

*Lent*  
Fast, Pray, Give



March 30, 2025  
Third Sunday  
of Lent

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WELCOME HERE"*

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

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.

March 30, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**  
**Psalm 34**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**Reconciliation, the Effective Way to Get Even!**

We observe war between nations, arguing among our elected officials and we might argue within our own homes. There is childish behavior among childish adults. One observes rivals who try to "get even" with each other. The world seems to be a mess.

How does God feel about all this vitriol? Is it possible God wants to "get even" with all of us, his creatures? Perhaps the Lord is tired of all we have done with his creation. What would be getting even on God's part? How would he get even for all the hatred we have built up in the world? That is, if God wanted to get even.

It might be conjectured, the ultimate "getting even" would be to reconcile the world, all of us with each other. The most effective means to get even is to reconcile. When people are reconciled, they are even.

To reconcile means to bring together, to make one. As one might recall from the readings of the Second Sunday of Lent, God is the Prime Mover. God is the first to move. God reaches out to make us His friends. Friends reconcile when they have a falling out. In the case of Joshua and the people of his time, God has led them into the Promised Land and it is fruitful.

While the people had wandered on their journey to the Promised Land, they were not always faithful to God as they should have been. Nevertheless, God, as a good friend, reached out to them and brought them back to Him, to reconcile with them. The fruitfulness of the land was a sign of the reconciliation.

As in the time of Joshua we, today, are constantly being redeemed by the grace of God. New things come to us, perhaps each day that let us know God is still working with us. Sometimes we have spent enough time in prayer worship and celebration to see God's actions. Sometimes we have not. Yet, God continues to try to be one with us regardless of our own deficits.

The gospel story, the Prodigal, shows how we hurt our relationship with God. You and I can be demanding of God but not be properly responsible with gifts He gives us. After some wayward episode we might run back to God and say, "I am sorry." While God might offer some correction of us, to get us right again, He never seeks vengeance. He is not out "to get even" but to get even as in to reconcile.

When we reconcile with God we can be reconciled with people. Reconciling with God shows we are open to His

reconciling Grace. That Grace of God can serve to make us one with other people. In this way we become one again with them as well as God. This is what most effectively makes us even.

Give reconciliation a try. You might find out that something very simple and silly caused a rift between you the other person. Maybe a misunderstanding that was left to fester. Or you just decided not to hear the other person's side of the story and walked away from a long friendship. Perhaps the other person even tried to get you to listen and hear his or her explanation.

Truly get even. Reach out or accept the other person's effort to reach out to you. Get even! Reconcile.

Remember, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm-3:30pm

And

Each Thursday prior to the Stations of the Cross or Scripture Sharing from 6:30pm-6:50pm.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Is43:16-21;Phil3:8-14;Jn.8:1-11**

**Scriptural Stations of the Cross, Thursdays, 7-8pm.**

**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: 290**  
**Tithes Collected: \$4,868.00**  
**Per capita: \$16.79**

**This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.**

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Every Thursday Evening During Lent**  
**7:00pm**

This dynamic way of the cross greatly takes from the biblical accounts of Jesus' passion and death. It is truly attractive to children. Come as a family each Thursday evening. A preview of next Sunday's readings is given. You might even get a little reward too!

**Sunday School students and parents must participate.**

# PARISH LIFE

## Holy Week Schedule

April 17 @ 7:00pm: Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

April 18 @ 7:00pm: Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord.

(There is NO morning Mass on the above days.)

April 19 @ 8:00pm: Easter Vigil

April 20: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. 9:00am & 10:45am

## EASTER GIFT TO THE PARISH

Please be extra generous to your parish through your Easter Tithe! Easter donations, as Christmas, have a great impact on the Parish's fiscal health. Thanks.

### - THE CHAPEL -

The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation on Wednesdays during Lent. It will be open each Wednesday 11:30am and 1:00pm. Come by and join us!

Remain in His presence as long as you can.

### CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Continues:

It will follow the 10:45am Liturgy every Sunday until April 27th.

### ABCD Follow Up

Archbishop's Charities and Development fund.

Weeks ago we made pledges to this important work of our Archdiocese. Our contributions to the ABCD go beyond our parish. There is work the Church must do for others that no one parish can accomplish on its own.

We have not met our goal.

Please be sure to make your pledge for this year if you have not already. I do so every year. As your pastor, I lead the way by example.

Thanks,

*Fr. Bob*

### Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing

Do you or someone you know suffer from an abortion experience?

Come back to God, who is Love and Mercy.

Contact Archdiocese of Miami/Respect Life Ministry

Project Rachel: Phone: 954-981-2984 [projectrachel@theadom.org](mailto:projectrachel@theadom.org)

### Remember the Operation Utilities Bag!

Fill it with change and return it after Easter.

It supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Sunday April 20th

Following the 10:45am Mass

Please help our Easter Bunny...He needs small, wrapped candy to fill his plastic eggs for the yearly Parish Easter Egg Hunt. They can be left in the Rectory or

Parish Gift Shop.

Thank you!

### Archdiocese of Miami Career Fair

Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00am - 1:00pm

Hosted by:

Cardinal Gibbons High School

in the Gymnasium

2900 NE 47th Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

To view our current openings visit:

[http://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Job\\_Openings](http://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Job_Openings).

**Bring a resume and a friend!**

## 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 LaNave, 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, March 29**

4:00p m † Carmela Dee  
by Family  
† Randy Howe  
by Mary Kay and  
Sonny Little

**SUNDAY, March 30**

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45am † Lucy Slovvensky  
by Parish  
† Robbie Fairchild  
by Aunt Rosie

**MONDAY MARCH 31 | NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, April 1**

8:00am † Grace Mazzurco  
by Ricki Witte

**WEDNESDAY, April 2**

8:00am Pope Francis by Parish

**THURSDAY, April 3**

8:00am † Deceased of Parish

**FRIDAY, April 4**

8:00am † Anita Polt by Family

**SATURDAY, April 5**

4:00p m † Carmela Dee  
by Family  
† Linda M. House  
by John Galinus

**SUNDAY, April 6**

9:00am † Mirko Jeras by Parish  
10:45am George Gil  
by Gigi Francese  
† Grace Mazzurco  
by Sally