

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.

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Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Show Christ In You!

What is it you wait to see in your life? Do you wait to see the day you graduate school? Do you wait to see the day you meet the person who will be your soulmate for life? Do you wait for the day your own child is born? Do you wait for the day you will die? What will be the most profound meeting you have? When will it occur? When will your heart "throb and overflow"?

Humankind has waited. When will there be some sign from God? When will suffering end? When will happiness prevail? When will each person know peace? Is God visible?

If you wish to "see," do as Isaiah says. "Raise up your eyes and look about...."

Epiphany means the "appearance of." In the case of God's revelation to us, Epiphany is when Jesus "appears" to the world. In an unsophisticated way of saying it, this is Jesus' coming out party. On the day of His birth, Christmas, the world was still unaware of His presence. Now, strangers such as the Magi come and discover Him. In reality, this feast, Epiphany, is more important than Christmas. Now, everyone will become aware.

Now, it is 2,017 years later. That is, it is much time since the first Epiphany. Jesus is not still walking this Earth. We cannot go to the cave he was born in and find him there. So, how in this day and age, can Jesus continue to "appear" to people who need to "see" Him now?

The answer to the above question lies within you. By virtue of your baptism and confirmation, the Holy Spirit now dwells within you. You now are to be the vision of God's presence. You are the continuance of Jesus' family line on Earth. Make every encounter with another person an Epiphany. Show them Christ in you.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS JANUARY 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord
Is42:1-4,6-7;Acts10:34-38;Mt.3:13-17

Please read the readings before celebrating Mass.

Scripture Sharing Resumes
Thursday, January the 15th @ 7pm.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
AT 5:30pm

The Cathedral of St. Mary

Celebrant:

The Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski,
Archbishop of Miami

All couples in the Catholic Church celebrating their

Paper (1st year), Silver (25th year), or
Gold+ (50th+ year)

wedding anniversary in 2026 are cordially invited.

During mass, couples will renew their marriage promises.

For more information, email cshaw@theadom.org

Couples wishing to have their photograph taken
with

Archibishop Wenski are encouraged to arrive by
4:00pm.

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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.

Figures will be reported in next week's bulletin.
Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL

The core membership of the Parish of Blessed Sacrament is grateful to all of you who are visiting with us this season. We hope you will support us at this time with a healthy donation that will help us be here for you each time you visit with us.

Stewardship and ABCD
Time of Commitment

Begins January 11th, NEXT weekend.

Let us be attentive to the temporal needs of this parish and of the Archdiocese.

PARISH LIFE



For Your Enlightenment. The Origin of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Not just Mall Background Music.

As commercialized as Christmas (and Easter) has become, I take delight in the use of veiled language. The Book of Revelation uses such language so that the oppressors of the Church in its early years would not know what we Christians were talking about.

Much the same back in the period of 1558 to 1829 in England, after King Henry VIII tried to destroy the One True Church, it was illegal to be a Roman Catholic. We were prohibited from any practice of the faith by law, private or public. It was a crime to be Catholic. Thus, the Twelve Days of Christmas was written as a "catechism song" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of the faith. It was a memory aid.

The song's gifts are hidden meanings to teach the faith. The "true love" mentioned is not an earthly suitor. It refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the gifts is every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. He is presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. This is much in memory of Christ's expression of sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..." Thus, the other symbols follow:

- 2 Turtle Doves, the Old and New Testaments;**
- 3 French Hens, Faith, Hope and Love;**
- 4 Calling Birds, the Four Gospels;**
- 5 Golden Rings, the first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch which gives the history of humankind's fall from grace;**
- 6 Geese A-laying, the six days of creation;**
- 7 Swans A-Swimming, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the seven sacraments;**
- 8 Maids A-milking, the eight beatitudes;**
- 9 Ladies Dancing, the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit;**
- 10 Lords A-leaping, the ten commandments;**
- 11 Pipers Piping, the eleven faithful apostles;**
- 12 Drummers Drumming, the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.**

Thus, as all commercial entities refuse to acknowledge our faith and religion which they are using to make "gazillions" of dollars off of, no "religious" music or other such symbols may be displayed or used. It all must be secular. Then when I hear the faint sound of this famous "happy holiday" song playing in the background, I smile and say to the check-out clerk, "A Blessed **Christmas** to You."

The gates of Hell will never prevail against God's one true Church. A continued blessed Christmas Season to You! Change the culture.

Fr. Bob Tywoniak

Together We Pray For

Angiolina Armenti, Mary Benivegna, Carl Bocchino, Margarita Bogle, Michael Bryant, Kathleen Campion, Helene Falzarano, Ronald Gustinella, Richard & Cathy Harper, Dil Hatchett, Patrick Keough, Doris Lakso, John LaNeve, Langan Family, Jackie & Walter Lekacz, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Luz Mercado, Carlos Morejon, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Austin R., Brad Schroder, Fr. Robert (Bob) Traupman, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Monica Yassa, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:00pm Disaster Victims

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Marion Strickland Christie
by Christie-Campbell Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00am The Sick of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00am † Luke Caliento by Friends

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00am † The Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00am † Daniel Alfaro Tobar
by Friends

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00am Vocations

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Renee Grill Gravel
by Douglas Brinkley



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.

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