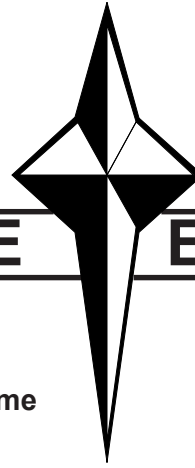


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



September 9, 2012

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
12:30* & 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish)

Rosary Daily 7:40 a.m.
Novena Mondays 8:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00 a.m. &
8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office two months in advance.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Call the Parish Office ten months in advance.



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Deacon Norman Ruiz-Castañeda
Deacon José Luis Carrión, Jr.
Deacon Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



The man in our Gospel today was deaf. He was either born that way or else it had happened very early in life. Because he could not hear, his power of speech had never fully developed. I think St. Mark records this tender and triumphant story because it speaks to us of Christ and human suffering.

Let us think first of the fact of misery. The fact of human suffering is relentlessly real. It can stem from any one of a number of sources. Sometimes it comes from nature. An earthquake can devastate an entire city. Babies are born blind; hurricanes level villages. A flood wipes out businesses and lives, and breaks up bodies and homes.

Sometimes the suffering comes from human relationships. People hurt each other with words or with guns. Entire populations take up arms and go to war. Thousands are killed, and untold thousands are left scarred in body and mind. Look at Iraq. As the killing and suffering continue, the hatred grows.

Then, of course, many are living through their own quiet drama of sorrow and struggle. It is that kind of world. Human suffering is not a figment of the imagination. It is very real and very prevalent.

Let us consider in the second place the mystery of suffering. Questions abound. Why, in God's world, should there be deaf man with a speech impediment? Walk through the wards of a great hospital. Why should there be such a thing as disease germs? Why war? Why slums? Why birth defects? Why floods? Why poverty? These are the questions that have plagued the minds of thinking men and women for centuries. And the first thing Christ does to the mystery of suffering is to heighten and accentuate the difficulty. It is our Christian faith that creates the mystery. There is no real problem for the people who have never accepted the message of Christ. Suffering is

suffering; it's just that kind of world, an accident of nature like everything else. But the Christian revelation says, "*God is love*"; and that creates a problem.

However, if the man who rejects the Christian revelation escapes the mystery of evil, he is faced with another problem, the mystery of good. It is difficult to explain the presence of evil in the world of a loving God, but it is impossible to explain goodness in a world where there is no God at all. The problem of evil and suffering is very difficult when we believe in a loving God, but the problem of goodness is impossible when we do not.

A final thought concerns the mystery of suffering. The story in our Gospel had a happy ending. Jesus healed the man of his deafness and speech impediment and sent him on his way. Most stories of human suffering do not end that way. Most of us have to face the suffering and live with it and work through it. This was true of Jesus Himself. He endured it and transformed it from tragedy to triumph. That is the Christian answer to the mystery of suffering, not so much an explanation as an understanding and reinforcing presence. The Gospel says that Jesus looked up to heaven and sighed. It was a spontaneous utterance of genuine sorrow in sympathy with human suffering. That in itself is an encouraging message. It means that Christ shares the experiences of suffering that come our way.

The relationship of Christ to the fact of human suffering has never been in supplying a theory to explain it, but rather in furnishing power to surmount it. Jesus never said, I have explained the world, but He did say, "*Be of good courage, I have overcome it.*" He faced the worst this world can give and turned it from defeat to victory. Now He offers that same victory to each of us, if only we have the faith and courage to claim it as our own.

Today's Second Reading: James 2:1-5



Children learn language from listening. What they hear they often add to their vocabularies. Children take their cues for behavior by watching. This does not end as we age. Teenagers copy their friends. If the most popular kid in the school were to wear purple jeans, shortly thereafter several more will be wearing them, and then even more.

We don't change as adults: What's the boss wearing? What kind of car is my best friend driving? How nice is my neighbor's landscaping? Our "*copycatting*" as adults doesn't change, it just gets more expensive.

Emulating someone else is not necessarily a bad thing, that is, if we pick the right person to emulate. James is suggesting that a person of faith will be drawn to emulate only one person - Jesus.

