

The Epiphany of the Lord



January 7, 2024

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Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am & 10:45 am

Daily - Tuesday - Friday

8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church All Are Welcome Here

1701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Oakland Park Florida 33334

Our Pastor

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
M.S.W., C.S.W.M

Assisting

Deacon Dan Blaha (Retired)

Lead Musician

Daniel J. Perez

Baptism for Infants and Preschool Children under 7 years old

At Baptism, infants and preschool children are initiated into the Christian community and begin a life-long journey as a committed disciple of Christ. Since the child cannot make this commitment on their own, the parent who requests Baptism states that they wish to pass on the faith in which they believe and live. Parents wishing to have their infant or preschooler Baptized are required to attend Baptism Preparation. This gives them the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Baptism and to have their questions answered concerning the Sacrament of Baptism and the ceremony. In order to begin preparing for their child's Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office at 954-564-1010 prior to the anticipated birth or adoption process. We wish to celebrate this joyful time with you!

Marriage

Blessed Sacrament parish wishes to support couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage through prayer and action. For this reason, guidelines have been established for marriage preparation by the Archdiocese of Miami. This is not done to create obstacles, but to increase the opportunity for a lasting, loving marriage in a society where divorce is prevalent. Couples should contact the parish office at 954-564-1010 at the time of their engagement to allow time to complete the necessary preparation.



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Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Are There Gifts You Ought To Give To The Lord?

Through the Prophet Isaiah the Lord says, "Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you.... Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you...."

What abundance comes to those who share what they have. What we have comes from the Lord and is what we give to Him. Through the faith of Jerusalem the Messiah, the Savior, comes. By the people's willingness to submit to God's gift of Grace, other people have the chance to share in that Grace. It is in the willingness to share that Grace flows. Yes, God's Grace flows through each of us who walk by faith in Him. This is how God appears to the world, His Epiphany.

To share the gifts already given to us and to be ready to share the gifts promised to come is Justice. Today's psalm says "...with your judgment endow the king ...he shall govern your people with justice and you afflicted ones with judgment." The proper judgment is what leads to good Stewardship! God appears in Just actions. We must insure this happens.

Saint Paul recognizes the great gift he has received from God. He is grateful Christ appeared to him and saved him. From his gratitude flows his understanding of what he must do. Paul must share Christ with others! Paul speaks of this when he says in Ephesians, "you have heard of the Stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit." By his preaching and care of the people, Paul helps Christ to appear to them.

Matthew addresses how one comes to recognize the kingly power of Jesus in one's life.

The Magi story speaks of a God who comes for all people.

The Magi, in seeking Jesus, show that the truly wise person is willing to leave behind what has been known and safe in order to find a greater treasure. They give over the gifts of their livelihood.

The things you have been attached to must be used to pay forward for the things that must be aspired to such as the salvation of others along with yourself. The Time, Talent and Treasure you have must be spent to make God's Church work for the good of all. They are not yours alone to keep selfishly.

Think of your money for example. Do you truly give what is proper and necessary to this parish? Do you not stop and reflect that the goodness you experience here at Liturgy or Scripture Sharing, or any other event or service is lovingly and competently the work of others? Do you realize there is a cost to making the parish run in today's world that has brought all this goodness to you? Do you wish to see others share in this goodness?

Now you must do as Saint Paul did. You must pay forward the gifts you have received for the Parish that it may continue to bring others this gift you now have!

You must give your Time, Talent and Treasure for the good of others! These are the gifts you give to the Lord. By doing so, you help make the Lord appear to the world. You bring about His Epiphany.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have made the Christmas Season a wonderful spiritual and social time. The people involved in the Liturgical apostolates (music, sacristy, ushers, greeters, cleaning and decorating crews) gave much extra time and talent this year. Those who visit the homebound and nursing homes let people know they are not forgotten by God and this parish. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also share their time every week of the year, even at Christmas time. Give thanks to the Executive Leadership Team who lead and guide the parish using so much of their Time, Talent and Treasure. Finally, much gratitude goes to the staff who give well beyond their pay grade.

Faith Formation

Respond to God's Intoxicating Promise

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you, an adult, ever been baptized? Have you been baptized into another Christian tradition but now need to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church? Perhaps you were baptized in the Church but did not get to the point of receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

The RCIA is the way for adults to do any and all of the above! Fr.

Bob and Gregory would like to hear from you. They can sit with you, listen to your story and explain how to bring you into the fullness of the practice of the Christian faith.

CLIP & SEND
I am interested in the RCIA. (Print)
Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Things to know

Stewardship *Time, Talent Tithing*

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week: 286
Tithes Collected: \$4,156.00
Per Capita: \$14.53

Solemnity of Mary
Attendance: 61
Tithes Collected: \$1,030.00
Per Capita: \$16.89

Christmas Attendance: 333
Tithes Collected: \$14,138.00

Attendance 4th Advent: 261
Tithes Collected: \$8,815.50
Per Capita: \$33.78

Attendance 3rd Advent: 218
Tithes Collected: \$4,417.00
Per Capita: \$20.26

Stewardship Time Begins Next Week.

Some of you are new to our parish. We are a Stewardship Parish. That is, we offer our God given gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure back to the Lord through this faithful community of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

For those of you who have become members of this community in the past year, the next few weeks might be an education to something new. For some, Stewardship has been instilled in you from long ago in another parish. **Know that at least a generation of people, before all of us here today, thought enough of us who were to come after them to make generous tithes and gifts through wills and invested their time and talent in ministries so that we can celebrate, learn and come closer to the Lord in this place.**

Next weekend I will present to you a spiritual understanding of Stewardship. All members will take home the annual **Stewardship Commitment Letter.** **Many of you will receive the letter in the mail. This letter involves**

all elements of our spiritual, communal and moral lives.

You and the family will read it and "sign off" on it as an offering of yourselves. **You will return with it the following week** and have the honor and pride of processing up and placing it in the Stewardship Basket. This will be your witness to everyone of your love for the Lord.

In the following week we will hear about the Archbishop's (Thomas Wenski) Charities and Development drive. He is a hardworking man of God who has put much effort into ensuring the Church becomes a more effective witness of its teaching. Yes, we will make pledges to the ABCD drive on the following week as many leaders in the parish already have by mail.

Thank you to all of our parish members for your wonderful Stewardship over this past year. Because of you, ministries have continued and more people have become involved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, Patrick Keough, Arnold & Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Fay Michael, Sasi Morejon, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Paul Riley, Rick Steffan, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 6 4:00 p.m.

Victims of War

Sunday, Jan 7

9:00 a.m. † Patty Basalone

by Danny Basalone

10:45 a.m. † Tony Mazzurco, Jr.

by Mark Mazzurco

Don Novotny

by John & Lucie

Monday Jan 8 NO MASS

Tuesday, Jan 9

8:00 a.m. † Bill Crepage

by Anonymous

Wednesday, Jan 9

8:00 a.m. † Bill Crepage

John & Lucie Strawser

Thursday, Jan 11

8:00 a.m. Dan & Dil by John

Friday, Jan 12

8:00 a.m. Priests of the Diocese

Saturday, Jan 13

4:00 p.m. † Josephine Marotta &

Millie Sanseverino

by Carmine Marotta

† Joseph DePaola &

Tony DePaola

by Concetta De Paola

Sunday, Jan 14

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament

Parish

10:45 a.m. † Pedro Martin

by Mark Mazzurco

† Tony Mazzurco, Jr.

by Mark Mazzurco