

THE HEALING TOUCH
OF JESUS CHRIST
Mark 1:40-45

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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**

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Our Pastor

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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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Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32
1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Be Firm And Affirmed In the Faith

The pandemic humankind has experienced these past few years makes clear the great fear disease causes. It was not an epic story from long ago. It was real in our own time. It has changed the world in that people will never forget it in this lifetime and it will be found in history books.

Bodily disease has always been associated with the forces of death. Death is the greatest evil to be experienced by everyone. Likewise, cures for diseases represent the forces of life. Such is the case in the scripture readings today.

Humankind protects itself by isolating people who are afflicted. When one is cured the officials acknowledge the cure. At that time, the person is welcomed to come out of isolation and rejoin the community. This reintegration is celebrated. Today's psalm, 32, reflects this. It says, "Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered."

It is divine prerogative to cure people. And note, in the scriptures physical cures come through the forgiveness of sin. Forgiveness is also a divine prerogative. We see this in the Gospel story (Mk 1) today.

Jesus cures the man's leprosy. In the process the man acknowledges Jesus has the power to cure. "If you wish, you can make me clean." Then Jesus uses his prerogative, "I do will it. Be made clean." He tells the man to go show himself to the priests which is a part of the Jewish religious structure. He used religious structures to integrate people who have been isolated from the whole body.

Jesus uses his power to cure disease as a sign of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the prerogative of the divine. It is the way a person is made whole and reintegrated into the community.

Jesus exercises his prerogative to heal and forgive and demonstrates he is divine. It is God's wish to forgive anyone who desires it and is willing to be integrated into the community. The power of Jesus' word and touch causes the cure of the man with leprosy.

Jesus fulfills the religious law. Jesus works through the structure of the law to work the miracle. Jesus made

the man whole. The law is not meant to isolate but to provide a path for integration.

The lesson here is that the Law should be used to draw all together. It should provide a path to inclusion and community. Those who join the community must likewise follow the Law to include other people besides themselves. People who experience inclusion are expected to reach out to others who also seek wholeness in the context of the believing and holy community.

In the second reading, Saint Paul makes the case for effective ethical leadership. First, it must be acknowledged that every human act must reflect the Grace of God. This is true for the smallest of acts as it is for the greatest. As the scripture states, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Make all the mundane sacred.

Following what St. Paul writes, no one should give offense. By offense, Paul is not speaking of hurting one's feelings. Paul means do not perform acts that impede someone's acceptance of the Gospel.

All people, especially those who are leaders, should bring about the good of the many. All should reach out in a manner that creates a pathway that includes everyone who seeks wholeness in the community. All are welcome to hear the Word of God and be saved.

Working to build a cohesive faith community is labor intensive. Society should devise and implement means for people to become a part of the whole. The aim is to integrate people and not marginalize them.

It brings me great pleasure to see many in this Faith Community of Blessed Sacrament Parish bring others to Church on Sundays. By doing so, you show your confidence in this community of Faith. You are confident the person you bring will have a good experience among the other members.

Please continue to be firm in your faith. Have courage to reach out to other people and bring them to the Lord. Doing so is a sign you and this whole community are firm and affirmed in the Faith.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
First Sunday of Lent
Gn9:8-15;1Pt 3:18-22;Mk1:12-15

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:	283
Tithes Collected:	\$9,892.50
Per Capita:	\$34.96

Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive

The ABCD is part of our Stewardship. This is how we reach out beyond our own parish to the wider community. We serve because we are Roman Catholic Christians. The slogan states:

Giving Hope To The World

The Church, Like God's Love, Extends Far Beyond Its Doors.

Please read the information the Development Office of the Church sent to your home. It explains ALL that the ABCD funding supports. It is impressive.

Please make the pledge following the 2% formula. The ABCD pledge envelope has a giving chart on it to help you calculate your pledge amount.

EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE SHARING AND STEWARDSHIP

Another point of Stewardship is being knowledgeable about the Faith. We offer **Scripture Sharing**. It takes place **every Thursday evening**.

We gather in the chapel at **7:00PM and finish at 8:00PM**. We read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture Readings. The session opens with a prayer. Then there is the reading of the scriptures and discussion. Lastly, there is petitionary prayer and a blessing from Father.

Please take advantage of Scripture Sharing on Thursday evenings. Get a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Word of God.

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, February 10

4:00 p.m. † Dottie & Joe
Ducato
by Nancy,
Marylou, & Paul
† Mary Hardy
by Marylou &
Paul Adams

Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45 a.m. †Lee Annunciata
by Mazzurco
Family
Mary-ellen Batcho
by Ed Batcho

Monday February 12 | NO MASS

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Zachary Gomez
by Selma Cardona

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY
Blessed Sacrament
Parish

Thursday, February 15

7:00 p.m. RECONCILIATION
Blessed Sacrament
Parish

Friday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Anointing/Healing
Blessed Sacrament
Parish

Saturday, February 17

4:00 p.m. † Bill Crepage
by Carmine & Lynn
Mastrullo
† Lucille Murphy
Chase
by Carolyn Redfield
& Anne Bieber

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Margarita Maria Gomez
by Selma Cardona
10:45 a.m. †Stanley Chaner
by Richard & Maria
Stahl