

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

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8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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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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Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Ps. 118

1 John 5:1-6

John 20: 19-31

**How Willing Are You to Breathe the Justice
of God into the World?**

The opening of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy states, "O blood and water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!" Jesus gushed out his life, giving life for the justice of all. He opens the way, tears the veil in the sanctuary, that all of the Father's creation may gain access to the sublime love. As we say, Jesus died once for all. Now he is risen!

In the earliest time, the beginning days of the Church, the people were filled with an enthusiasm of Joy. Joy is the recognition of "someone being with me". That joy was manifested in service to each other. They were with each other. In the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 the boldness of the Church screams out. It was Liturgical. That is, they gathered for communal prayer and the Breaking of the Bread. However, this Liturgy (the work of the people) goes well beyond the gathering on the Lord's Day. It burst forth; it inspired the sharing of the "bread," that is, all that was needed.

The Spirit filled life of the early Church and being of "one heart and mind" compelled the people to care for others. "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need." The community was living Divine Mercy. One feels the energy in the telling of the story. Led by the fresh example they just witnessed in the whole "Jesus event" they gushed forth works that were mercy, to all people.

The members of the early Church were so aware of their connectedness to Jesus they knew intuitively what the right thing was to do. First John 5 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments." In faith they were able to act boldly. Believing they just saw the promise of God unfold before their eyes they knew they may be fearless acting in the justice of God because indeed they now knew Jesus is the Son of God. He is the victor over the world. Care of all and speaking out in the name of God was possible.

The Gospel passage, John 20, places emphasis on Peace. "Peace be with you," Jesus says. Further, the peace is attached to forgiveness and the capacity of the Church, through its ministers, to forgive sins. Jesus breathed on them the Holy Spirit, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The events in this passage highlight the coming of understanding who Jesus is.

John's Gospel is written more than a generation after Jesus walked the earth. John's community has now developed a deeper understanding of Jesus' total teaching. The community would be familiar with all the miracles Jesus did. These miracles aimed at making people, indeed all of creation, whole. The true Christian comes to understand their responsibility to the whole community. In Justice, all must be able to thrive.

Once again, we return to what is emphasized in the Acts of the Apostles. Sharing what they had among themselves becomes the expression of what it is to be a believing member of the faith community. It is justice that all may live with dignity. If Justice was not the gift of God embodied in Christ, then what was the purpose of His coming? Was it just to worship another deity? It is to worship and celebrate one God who calls all people to unity, to be one body. And now the presence of Jesus must be continued through the Works of the Spirit.

With the Holy Spirit comes works of mercy. The corporal works are: feeding the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; sheltering the homeless; clothing the naked; visiting the sick; visiting the imprisoned; and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are: admonishing the sinner; instructing the ignorant; counseling the doubtful; comforting the sorrowful; bearing wrongs patiently; forgiving all injuries; and praying for the living and the dead.

With these works of mercy, we breathe out the life of Christ on all through the Holy Spirit. As one whole community of faith we may do great things boldly! If we wish to revitalize the Church of today, we might return to the view of our early brothers and sisters. Jesus' continuing presence must be maintained in Justice done through works of mercy, divine mercy. That will take all people to be willing to share what they have.

How willing are you to breathe the Justice of God into the world?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5a;Lk24:35-48

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:	541
Tithes Collected:	\$12,579.50
Per Capita:	\$23.25
Good Friday Attendance:	92
Collection for Shrines in the Holy Land:	\$812.00
Holy Thursday attendance:	94
Collection:	\$323.50
Attendance weekend of	
March 24, 2024:	367
Tithes Collected:	\$10,742.00
Per Capita:	\$29.27

Scripture Sharing In the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Join together in the chapel this Thursday, April 11, at 7:00PM. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During this time we will break open the Scripture Readings for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Come and be in the presence of the Lord in His Eucharistic presence and in His Holy Word.

7:00PM

This Thursday

*There will be NO Scripture Sharing April 18th.

Youth Retreat

Preparing Youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday and Sunday, April 20th and 21st, Youth of our parish will be presenting a retreat for youth of other parishes who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

We may be filled with Joy that our Youth have the spiritual maturity to help guide others to the Lord in such a Holy way!

Pray for them on that weekend.

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, Austin R., Paul Riley, Rick Steffan, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 6

4:00 p.m. †Jerry Criscito
by John Galinus

Sunday April 7

9:00 a.m. Fr. Bob
by Selma Cardona
10:45 a.m. †Adalberto Cardona
by Selma Cardona
†Sheila Cahill
by Rose Michel

Monday April 8 | NO MASS

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. † Wayne Boich
by Joe Johnson

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. †Bill Crepage
by Carmine &
Lynn Mastrullo
†Rose Meola
by John Galinus

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45 a.m. † Luke Caliento
by Friends
In Gratitude
by Mercedes Molina