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Presentation o the Lord

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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

#### 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!

#### 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 preparation.

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## Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40

## Hope and Longing Fulfilled

Two old people who knew their religion's Tradition and Teaching united for the coming of the Messiah. Simeon, whose name means "God has heard", was informed by the Holy Spirit he would see the Messiah before he died. Anna, whose name means "grace" and "favor", was a prophetess. She was a widow most of her life and therefore spent her days praying to God in the Temple. She would tell all people she saw and understood about the child Jesus.

These two people waited and waited for the messiah to come. What did they know would come with the messiah? They knew fullness and fulfillment of life would come. This fullness and fulfillment of life would be for anyone sincerely discerning it and them accepting the Lord. Simeon and Anna found such before they died. You can say they died happy. Yet, before they did die, they shared the Good News of the Loving God who kept His promise with everyone they could meet.

Note, however, what Simeon told Mary. He told her what fate her son would meet. Moreover, he told her of the suffering she too would experience. Now, how wonderful must have Mary and Joseph felt to hear that as fresh new parents? Imagine me, your pastor, presiding at one of our wonderful baptisms during Mass and telling the parents in front of all present such news. What would the parents do?

Well, Mary and Joseph had already endured much regarding this child before they brought him, their first born boy, to the Temple for ritual presentation. Thus, again as they did at his birth, Mary and Joseph observed all that was happening and took it in. They knew God had already saved them more than once. Perhaps they reflected on that and expected God would get them through whatever else was going to happen. In fact, Simeon told them what would happen.

At this point I will write no more. Rather than give away this story's ending I urge you to follow it along through Lent, Holy Week and Easter. See how it ends. See what Mary does.

In the meantime, you tell others that Jesus has come. He is the Lord. He is what was hoped for and longed for.

We Are Disciples Educated and Evangelistic

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Is.6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138; 1Cor15:1-11; Lk5:1-11

#### 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:	279
Tithes Collected:	\$10,165.70
Per capita:	\$36.44

Archbishop's Charities and Development Fund (ABCD) For those of you who are new here, you need to know the ABCD is the fund to which we contribute that is beyond the support of our own local parish of Blessed Sacrament. Most of you have received literature that explains this from the Archbishop in the mail already.

As has been explained to you already your tithe is split in the following way. A tithe is 10% of your "wealth". Six percent goes to this parish, 1 or 2% goes to the ABCD and the rest goes to any other charity you care about. Naturally, more can go to any of these choices.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE A PLEDGE TO THE ABCD PLEASE DO IT NOW.

Thank yourself for the contribution you make to the ABCD. It is something you do for the Church you are a part of.

# Parish Life

## **Goodness Of God**

#### Verse 1

I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me All my days I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Verse 2

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

### Bridge

Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me God.

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... Praised be Jesus Christ!

## CALENDAR OF SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS

Parish Mission Begins Ash Wednesday March 5th, 6th, 7th from 7 to 8:30pm

Scriptural Stations of the Cross Begins Thursday, March13th and continues each Thursday during Lent. 7:00pm

Holy Week Begins

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

## **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

February 1 - February 9, 2025

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:00pm † Carol Wyatt by Chris † Lorraine Walgenwitt by Carol Walgenwitt

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish10:45am Jubliee Year

MONDAY February 3 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 8:00am † Janice Bennett by Friend

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 8:00am † Jose Morejon by Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 68:00am Victims of Disasters by Parish

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00am † Daniel Alfaro Tobar by Friends

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00pm † Mary-Ellen Batcho and Stan & Ruth Chaner by Ed Batcho † Ron Murawski by Family

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am † Domingo Joa by Perez Family † Carmen Rosabal by Perez 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 call the office to schedule