Acts identifies James as being a "*pillar*" in the Church in Jerusalem. It is this James who most likely wrote this letter. Being somehow very close to Jesus would have given him particular insight into Jesus. This is seen in that he bases much of his letter on the Sermon on the Mount. The point of James is that faith will give evidence to its presence within a person. Faith without works cannot be called faith. For James, faith must produce something. Faith is not a gift to be merely possessed. It is not merely an intellectual exercise, and it is more than a conviction of the heart. If faith is in the heart, then the person is inspired to act on faith. If we possess faith, we are going to pattern our lives after Jesus. Just as teenagers wish to look like their friends, a person of faith is motivated to look like Jesus.

James tells us that a Christian should show "*no partiality.*" This comes from the Hebrew legal tradition. Just like our phrase that "*Justice is blind,*" Hebrew law insisted that one's appearance or social position must not determine how a person is treated by the court.

James tell us that faith in Jesus makes this attitude a part of Christian life. How much more could we offend Jesus Christ by excluding

someone from our community -- or especially our time of prayer -- based on their appearance or our judgment of them?

Isaiah is writing to comfort the people of Judah. The northern kingdom of Israel has fallen to Assyria. Assyria was a particularly vicious country, and the southern kingdom was living in fear that they were next. Isaiah gives courage that God stands with them, they should not be afraid. This reliance on God will create a new day when all imperfection and sin will be wiped away.

Mark picks up Isaiah's prophecy and shows Jesus fulfilling the promise that the deaf shall hear. This is particularly important for deafness was seen as a horrible impediment. The Word of God was a spoken word. If you could not hear the Scriptures, you could never hear God. Jesus not only made it possible for this man to hear God, He made it possible for the man to praise God.

Jesus wants us to listen and to praise. He came to introduce us to the Father. He showed us how to live a life worthy of God. James is urging us to watch and learn. The man Jesus healed was not Jewish. He was a Gentile, yet Jesus reached out to Him anyway. As Christians, if we possess real faith, we will quit alienating people. We will refrain from judging. We will drop our prejudices. We will build bridges, not burn them. We will seek to reconcile, not cast out.

Faith must manifest itself in good. Hopefully, it will manifest itself in how well we emulate Jesus.

SYNOPSIS

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- ◆ AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD INTERNALIZE THE PHRASE "*JUSTICE IS BLIND.*"
- ◆ RELIANCE ON GOD WILL CREATE A NEW DAY WHEN ALL SIN WILL BE WIPED AWAY.
- ◆ JESUS WANTS US TO LISTEN TO AND PRAISE THE FATHER.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Sept. 8	5:30 p.m.	+ Enrique Villamil + Isabel Sarmiento	Villamil Family Martin & Camille Thiry	
Sunday Sept. 9	8:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Jules + William E. Murtagh	Edward & Helaine Lucente Eleanor Stritter	Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10
	9:30 a.m.	Ana Alicia Fernandez + Luis Almeida	Pistorino Family Pistorino Family	Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Flora Martinez + Maria & Benigno Alvarez	Rams Family Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Melissa Rodriguez Lina Benedetti	Family Yidi Family	
Monday Sept. 10	6:30 a.m.	+ Edward Tiernan + John Brendan Tiernan	Family Family	1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6,7,12
	8:00 a.m.	+ Esther de Fernandez + George Aguilera	Fernandez Family Family	Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday Sept. 11	6:30 a.m.	+ Coletta Cacioppo + Roberto Cardenas	Bill Cacioppo Alina & Ernesto Plasencia	1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6,9
	8:00 a.m.	+ Adela del Pilar Maldonado + Jack Daley + Joseph Eisenhart	Daughter Martha Family	Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday Sept. 12	6:30 a.m.	+ Edward Tiernan + Corinne Steinbauer	Family Family	1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,
	8:00 a.m.	Father Rolando Cabrera + Holy Souls in Purgatory	Pistorino Family Family	14-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday Sept. 13	6:30 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory + Gustavo San Roman	Harold Zabsky Santaella Family	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1b3,
	8:00 a.m.	+ Guillermo Miranda + Maria Hernandez-Tolon	Family Family	13-14b,23-24 Lk 6:27-38
Friday Sept. 14	6:30 a.m.	+ Sergio Salas + Joseph Myrtetus	Lola Salas Bell Family	Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38
	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Carlos Moas Hortensia de Benedetti	Mercedes Moas Yidi Family	Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Saturday Sept. 15	8:00 a.m.	+ Dalsy Tamargo + Victor Garcia	Tamargo Family Tejera-Avila Family	1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	Richard & Olga Sachek 50 th Wedding Anniversary Jennifer & Matt Hanfeld Richard & Colleen Higgins	Family Family Family	Jn 19:25-27
Sunday Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	+ Aida Mignone + Roberto Suero + Robert & Edna Fries	Raul Rodriguez Suero Family Kathleen Semaan	Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18
	9:30 a.m.	+ Elizabeth Rojo-Pardo + Mary & Joseph Ahearn + Joseph Myrtetus	Ortiz-Pardo Family Jimenez Family Teasdale Family	Mk 8:27-35
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Maria del Carmen Briceno + Maria Dolores Neuman	Canas Family Neuman-Villalba Family	
	6:00 p.m.	Kathy Moorman + Abigail Brito	Ryan & Marie Moorman Pargas Family	



