

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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M.S.W., C.S.W.M

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.

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1Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34
Ephesians 4: 30-5:2
John 6: 41-51

Take and Eat the Bread of Life

How exhausted. How low might you feel? Or when has such been so? What down moment might come in the future? Let God feed you.

At any time in life, dark days may ensue when challenges come. People may assault you. Mother nature may rain down trouble. You want to quit, give up, even end your life. Yes, the absence of light can be overwhelming.

Our prophet of the day in the first Book of Kings, Elijah, is in such a dark place. As he lived up to God's word to do God's work, the assault of the earthly authorities mounted great pressure on him. He ran far from where his nemesis could harm him. Yet, the running away itself was harmful. Elijah's run into the desert was itself a wish for death. But the Lord fed him and did not give him more grief.

The prophet awoke from his sleep and he found a hearth cake and jug of water. Twice the angel of God forced him to eat and drink. Strengthened by God's food, Elijah made his way to the mountain of God, Horeb, also known as Sinai. There God spoke further to him and he was renewed in his commitment to serve God.

So interesting is today's gospel passage. Again this week, it is a part of the Bread of Life discourse. Like the story of Elijah, Jesus is challenged and ridiculed by people of this world. Unlike Elijah's story, Jesus is divine. Jesus is the second person in the Trinity. As such, Jesus is directly one with the Father. Also, the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. Thus, the Father sends us to Jesus who in turn points us to the Father. The Son Jesus is the bread come down from heaven.

While on earth, Jesus surely fed people. He fed multitudes of people food to give them energy to continue their journey on Earth. His signs of healing pointed to eternal life in heaven. He wanted us to know this! He more than fed us physical food but eternal food, Bread from Heaven. It is eternal life. It is a life that God truly wants for us.

Jesus' purpose for becoming incarnate, to come to us in the flesh, is to, as said earlier, point to the Father who is the creator of all. He is the source of love. He is love! God the Father knows when we are exhausted, low, and in a dark place. He does not want us in such a place.

God feeds us physical food and spiritual food. His is the divine nourishment that will sustain us for the journey. He will, as he did with Elijah, even force us to eat his bread. God is that interested in each of us. He wants to see us with him

in Heaven and Heaven is the goal.

Yes, at times this, life deals us things that are very difficult to endure. Yet so many people of Blessed Sacrament Parish meet the challenges with such grace. You know the strife of life. You chose to turn to God at times and at other times you turn away in despair. At times despair is all you can feel. But, as you see in those who have gone before us like Elijah, God is with you. He does not give up on you! Embrace the pain now and watch for the food he sends you. Take and eat the Bread of Life.

Next Week's Readings
Prov9:1-6; Eph5:15-20; Jn6:51-58
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.

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| Attendance last week: | 217 |
| Tithes Collected: | \$8,793.50 |
| Per Capita: | \$40.52 |

2nd Collection for Seminary
Appeal-Parish Burse: \$425.00

Collection for Mission: \$1,507.00

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

Feast Day Coming Up Soon!
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Thursday, August 15th.

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.

Parish Life

Prayer Breakfasts

Women's Prayer Breakfast

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

This is our yearly opportunity to gather, share fellowship and enjoy some shared home cooked food. Each person brings in a dish to share with the others.

Please print your name on the list in the foyer.
Include the food you will bring.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the month of July, St. Vincent de Paul Society served 759 clients representing 2,515 individuals. Their expenses for the month were \$4,459.07. In addition to assisting several people with partial rents and utility bills and giving gift cards to homeless/non-cooking clients, they were able to replace a few old, donated freezers with new (and much more efficient) ones.

All of this is possible because of the continual food and financial donations from surrounding parishes and many generous donors.

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, 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, 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 Villegas
by Selma Cardona

Monday August 12 | NO MASS

Tuesday, August 13

8:00am Gustavo A. Frias
by Parish

Wednesday, August 14

8:00am John Lawson
by Parish

Thursday August 15

8:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
7:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

Friday August 16

8:00am John Lawson
by Parish

Saturday, August 17

4:00pm † Shiela Gutterrez
by Vivian Fuentes
†Mary & Louis Michel
by Rose & Anthony Michel

Sunday, August 18

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