

JULY 21, 2024

16th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



All Are
Welcome Here

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

Office Hours

Monday -Thursday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Pastor

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,
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Assisting

Deacon Dan Blaha (Retired)

Music Director

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.

July 21, 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms 23
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6: 30-34

Our True Shepherd

Today's scriptural theme as presented by the Church follows what was presented last week and before. Throughout this period of Ordinary Time, the overall theme is that of God's eternal salvation and God's eternal justice.

Ask this question. Who do you choose to follow?

One must be very careful in selecting one's leader. A false prophet might be waiting to lead you to his or her own personal advantage. The actions and not just the words must help indicate the type of leader you are choosing.

In the gospel story, Jesus is frustrated because he and the apostles cannot get needed rest to recuperate from the apostles' own recent mission. Yet, when Jesus saw the crowd that was so much in need of guidance, he took the time to "teach them many things." The people much needed a shepherd. Jesus puts aside his own desires and needs and serves them. He sacrifices for their needs.

In the second reading of the day, unity is much the theme. Christ's mission was to restore unity between humankind and God the Father. The early Church had much the same challenge we have today. There were divisions among the different groups of people. The divisions were due to the differing perspectives each had depending on how they first came to know Jesus. Jewish Christians and gentile Christians approached membership in the faith community differently.

The prophet Jeremiah (first reading) rants against the kings who did not properly lead the people. Due to their malfeasance, the people lost their homeland and were sent into exile. These leaders did not put the needs of the people first. Nevertheless, Jeremiah had hope God would send the Messiah who would set things right.

Let the question be on you today. Ask yourself what kind of leader you would be. What kind of leader are you now? Are you willing to put aside your own selfish wishes for the good of others? Can you keep in check the many temptations that can come with being in a seat of authority? Will you make the effort to study, pray and lead by example? Are you striving to be a leader for some reason of your own? Or like the prophet Amos from last week and Jeremiah this week, are you chosen by God; was being a leader or prophet the last thing on your mind but on God's mind for you?

Look to the prophets in the Bible. Then, look to Jesus and how he behaved. Use the true shepherd as your guide if you should ever be in the position to lead in authority.

Next Week's Readings
2Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
**Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm
in the chapel.**



Watch Father Bob's
weekly video reflection



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:	241
Tithes Collected:	\$4,393.00
Per Capita:	\$18.23

2nd Collection for American Black and Indian Missions:	\$1,513.00
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Time and Talent Community Service

Not all volunteer work is done in a parish setting. Good Christians take their motivation from the Lord to other community-based programs and agencies.

Some of you who have children might take time to volunteer at a public school. Even if you do not have children in the school system you might volunteer.

Some of you have pet dogs. Perhaps you and your pet can get certified to do "therapy" and visit nursing homes or children's hospitals.

Naturally, it is good to see what is needed here in the parish. Not all good works are highly visible. Yet, there might be some simple things to be done.

Wherever you give of your time and talent, bring the Love of God with you. Let people know it is His love for you and your good moral sense that drives you.

Parish Life



Wills and Trusts

It is always good Christian Stewardship to think into the future. There will be people, such as your own relatives, who will come after you. They will be looking for fullness and fulfillment of life as you have. Thus, remembering the parish or other Church related institution in your

will or in a trust is a good way to keep the Word of God alive for generations to come.

Contact Fr. Bob at the rectory office to discuss this matter.

Thank You.

Prayer Breakfasts

Women's Prayer Breakfast

The next Women's Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, August 24th** beginning at 9:30am.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Saturday, August 31st** beginning at 9:30am.

Put it on your calendar now! Think about what food you will bring to share with the others.

Mission Appeal

The annual Mission Appeal is coming soon.
August 3rd and 4th

Every year, Archbishop Wenski asks each parish to welcome someone from the missions. Over the years we have met many interesting people who have brought the Word of God, in word and deed, to intriguing places of the Earth.

This year Father Barnard will visit us. He represents the Catholic Church's work in Southern India. This is where Saint Thomas did his missionary work.

Volunteer Position Available Compliance Officer.

This person monitors the eligibility status of all who work in apostolates (ministries) in the parish. One must be able to work in a confidential manner. He or she reports directly to the Pastor.

Contact Fr. Bob



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, James Gustinella, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, John Hunter, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Fay Michael, Sasi Morejon, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

4:00pm †Julius Delisio by Friends
†Andres Martorell by Wife

Sunday, July 21

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am †Lucy Slovensky by Niece
†Carmela Dee by Family

Monday July 22 | NO MASS

Tuesday, July 23

8:00am †Sabina Ramirez by Michael & Bri Doherty

Wednesday, July 24

8:00am Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday July 25

8:00am Priests of the Archdiocese of Miami by Parish

Friday July 26

8:00am †Leonard Kurzynski by Cousin

Saturday, July 27

4:00pm †Claudia Wandall White by John Galinus

Sunday, July 28

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am †Carmela Dee by Family
† Dale Wenal by Mazzurco Family