Mass Schedules

September 15 / 16	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Maria Escagedo Debra Menegay	F. Blanco D. Bravo C. Christiansen E. De Arcos A. Diaz M. Diaz-Silveira G. Downey A. Gomez	COORDINATOR: Kathy Moorman HOST: Kathy Moorman John Moorman Cristina Velarde Sergio Delgado Sister Margaret Phil Prellzo Alfredo Arguelles
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Calene Candela Tamara Clavero	A. Gonzalez A. Gonzalez	COORDINATOR: Enrique Bludau HOST: Enrique Bludau Cynthia Risavy Ed Onorati Tom Risavy Amanda Rodriguez
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Carlos Massieu	Jennifer Quezada Gaby Lopez	J. Bacallao J. Cacioppo D. Clavijo C. Diaz-Silveira	COORDINATOR: Maria Juncadella HOST: Maria Juncadella Charbel Heshema Delia Valcarcel Ron Quintero Rosendo Castillo Mari Pinero George Valcarcel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jorge Gonzalez Vivian Lasaga	G. Villacampa L. Walsh R. J. Weber D. Abreu N. Cerra M. Cooper P. Cooper G. De Furio	COORDINATOR: Ely Fleites HOST: Tania Porro John Porro Maggie Martinez Maria Renfrow Richard Renfrow Ana Maria Hernandez Art Martinez Ely Fleites
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Massieu	Rita Morales Bern von Reitzenstein	A. Garcia N. Garcia	COORDINATOR: Mary Gonzalez HOST: Mary Gonzalez Humberto Gonzalez Ana Oyarzun Raul Rosell Titi Rosell Ramon Oyarzun Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Bob Dickinson Margaret Gidel	J. Hudak K. Hudak A. Lazcano C. Llano A. Lopez-Sotillo A. Mackle C. Mackle K. Martinez	COORDINATOR: Esther Maria Sousa HOST: Esther Maria Sousa Jorge Echenique Ana Maria Perez Rosy Verde Armando Verde Camilo Lopez Eduardo Pizarro



Stewardship Corner

PREPARATION IS THE ANSWER

When it was announced that tropical storm "Isaac" was approaching the Florida coast, residents began to prepare for the worse. After all, those of us who lived through "Andrew" know the devastation a hurricane can cause.

There were long lines reported at Publix and Winn Dixie as people purchased water, canned goods, and other necessities. Home Depot was flocked with customers buying generators, batteries, flashlights and plywood. When you drove through neighborhoods, people were preparing their properties...removing branches and limbs, and shutters were going on the windows. They were preparing for the worst, and hoping for the best.

Thanks be to God, we were truly spared, except for those areas which were flooded or had a loss of power. But, we all must admit, the storm did minimal damage. At the same time, most of us were ready because we prepared. Preparation is the answer, and preparation is the mother of safety, especially in a storm or hurricane.

As strange as this might sound, if we prepared our spiritual life as we prepare for a hurricane, we would all grow closer to God. No, we don't need batteries, flashlights, canned foods, plywood, but we do need fidelity, love, charity. We also need prayer, Sunday Mass, the reception of the Sacraments to prepare ourselves to lead a faithful life. If you prepare ourselves spiritually, we will be able to get through any conflicts, problems, temptations and doubts.

