

We Are His People, the Sheep of His Flock

Fourth May 11, 2025
of **SUNDAY**
EASTER
— HE IS RISEN —



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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 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.

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm 100

Revelation 7: 9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

We Are His People, the Sheep of His Flock.

In the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the fever continues. The message, i.e. Jesus's whole life of ministry, the passion, death and resurrection, and the ultimate message of life everlasting was so powerful. The general public and especially the people most oppressed responded greatly. People who listened and heeded the Good News had Hope. They could see there is a future!

For generations, our brothers and sisters in the faith kept the message of the one true God much to themselves. With the advent of Jesus the Messiah and especially in the nascent Church, that changed. The message went out to all who listened. Now gentiles were welcomed.

As is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Gentiles were delighted. They were now included! They jumped at the opportunity to join in the Journey of Faith. They "glorified the word of the Lord... and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region."

The second reading from the Book of Revelation presents to us a beautiful vision of salvation. People of every nation, race, and tongue gathered before the throne of the Lamb. The scene is one of celebration. Faithful people endured all distress. They were washed to whiteness by the red blood of the lamb. They found protection in the shelter of the throne of God. People experienced less anxiety and had greater hope. Beautiful images of life-giving water abounded. It becomes known God wants the best for people!

Now the question for our reflection arises. Are we listening to God? Today, the Church presents a short passage from the Gospel of John. It provides simple advice to participate in all God has to offer. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Let us understand this in the context of the image presented by John. Sheep know the master's voice because they are listening to the voice all day long. They associate the voice with the good food they are led to. They trust that when they hear the voice they will always be cared for and have what they need. At the end of the day, they are led to safe shelter. So, they follow the voice.

Jesus likens himself to the shepherd that does all of this good for his sheep. We are the sheep. If we want all the good Jesus offers by the Father, we are to listen to him. As we listen over time, we come to well know his voice. We begin to sense God's influence around us. With time,

it becomes easier to recognize the voice, the guidance God is giving. When we are most familiar with the voice of God, we especially find great value in knowing it. When we are most distressed, we need not seek much. We quickly understand the way God is calling us.

To best learn God's voice, we follow what the Lord has given us. It is his Church founded on Peter. Within the community of faith, we join forces with the many people who also already know the voice.

In our own parish we celebrate together on the Lord's Day. We learn how to speak with God, that is, pray. Furthermore, we read the Sacred Scriptures and even participate in Scripture Sharing as offered here in the parish. Families make good use of the In-Home Faith Formation offered to them by the parish. And we socialize together even outside official functions of the parish. We maintain a community beyond the four walls of the church building.

In all, we the people who listen to God's voice and remain together in faith find ourselves to be God's people. We are the sheep of his flock. We are guided by God's goodness, and we find relative Peace in the Lord's care.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Scripture Sharing

Come and join with people of faith and break open the Sacred Scriptures for next Sunday. Come to Scripture Sharing. In just one hour, you will not only read the Sunday passages from the Bible but be guided in doing so. You will learn how to read the scriptures for each Sunday, and you will approach the Sunday Liturgy with a greater appreciation. That is, you will celebrate better on Sunday than you did before.

Join us for Scripture Sharing
Thursday evening at 7PM to 8PM.
Some prayer and song will be in the mix too.

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): 272
Easter Tithes Collected: \$10,770.00
Per Capita: \$39.60

**Next week's second collection is for the
Catholic Communications Campaign**

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 NOVENA

Today is Mother's Day. As you know, you may add your mother's name to the list for remembrance in the Novena of Masses. In fact, you may add the name of anyone who is a mother to the list. If possible, leave a donation. The donated money will go to the Respect Life Ministry of the Church.

However, you do not have to leave a donation in order to add your mother's name to the list.



Wednesday Chapel Time
11:30AM to 1:00PM

This is a time for silent prayer and reflection.

Remember Operation Utilities Bag! Fill it with change and return it at Pentecost. It supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Archdiocese of Miami Development Announcements

Planned Giving

Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded of Christ's care and guidance. Planned Giving is a way to follow His example by providing for the future of our Church and those it serves. Consider leaving a legacy that reflects your faith and values. To learn more about Planned Giving, contact Katie Blanco Bourdeau at kblanco@theadom.org, call us at 305-762-1053, or visit the Archdiocese's website at www.adomgift.org

ABCD

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we reflect on Christ's call to care for one another with compassion and love. Through the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD), we have a powerful way to answer that call. Your support helps fund vital ministries serving people experiencing poverty, supporting vocations, and bringing hope to those most in need. Be a shepherd to others. Make your pledge to the ABCD today and help lead others to the love of Christ. Together, we can make a difference. www.isupportABCD.com

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Helene Falzaron, 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 10
4:00pm Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 11
9:00am Mother's Day Novena
10:45am Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY May 12 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 13
8:00am Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 14
8:00am Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 15
8:00am Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, May 16
8:00am Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 17
4:00pm Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 18
9:00am Mother's Day Novena
10:45am †Tom Coughlin
by Family & Friends

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased.

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.