

Lent
Pray | Fast | Give



February 25, 2024
The Second
Sunday
of Lent

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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

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
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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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Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm 116

Romans 8: 31b-34

Mark 9: 2-10

**A Story of Mercy.
We Will Share In His Death.**

"I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved Son."

These are the words spoken by God to Abraham. Abraham could not have understood what God was up to when God asked him to take the life of his own son. Abraham simply and profoundly trusted in God. On the other hand perhaps God knew that this would be Abraham's response. That is, God knew Abraham would trust and obey. In the end God really did not intend the boy to die. After all, God is a God of mercy.

The Gospel for today (Mark 9) is a story about mercy. Jesus shows Peter His glory before Peter denies Jesus. This episode is meant to give encouragement in the future when all would seem to be lost. It reveals God's kingdom and makes clear Jesus' central role in the kingdom. He is king. The event is for the disciples' benefit and by extension, the reader's benefit.

One might look at Jesus' pending passion and death as a failure. But it was not. It did not mean He lost God's favor. He did not fail His mission. In the beginning of Mark's gospel, God endorsed Jesus' ministry. Now, at the transfiguration God endorses His death. Also, there is something else to consider.

In the beginning of the Gospel when Jesus is endorsed by God at His baptism, no one else heard the voice but Jesus. At the transfiguration others did. The reason for this is because others will share in His death. Another thing to notice is Peter's reaction.

Peter still did not understand Jesus' role. In the transfiguration, Jesus is central to the episode. Jesus IS God. The other two, Moses and Elijah, are not. Peter asked for three tents to be erected. This would give equal status to each person. If Peter truly understood who Jesus is, he would have suggested only one tent be erected over Jesus.

God the Father tells those present, "Listen to Him." By extension he is telling us, the readers, to listen. One must be obedient to what Jesus says no matter the cost. God offers consolation in this life and eternal salvation in the next life. What does this mean to you now?

Who do you say Jesus is? How does He touch your life today? Do you permit the Lord's grace to help you overcome fear? By His passion, death and resurrection Jesus shows He is for us. We need not fear ultimate death. As Saint Paul says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Ultimately, as we share in His death we will share in His resurrection.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex20:1-17;1Cor1:22-25;Jn2:13-25

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:	301
Tithes Collected:	\$6,917.00
Per Capita:	\$22.98
Ash Wednesday & Mission Week Attendance:	307
Mission Week Collection:	\$1,739.00
Per Capita:	\$5.66

Lenten Discipline

How is your Lenten Discipline going so far? You know, that is when you "give up something for Lent". That does not usually do much positive going forward after Lent.

Why not decide to DO something that can last? Sometimes it is good to decide to change one's attitude at work. The job might not be the greatest, but it is better when you add a positive outlook. Doing so might even lead to a promotion and raise overtime. At the least you will be a bit happier and so will the people around you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hey, Come All!

Scriptural Stations of the Cross

Starting this Thursday Evening!

7:00pm

And every Thursday evening during Lent.

Come for a "little reward."

(Do you know what is meant by "little reward"?

Come find out.)

Things to know

THE PROUD HERITAGE OF BLACK SAINTS AND MARTYRS IN THE CHURCH

Christianity is much a story that develops out of the Fertile Crescent and out of Africa. Here are but a couple of heroes of our faith who are black. Space here does not give room for the volumes it would take to name them all.



Saints Perpetua and Felicity both died around the year 202/203 as martyrs at Carthage in North Africa. They were holding each other's hand. Perpetua was the daughter of a pagan nobleman and had an infant child at the time. Perpetua was 22 years old. Felicity was a slave who gave birth while in prison. Three other catechumens were imprisoned with them. All were baptized while in prison before they died in the amphitheater.

Saint Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit missionary priest. He was born in Catalonia. He was not of African descent but became the patron saint of slaves due to his devotion and care of enslaved people. During his 40 years of ministry in Colombia he personally baptized around 300,000 people. He is also the patron saint for seafarers. He is considered a heroic example of the Christian practice of love and the exercise of human rights.



ENTRANCE HYMN

40 Days

Verse 1

Forty days to wander
Forty days to die to self
Forty days to grow stronger
As faith breaks open the gates of hell
The jubilee is over
But grace is far from gone
In the hearts of the faithful
Broken on the wheels of love

Chorus

'Cause in the desert of temptation
Lies the storm of true conversion
Where springs of living water
Drown and refresh you
And as the Jordan pours out change
Your true self is all that remains
Where springs of living water

Bind and break you

(Bind and break you)

Verse 2

Forty days to remember
The Paschal sacrifice
Forty days to discover
His passion calls us to new life
The jubilee is over
But mercy's far from gone
In the arms of the Father
As the wayward child comes home

Ending

Bind and break you (bind and break you)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m. † Father Paul Chenot
by Carol Walgenwitt
& D.C. Ladies
† Lorraine F. Walgenwitt
by Carol Ann Walgenwitt

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45 a.m. Palumbo Family
by Parish.
Homeless by Parish

Monday February 26 | NO MASS

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. †Cliff & Ray
by Chris

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Matthew Hawkins
by Mike

Thursday, February 29

8:00 a.m. † William Vassiles
by Dennis
Kucharewski

Friday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Elaine
by Chris

Saturday, March 2

4:00 p.m. † David Veber
by Dan & Evelyn Blaha
† Ken Buchta
by Paul & Mary Lou
Adams

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. † Joan Joyce
by Judy Dempsey
10:45 a.m. Lisa Cadet
by Family
Linda Aarstad
by Ed & Martha Walsh

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, James Gustinella, 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