

# STEWARDSHIP

## A Way of Life



January 19, 2025  
The Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

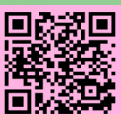
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## BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

*"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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*Isaiah 62: 1-5*

*Psalms 96*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

*John 2: 1-11*

## STEWARDSHIP

The Joy and Levity of a Lifelong Relationship

A lifelong relationship with the Lord is like the Joy and Levity of a Wedding Feast. In the Gospel story, at the direction of His mother Mary, Jesus provides way beyond what was needed for a fine wedding feast. Moreover, what was served up was irrational! That was how good the provisions the Lord provided were. It was noted, "But you kept the good wine until now."

The story of the wedding feast (Gospel) points to an age of abundance. Such comes with a committed relationship with God! The best of everything in life that is fulfilling will come to be. The Grace and Goodness that comes are exuberant just as the joy and levity of a wedding feast that celebrates a new lifelong relationship. But a relationship that is found in the Lord is even beyond the joy of a new marriage with all its hopes and dreams.

God provides an abundance of gifts distributed among the many members of the community of faith. Each member has his or her own talent. Each talented person edifies the whole community. This shared distribution of wealth illustrates God's love and God's life manifested in His community of faith which is the Church. Saint Paul makes this clear in his letter to the Corinthians.

Speaking of all the gifts God gives to the community of faith, Paul states, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." In the Old Testament reading (Is. 62) the prophet Isaiah speaks to this gracious relationship similarly.

Saint Paul points out the Lord greatly wants to celebrate His relationship as one would have in a joyous wedding reception. The future of the relationship is full of great promise. All things will be bright when a relationship is based in a firm, reliable commitment. There is a new life to look forward to. But hopes and dreams may be fleeting. The hard work of commitment is needed in every relationship that is attempted in life.

Jesus gives us the supreme example of commitment. He is so bound to His love for the Father and the Father's love for Him that He dies for the relationship. He does not give into a fleeting earth bound or transient infatuation. From the start of His ministry, Jesus rejects the devil's offer of an earthly kingdom. "Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms

of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan!'" (Matthew 4: 8-11)

So friends, do you have a commitment in life? What is that commitment? What is it based in? Is it a lifelong relationship?

Make a commitment to the Lord God. Start a relationship with God. To begin, simply say this prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me a sinner." Go ahead, say it several times over. Simply begin the relationship with that phrase. Say it over and over every day. And watch for it. The Joy and Levity of a lifelong relationship may begin.

## A COMMUNITY OF STEWARDSHIP

Good and proper care of your time, talent and treasure is what is meant by Stewardship.

What talent (God given gift) do you have that may be used in the community of humankind?

Will you make the time and make the effort to hone your talents for more intense effectiveness that edifies the community at large?

Make a financial tithe (donation) to this parish including a pledge to the Archbishop's Charities Drive that goes beyond the parish, too.

## 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.**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Tithes Collected:</b>	<b>\$5,495.00</b>
<b>Per capita:</b>	<b>\$17.84</b>

## Stewardship Commitment Letter

Please take notice of the Stewardship Commitment Letter that was sent to your home. Pray over the call of the Lord to support this parish of the Blessed Sacrament. Please make a committed pledge to support this parish financially. As one people, one parish we all contribute to the financial strength of our parish. If we do not, the parish will fail to exist, in time.

# Parish Life

## EXIT HYMN

**(Verses)** PRAISE HIM IN THE  
SANCTUARY  
PRAISE HIM IN THE MIGHTY  
HEAVENS.  
PRAISE HIM, ALL THE EARTH  
PRAISE HIM.

PRAISE HIM IN HIS AWESOME  
POWER,  
PRAISE HIS GREAT AND HOLY NAME.  
PRAISE HIM THE WHOLE WORLD  
PRAISE HIM

**(Pre-Chorus)** FROM THE RISING OF  
THE SUN  
LET HIS PRAISE BE HEARD.  
FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST,  
AND THE NORTH TO SOUTH.

**Chorus**//LET EVERYTHING  
THAT HAS BREATH  
PRAISE THE LORD  
FOREVER. LET EVERY  
THING IN MY SOUL  
PRAISE THE LORD.//  
**(back to start)**

**(Bridge)** //Praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord//

Go to **//Pre-Chorus//** then  
**//Chorus!//**

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## Office of Marriage and Family Life

### Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their Paper (1st), Silver (25th), Gold (50th) or 50 plus wedding anniversary in 2025 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 15 and receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski. Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m. with Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. To register, visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ynhxwzj>.

### Sunday Mass for shut-ins: online, on TV and on YouTube

The greatest gift that you could give a sick or homebound person is to remind them that hearing God's word in livestreamed and recorded Masses is only a few clicks away. To watch the Mass in English or Spanish, visit [miamiarch.org](http://miamiarch.org) | Offices & Ministries | Communications | Television Mass; or watch the Spanish Masses on our YouTube channel, CatholicMiami. Mass recordings become available at 6 p.m. every Saturday through midnight Sunday, and a direct link is posted on the News Center on the home page of the archdiocesan website. Masses also are broadcast in Spanish on Univision 23 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. Those who are homebound and would like a visit from an extraordinary minister of Communion may contact their parish office directly

## National Pro-Life Religious Council

### Pro-Lifers in Florida to be honored

At the National Prayer Service on January 24, 2025, in Washington, DC (the morning of the March for Life), pro-life advocates from our state (and other states) will be given special recognition for their efforts to defeat the pro-abortion ballot amendments and Governor DeSantis will be awarded the 2025 National Pro-Life Recognition Award. If you are attending the March for Life, be sure to start your day with this inspirational prayer service. It will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Catholic Mass at 7:30 a.m.) at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW (18th and D). For more information, visit [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com).

## TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

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, Carlos Morejon, 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. 18, 2025 - Jan. 26, 2025

### 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

### MONDAY / NO MASS

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**8:00am** †Helen Lalewicz  
by Daughter

### THURSDAY

**8:00am** †Hortensia Escalona  
by Family

### FRIDAY

**8:00am** For the Pope by Parish

### SATURDAY

**4:00pm** †Serge Genillier  
by Javier Duarte  
For the Victims of the  
California Fires

### SUNDAY

**9:00am** For the Victims of the  
California Fires  
**10:45am** †Lenny Marcus by Friend  
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California Fires