

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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November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time "All Are Welcome Here"

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.

November10 , 2024 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Kings 17: 10-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12:38-44

There was a widow, her son and the prophet Elijah.

Is this title the lead into a joke? Let us see.

The widow had very little to support herself and her son. In fact, she was resigned to dying then and there. "I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar ... when we (the lady and her son) have eaten it, we shall die." Thus, she was not prepared to offer the prophet hospitality. She truly had nothing more to give.

Now Elijah is audacious, so it seems. He accepts she is going to die. Nevertheless, he persists. "Go and do as you propose." That is, go and die, "But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son." Has Elijah no respect?!

Then Elijah makes a bold promise. "For the Lord, ... says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, ... until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" It was a period of great draught. There was not much growing in the way of food crops. Everyone was in a difficult situation. But the prophet makes this promise. So, what happens?

The widow takes a leap of faith. She took what little she had and prepared food for Elijah. He ate and "She was able to eat for a year ... The jar of flour did not go empty ... as the Lord had foretold through Elijah." There is something similar that happens in the gospel story, too.

In Mark Chapter 12, there is the poor widow. She too gives what little she has. She gives her remaining money to the treasury. That is, she pays her religious tithes. Unlike the public discourse the woman and prophet engage in in the first reading, this scene is very subtle. The poor widow quietly places her tithe in the collection. No one notices except for Jesus who was deliberately watching all those who placed their tithe in the collection.

Jesus uses this moment, this quiet gesture of the poor woman, to teach the disciples. He shows that this woman's humble gesture was the greatest act taken by anyone that day. Her tithe spoke the loudest. There was no complaint from her. She simply honored God with her life. Surely, the money she placed in the tithe was her life's sustenance.

These scriptural stories provoke much reflection and thought. The ladies in the stories are the least among the other people in their societies. No one was helping them. Yet, they did their duty by helping another who was in need and by simply doing what ought to be done.

The second lady making her tithe supported the work of God as she knew. The first lady aided someone who was in need. The second lady quietly did as was prescribed by her faith community. She made an explicit act based on her interior understanding of her faith. The first lady, preparing a meal for Elijah acted as though she was confronted by God through the prophet. Her encounter with Elijah was an explicit momentary encounter with God. Both ladies were met by God and responded to God's direction of them. The second lady lived her life faithfully all the time. The first lady had a specific momentary encounter with God through the prophet. Each lady responded to God while God uniquely touched them.

What motivates you to respond to God? Perhaps you have been confronted by God in some specific way. Or maybe you have been a simple person who has always followed the way of God without the need for a dramatic event to motivate you.

No matter how you have been confronted by God, like either of the ladies, recognize God and respond to him. Be not afraid going forward. There is humor in life and the situations that arise. But there is no joke in the call of God nor in God's support of you when you respond to Him.

> Next Week's Readings Dn12:1-3;Heb10:11-14,18;Mk13:24-32

An Affirming Thought "I have a mission...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for naught...Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. God does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about." John Henry Newman

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:	287
Tithes Collected:	\$10,133.50
Per Capita:	\$35.31
All Saints Attendance:	73
Collection:	\$1,056.00

Next week's second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development.

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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 28th

On November 28th we will have our traditional 10:00am liturgy. It is very simple and only about 40 minutes long. You are home in time to baste the bird and watch the game. Fr. Bob gives his annual List of Gratitude.



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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Publix Gift Cards! In \$10.00 increments.

Needed now! Publix gift cards in \$10 increments. This will help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide supplies for families during the Holidays as well as other times of the year as needed. Place them in the S.V.D.P. box in the foyer of the church.



THANKS!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, 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, November 9 4:00pm †All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 10

9:00am †All Souls Novena 10:45am †Dan Murphy by Dil Hatchett Laura Alvarez by Selma Cardona

> Monday November 11 NO MASS

Tuesday, November 12

8:00am †Bill Crepage by Wife

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday November 14

8:00am People on Death Row by Mona Cadet

Friday November 15

8:00am †Fouad Labib by Friends

Saturday, November 16

4:00pm †Mary-Ellen Batcho & Ruth/Stanley Chaner by Ed Batcho

Sunday, November 17

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish 10:45am †Bernard & Shirley Sharkey by Family

Mass Intentions are a Catholic tradition for love ones; living or deceased.

Mass intentions are also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary or in thanksgiving for a answered prayer.

Please contact the office to schedule