

January 12, 2025  
*The Baptism of the Lord*



*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

*"All Are Welcome Here"*

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Our Pastor  
Reverend Robert F. Tywoniak,  
M.S.W., C.S.W.M  
Music Director  
Daniel J. Perez

**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

## January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord Stewardship

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

*Psalm 104*

*Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

*Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22*

**Stewardship Is a**

**Response to Overwhelming Love of God the Father**

Jesus responds to the overwhelming love of the Father who tells Jesus, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In fact, both the Son and the Father are responding to each other's love. Obviously, Jesus is responding to the Father's loving call and that is why the Father says He is pleased with the Son.

The Trinity of God is an expression of love for all of creation. Today's psalm (psalm 104) is a song of praise that extols God's wisdom and majesty. It calls us to a deeper awareness of the presence and power of God in all creation. "How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all..." Isaiah the prophet points out, "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."

Mutual love fuels Stewardship. In love, God gives us the great gift of Himself. When we realize the space He makes for us in His life we respond by loving in return. Stewardship is a response to the mutual love. It is a two-fold response to God's gifts.

Stewardship is, first of all, an expression of gratitude. You and I are uplifted to know God loves us and has given us much. Secondly, Stewardship is taking responsibility for what we have been given. For example, in the Gospel story Jesus responds to the Father's love for Him by totally giving His life to the way the Father wants him to live.

Jesus dedicates Himself to the Father's call. Then he proceeds to live a life of service. Jesus spends His life preaching and teaching that we all may gain a deep understanding of the true love of God. Jesus' final act of stewardship is death on a cross. It demonstrates how much God loves us, how far He will go to prove His love. The Father responds by using His power over evil. The greatest evil is death. The Father raises Jesus from the dead!

Brothers and sisters, you and I must have gratitude and take responsibility. We must express our two-fold response of gratitude and responsibility in Stewardship. We must be compelled to give of our time, talent and treasure. This is what "runs" our parish and the larger Church as well.

So many of you use your time and talent well. You serve the ministries of this parish. Many of you are behind the scenes where no one sees you. You work with great humility. You are responding as a good Steward.

This year the greatest needs are in the areas of time and treasure. Your time is needed for the task of Evangelization. Now have courage. Perhaps to think of yourself as an evangelist might be intimidating.

Pope Saint John Paul II (Evangeli Nuntiandi, 22) wrote "Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God."

Evangelization may mean actively performing in an Apostolate. For example, as your pastor, I need your help to expand the number of Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs). Why are more EMs needed?

First, adding to the ranks of EMs permits us to have a sufficient number of people to distribute Communion in both the form of Bread and the Wine at the Liturgy. Second, more EMs will be added to the visitations we make to our Nursing Homes. Visitation is an even greater need than distribution in church. And again, do not fear. Each person who answers this call will be properly educated and prepared.

Tithing is the other important area of need. It is something that we all must renew. For some you might actually need to step up and make an honest tithe for the first time. We all need to help carry the load. Not just a few. And since this column is read by many at home or see my video online heed that we all must support the parish financially. It takes the Time, Talent and Treasure of many just to make this electronic medium available to you. Send in your tithes, please.

Of course, there are many bad influences that take us away from God's Church. How do we stem the influence of these bad influences?

We must be faithful to the Gospel and Doctrine of the Church. We must continue the story of the Lord's redemption. This is one of the themes in Luke's Gospel. We must be disciples with and for each other. We must check ourselves morally and spiritually and walk together in the Kingdom of God. We take responsibility for our own actions and help others do the same! Together in faith our Church may thrive as a place of hospitality where we all will grow in the Lord's love. This is the greatest Stewardship of all.

In all, this parish is the greatest! So many of you reach out to other people in so many ways. People care about those who are sad, unemployed, etc. Many of us even celebrate with those who are experiencing good things in life. It is seen and felt around here. All of this is a response to the Father's love for us. We respond in truly good, loving ways. There are cases here of people who have found a spiritual home at Blessed Sacrament Parish because we have shown acceptance and warmth in God's name.

Let us keep up the good work of God. Let us continue to show all are welcome in this place. No evil will ultimately get us down. We are the beloved sons and daughters of our God. We respond to the overwhelming love of God the Father.

### **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

*IS 62:1-5, 1COR 12:4-11, JN 2:1-11*



# Parish Life



## STEWARDSHIP

We have begun our time of Renewal to Stewardship. William, who is from among us, will give witness to his stewardship. Personal witness is the inspiration coming from one of our own.

Please give Willism your attention and support.

## COMMITMENT

Please watch for your Letter of Commitment to Stewardship in the snail mail. Fill it out and return it to church. Thanks!

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| Attendance last week:         | 283         |
| Tithes Collected:             | \$8,212.00  |
| Per capita:                   | \$29.02     |
| Solemnity of Mary Attendance: | 128         |
| Solemnity of Mary Collection: | \$1,894.00  |
| Attendance weekend of Dec 29: | 246         |
| Tithes Collected:             | \$5,559.50  |
| Per Capita:                   | \$22.60     |
| Christmas Attendance:         | 391         |
| Tithes Collected:             | \$13,519.00 |

## CALENDAR OF SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS

### Stewardship Sundays

January 12, 19, 26

### Stewardship Recognition Sunday

February 2nd

### Scripture Sharing

Begins again January 9th and continues each Thursday from 7 to 8pm

### Parish Mission Begins Ash Wednesday

March 5th, 6th, 7th from 7 to 8:30pm

### Scriptural Stations of the Cross

Begins Thursday, March 13th and continues each Thursday during Lent. 7:00pm

### Holy Week

Passion Sunday, April 13th

Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7pm

Good Friday, April 18th at 7pm

Easter Vigil, April 19th at 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th Masses at 9am and 10:45am

### Scripture Sharing

Begins Again May 1st and continues every Thursday from 7 to 8pm

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Fr. Robert (Bob) Traupman, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 11, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2025

### SATURDAY

4:00pm †Mary-Ellen Barcho and Stan & Ruth Chaner by Ed Batcho  
†Carmela Dee by Family

### SUNDAY

9:00am Crepage Family by Family  
10:45am †John E. Rudnik by Mazzurco Family  
†Dale Wenal by Mazzurco Family

### MONDAY / NO MASS

### TUESDAY

8:00am †Carl Barricelli by Chris Crepage

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

8:00am Stan Lalewicz by Daughter

### FRIDAY

8:00am Fr. Dennis Rausch by Parish

### SATURDAY

4:00pm †Carmela Dee by Family Sick of the Parish

### SUNDAY

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45am Fromhercz Family by Anita  
†Helen Lalewicz by Daughter