert. In-person tickets are currently sold out.

Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival

Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Tickets and more information available at bbts.org/boars-head.

Concerts by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge

April 8 & 9, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets and more information at bbts.org/kings-college-choir.

BETHESDA CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY

ADVENT RETREAT WITH FATHER ALBERTO CUTIÉ DECEMBER 7 | 9:00 A.M. | PARISH HALL

Join us for a few short hours on Saturday, December 7, to reflect on the deeper meaning of Advent and Christmas. We'll hear from the wonderfully engaging "Padre Alberto," international radio and television personality and author of books such as *Real Life, Real Love* (Ama de Verdad, Vive de Verdad), and *Dilemma*, a memoir. Fr. Alberto serves as Rector of Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church in Plantation, Florida. Check in at 8:30 a.m. Program runs from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

GIFT WRAPPING & ORNAMENT SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | PARISH HALL

Join us in the Parish Hall after each service for Coffee Hour, where you can enjoy fellowship, get your Bethesda Bookshop Christmas gifts beautifully wrapped, and shop our festive Christmas ornaments.

ST. MARY'S GUILD TURNS 75!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 11:30 A.M. | PARISH HALL

In recognition of this milestone, St. Mary's Guild invites all women of the parish to join in a celebratory lunch on December 2nd. Please respond to Lisa Swift at 2swift@bellsouth.net or 561-301-2422

CHILDREN & YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 12:30 P.M. | YOUTH ROOM

Join us every second and fourth Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Youth Room for fellowship, fun, and meaningful connections. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 8th—see you there!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 3:00 P.M. | PARISH HALL

Come in your favorite Christmas pj's to make a Grinch ornament, settle in on a blanket and pillow with some cocoa and popcorn to watch the 1966 animated film, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." After the film, we'll go to the Tea House to enjoy a winter moment...south Florida style. Remember to come dressed in your favorite Christmas pj's, bring a blanket and pillow, and invite a friend!