



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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September 8, 2024

23rd

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



All Are Welcome Here

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

1701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Oakland Park Florida 33334

Our Pastor

Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,

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.

September 8, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-5
Mark 7: 31-37

Be Strong, Fear Not!

Hear the encouraging words of the Prophet Isaiah, "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: be strong, fear not! Here is your God...."

Do these words come to you today just at the right time? Even if you are not in a particular crisis at the moment these words might be a "breather" in the middle of a long work week.

Well, while these words of scripture appear to offer consolation to the weary, a respite from all toil, that is not exactly what they aim to convey. It is not that God is going to solve the problems and all challenges will go away. Rather, the words are saying that the person will be energized by the Lord's presence.

Guidance will be given, as in the eyes will be opened to see the way. The person will hear clearly the call of God and be directed properly as the ears are cleared. Then all things will fall into proper order and an enthusiasm, like the energy of a leaping stag, will be generated, moving the person forward. He or she will not remain were God finds him. Progress will be made.

Yes, the person who is aware of God's presence will sing with joy and moreover his singing will speak of the presence of God that is so glorious. Resources will appear for proper use by the faithful in God because the streams and rivers will appear and bring fertility. The person, like a desert that is watered, will grow abundantly. The ground will no longer be a barren desert that is thirsty.

Isaiah is saying that the person who encounters and turns to the Lord God will be animated. He or she will be aware of salvation. As a result, one will become a witness to a creative, powerful and healing God. God will use all His power to bring resources for life even in circumstances where much has been limited before.

In the Gospel, the same message is given. Jesus gives hearing and speech to the deaf mute. These were the resources the man needed. The result was he went everywhere proclaiming the glory of God. People took notice. They declared Jesus had "done all things well." Jesus animated the man, and the man had the faculties to act strongly and without fear.

Reflect on yourself. What is your situation, place or current challenge in life? Maybe there is not anything so exigent in your life at the moment. There is nothing pressing upon you, nothing so demanding. Actually, you might be in a malaise. In that case, God may act on you to become motivated to journey in the direction He is leading you. He might be leading you in ways you have not been aware of yet.

Ask God to bring you awareness. Be strong. Fear not! Tell God you are open to His ways. Say to God, please guide me. Listen and observe what signs are around you. Venture beyond where you are now. God is present.

Watch Father Bob's weekly video reflection



Next Week's Readings
Is50:4c-9a;Ps116;Jas2:14-18;Mk8:27-35
Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.

Scripture Sharing

There is so much that is exciting in the Scriptures! Join us on Thursday evening. Meet in the chapel starting at 7:00PM until 8:00PM. You just might find strength and courage to move through the course of your life.

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:	230
Tithes Collected:	\$8,040.50
Per Capita:	\$34.96

This week's second collection is for Catholic University of America.

Parish Life

The Yearly Priest Convocation September 17th to 19th

During a convocation the priests of the Archdiocese come together in meetings with the Archbishop. Yes, they meet in prayer and Liturgy. Much of the time, though, is spent in meetings discussing topics regarding the ministry in the Archdiocese, the development of the priests in their ministry, and general business.

During these days, many of the usual things that go on in a parish do not happen. This is a good time for you, the laity, to reflect on the importance of the Priestly vocation and role in the community.

Pray that others will answer the call to the priesthood.
He **IS** calling.
Will you permit your son to answer the call?

Community



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.



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 Batocho, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, 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, September 7

4:00pm †Michele Abramowitz
by Elaine Hall
Donna & Elaine by Sister

Sunday, September 8

9:00am Judy Dempsey
by Selma Cardona
10:45am † Carmela Dee
by Family
†Debbie Coombs
by Vivian Fuentes

Monday September 9 | NO MASS

Tuesday, September 10

8:00am †Mickey Bonner
by Pat Burton

Wednesday, September 11

8:00am †Robert J. Joyce
by Judy Dempsey

Thursday September 12

8:00am †Kathleen Iris Cruz
by Hilda Gil

Friday September 13

8:00am Sick of the Parish

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm †Lois Hurlbett
by Paul & Marylou Adams
Sean Driscoll
by Pat Burton

Sunday, September 15

9:00am Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45am † Carmela Dee
by Family
†Rafael Volweider
by Vivian Fuentes