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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

VIGIL 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

DAILY (TUES - FRIDAY) 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

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.

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"I Thirst"

There is a custom in the Church to preach on the Seven Last Words the Lord spoke as He hung on the Cross. In particular, the fifth word is Thirst. This year we will reflect on it.

At one point, the mouth and throat of Jesus had to be parched. For better than a day the man had been deprived of food and drink. Furthermore, Jesus sweated and bled a good portion of His bodily fluids as He was tortured and made to carry his own cross. So he was thirsty, "I thirst." (John 19: 28 – 29)

Jesus was aware of thirst, Humankind's thirst. Although perhaps humans have not been aware of what they thirsted for. Observing humanity now, it might be noticed that many people know they are thirsty but cannot identify what they are thirsty for or how to quench thirst. Jesus invited all who are thirsty to come to Him (John 7). He would provide "living water".

However, rather than "fantasize" what it was like for Jesus as he hung on the cross, let us reflect on what we thirst for. Jesus' thirst was reflective of our thirst.

Reflect on your own thirst. What do you long for most? Go beyond the material things you might want. Go even beyond physical resources you might need such as food and water and a roof over your head. For a moment, delve deeper into the core of yourself reflecting on what you need and desire most.

Do it now.

Human beings need fullness and fulfillment of life. Respecting the greatness of our creator, God, in our being His creatures, we long for affection. We need someone to care about us and for us as we care about them and for them. Moreover, gentle warmth and appreciation goes a long way to building each other up in mind, body and spirit. And, when a life event brings on a great challenge and even angst, it is marvelous to have a strong advocate alongside of us.

Yes, many people, maybe you today, lack these qualities of life. Maybe this is why you decided to come to celebrate with us at Blessed Sacrament Parish today on Easter Sunday. There has always been something about Easter that you know is uplifting.

What you thirst for the Lord thirsts for. We are created in His own image. So, it seems He sees and feels what we do. You may say He desires them for us. Yet, his desire for them is really His awareness of our lacking. For

surely, God lacks nothing. Moreover, the Lord wants to fill us up, that is, give us fulfillment.

Remember, as we celebrate Easter we celebrate the Resurrection. The Resurrection is the power of God's creative love that overcomes all evil, even death on a cross. Jesus did not remain on the Cross. He now reigns in Glory. The whole Jesus event blasts open the way to heaven. And it makes available the Grace of God here and now!

Simply tap into the creative power of God. Say, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner." You will tap into the power of the Resurrection. Yes, you will.

Jesus may not thirst in the same way he did bound to the cross. By the will of the Father, Jesus has broken the bonds of sin. Now there is an open pathway to His Grace even as we still live here on Earth. Jesus sees from his vantage point of Eternal Heaven all the Good that has taken hold and all the Good that is yet to come.

Grace builds on Grace. Thirst is quenched. Jesus is RISEN, ascended to the Father and they have sent the Holy Spirit. We are saved.

Happy Easter. Alleluia!

**SCRIPTURE SHARING BEGINS
AGAIN ON THURSDAY MAY 1st!**

7:00PM

The Feast of Joseph the Worker.
It is also the National Day of Prayer.
In the chapel.

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 along with tithes collect, will be reported in next weeks bulletin.

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.

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PARISH LIFE

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Next Sunday after the 10:45 am Liturgy



Please plan to stay for just a little longer after Mass and pray the chaplet with the community. It will take about an extra 15 minutes.

Jesus, I Trust In You.

Easter Visitors

Welcome to those of you joining us today for Jesus' triumph over all evil. We are blessed to have you celebrate with us.

Here at Blessed Sacrament Parish, we strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ and not consumers of religion. Rather, our religion is the discipline that forms as a people in service to all who are seeking greater meaning in this life and eternal life to come.

It is our fervent desire, if you live in our area, that you will return week after week to celebrate the "Little Easter" every Sunday.

God bless you with Peace.

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 Operation Utilities Bag!

Fill it with change and return it after Easter.

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



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, April 19

8:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

SUNDAY, April 20

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am Blessed Sacrament Parish

MONDAY April 21 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 22

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

WEDNESDAY, April 23

8:00am † Fr. Sean Mulcahy
by Parish

THURSDAY, April 24

8:00am Vocations by Parish

FRIDAY, April 25

7:00pm † Jose Mestre by Family

SATURDAY, April 26

8:00pm Mercedes Molina & Family
by Carlos Soriano
† Carmela Dee by family

SUNDAY, April 27

9:00am † Joan Joyce
by Judy Dempsey

10:45am † Lenny Marcus by Parish
Angela & Sullivan Gomez
by Gigi Francese

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