

December 25, 2023



# The Nativity of the Lord

December 31, 2023  
*Feast of the Holy Family*

## Office Hours

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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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## December 25, 2023 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*There are a multitude of Scripture Readings that may be used on this great feast of the Church. You may consult your Church Calendars and see the listing. Those listed have been chosen for our parish's reflection this year.*

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalm 89  
Romans 16: 25-27  
Luke 1: 26-38*

### **Jesus Christ is the Truth That Comes into Our Time to Touch Us**

I have made clear many times God exists outside of time and space. We creatures are bound by time and space. When it comes to Truth, God is the source of all Truth.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about Truth. # 2465. "The Old Testament attests that God is the source of all truth, His Word is truth. His Law is truth. His 'faithfulness endures to all generations.' Since God is 'true,' the members of his people are called to live in the truth. In Jesus Christ, the whole of God's truth has been made manifest."

In the Bible, John 12:46 it says, "Whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." And this is good news. In this generation, as in every generation, humankind causes things to happen that brings darkness. Such is disheartening. Name the social element of the day that brings you some angst and even distress.

That which gives hope is this. God, in Jesus Christ, came into our time and space. He is eternal. He became incarnate, in the flesh. Jesus Christ is true God and True Man. By coming into the world, our time and space, the eternal became united with what is historical. That which is historical is of time and space. Eternity and time and space are united. We get to meet the eternal on our terms, inside the boundaries of time and space.

Think of God's effort to let us know him. He takes on our lowly state. The eternal Jesus Christ becomes historical. He is one like us. Incredible, the humility of God. He so loved us that He came to us! The entrance of Jesus Christ into the historical moment, a real and true event, who is the very meaning of all life and history makes it possible for us to encounter Him in terms we may understand. We can touch Him and He may touch us!

If ever you were not sure of God being a loving being, what has been said here should help you know you are loved by God. If God were an aloof, mean being He would not have come to us.

Thank you for reading this column today. If you are reading it because you came to worship and celebrate with us in person, praise be God for you. It was great to have you here. If you are at home and reading this online, praise be God for you too. Perhaps you are always here. You are a part of this dedicated community of Faith, Blessed Sacrament Parish. You are blessed and bless others with your involvement here all the time. Your support makes it possible to make God's presence in time and space known to so many people.

A Blessed Christmas to You!

## 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:**

**Tithes Collected:**

**Per Capita:**

***Information to be  
in future bulletin***

### **Your Christmas Donation (Tithe)**

**Please be generous for the Christmas Feast Day.**

**If you are a visitor, please be kind to us folks of Blessed Sacrament Parish.**

**Place your donation in the wooden pillars you see on either side of the pews. There is a big wooden box in the foyer to use too. You can't miss!**

**Leave a generous donation to help us continue our service in the community. Thanks.**

### **About Our Christmas Guest Speaker**

In Luke's Gospel chapter 10, we find the story of the Good Samaritan. Remember, there was a man that was attacked by robbers and left for dead on the road. This occurred on the road that went from Jerusalem to Jerico. It was a main road that everyone traveled because it had a water source. The Jordan River.

Two people came along including one who was a Jewish priest of the Temple in Jerusalem. He was on his way to offer sacrifice in the Temple that was his religious duty. As such, the priest was not permitted to touch the stricken man. That would render the

priest unclean and not permitted to fulfill his duty.

Well, along came the Samaritan. He was an outcast among Jewish people. Samaritans were a mixed breed of people not liked by anyone else. Yet even though the man knew he would not be welcomed by the one left on the road, he stopped and helped. And he took care of the unfortunate person until he was well.

Now you are ready to witness the story as told by, not the Samaritan but the man who was attacked by the robbers.

# Things to know

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Schedule for Next Weekend

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday @ 4:00PM

Sunday @ 9:00AM & 10:45AM

Monday January 1st @ 10:45AM

## What's Up Next on the Church's Calendar?

Lent Comes Earlier this Year.

Parish Mission

February 14: Ash Wednesday

The Parish Mission Begins with Ash Wednesday.

Please arrive at 7:00PM. We will have Mass and the distribution of Ashes.

February 15: 7:00PM The Mission continues with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

February 16th: 7:00PM The Mission finishes with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

### Holy Week

March 28th 7:00PM: Holy Thursday. The Lord's Supper.

March 29th, 7:00PM: the Passion of the Lord. Good Friday.

March 30th, 8:00PM: Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil

March 31st, Easter Sunday 9:00AM & 10:45AM

### 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, Dec 23 4:00 p.m.**

† Shirley Sharkey by Family

† Yolanda Caraballo by Ronald

Rodriguez & John McDonald

**Sunday, Dec 24**

**9:00 a.m.** Blessed Sacrament Parish

**10:45 a.m.** Blessed Sacrament Parish

**4:00 p.m.** Blessed Sacrament Parish

**11:00 p.m.** Blessed Sacrament Parish

**Monday, Dec 25**

10:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

**Tuesday, Dec 26**

**NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, Dec 27 8:00 a.m.**

† Carmella Dee by Parish

**Thursday, Dec 28 8 a.m.**

† Deceased Members of Parish

**Friday, Dec 29 8:00 a.m.**

† Bri Ward by Friends

**Saturday, Dec 30 4:00 p.m.**

† Bill Crepage by Joe Bertke & Family

† Ginger Walker by Don & Alice Banas

**Sunday, Dec 31**

**9:00 a.m.** Blessed Sacrament Parish

**10:45 a.m.** † Shirley Sharkey by Family

† Paul Marciszewski

by Gregory & Diane

**Monday, Jan 1**

10:45 a.m. Selma Cardona

by Judy Dempsey

**Tuesday, Jan 2 NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Jan 3 8:00 a.m.**

† Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, Jan 4 8 a.m.**

Sick of the Parish

**Friday, Jan 5 8:00 a.m.**

† Helen Lalewicz

by Chris Crepage

**Saturday, Jan 5 4:00 p.m.**

Victims of War

**Sunday, Jan 6**

**9:00 a.m.**

† Patty Basalone

by Danny Basalone

**10:45 a.m.**

† Tony Mazzurco, Jr.

by Mark Mazzurco