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The First Sunday

of Lent

Let Us Be  
Enriched by  
God's Grace



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## BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.

# FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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**Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7**

**Psalms 51**

**Romans 5:12-19**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

### Let Us Be Enriched by God's Grace

God wants our eyes to be opened. He wants us to know Good from Evil! However, the plan is for us to follow God's commands that stem from His infinite knowledge and wisdom.

God's commands come from His infinite knowledge and wisdom. He leads us to knowledge of Good and Evil. There is no way for humankind alone to know such unless it is revealed. Have no doubt, God will reveal all that is good. As the Letter to the Romans explains, our second reading, Grace overflows for many through Jesus Christ who is sent by God the Father.

In the first reading from Genesis chapter two, the reliably deceptive Satan is at work. The Devil tries to confuse us. He is trying to convince us God can become jealous of us. Moreover, Satan is saying God will be jealous because we will actually overcome Him by our own equal if not superior knowledge to His.

Satan's argument can sound convincing. He is actually pitting God and us against one another. It is God's knowledge and wisdom against ours. But God is the source and summit of all knowledge and wisdom. Thus, it is not possible to fully have all knowledge and wisdom on our own. It must be revealed to us. That is, God must show us and tell us of it, if you will.

Think about it. God has given so much of Himself. He has revealed Himself in the Old Testament times through prophets, judges and kings.

Moreover, and perfectly in New Testament times, God has sent and given to us His only Son, Jesus Christ! Through Jesus' life, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, all evil, yes Satan, has been overcome. The power of Divine Goodness has been unleashed.

The fullness of all Revelation is unfolded for us in Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium of the Church. And finally, on top of all of this, we have the example of all the saints. All of this serves to open our eyes.

Let us take advantage of all the above this Lenten Season. Together, let us be enriched by God's Grace. By HIS grace we can and will overcome all evil.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen12:1-4a;2Tim1:8b-10;Matt 17:1-9

## 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: 302

Tithes Collected: \$5,472.00

Per Capita: \$18.12

**THANK YOU!**

*Next week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America*

## SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Beginning Thursday, February 26th and continuing each Thursday during Lent at 7:00pm**

This "Stations" is a dynamic scriptural based presentation. On some occasions, the youth of the parish will lead us. This has been very popular in our parish.

Join us if you have not in the past.

**(OCIA and Faith Formation students are expected to participate.)**



## CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

### 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

## Saint Joseph's Day Celebration!

**On His Feast Day!**

**Thursday, March 19th Mass at 7:00 pm**

**Reception after Mass with St. Joseph Pastries!**

**St. Joseph's Day falls during Lent. It reminds us of the Salvation that has already come to us.**

**There will be NO morning Mass on this day.**

# PARISH LIFE DURING LENT

## Solidarity With Christ and His Faith Community During Lent

### What do We Do?

Our corporate disciplines during Lent help us remain one with each other in the faith. We stand proudly together. Our Lenten practices guide us in reflection and lead us to give example of a Grace filled life. That is why we do what we do during Lent.

### Fast and Abstinence

#### On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast is to eat lightly. That is to eat the equivalent of one meal for the whole day.

To abstain means to refrain from something. In this case we abstain from eating meat other than fish.

#### Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent.

#### Abstaining from something.

Giving up something for Lent has been a part of Lenten practice for a long time.

- Fast from fault finding and nagging, a critical tongue or closed mind.
- Give up impulse purchases.
- Give up an unhealthy habit, like smoking, drug addiction, pornography.
- Limit time watching T.V. or surfing the WEB.
- Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

### DO Something.

Do something good that you have not been doing. Sin is also the sin of omission.

- Go to Mass in the middle of the week besides on Sunday.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm.
- Read the up-coming scripture readings that are prescribed for Sunday Mass.
- Volunteer at an apostolate.
- Get up early to pray.

## Operation Utility Bag St. Vincent de Paul Society

It is time to pick up your "Utility Bag" for this year's drive to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bring the bag home. Fill it each day with money you would have used on a "treat" for yourself. Or, simply place change, large or small, in the bag each day and let it multiply.



At the End of the Easter Season, return the to the church.

This money is used to help pay utility bills for clients of the Society.

**Thank You in Advance!**

## 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, FEBRUARY 21

4:00pm † Ted Perrella

by Paul & Marylou Adams

† Bernard & Shirley Sharkey and Charlotte Koch by Family

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † John Dallas Brinkley, Jr.  
by Douglas Brinkley  
Mona Cadet  
by Youseline Cadet

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | NO MASS

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00am † Stan, Helen, & Bill  
by Chris

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00am Pope Leo XIV by Parish

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00am † Norman Pratis by Parish

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00pm † Angie & Barney Cavallo  
by Son  
Peter La Vegia  
by Johanna La Vegia

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45am † Fr. Ken Wolnowski  
by Parish



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