

All Are Welcome Here

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Pastor

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Baptisim 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.

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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August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 Psalm 78 Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 John 6: 24-35

The Bread of Life Discourse

Today's psalm (78) states, "what we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come...." What good God has done spans the generations. Our mission as Church is to tell others of God's goodness and continue His works.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul points out the responsibility believers have to take a new and moral direction. Seeing the Lord's good deeds inspires us to move forward in life, not to continue to live as though we are still ignorant.

From the beginning, God created us in and through Love. God has a true outpouring affection for humankind. He does not let His creatures die. This is true even when we complain to Him.

The Israelite community grumbles because they incur the labor that comes with liberty. They no longer were slaves to the Egyptians. Likewise, their simple living was no longer given to them. Now they may be free to become a great people. In their liberty, they now have the capacity to do as they ought to do. Having such Liberty can be unsettling if a people has never had to govern themselves. Yet, God gives them all they need to achieve the greatness He calls them to.

The call is the same today. We are drawn by God to move beyond the point He first found us and the point we first discerned His call.

In the Gospel of John, we encounter the Bread of Life Discourse, chapter six. It is a deep and extensive reflection on the Eucharist. The Johannine community of the early Church understood Jesus left His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine. His love and grace are celebrated by Him in the context of a meal. Thus, the people of the early Church already participated each "Lord's Day" in what we now call the Holy Mass.

When God gave the Israelites Bread from Heaven, seen in Exodus, the act was a sign and type of Christ's Body and Blood that was to come. At the last supper, Jesus Christ gave His Body and Blood in the bread and wine. He did so with common elements known to all humanity. This would remain a sign and symbol of His continuing presence to us as life proceeds. The act is ongoing.

God continues to call us, you and me, today. The love and

affection of God never ends. The challenge to live as we ought to live, a liberated life, is still a challenge. Yet, God also remains present. We can touch Him and He touches us at every Mass. Jesus expressly meant for this to be a continuing celebration in the Church. It is to be ongoing. By this ongoing Last Supper, we always receive Bread of Life that inspires us to move forward in life. We are one with Jesus Christ and are sustained by Him

Next Week's Readings 1Kgs19:4-8;Eph4:30-5:2;Jn6:41-51 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: 281
Tithes Collected: \$4,029.00
Per Capita: \$14.34

This week's second collection is for the Parish Burse-Seminary Appeal.

If you are returning from vacation and have been away, PLEASE catch up with your tithes.

Mission Appeal
This Weekend!
August 3rd and



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 is visiting us. He represents the Catholic Church's work in Southern India. This is where Saint Thomas did his missionary work.

Parish Life

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENTS

WHEN: Saturday August 10th 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

This is a must for all who have never participated in this seminar! It is very enlightening. Most adults have, at best, only a 7th grade education in the Faith.

This session helps you to understand and articulate your faith as an adult. Plus it may be very entertaining! You never know what might happen.

People in the different apostolates who have never participated in the Introduction to the Sacraments MUST participate in order to competently exercise his or her work for the Lord in the Church.

> Feast Day Coming Up Soon! The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thursday, August 15th. Liturgy is at 8am and 7pm.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. What is that? It means that this is such an important day in the practice of our faith that we are obligated by love as Christians to come together at the Lord's Supper to celebrate. It gives us an opportunity not only to celebrate but to learn more deeply our faith.

Prayer Breakfasts

Women's Prayer Breakfast

will be Saturday, August 24th beginning at 9:30am.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

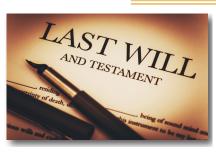
The next Women's Prayer Breakfast The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, August 31st beginning at 9:30am.

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

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



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.

Thank You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino. Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, James Gustinella, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, John Hunter, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Fav 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, August 3

4:00pm †Arnold Lakso by Joanne Dudak †Jacqueline Michel-Barbaro by Anthony & Rose Michel

Sunday, August 4

9:00am †Bill Blaha by Mom & Dad

10:45am †Carmela Dee by Family Vocations

Monday August 5 | NO MASS

Tuesday, August 6

8:00am †Mirko Jeras by Chris Crepage

Wednesday, August 7

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

Thursday August 8

8:00am Victims of War Friday August 9

8:00am Sick of the Parish

Saturday, August 10 4:00pm Rita Maria Turrini by Selma Cardona **†William Holland** by Rose & Anthony Michel

Sunday, August 11

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am†Fernando Armenti by Angiolina Armenti Olga Villlegas by Selma Cardona