

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 Office Manager Yvonne Tawfik-Mestre Phone: 954-564-1010 Ext. 9 Fax:954-566-0301 Email Address: bscc1701@bellsouth.net Maintenance Coordinator Williams Alsina Website/Media Kevin Lawson BSCC1701@gmail.com

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October 20, 2024

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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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!

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.

October 20, 2024 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

The Suffering Servant

The opening line of the first reading states, "The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity." The one the scripture is speaking of is the Suffering Servant. It is a portion of what is known as the Suffering Servant Song. It spans Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12.

The Suffering Servant is a figure from the Old Testament. He is a model of service. He endured ridicule, abuse, and rejection. Nevertheless, the Servant remained faithful to God and was determined to serve Him. In the Old Testament, he is a type of Christ. That is, for Christians the Suffering Servant is a messianic prophecy about Jesus. New Testament writers quoted this passage and explained that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies.

Suffering is a mystery. As such it points to a deeper meaning of life. The servant is given as an offering for sin. Through the suffering comes the glory, "...he shall see his descendants in a long life...." For the Jewish person to see one's descendants is a great blessing. It means he or she was gifted with a long life.

As we go through this earthly life we may encounter challenges that bring about a sense of suffering. What should one do then? Should one "dig in" and stand on his or her own feet and defy the elements of life? The scriptures suggest otherwise.

The response to today's psalm, Psalm 33, states, "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." The psalmist recognizes the Lord God is upright and that "all his works are trust-worthy." Thus, he solicits the Lord's help. Again, the psalmist notes, "all [God's] works are trustworthy...." He lists the attributes of God when he says God loves justice and right and that God's kindness fills the earth.

Through the second reading we hear St. Paul describe what the suffering of Christ gives us.

In Christ's resurrection we come to Glory with Christ. His suffering gives way to great Glory. We receive the Joy of knowing we have a God in Jesus Christ who knows firsthand the suffering we humans experience. He experienced of himself. Therefore, the Lord can understand our challenges. Moreover, he shows us faith in the Father gives us strength of his grace.

In this earthly life there are no shortcuts. That is, the challenges, even great challenges, come to each person. Jesus is faced with teaching this to his apostles.

In the Gospel, James and John ask Jesus to give them places of very high honor and authority. It was an audacious request. Jesus points out to them that they do not know what they are asking for. However, they will learn from their misunderstanding and poor calculation of what his kingdom is. They will see his glory but after they become "the slave of all."

Service is the sign of the Kingdom of God. As I have often said,

"Our moto is 'service' and not 'serve us."

As I reflect on my life since I said yes to God's call it is all about serving. Even as I have tried to get away from service, looking for "a break" another task is set in front of me.

I am no hero. It is not so much that I decide to be of service. God simply puts things in front of me. I have to respond to the challenges. I either do respond or I guess I would simply remain stagnant.

I cannot say what your life will lead you to. I just suggest you choose the more difficult way that is before you. Then like the suffering servant of the scriptures, God will supply what you need to move forward in his time and direction. Remember, the Suffering Servant of our salvation reached glory.

If you have been away from God or just from His Church, consider being a part of this parish community, Blessed Sacrament Parish. Speak to the pastor, Fr. Bob. You may also speak to Gregory who welcomes people to the Church.

Watch Father Bob's weekly video reflection



Next Week's Readings Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6 Mk10:46-52

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: Tithes Collected: S Per Capita:

239 \$6,883.00 \$28.80

This week's second collection is for the Society of the Propagation of the faith/World Mission Sunday.

Tithes and Special Donations

Thank you to those of you who always honor the Lord with your tithes. Your support of the parish permits us to continue ministering to the community that does include you.

Thank you from the Pastor and the Executive Leadership Team.

Parish Life

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Join us on Thursday Evenings from 7 to 8:00PM in the chapel. A group of us spend time reading the upcoming Sunday readings and talking about them. It's a great inspiring time.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI LAUNCHES RELIEF FUND FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MILTON

In response to the devastating impact of Hurricane Milton across the state of Florida, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami Inc., is establishing a dedicated donation fund to assist those affected by the hurricane.

Monetary donations can be made at Catholic Charities' website **www.ccadm.org**. **One hundred percent of all funds** received will be directed to providing humanitarian relief and assistance to those affected by Hurricane Milton.

Catholic Charities can be followed on Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter,) or visit their website for the latest news and updates.

Hear our Praises (R. Morgan)

V1: May our home be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus, as the people turn to pray

Refrain: From the mountains to the valleys Hear our praises rise to You! From the heavens to the nations Hear our singing fill the air Milton. V2: May Your light shine in the darkness As we walk before the cross May Your glory fill the whole earth As the water o'er seas

Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah (we sing) Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, hallelujah (we sing)

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

It is time to remember all our loved ones who have died before us. Please print the names of your loved ones on the usual list. It is found in the foyer. If possilbe, please leave a donation there as well.

UP-COMING EVENT!

"Saints and Sinners" Party Saturday November 9th After the 4pm Liturgy Until 8pm \$5.00 per person Children 8 and under are free

New Members check this out!

This yearly event brings in a time of fun and of devotion. The Saints and Sinner Party always arrives about the time of All Saints Day.

You bring a dish that speaks of your ethnic background. We all get a little taste of all our beautiful cultures represented here at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

This is for everyone in the parish. Families bring their children! The children dress as their favorite saint. The adults may dress as a saint or some other character. (If you don't have a costume, it is OK).

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

PUMPKINS!

Please continue to add to our pumpkin patch! Last year you brought in pumpkins and gourds to place in the sanctuary. These are signs of the abundant gifts God has given us. Please feel free to bring them in again. You may leave your pumpkin or gourd in the foyer of the church.

Place your name on the bottom of it.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Angiolina Armenti, Mary-Ellen Batcho, 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, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 19 4:00pm Victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton †Palumbo Family by Fr. Bob

Sunday, October 20

9:00am Blesssed Sacrament Parish

10:45am †Anthony C. Mazzurco Sr by Mark Mazzurco Peace in Gaza by Parish

> Monday October 21 NO MASS

Tuesday, October 22 8:00am † Maura Tinling by Fr. Sean Mulcahy

Wednesday, October 23

8:00am Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society

Thursday October 24 8:00am †Joe Johnson by Parish

Friday October 25

8:00am †Fernando Medina by Jeanne Massamillo

Saturday, October 26

4:00pm †Guilhernina De Araujo Bozziby Hildo Gil †Hortensia Escalona by Cardenas Family

Sunday, October 27

9:00am Blesssed Sacrament Parish

10:45am †AJulian Cardona by Selma Cardona Victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton