

# Stewardship

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January 14, 2024  
Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

***We begin Our Dedication and Renewal to Stewardship of Our Parish***

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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## Mass Schedule

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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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19  
Psalm 40  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

**“Hear I Am”**  
**Ready and Willing to Serve.**  
**“Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is Listening.”**  
**Stewardship**

When Samuel hears a voice calling him, he figures it must be Eli, the temple priest, who was in charge of mentoring him. Attentive as he ought to be to Eli, Samuel runs to him. Samuel states, “Here I am.”

We are back In Ordinary Time. In fact, we are at the beginning of the cycle of readings. This is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The nice stories of Christmas are over. The extra people who visited for Christmas are gone. We are alone again. Now we are confronted with living according to the Gospel.

In today’s biblical story Samuel is being called by God to serve God. He will serve by leading the people in God’s way for them. It should be known Samuel was a divine gift to his mother. She was barren, felt low about herself and begged God for relief. Samuel was God’s gift to her. As he was a special gift, Samuel was then dedicated to God’s service.

Through the story we see the beginning of Samuel’s journey in service to God and God’s people. His early inability to discern God’s voice in the calling shows he was not familiar with God. He needed to become familiar. Eli, a holy man of much experience, becomes aware what was happening to Samuel. Eli offers guidance. He says to the youth, “...if you are called, reply, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’”

The wisdom of Eli comes as one who has spent time with the Lord and who recognizes Him. Eli’s wise guidance is just what Samuel needed. Samuel, in his

youth, was himself wise to seek good counsel and to follow it. Thus, “Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.” With this statement we see God gave power to Samuel’s speech! God stays with those He has chosen to serve in a special way. God guides such people to be of great effect for the Good.

In the second reading, Paul reflects the understanding God works through His people. We, God’s people, are possessed by God. Paul says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?”

All of us are called by God. It is on us to be aware of the Lord and to recognize our own unique calling. We must discern its authenticity and then follow it in an uncompromising way.

When one responds to God’s call a new direction, if not a complete change, may occur. From the time of one’s response until earthly death, God will be present in a way that leads and guides. All the material and spiritual attributes needed to go the way of the Lord will be supplied.

Hearing and listening to God directs a person in a new way. Such may be daunting at first. Yet, much power will accompany the follower of the Lord. Wisdom will be present. It will be present in the faithful people to guide the people. It will be discovered by those who ask for guidance. It will create fruit that benefits more than the one called.

Offer yourself to the Lord in an authentic way. Do not do so only for yourself but in the interest of all.

Do you offer yourself to the Lord? Are you ready and willing to serve? Say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# 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: 291  
Tithes Collected: \$7,127.00  
Per Capita: 24.49

## We begin Our Dedication and Renewal to Stewardship of Our Parish.

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.

## Wedding Anniversary Mass | Saturday Feb 20, 2024

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (one year), Silver (twenty-five years), Gold or 50 plus Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to come to a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4:00pm with Mass starting at 5:30pm

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## 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 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

### Monday Jan 15 | NO MASS

### Tuesday, Jan 16

8:00 a.m. † Bill Crepage  
by Anonymous

### Wednesday, Jan 17

8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood  
by Flood Family

### Thursday, Jan 18

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Alfaro Tobar  
by Friends

### Friday, Jan 19

8:00 a.m. † William Franklin Boo  
by Diane De Fronzo

### Saturday, Jan 20

4:00 p.m. † Mary Hardy  
by Jo Ann Green  
† Joe Wolf  
by Mary Kay & Sonny Little

### Sunday, Jan 21

9:00 a.m. Josefina Duque  
by Selma Cardona  
10:45 a.m. † Shirley Sharkey  
by Family