

**MAY 17, 2026**  
**THE ASCENSION**  
**OF THE LORD**

**“BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.  
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE”**



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**SATURDAY**

**VIGIL 4:00PM**

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**9:00AM & 10:45AM**

**DAILY (TUES - FRIDAY) 8:00AM**

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***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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# MAY 17, 2026

## Ascension of the Lord

**Acts 1: 1-11**

**Psalm 47**

**Ephesians 1: 17-23**

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

### **The Christ Has Shown Us the Way and Now We Must Continue On the Way**

The only Son was sent to show us the way to the Father. That way is through obedience.

Obedience is not observed through mere trepidation that one would be harmed by God if one did not do as God says to do. One follows in obedience because God directs us along a way that leads to wholeness and fulfillment of life. A life with and in the Lord is a positive path.

In the first reading, it appears the apostles and other disciples are feeling lost. Their leader, the Lord Jesus Christ, first died, then rose and then went up to heaven. His followers still did not "get it." They were dumbfounded. The two men dressed in white chided them. "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In a way, the statement was a call to action. Yet, it still was not time to go out to the world. God still had one more thing to do.

The Holy Spirit needed to proceed from the Father and the Son. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth." God would give them the Holy Spirit so that they may continue on the journey to eternal life. And they must bring others with them.

The charge to carry on that is given to the leaders of the early Church extends to us now. We the people are united with Christ. As such, we are to continue His work. That is what the second reading is telling us. Our eyes and hearts will also be enlightened. With Jesus Christ as our head, we receive direction.

Have you ever given thought to your call to witness to God's glory? Have you recognized God is calling you to be close to Him? Do you step out into the world around you and let it be known you know the Lord and that you are loved by Him? Finally, being a Roman Catholic Christian, have you permitted yourself to show the love of God to others? In what way have you done so?

These are questions I am reflecting on now as I write this column. Yes, after all these forty-three years as a priest I am reflecting on these questions. A relationship with God is like any relationship one may have with a friend. The relationship always needs to be reviewed and renewed. Moreover, it needs to be shown to other people in concrete ways by love and charity.

Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven. However, the Spirit has already come upon us. We place our trust in Him.

Let us as Roman Catholic Christians continue showing the presence of God in the world. Remain together as one people united in Christ. Actively speak to others and let our friends and workmates know we practice the Faith. In doing so, we continue on the Way demonstrating the presence of God. As such, it is possible the people who observe us will be shown the way through us.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**May 24, 2026**

**Act2:1-11; 1Cor12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn20:19-23**

**Pentecost Sunday**

## **SPIRITUALITY**

### **Continuing on the Way**

Here is a thought for you to reflect on. Celebration of the Sunday Liturgy is not done in a place of mere convenience. It is done in the context of a faith community. All of its members are dedicated to each other.

Please reflect on this parish faith community. Recognize how the people here have shown you the love of God through their lives. Think of the times the pastor, visiting priests and lay ministers have touched you at some point. Then, commit yourself to this community and show the love of God back to all the others by remaining a committed member and not a mere visitor of convenience.

### **Initiations to the Faith**

Next week there will be initiations through First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation! First Communion will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th and Confirmation on Tuesday, May 26th.

### **SCRIPTURE SHARING**

Come to Scripture Sharing throughout Easter Season and see the how we form the newest members of the Church. We will look at some of the oldest writings in the Church concerning the development of its structure and its Sacraments.

**Thursdays 7:00PM to 8:00PM**

### **CHAPEL WATCH**

**Every Wednesday 11:30AM to 1:00PM**  
**Quiet Time**

# PARISH LIFE

## STEWARDSHIP Time, Talent Tithing

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**Attendance last week:** 292  
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**Per Capita:** \$16.57

*This week's second collection is for Catholic Communications Campaign*

### THANK YOU!

### Message from the Archdiocese of Miami ABCD

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Stewardship is our response to that mission, offering our gifts to build up the Church and serve others in His name.

*"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said. . . 'I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.'" John 17:4*

Christ fulfilled his vocation by finishing the work God gave him. An important part of our stewardship is the discernment of our role in God's plan. Stewardship is about fulfilling the unique tasks God has given to each of us.

## COMMUNITY

### Remember the Operation Utilities Bag!

Fill it with change and return it next week at Pentecost. It supports the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 16

4:00PM Mother's Day Novena

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:00AM Mother's Day Novena  
10:45AM Daniel & Donna Batcho & sons by Edward Batcho  
† Paul Polombi  
by Martin & Frank

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#### TUESDAY MAY 19

8:00AM Denis, Timothy, & Janine Batcho by Edward Batcho

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:00AM Antone & Dolores Kranpost  
by Edward Batcho

#### FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:00AM † For the poor souls the longest in Purgatory  
by Edward Batcho

#### SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:00PM † LaVeglia Family  
by Johanna  
In Thanksgiving  
by Mercedes Molina  
& Carlos Soriano

#### SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00AM Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45AM † Jim Hargaden  
by Ted & Robin Koepfinger  
† Grace Mazzurco  
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