

Stewardship

A way of life

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time



The ABCD
And Responding to Jesus'
Name for You
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8:30 am - 3:30 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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Jonah : 1-5, 10

Psalm 25

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

An Immediate Response Is Preferred

Jesus exhorts, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk. 1) He prefers an immediate response. Will you commit your life to the Lord's way?

The Lord is aggressive going after people to follow Him. What you see take place in the gospel story is unusual. Jesus seeks students to join Him. Normally it is the other way around. Students come to the teacher.

Scripture scholars point out this notion in the gospel is much like that found in Proverbs 1:22. Wisdom is personified. She calls her followers. Wisdom promises her followers a higher life. Jesus is doing the same thing. He promises them better fishing.

As Jesus calls the men, today's passage says they "abandoned their nets and followed Him." The actual translation says they "followed Him straightway." This echoes John the Baptist. He cried out in the desert for

people to make straight their ways (Mk 1:3).

Likewise, God calls you personally. God seeks you! Will you commit yourself to following Him?

In the Book of Jonah, God is calling and asking Jonah to serve Him by announcing a message to the people. From this passage alone one does not see the whole story. Jonah is reluctant to do God's will. However, God forces his hand. Moreover, even though Jonah only responds partly and weakly, the people of the city respond greatly! The Lord's work gets done, period. The Lord is pleased with the people of the city.

Yes, God might be forcing your hand. He wants you to be His Steward and do His work. You are being compelled to respond with no hesitation. If God must, He will get it done even if you are reluctant. It is probably best to go with Him immediately.

The ABCD

And Responding to Jesus' Name for You

As members of the larger Universal Church, we support brothers and sisters who live throughout the Archdiocese.

We give that support through what is called the ABCD. That is, the **Archbishop's Charities and Development** drive. This fund is separate from the money that is given to the administration of the Archdiocese. The ABCD funds things such as the education of future priests and deacons. It adds to the funding of programs that educate preschoolers in areas of our Archdiocese that have high poverty rates. The fund has helped immigrants work through the legal labyrinth of the citizenship process. It has aided in simple ways such as providing gifts to children at Christmas Time. And, it has bolstered fledgling parishes that find times particularly difficult. What it funds year in and year out depends on the growing need in the community. **We help because we are Roman Catholic Christians!**

The ABCD is how we, the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish, make an investment in people other than ourselves! People are thankful to us, they truly are. Therefore, you in faith must now reach out and make a pledge to the ABCD for this year.

Remember the formula for tithing. Tithing is the Biblical term that means Ten Percent. At least Ten Percent of your worth or income goes to the Lord's service. **Six percent of your wealth and income goes to this parish. One to two percent goes to the ABCD as an investment in our brothers and sisters who are in need.**

**Let Us Make a Pledge to ABCD
Thank You!**

**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: 322
Tithes Collected: \$4,684.00
Per Capita: \$14.55
2nd Collection Church
In Latin America: \$282.00

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.**

All members will take home the annual **Stewardship Commitment Letter**. **Many of you have received 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.

Stewardship Letter of Commitment

Registered members have received the letter of commitment in the mail. Please consider it prayerfully with the family and return it soon. Thank you.

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 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

Monday Jan 22 | NO MASS

Tuesday, Jan 23

8:00 a.m. †Rhea Spelman
by Mary Kay & Sonny Little

Wednesday, Jan 24

8:00 a.m. Past & Present
Members & Benefactors
of St Vincent de Paul
Society

Thursday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. †Lucas Manuel Lopez
by Johnson Family

Friday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m. †Luke Caliento
by Friends

Saturday, Jan 27

4:00 p.m. † Grace & Tony
Mazzurco by Parish
† Buddy Malone
by Nancy, Marylou,
& Paul Little

Sunday, Jan 28

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45 a.m. † Dale Wenal
by Mark Mazzurco