

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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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.

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13

Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

Preferential Option for the Poor

The prophet Zephaniah, speaking for the Lord, addresses the people of Israel. They had been in troubled times since they failed to observe the call of God. They had become over confident in themselves and neglected to see God was the driving force of any good fortune that had come to them. They were haughty as any of their former oppressors.

After their exile, there would be a humble remnant that would serve and not be served. "They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them." Is it possible this may happen? Can humanity live in such harmony?

Let it be put this way: This is the call of God. Everyone must choose to respond to the call. Each person has responsibility. Saint Paul drives home this call of God and how and who God chooses.

God chooses the foolish, the lowly and those who count for nothing. Paul gives the reason for this. God uses such people to inform and put into place those who either do not recognize His call or who decide not to heed it. It is to "reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God." It is due to God, not our own volition, that humankind is blessed in any way.

Over the centuries, God's Church has come to better discern and understand God's call.

We have discerned God has a preferential option for the poor. It is an enlightenment most expounded in the 20th century and into this one. It is the social justice teaching of the Church.

This "preference" has always been a concern for God. However, it is Pope Leo XIII who first formalizes the call in official teaching. Pope Leo XIII writes of this in his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. In the letter, he says capital must serve labor. Providing work is the function of an economy, for labor gives dignity to humankind. Labor takes precedence over capital and technology along with a just wage and the rights of workers. Economic justice is the key to contemporary social questions.

In 1968, Father Pedro Arrupe, who was the superior of the Jesuits, coined the phrase, "preferential option for the poor." This concept that is a thread throughout the Scriptures and Tradition of Christianity is based in Biblical texts such as Matthew 25.

Saint John Paul II (1991) in *Centesimus Annos* connected spiritual poverty with material poverty. Pope Benedict XVI said preference for the poor is an obligation of Christians. It includes all the marginalized of society. This includes widows, children, people with disabilities, victims of oppression and more.

There are plenty of reasons for suffering in the world. We see it and we experience it. It does make us uncomfortable. None of us likes seeing another person be down and or in distress. The sight awakens us all too well as we are the next one who may suffer the same way. Even a very wealthy person may lose all he or she has. Or, as my running buddy always points out, "you can have lots of money but no good health. So, what good is the money?"

As a community of faith, let us always be alert and aware of each other's needs. Many people here are so aware and do work for justice. Let us pray God will always make available whatever is needed by us to serve others. Let the words we read in the prophet be true for us, "...they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them."

Let us keep our preference for the poor.

Speaking of the Poor

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is58:7-10;1Cor2:1-5;Mt5:13-16

Please read the scriptures before
celebrating Mass.

Scripture Sharing Thursday @ 7 pm

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Remember Your Dedication and Renewal to
Stewardship of Our Parish.

Please return your Stewardship Commitment
Letters.

Put them in the collection box or mail it to
the rectory office.

PARISH LIFE

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.

Last weeks tithing figures will be reported in the next bulletin.

THANK YOU!

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

Ash Wednesday

February 18th Liturgy will be at 7:00 pm.

Reconciliation Thursday

February 19th A special prayer service and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 7:00 pm.

Healing Friday

February 20th A special prayer service will be held with the Anointing of the Sick at 7:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Passion Sunday

March 29th
(Usual Weekend Schedule)

Holy Thursday

April 2nd at 7 pm

Good Friday

April 3rd at 7 pm

Easter Vigil

April 4th
at 8 pm

Easter Sunday

April 5th
Masses at 9 am
and 10:45 am

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

4:00pm † James J. Lamberti
by Helen Lamberti
† E. Thomas Marchese
by David Marchese

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am † Max Humen
by Dave Humen & Family
10:45am † Ruth Holloway Brinkley &
Macie Marshall Turner
by Douglas Brinkley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00am Sick of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00am Deceased of the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00am Susie Penley
by Diane Chamberlain

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00am † Norman Pratis by Parish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

4:00pm † Ann Gorney
by Paul & Marylou Adams

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45am † Stanley J. Lalewicz

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
Archbishop Wenski are encouraged to arrive by 4:00 pm.**

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