

March 10, 2024
Fourth 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**

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Our Pastor

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
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Assisting

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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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2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137
Ephesians 2: 4-10
John 3: 14-21

Let Us Remain in the Lord.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Normally I permit you to read the scriptures of the day on your own and do not take space to write them here. However, the above passage is very profound. Thus, I print it here for emphasis. It is taken from today's Gospel, John 3. One can say it is the kernel of the Truth. It is what gives us hope in the face of all matters of life. It even gives us direction.

Jesus Christ is the fullness of Revelation. God cannot make himself any more known than to come in the flesh. He truly knows what it is to walk in the shoes of his creatures. What is more, we may relate to him because he has been so intimately present to us. Jesus spoke in clear ways and demonstrated God's creative love in signs and wonders. He cured and made people whole.

God does not want us to be lost and condemned. He wants us in love with him because of his love for us. He even loves us as we might wander away from him. God pursues us all the time. The consequences of wandering from God, however, are shown in the first reading.

Whenever God's people have lessened their discipline and moved away from God bad things happened. The same may be said for today. In Old Testament days the people found themselves overtaken by enemies and they became enslaved. Today we find ourselves with a sick planet and strained relationships between people and whole nations. Yet, even as there was in Old Testament times, there is hope today.

Among other things, a major issue for today is the desire for short term gains. People find it hard to postpone immediate gratification. This is combined with tribalism, "my people only." We want to be satisfied right now. If there is a sharing of fortune, it is with our immediate circle. If the immediate circle is not in full agreement with us, then we attempt to "go it alone". We think we are in charge of our destiny. Such belief and attitude leave us destitute in the long run and perhaps sooner than later.

The people of the Old Testament were renewed when they recognized their wrong direction. They made known their repentance and God aided their return. In today's story King Cyrus became the instrument of the people's renewal.

Take stock of your life. Do you look beyond yourself and your own circle? Do you have a view for the next generation? Do you try to bring people together to work on a long view besides provide for the present? Do you look to God as the source and guide to wholeness?

Believe in God. The Lord does exist. In his love and goodness he does not condemn. Rather, by his Grace he saves you, me, and all others. His love is pure gift. Let us remain in the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer31:31-34:Hbw5:7-9:Jn12:20-33

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:	\$9,701.50
Per Capita:	\$32.23

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

Tithes (Donations) for Easter

Please plan for making an extraordinary tithe for Easter! It is much needed to support the mission of the parish. We want to be here to welcome all who seek wholeness in the Lord.

Holy Week Schedule

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

March 29th, 7:00PM Good Friday
The Passion

March 30th, **8:00PM** Easter Vigil
March 31st, 9:00AM & 10:45AM
Easter Sunday

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

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. 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.

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, Mary Miller, 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 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

Monday, March 11 | NO MASS

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. John Jacobson by Mike

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. † Daniel Alfaro Tobar
by Friends

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Luke Caliento by Friends

Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. † Rose Decker
by George Cullen

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. †Jeanne Basle
by Catherine Dunn
† Layne Walls
by Paul & Mary Lou
Adams

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. † Ana Duffy
by Mike Cugino
10:45 a.m. Coral Ridge Tower
East, Italian Group
† Josephine Marotta
by Carmine Marotta