

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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Daniel J. Perez

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 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursday evenings 6:30 pm - 6:50 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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Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Revelation,

the Book of Simple Complexity that Brings
Peace

During the Easter season, which lasts until Pentecost Sunday (June 8), the Church leads us through a great selection of The Book of Revelation. Now many people will look at Revelation and shy away from it. Others will take it and turn it into some fantastic pseudo source of future telling, which it is not, raising fear among people.

The work's symbolic language can be intimidating because it is hard to understand in our own context. Indeed, that was the intent of the author for some who might read it originally. It was meant to cloak its message from the nemesis of the faithful people of God. Yet, for the faithful it was understood.

The message of Revelation for the faithful people of God was, in its original time of composition, quite simple. In the difficult times of persecution they found themselves, the inspired author was telling the people, "Hang in there. I know the going is tough, but it will turn out alright."

Now does that reduce some of your fear of the book? It is that simple.

Apocalyptic Literature was a style very much used from the years 200 B.C. to 100 A.D. It was meant to uncover or reveal divine mysteries. The scholar Jean-Louis D'Aragon, S.J. (in the J.B.C.) points out the Book of Revelation used much by way of symbols from the Old Testament prophetic tradition. For example, a woman represents a people or a city; horns represent dynastic power, eyes mean knowledge and wings mean mobility. Also, trumpets sound the divine voice and a sword indicated the Word of God. In the world of glory, we find people in white robes and white overall speaks to the joy of victory. The sea is the source of death, and insecurity and black is death. The color purple, however, signifies kingship and luxury.

Numbers are important too. 7 stands for fullness and perfection; 12 for the tribes of Israel and that, through God, the people reach perfection. Now, the number 4 means universality of the visible world. The nasty emperor who was causing all the trouble for the Christians was referred to with the number 666. It did not stand for the devil per se.

As said earlier, these symbols speak to the ineffable mystery that can never be adequately defined because the truths are transcendent. In the book, the truth is made known by the Holy Spirit to John by

visions. Very often, the aid of an angel is needed to help John understand the visions by way of explanation.

All of this is to explain to the faithful the trials they are experiencing. Through it all they must keep the faith and walk the right path. If they do, they will come to the same Glory Christ came to by his obedience to the Father. God wins out over evil that is known as Satan. Christ is the lamb who has redeemed his people and will lead them to the final victory. God will not forget His faithful people. What is more, faithful people who have gone before the living already enjoy happiness and peace. All such people will find themselves in the peace of the New Jerusalem.

John's message is clear to say to speak of the emperor (666) in any way as a god is to deny that one is Christian. Moreover, Christians are to give witness to Christ.

We Christians are not to remain silent. In fact, we Christians are to help each other to be more articulate believers and speak up and teach and lead others to salvation. We are not to be pessimistic. Rather, we, while not of the world, are in the world. We should always work to change things for the better in Christ.

So, this is the "simple complexity" of Revelation. Look for these elements over the weeks of Easter Season. Do not be made fearful but be made hopeful.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Join in Scripture Sharing
Thursday at 7:00pm.

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 (Easter):	216
Easter Tithes Collected:	\$4,073.50.00
Per Capita:	\$18.86

2nd Collection for Catholic Home Missions:	337.00
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Thank You!



PARISH LIFE

YOUR WILL

Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your will. Consider this parish as one of your heirs. Help it remain in service for the next generation to come.

Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY Next Sunday



Remember to print the name of your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, wife, etc., on the sheet that is in the foyer. Father Bob will remember them all in his prayers and in a novena of Masses.

Remember Operation Utilities Bag!

Fill it with change and return it at Pentecost.

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



Wednesday Chapel Time

11:30AM to 1:00PM

This is a time for silent prayer and reflection.

Archdiocese of Miami Development Announcements

Planned Giving: A Legacy of Faith and Hope

This Easter season calls us to reflect on the lasting impact of Christ's Resurrection—and the legacy we leave behind. Planned Giving is a beautiful way to ensure that your faith and values live on for generations to come. By including your parish or the Archdiocese in your estate plans, you help sustain vital ministries, support Catholic education, and care for those in need well into the future.

To learn more about Planned Giving, please contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau at the Development Office at 305-762-1053 or visit www.adomgift.org.

ABCD: One in Faith, One in Hope, One in Charity

As we journey through the Easter season, we are reminded of the hope and new life the Resurrection brings. The Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD) is a tangible way we can respond to this hope by supporting the many ministries that serve those most in need throughout our Archdiocese. Your generous gift to the ABCD helps feed the hungry, care for the sick, support vocations, educate our youth, and so much more. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. If you have not yet made your pledge, we invite you to do so today. Let us come together as one Church, one body in Christ, sharing His love through charity. Give today. Make a difference. Be the Church. www.isupportABCD.com.

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, May 3

4:00pm † Andres Martorell by Wife
† Olga Mejia by Diana Cruz

SUNDAY, May 4

9:00am † Charles Stanley by Family
10:45am † Pedro Martin
by Mark Mazzurco
† Helen Lalewicz
by Daughter

MONDAY May 5 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 6

8:00am † Hortensia Escalona
by Tennie Cardenas

WEDNESDAY, May 7

8:00am Past & Present Members
& Benefactors of
St. Vincent de Paul Society

THURSDAY, May 8

8:00am Diana Cruz by Friends & Family

FRIDAY, May 9

7:00pm † Anthony Sanfilipo
by Elena Sanfilipo

SATURDAY, May 10

4:00pm Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 11

9:00am Mother's Day Novena
10:45am Mother's Day Novena