

The Solemnity of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

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8:30 am - 3:30 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

All Are Welcome Here

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Our Pastor

Reverend

Robert F. Tywoniak,

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(Retired)
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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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Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

The Lord our God draws all of creation to oneness. All things are meant to be in peace, balance and harmony.

Saint Irenaeus, bishop (born 130ad,) wrote the Holy Spirit is like moisture added to dry flour that forms a lump of dough that forms a loaf of bread. Without the Holy Spirit, "we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven." (From Treatise Against Heresies.) He goes on to say, "Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul."

The Holy Spirit spans the globe. When Jesus was on earth, as true man, he could only be in one place at one time. The Acts of the Apostles makes known the Spirit is the source of powerful witness to the unity God the Father calls us to. It brings about a diversity of function without threat to unity. Thus, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

In the Old Testament scriptures, to be filled with the Spirit meant the person was called to make known the fulfillment of the promise. The fulfillment of the promise is the Good News.

When the Spirit's presence is recognized, as in the Acts of the Apostles, it is dynamic, alive! It is characterized by a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. It drives the people who were present forward. They are empowered and enabled to proclaim the Good News. As in 1 Corinthians 12, it says, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." All gifts are given to make God known. Therefore, everyone has some purpose and value in God's kingdom. Everyone is valuable and all are directed toward the one end of making the fulfillment of the promise known. Together, we accomplish all of this as the gathered people, the Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches Pentecost is the beginning of the Age of the Church. Jesus Christ makes present, manifest and communicates His work of salvation through the Liturgy of his Church until he comes again. In concrete, visible ways, he is known through the sacraments. The sacraments are part of the common Tradition of Christians in the Church from East to West.

In short, as Church, we are one, holy, catholic and apostolic. Through the dynamic presence of God in the community the members discern their vocations. Each will add his or her value to the community as a whole. The Holy Spirit holds all together even as each new gifted person is added. The community is engaged and involved. No one is intended to be left out unless he or she decides to not participate.

The Church must go on and so it does. The Holy Spirit continues to lead, guide, and energize us as Church to carry on the witness to God's loving presence in our time and space. Christ reigns through the Holy Spirit now and forever. We continue to give witness to the existence of God and to his wonderful love for us. So how is it we may feel frustrated and confused at certain periods in history, even now?

Confusion and frustration can occur when we allow ourselves to be divided. Spiritual elitism, prejudice between ethnic groups, injustice among wealthy and poor and so on. Have you been confused and frustrated? Is it attributable to some elitism or prejudice? Examine your conscience. We are all responsible for our own behavior. But God will help.

Paul reminds us (1 Cor) of the revelation given to us and maintained in the Holy Spirit. Everyone has been baptized into the one Jesus Christ. All gifts have a common origin and a common purpose. They are to be used to bring all of creation together into harmony. As the Gospel shows, (Jn. 20,) peace comes to those who accept the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Accept the Spirit as the one who maintains the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Let us find unity in the Spirit as the seed that can hold us together, that moisture that comes down from heaven. If we are determined to seek unity around the Lord, we surely can resist elitism, prejudice, injustice between the rich and poor and all other divisive attitudes and behavior. Pray to the Lord and rely on the Holy Spirit to tie all things together and to bring about greater peace, balance, and harmony for us all.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Most Holy Trinity
Dt4:32-34;Rom8:14-17;Mk28:16-20

Watch Father Bob's
weekly video reflection



Parish Life

Stewardship

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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.

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| Attendance last week: | 254 |
| Tithes Collected: | \$6080.00 |
| Per Capita: | \$23.94 |
| Ascension: | \$386.00 |
| 2nd Coll for Catholic | |
| Communications Campaign: | \$272.00 |

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Spiritual Life

First Holy Communion Today!
This increases our parish.



The spiritual life of our parish will grow as children of ours move forward in their lives as Christians. Through the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation, they are further initiated into the Faith and Christ's Church. These sacraments are Sacraments of initiation. Confirmation, along with Baptism, brings us further into the priesthood of Jesus Christ and makes us responsible to live Christian lives that speak out of God's love and service.

Every time any one of us receives the Eucharist we are saying yes to God and therefore are initiated into His life, not just the first time we receive it. This most central sacrament of the Church that Jesus founded upon Peter connects us to the Triune God and to each other. Thus, as the children now come to the Lord in the reception of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, our bonds grow by their membership in the Church. We add more people to those who already worship and celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ. We all grow.

Parents and children, congratulations on achieving this milestone in your lives as Christian Families. You as families put forth much effort to come to this day.

In all cases, I implore you to continue forming your children in the Faith. Continue with the family studies at home through to the year they will receive Confirmation. And then continue on using other Faith Formation offerings in the parish. Moreover, all of you MUST participate in the Sunday Liturgy every Sunday throughout the year, Summertime too. You as adult parents must continue to educate yourselves in the faith as well. Take turns participating in Scripture Sharing Thursday evenings at 7:00PM.

May the Lord's blessing of Peace be on our whole parish on this most special day!

Father Bob Tywoniak

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 18

4:00pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 19

9:00am Mother's Day Novena

10:45am †Robbie Fairchild

by Aunt Rosie

†Jamie Portell

by Mazzurco Family

Monday May 20 | NO MASS

Tuesday, May 21

8:00am †Eliodora Abella

by Rhea & Anthony

Rivera

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am Past & Present Members

& Benefactors of St

Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, May 23

8:00am † William Weber

by Fortunata Weber

Friday, May 24

8:00am †Florette Brown

by Bill Corker

Saturday, May 25

4:00pm †Thomas Lindsay

by Carol Wagenwitt &

Dedri Williams

Ron & James Gustinella

by Parish

Sunday, May 26

9:00am †Carol Perri

by Michael Cusini

10:45am Sally Riley

by Selma Cardona

†Carmela Dee

by Tom & Loretta

Ledvina and Glen &

Rebecca Cline