

April 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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.

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Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.”

The above is the cry that wells up from today’s psalm! And in the Gospel, we witness Jesus’ cry, “Lazarus, come out!”

The psalmist was expressing his loneliness when he called out to God. In Latin, this cry is called De Profundis. That is, from the very depths of depression and longing we cry out. In our lives many of us have had the experience of crying out when in great need. Ponder this: when you have called out to God, were you sure God would respond favorably?

In the first reading, Ezekiel delivers God’s promise to the people, “I will open your graves...and bring you back to the Land of Israel.” God is assuring the people who are in captivity that He will bring them freedom. It will be just as miraculous as raising a person from the dead.

In the second reading Saint Paul says we are all in the Spirit if we believe in Jesus Christ. It is the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. It is the Spirit that will give all mortal bodies life! Paul is exhorting us to trust in the Spirit.

In John’s gospel, the Lazarus story confronts us with the ultimate test of faith. The test is believing in life even in the face of death. Jesus delays going to see Lazarus until he died. It appears this a deliberate act meant to test the faith of his friends?

Jesus welcomes Lazarus’ death as an opportunity to display God’s glory. It is a teaching moment. It gives Martha the chance to give witness in faith, “...I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” And, further, “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel author, John, is highlighting what the early Christian community knew and understood. Jesus Christ truly died and rose from the dead and ascended to the Father. Moreover, the early Christians knew they might be asked to die for their faith in Christ. Would they?

So, again let us raise the earlier question and reframe it. Are you confident God will redeem you from the

grave?! Do you have Faith, and do you live by it? Do you trust God’s promise, “I will open your graves...and bring you back to the Land of Israel.”

Do we not always question when a promise is made? How does a spouse know the other will be faithful until death causes the parting? How does the community know the priest will faithfully confect the sacraments for them until he dies? Promises are made. Will the promises be kept?

The answer only comes in the form of an act of faith. Faith comes with the evidence of what has already taken place. As you question and cry out from the depths of doubt to the Lord, you must put your trust in God that He will do what He says. “Lazarus, come out!”

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
Passion Sunday
Is50:4-7;Phil2:6-11;Lk22:14-23:56

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:	317
Tithes Collected:	\$5,033.00
Per capita:	\$15.88

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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

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.

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, April 5

4:00pm † 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

MONDAY April 7 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 8

8:00am † Frank Tywoniak
by Parish

WEDNESDAY, April 9

8:00am Pope Francis by Parish

THURSDAY, April 10

8:00am Fallen Away Catholics

FRIDAY, April 11

8:00am † Luke Caliento by Friends

SATURDAY, April 12

4:00pm † Mary-Ellen Batcho and
Stan & Ruth Chaner
by Ed Batcho
† Gloria Pentangelo-Jarvis
and Timothy Andrie
by Ed & Kim Andrie

SUNDAY, April 13

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am Ana Gil by Gigi Francese
† Carl Barricilli by Parish