

meek happy
peacemakers
 righteousness prophets
 mercy poor harmony hungry
 laugh heart **Blessed** merciful
 content rejoice satisfied love peace warm
 weep kingdom joy give
 pure tender reward heaven
 calm

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

*Sixth Sunday
 in Ordinary
 Time*

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 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 preparation.

February 16, 2025
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Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Tenderness and a Warning

These past weeks we have examined our commitment to Stewardship. We have reflected on our relationship with the Lord as it is seen in our relationship with our brothers and sisters and all of the earthly environment. Together we are called to responsibility and we humbly work to achieve discipleship, that is, "having each other's back".

In today's scriptures, I see the soothing tenderness of the Lord toward people who strive with sincere hearts to be good Stewards. In contrast, I also see the firm warning given to those who are not Stewards but actually exploiters.

Jeremiah recognizes the person who trusts and hopes in the Lord. "He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream." Such a person is in good stead to endure all challenges. The one who seeks a relationship with the Lord is also one who is quite wise. He knows where to be planted and where to spread his roots.

The prophet also admonishes the boldly self-reliant, self-seeking and selfish persons; ones who turn away from the Lord. Such a one "is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste...." These people lead themselves to destruction while hurting people they exploit intentionally along the way.

The gospel passage written by Saint Luke shows the Lord's tenderness toward certain people. People who are harmed for following Jesus may rejoice. In their humility they are soothed. Their poverty turns into the greatness of a kingdom, their hunger into satisfaction, and their sadness into laughter.

Then, more forceful than the Prophet Jeremiah, the Gospel points a rhetorical finger at the greedy people of the world. All they have gained through their exploitation of the humble people will be all that they will have. It will be fleeting and only here on earth. Their consolation is only in this life. Eternity will not be joyous.

The poor stewards of this life, the exploiters, will be hungry, grieving and weeping. Their earthly "good names" will not be remembered well in eternity. They will be sullied by their own misdeeds and evil selfishness.

This is a recurring theme in the scriptures as seen both in the Prophet Jeremiah and in the Gospel of Luke. It is the theme of tenderness and warning.

If you have struggled and in good conscience have been moral in your actions and even more seek the Lord's loving guidance through His Church, know that you will experience peace of heart.

Peace is not the absence of challenge and even hardship. Rather, you experience the sense that you are in harmony with God's plan. Being one who behaves justly, you will sense a wholeness accompanied by a sense of being in the presence of one who loves you. You intuitively know you are moving in the correct direction that brings about harmony and justice for all. Your conscience is clear.

Today, the economic reality of all living on Earth reflects the biblical historical themes seen in this weekend's scriptures. Since the Pandemic, the wealth gap has exploded into the greatest inequality between the haves and have nots. You may search the topic of wealth gap by looking up the OXFAM International report.

Regardless, please know God loves all his creatures. He will always be tender to those who seek justice and warn those who would exploit others for their own good.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1Sam26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1Cor15:45-49;Lk6:27-38

SCRIPTURE SHARING

Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
We open up the Sunday Scriptures and share our reflections on them.
We meet in the chapel.

- THE CHAPEL -
A PLACE TO PRAY AND
MEDITATE

The Chapel will be open for Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 12th, the Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation on Wednesdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Do come by and join us. Remain in His presence as long as you can.

Parish Life

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:	289
Tithes Collected:	\$4,957.00
Per capita:	\$17.15

ENTRANCE HYMN Sweet Redeemer

Verse 1

King of kings
Blessed Jesus
Hand of mercy
Giver of grace
I have come to sing glory
To lay my heart
Before You in this place

Chorus

Sweet Redeemer
I surrender all I am to You
Sweet Redeemer
I surrender all I am to You

Verse 2

I was lost
And You found me
In the darkness
You were my light
When I fell down
You forgave me
Lifted me up
And held me to Your side

Bridge

From the shadows of the
tomb
You called me
You rolled away the stone
From the burden of my sin
You saved me
You made my heart Your
home

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...Praised be Jesus Christ!

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Helene Falzarano, 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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00p † Dottie & Joe Ducato by
Nancy, Mary Lou, & Paul
† Bobby Okoroski by Dennis

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00am Blessed Sacrament
Parish
10:45am † Jennie Matyi by Parish
† Matthew Colson by
Colson Family & D. Perez

MONDAY February 17 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00am † Norman Pratis
by Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am Past & Present Members
& Benefactors of
SVDP Society

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00am † Catherine Dino
by Parish

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00am † Fr. Ken Wolnowski
by Parish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:00p † Lucille Ornowka
by Family
† Randy Gromley
by Margot

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am † Lenny Kurzynski
by Parish
10:45am † Donna Wodtke
by Marciszewski Family
† David Buitron by
Myles 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 thanking for a answered prayer.

Please call the office to schedule