

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

— THE SEASON 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

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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Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 3-25

**It Has Been Revealed To Us We Have One
God Who Understands Us**

The Book of Exodus (20: 1-17) tells us there is only one God. This makes sense when reflected on. Over history, humankind worshipped many gods at once. This made some sense in its own way, too.

Regarding believing in many gods, their people assigned one to each earthly concern humankind had. Each god aided people with the things that challenged them. The people also saw fit to appease these gods in order to keep favor with them. Further, the various gods competed for attention. They had some very human attributes.

It makes more sense to have one god, however. It is *the* god. There can only be one source of all that exists. There would be competition between gods if there were many of them. People would compete to gain favor with each god. When you read the stories of the Roman and Greek gods, for example, you may see this. Having so many gods would leave the world with no unity. The universe would have too many "sources." It would end up being too many uncoordinated realms in the universe.

When it comes to understanding humankind the one God surely does understand. Jesus, the second person in the Trinity of God, the Father's only Son, came among us as one like us. The final line of today's gospel passage states, "(He)...did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well." Again, God became one like us.

All along the way of human history, the one true God guided His creatures. God gave us commandments, the judges, prophets and finally Jesus Christ. God truly always wanted creation to be in harmony, unity. He has directed all to His perfect being. Psalm 19 says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple."

Before Jesus left this earth and returned to the Father, He founded the Church on Peter the Rock and the other apostles. They were charged with continuing Jesus' mission of salvation. The Holy Spirit proceeded from God the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we might question God's ways. Saint Paul addresses this. Paul says, "... the foolishness of God is

wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." Thus, the Father sent Jesus Christ His Son to redeem all of creation, especially Humankind. God's attributes are greater and surpass anything that is human. After all, Jesus rose from human death.

Jesus truly understands us. He understands you! God loves you. Trust in God, the one and only God, who knows you well.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2Chr36:14-16,19-23;Eph2:4-10;Jn3:14-21

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: 324
Tithes Collected: \$5,184.00
Per Capita: \$16.00

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

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.

Remember the Operation Utilities Bag!



Fill it with change and return it after Easter. It supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Things to know

A B C D

Archbishop's Charities and Development fund.

Weeks ago we made pledges to this important work of our Archdiocese. Our contributions to the ABCD go beyond our parish. There is work the Church must do for others that no one parish can accomplish on its own.

Please be sure to make your pledge for this year. I do so every year. As your pastor I lead the way by example.

Thanks,
Fr. Bob

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins Next Saturday Night!!!
Turn your clock
AHEAD
by one hour.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hey, Come All!

Scriptural Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday Evening During Lent!
7:00pm

Come for a "little reward".

(Do you know what is meant by "little reward"? Come find out.)

COMMUNITY

Sunday March 31st
Following the 10:45am Mass

Please help our Easter Bunny...He needs small, wrapped candy to fill his plastic eggs for the yearly Parish Easter Egg Hunt. They can be left in the Rectory or Parish Gift Shop. Thank you!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday March 4 | NO MASS

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 a.m. †Bri Ward by Friends

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

8:00 a.m. John Strawser
by St. Vincent de Paul
Society

Friday, March 8

8:00 a.m. † Cecile Morcos
by Family

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. †Julius Delisio
by Friends
† Bill Crepage
by Carmine & Lynn
Mastrullo

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45 a.m. † Fernando Armenti &
Valentino Papaleo
by Angiolina Armenti
† Catherine Costabile
by Mike & Bruce