

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of
EASTER

love one another

John 15:9-7

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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

All Are Welcome Here

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Our Pastor

Reverend

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(Retired)

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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 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 4:7-10

John 15: 9-17

God Choses Each of Us as a Friend

Friends choose friends freely. A true bond is made when each person chooses the other without coercion. One might choose a person to have a friendship with. However, the other person might not choose to accept the invitation to friendship. Thus, there is no friendship. Today's scriptures show us God extends His friendship to everyone.

God wants to be friends with each of us. As St. Peter makes clear in the first reading (Acts), "God shows no partiality." He goes on to say, "... in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." This statement implies we must accept God's offer of a loving friendship and respond to it. That is, we have a responsibility herein. If we do not respond to the invitation there is no friendship. The apostle continues on.

Peter says, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" Peter's statement was motivated by what he saw happening. Others around him were also impressed. People, even non-Jews, were coming to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Jewish people were not the only people responding to what Jesus preached. Gentiles also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. All the other Jews who were present were amazed at this too. So, any person who showed faith and trust in the Word was baptized.

God loves all he has created. He loves all people. God is love. He is the source and summit of love. The capacity to love comes from God. God exhorts us to remain in His love as He remains in His father's love.

In today's Gospel passage Jesus explains we remain in God's love by keeping His commandments. This is not merely the ten commandments. It is His greatest commandment. That is, to love God with all of one's being and to love others as one loves oneself. God's commandments map the way that is love.

Joy comes to the person who keeps God's commandments. God's commands stand as His loving authority playing out in us. The knowledge of His presence brings a sense of wholeness and completeness to life while we are still here on earth.

So we are not slaves to God. We do not react to God out of trepidation. We respond to God because we sense the wholeness that comes with a relationship with God. We are not kept ignorant and isolated as a despot may divide and conquer his people to gain undo control over them. God, wishing to be a friend welcomes each person into His life. God chooses each person as a friend.

Watch Father Bob's
weekly video reflection



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Scripture Sharing

Thursday Evenings

Come and break open the Sunday Bible readings!
7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Chapel.

**Mothers Day
Novena
May 12, 2024**

Sign your Mother's name up for remembrance in a Novena of Masses. A list is in the atrium. Please make a donation for this intention if possible

**First
Communion**

Pentecost Sunday
May 19th
10:45 am Liturgy

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:	273
Tithes Collected:	\$5,406.50
Per Capita:	\$19.80

Giving Online

It is an EASY and more convenient way to contribute to Blessed Sacrament. Click on the QR code right now and give!



Parish Life

“Operation Utilities Bags”

Remember, keep filling your Zip Lock Bag with Currency. The little money you save here and there each day truly adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

One major project they perform each Friday, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, is the Food Distribution.

2024 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, July 26-28 or Nov. 22-24,



Married Couples, you are invited to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience that is a series of presentations made by the Presenting Team, consisting

of 3 married couples and 1 priest. Each presentation builds on the last as we examine ourselves, our behaviors and attitudes, our relationship with our spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways in areas that can deepen intimacy and connectedness. After the Weekend, couples often return to their lives and families, refreshed, with a renewed commitment to each other and their faith.

Sign up here: www.wwme.org,

\$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies.

For more information contact: Roger & Annie Borrello, 678-439-9633 or Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078.

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Stewardship

Stewardship is not a single action or a program. It is a way of Christian living where we come to know that all we have is a gift from God, and we are invited to return those gifts with love to the Lord, our parish and our community.

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” – John 15:12-15

Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time, and resources— will demonstrate my love for God’s people?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, James Gustinella, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, John Hunter, 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, May 4

4:00pm †Andres Martorell
by Wife
†Michael Mondy
by John Galinus

Sunday, May 5

9:00am †Joan Joyce
by Selma Cardona
10:45am †Teresa Llerandi
by Perez Family

Monday May 6 | NO MASS

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am †Fr. Ken Wolnowski
by Parish

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am †Bernard & Eileen Flood
by Flood Family

Thursday, May 9

8:00am Vocations

Friday, May 10

8:00am †Carmela Dee
by Tom & Loretta
Ledvina and Glenn &
Rebecca Cline

Saturday, May 11

4:00pm Mother’s Day Novena

Sunday, May 5

9:00am Mother’s Day Novena
10:45am Mother’s Day Novena