



March 15, 2026 The Fourth Sunday Of

LENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

VIGIL 4:00PM

SUNDAY

9:00AM & 10:45PM

DAILY (TUES - FRIDAY) 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 - 3:30PM

Thursday evenings 6:30 - 6:50PM

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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1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

**The Lord is My Shepherd;
There Is Nothing I Shall Want.**

Once again, as in the previous week, the psalm (23) connects to the first reading.

During Lent, all the first readings work together. They show how God prepares the human race for salvation. Preparation for salvation happens step-by-step through the generations of people that follow. The life and work of King David, who is responsible for today's psalm's motivation, is one of the steps toward the people's preparation for salvation.

Psalm 23 gives the idyllic picture of the shepherd caring for his peaceful sheep. The earthly shepherd, however, recognizes *his* shepherd. The one true great shepherd is God. In psalm 23, David, as shepherd, recognizes THE shepherd: "THE Lord is my shepherd; He guides me in right paths for His name's sake; You (God) spread the table before me; I shall dwell in the house of the Lord...."

Saint Paul says in the second reading, "Try to learn what is pleasing to God." Sheep listen to their shepherd's voice. They know it and obey.

In the first reading, 1 Samuel, we discover a true shepherd may be different from one we might choose. Samuel must depend on God to select the proper one.

The Gospel shows how those who think themselves the people's shepherds are mistaken. They do not see clearly. Nevertheless, they protest that they do. The man born blind, however, comes to recognize Jesus as the shepherd.

Jesus dispels the notion that a physical challenge such as blindness is caused merely by a person's sin, as if God punishes one in such a way. Jesus cures the man. As the elite men try to discredit Jesus, the former blind man asks how it could be Jesus was against God if he were able to cure blindness. The story shows the Good that is taking place. This is an example of when Jesus goes beyond the Law when a person's dignity is involved.

The opponents continue to question the man. He responds by saying, "I told you already and you did not listen." This evokes an important matter for reflection.

Both as sheep and shepherds, we must ask if we listen to God. Do we submit to the Lord thus discerning the most holy way to go in life? Sometimes we keep asking the same questions expecting a different answer. That is, we expect to hear an answer we have predetermined. Yet, the predetermined answer is not the correct one. The danger is we might submit to a false shepherd who tells us what we want to hear. The false shepherd can take advantage and manipulate us to a bad end.

Thus, be alert. Know the Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium of the Church well. Submit to God's revelation that we may recognize the true shepherd.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez37:12-14; Rom8:8-11; Jn11:1-45

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Thursday Evening During Lent 7:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30 to 6:55PM

This is a unique Scriptural Way of the Cross. Children like it because they are able to follow around the church with Father.

CHAPEL WATCH
Every Wednesday, 11:30AM – 1:00PM
Quiet Time

SECOND SCRUTINY
O. C. I. A.

The Elect are those people who are candidates preparing for initiation into God's Church at Easter. Over time, the candidates get to look at us who are already in the Church and we get to look at them.

In the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent we get to look at the candidates as they pray for a spirit of repentance, sense of sin and the true freedom of children of God. In the Scrutinies, the candidates develop this spirit with our help as our future brothers and sisters in faith.

This weekend, we experience the Second Scrutiny (10:45 Liturgy). Please take time to pray for the candidates each day during Lent. Also, take a moment after the Liturgy to speak words of encouragement to them.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Church, in great love for its people, takes great steps to prepare couples for marriage.

Matrimony is one of the seven sacraments. It is a relationship that places the Lord God in the center of the relationship. Matrimony is two people helping one another through life to God. Also and equally, it is the relationship in which Christians bring children into the world for the glory of God.

Wanting to protect people from harm, but more so to help all to have a meaningful fulfilling life together, we the Church help couples prepare for this awesome vocation. This formation process needs at least six to nine months to come to fulfillment. If there were previous marriages involved, the process will take longer.

The formation involves establishing the freedom for a sacramental marriage. Also, it involves assessment and guidance in preparing for living the marital relationship taking place. Instruction in the faith as adults with regard to Matrimony occurs. And, a weekend retreat with other couples preparing for marriage also takes place.

Formation for Matrimony is an involved matter. It is what people do in the months prior to making their vows before God and His Church. It is an exciting time of discovery that leads to a deep and wholesome lifelong union.

When you are ready to begin the process, contact the rectory office to make an initial appointment with the pastor. DO NOT enter any contracts for a wedding reception, dresses, etc. A date that you want will not be guaranteed at the point of initial contact. That comes after several preliminary steps into the formation process.

This parish looks forward to walking the path to Matrimony with any of its members who believe they are called to this vocation. (Please pass this information on to friends and family.)

PARISH LIFE DURING LENT

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

Attendance and tithing for last week will be reported in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU!

WILLS

One day, a man said his children come first when it comes to the money and property he will leave behind. He said this meaning he was not planning to leave anything to the parish and Church that he admitted nurtured and served him all his life. He said this after saying how happy he has been with his home parish.

Folks, this parish is one of your children! It ought to be included in your will too. It must continue beyond any of our lives to nurture and serve all those coming next. The current pastor and many others who are members today might themselves be dead before you. Leaving some support to the parish when you die is helping ensure it is here to serve always and a testament to your own faith.

Blessed Sacrament Parish is very much helped through a Trust, a former member left for it to use now. Think about it.

The parish office may be helpful in giving direction as to how to remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your will.

OPERATION UTILITY BAG

You folks are so good! Many of you have taken home a "Utility Bag" to save up change for the St. Vincent de Paul Society work. Thanks. Keep up the good work.

Visitors, you may leave a donation in the S.V.D.P. Box.

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION



**On His Feast Day!
Thursday, March 19th
Mass at 7:00PM
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.

BUNNY HELP NEEDED!



**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026
Following the 10:45AM Mass**

Please help our Easter Bunny. He needs small, wrapped candy to fill his plastic eggs for the yearly Parish Easter Egg Hunt. They can be left in the Rectory or Parish Gift Shop.

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, MARCH 14

4:00P † Jack Evans by Mary Kay & Sonny Little
† Bernard & Shirley Sharkey by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:00AM Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45AM † Dewey Harris Turner by Douglas Brinkley

MONDAY, MARCH 16 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00AM In Thanksgiving by Wilza Saintil & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00AM †Tina Bibawy by Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00PM Blessed Sacrament Parish

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:00AM † Luke Caliento by Friends

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

4:00PM † San Pietro Family by Johanna
† Dr. Roy Schmitt by Paul & Marylou Adams

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:00AM Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45AM † Jamie Portell by Mark Mazzurco



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