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JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE  
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**BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

*"All Are Welcome Here"*

1701 East Oakland Park Blvd. Oakland Park Florida 33334

**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

***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



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Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm  
Revelation 1:5-8  
John 18:33b-37

**We Yearn For a Ruler Who Will Take Responsibility**

If humankind seems to be floundering around like a fish caught high and dry on the beach, it might be because it has not focused on the divine.

We expect our worldly leaders, whether they are religious, political, military and even entertainers, to be the perfect force to guide us. Sometimes such people fall into the trap of trying to be perfect. Neither the people who look up to them nor the leaders might be insincere in this. Everyone wants someone to take charge and take responsibility for society. However, all people fall short of perfection. Then, people are gravely disappointed.

In the gospel story, Pilate was the earthly authority in his district. Pilate had immediate power over Jesus' future. He was threatened, however, by what he was hearing about Jesus' influence. At the same time, Pilate was intrigued by the phenomenon Jesus had become. How did Jesus rocket to such fame? This intrigue, however, belies the misunderstanding almost everyone had about Jesus' authority.

In a worldly sense, the title "king" carries a sense of entitlement and caste. Yes, we yearn for a ruler who will take responsibility for society. Good kings care about their subjects, insure order and take care of the poor. Bad kings do not care about other people; they are selfish and are interested in getting things for themselves. They might even hurt other people to get what they want.

We look for someone filled with goodness. The goodness of a person will influence the goodness of others. That is, goodness will draw out the goodness that is in others. It is the witness that the good person gives that causes others to have the courage to act rightly. This goodness will contain evildoers and rescue the poor. Jesus is the ideal ruler in this sense.

Jesus is the self-manifestation of God. As such, Jesus sums up all of revelation. Jesus is the fulfillment of revelation. He is a servant king and not self-serving. His authority comes from His service to all. God is one who, when we truly get to know God, we want to associate with. We emulate the one we associate with. The emulation of a good person leads to an increase in goodness throughout humankind.

Jesus is the ruler of all. He is the anointed one of God who commands the forces of the universe for the good. His death and resurrection proclaims good news of giving over one's life for the good of others. Jesus' action in obedience to the Father not only gives us an example to emulate but courage to do so.

Yes, we do yearn for a ruler who will take responsibility. Earthly rulers are necessary. There must be leadership on earth. But, if you seem to have a hard time finding such suitable rulers in the pool of candidates, it might mean you, first of all, along with others, must focus on Jesus as the example, the head, the anointed, the servant king. You must emulate the goodness of Jesus Christ that gives example of goodness to others who see you. Then, if each of us does this we will have more goodness in humankind and thus find it in the leaders we turn to. In truth, we must take responsibility for society by giving over, one by one, to the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

**Next Week's Readings**  
First Sunday of Advent  
The New Year of the Church  
*Jer33:14-16;1Thes3:12-4:2;Lk21:25-28,34-36*

**Thanksgiving Day  
Mass  
Thursday, November  
28th 10:00am**



Thursday, November 25th is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Some of you are new here in "the States." Please come and celebrate our gratefulness to the Lord for the gifts we have.

The Liturgy takes less than an hour and is a very simple celebration. Everyone come dressed in the garb of your ancestral country, if you like.

**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:	301
Tithes Collected:	\$6,186.00
Per Capita:	\$20.55

**Second Collection for the Campaign for Human Development:** 318.00

# Parish Life

## Next Week Begins Advent!

Regulars here recall this is the New Year of the Church. It is not Christmas Season regardless of the advertisements or decorations in the stores and online.

It is a period of preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus the King and of preparation for His second coming.

Thus, as practicing Christians, we might prepare for Christmas by making decorations or buying gifts. HOWEVER, we DO NOT decorate the house as though it is already Christmas. We decorate in the spirit of this season of anticipation. Prepare an Advent Wreath and use light purple colors around the house.

Thank you for properly observing the TRUE faith Tradition of Christianity.

## Advent Evening Thursdays 7:00pm to 8:00pm

During the upcoming season of Advent we will worship the Lord in His Eucharistic presence, reconcile to the Lord and each other, and reflect on the New Year of Grace. This will occur each of the first three Thursdays of Advent beginning at 7pm and ending at 8pm.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**On the first Thursday, December 5th we will have a Service of Reconciliation. We will examine our conscience, confess our sins and receive absolution.**

### Evenings of Reflection

**On the second and third Thursdays, we will spend some reflective time before the Eucharist in Adoration and Benediction.**

## Meaning of the Advent Wreath

The branches of the wreath are "evergreen", always fresh, new, and alive like God's love. The shape of the wreath mirrors the blessed truth that God keeps being in the circle of the seasons and the cycle of the liturgical year. Contrary to the dimming lights of the sun and stars in the end times, the light of the Advent wreath grows brighter as Christ draws near.

## What to Do With the Advent Wreath

Make a circle with evergreen, either live or artificial. Place three purple and one pink candle in the circle. Then place one white candle in the center of the wreath. This one stands for Christ and is lit at Christmas since that is the day we celebrate His birth. Light the first purple candle for the first week of Advent, then the second the second week. On the third week light the pink one and on the fourth week light the last purple one. Each day light your wreath, perhaps at dinner time. The whole family may pray whatever prayers you like. It may be the rosary or just a simple petition or other prayer you make up. Do this and see how the Lord will open up your family to greater joy and peace. In the last week of Advent, begin decorating the house for Christmas but not before. Then celebrate Christmas "full out" until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Show the world the true practice of the Christian faith.

*Peace!*

## 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 23

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

### Sunday, November 24

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

### Monday November 25 NO MASS

### Tuesday, November 26

8:00am †Mary-Ellen Batcho by Richard & Maria Stahl

### Wednesday, November 27

8:00am Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul Society

### Thursday November 28

8:00am †Fr. Ken Wolnowski by Parish

### Friday November 29

8:00am †Joe Johnson by Parish

### Saturday, November 30

4:00pm †Ed & Yolande Batcho by son, Ed Batcho  
†Georg & Anita Polt by Family

### Sunday, November 17

9:00am † Dan Blaha, Jr. by Mom & Dad  
10:45am †Anthony C. Mazzurco Sr by Friend  
†Margaret Cosgrave by Vivian Fuentes