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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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*A warm welcome to all visitors,
We are very glad that you are here!*

The Prophet Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 89

The Letter from Paul to Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:15-20

Does It Matter What Moses Did in His Day?

Many weeks ago, I began reflecting on the Feast of Christmas that celebrates the Nativity of the Lord. Perhaps the reflection that occupied my mind might seem odd. My reflection centered on Moses.

Moses was a Hebrew man. When he was an infant, his mother cast him away in the hope that his life would be saved, oddly enough. And so it turned out to be that way. In fact, Moses grew up in Egypt's royal family, and his early adult life was one of great civic responsibility and a place of very good standing.

Well, there were twists and turns in his course of life. In defending the dignity of a slave, he fell out of favor with the royal class. Moses ended up a simple shepherd of sheep until one day he came upon a burning bush!

That bush spoke to him! It was the voice of God. Moses was asked to lead the disparate tribes of Hebrew slaves out of their bondage by the Egyptians. Did he say yes right away? Not exactly. Moses questioned the request made of him.

Moses made some arguments about his lack of worthiness to be a leader. He could not even speak very well, after all. Who would follow him? What would cause Pharaoh (the Egyptian ruler) to acquiesce to his demands? Moses was inclined to say no to the offer of leadership. But the Lord did not lose the argument. Moses reluctantly accepted the assignment.

Well, Moses' concerns about the leadership role were founded. These desperate people quickly forgot about their former bondage and slavery. They were not even getting along well with each other, being of many different tribes. Almost immediately they complained and even came close to rebelling. They drove Moses to such distress that he broke the tablets of the Ten Commandments God gave him right in front of all of them! It is said he is the only man who ever broke all Ten Commandments at one time. Think about it.

Nevertheless, Moses did not quit on his obligation to the Lord who called him to duty. With all the challenges to overcome during the years of leading the people on the

journey, he never gave up on his commitment. He did not give up, even as it was not an easy or glorious life to be the servant of the Lord and leader of the people of God. In fact, he was not permitted to enter the Promised Land in order to make up for sin.

Recognizing how Moses was obedient and dedicated to fulfilling the Lord's call to him, I thought of the question: Does it matter that Moses fulfilled his commitment to the Lord? Did what he do in his day make a difference now?

The answer is YES! What Moses did in his day mattered and matters now.

His obedience to the Lord's calling is what began a whole sequence of people saying yes to the Lord over countless generations of people saying yes. We would not be sitting in this church sanctuary on Christmas Day had Moses not said yes. We would not be celebrating the Resurrection each Sunday when we gather for the Liturgy, keeping holy the Lord's Day.

So, here is the question for this Christmas Day: Does it matter what you do in your day??

If you say NO to the call, you are receiving today, a call evidenced by you being in church this Christmas Day, your NO will have an impact. Likewise, if you say YES to the call you are receiving today, a call evidenced by you being in church this Christmas Day, your YES will have an impact. A positive decision to follow God's call to keep holy His day is meaningful to all who see your commitment. It will matter to them!

Please say **YES!!** It matters what you do today.

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, 4:00PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 3:00PM

Sunday, 9:00AM and 10:45AM

Tuesday through Friday, 8:00AM

Scripture Sharing

Hey There!

Break Open the Sunday Scriptures with us every Thursday evening at 7:00PM to 8:00PM.

We meet in the chapel.

It is an open discussion in the Spirit. It is not a boring lecture.

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.

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

Your Christmas Donation (Tithe)

Please be generous for the Christmas Feast Day. If you are a visitor, please be kind to us folks of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Place your donation in one of the wooden pillars you see on either side of the pews. There is a big wooden box in the foyer to use also. You can't miss it!

Please be generous so that we may continue our ministry here in Oakland Park.

Thank you much!

What's Up Next on the Church's Calendar?

Lent Begins Earlier this Year. Parish Mission

February 18th: Ash Wednesday

The Parish Mission Begins with Ash Wednesday. Please arrive at 7:00PM. We will celebrate Mass and distribute Ashes.

February 19th: 7:00PM, the mission continues with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

February 20th: 7:00PM, The mission finishes with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Week

April 2nd 7:00PM: Holy Thursday. The Lord's Supper.

April 3rd 7:00PM: The Passion of the Lord. Good Friday.

April 4th, 8:00PM: Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil.

April 5th: Easter Sunday 9:00AM & 10:45AM

Calling Adults To the Lord's Church

Respond To God's Promise of Salvation! Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you, an adult, ever been baptized? Have you been baptized into another Christian tradition but now need to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church? Perhaps you were baptized in the Church but did not get to the point of receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

The OCIA is the way for adults to do any and all of the above! Fr. Bob, Patricia, Gregory, and William, all who work with the OCIA would like to hear from you. They can sit with you, listen to your story and explain how to bring you into the fullness of the practice of the Christian faith.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

11:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:45am Blessed Sacrament Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 | NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:00pm † Rene P. Llerandi
by Perez Family
† Sandi Barricelli
by Cousin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45am † Alicia Campos
by Douglas Brinkley
† Dale Wenal
by Mark Mazzurco

MONDAY DECEMBER 29 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00am Carl Lindeberg by Mike

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00pm Blessed Sacrament Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

10:45am Blessed Sacrament Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 | NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:00pm Disaster Victims

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00am Blessed Sacrament Parish

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



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