Preparation is the answer to most problems in the world and in our lives. If we prepare spiritually, our faith will grow, and no storm will ever threaten our love for God.

Bible Study

Join us for Bible study and witness the exciting foundations of the Church:
Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

**Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
in the Parish Center.**

For more information or to register, please call Mirta Robelo at 786-925-0970 or email: arobelo@aol.com

Grupo de Biblia en Español

Todos los **miércoles** a las **9:30 de la mañana** en el Centro Parroquial.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Everyone is invited to come and pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy **every Saturday** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 a.m. Join us.

The Sunday Preschool and The Holy Family Center

During the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

The **Holy Family Center** offers tender, loving care for young children from birth to 3 years of age. The **Sunday Preschool** is a formal religion program based on the Sunday readings for children between 3 and 5 years old. (First-graders go to Mass with parents.)



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held on **Saturday, September 15**. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Attendance by the parents is a pre-requisite to the child's baptism.



Congratulations to the families whose children were baptized during the month of **August**:



BAPTISMS

Nicholas Alexander Ayala

child of Jennifer & Nicholas Ayala

Victoria Isabel Ayala

child of Gabriela & Luis Ayala

Daniel Carlos Diaz

child of Cristina & Daniel Diaz

Mia Lynn Lawrence

child of Vanessa & John Lawrence

Sofia Llasera

child of Jessica & Nicolas Llasera

Leonardo Ruane Melchiondo

child of Kelly & Christopher Melchiondo

Riley Anthony Rodriguez

child of Katherine & Antonio Rodriguez

Brynn Elizabeth Suarez

child of Bridget & Eduardo Suarez



When your attorney prepares your estate planning documents, you can include Epiphany as the final beneficiary to receive remaining benefits after other beneficiaries are remembered.

Second International Congress

in honor of

the Hearts of Jesus and Mary

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary invite you to the II International Congress in Honor of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

October 12-14

Friday: 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

\$45 per person all weekend (Friday is free).

Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel
711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126

For more information and registration:
www.piercedhearts.org

Men's Emmaus Retreat

----- New Dates! -----

November 30 - December 2

All men of the parish are invited.

Contact Rodger Shay at 305-525-7530 or at
rshayjr@gmail.com

Women's Emmaus Retreat

October 26-28

All women of the parish are invited.

Contact Mabel Rosell at 305-298-1996
or register on-line at
www.epiphanycatholicchurch.com



Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **September 9**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Tere Pujols Burns 305-662-8931
George & Ingrid Lyall 305-667-0199

To schedule your visit, please call
Patricia & Luis Siman at 305-238-4555.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Sister Blanca Eugenia Arnaiz, R.A., Zoraida Barreto, Brian Brodeur, Bea Campbell, Ana Alicia Fernandez, Matthew Gonzalez, Angeles Graham, Fanny Gutierrez, Stephany Kury, Angel David Martinez, Rosi Maza-Saez, Andres Moas, Caridad Mora, Joaquin Parrilla, John Michael Portuondo, Rolando Ruiz, Lola Salas, Valeria Sofia Terrero.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Leo Armbrust.

Catholicism

Documentary Film Series

Starting Tuesday, September 11

CATHOLICISM is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series and multi-media educational program that was released by **Word On Fire** in September of 2011. The DVD episodes take viewers around the world and deep into the Faith, spanning over 50 locations in 15 countries – stunningly filmed in high-definition.

CATHOLICISM illustrates the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. Viewers will witness a vision of the Catholic Faith that has never before been seen. From the lands of the Bible to the great shrines of Europe, from the heartland of America to the mysteries of Asia and the beating heart of Africa, see the passion and glory of the Faith that claim over 1.1 billion of the earth's people.

This magnificent program is created and hosted by **Father Robert Barron**. Fr. Barron is the founder of **Word on Fire Catholic Ministries** and is recognized as “one of the Church's best messengers.” He is a prominent theologian, author, speaker, and cultural commentator.

Learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition. Join us and discover the depths of our Catholic faith.

Session One:

AMAZED AND AFRAID THE REVELATION OF GOD BECOME MAN

The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings and in the wake of this conflict an empire will be defeated and the world will be changed. Father Robert Barron illuminates and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church. Join Father Barron as he addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Epiphany Parish Center

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