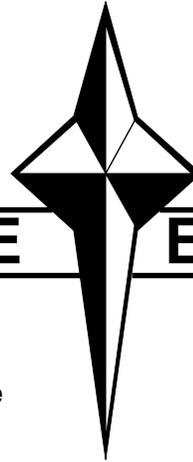


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



October 26, 2014

Thirtieth 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 in the Church

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel

Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.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.



Monsignor Jude O'Doherty, Pastor
Father Luis Largaespada, Associate Pastor
Deacon Don Livingstone
Deacon Norman Ruiz-Castañeda
Deacon José Luis Carrión, Jr.
Deacon Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



Pastor's Page

There is a story that tells of a nun in New York who was assigned to a hospital. One particular day, she was trying to bathe a combative and abusive patient. She was observed by someone who remarked in a stage whisper, "*I wouldn't do that for all the gold in Fort Knox.*" The nun, hearing the comment, looked at the person, and said, "*Neither would I.*"

The rabbinical writings said that there were 613 precepts in the Torah: 248 of them positive - "*You shall...*" - and 365 of them negative - "*You shall not.*" Keeping up with these precepts would have been hard for a rabbi let alone a poor farmer. With so many, people were bound to wonder, "*Are they all important, or can I let some slide?*"

The early teachers of Judaism had to make learning and keeping the precepts of the Torah as easy as could be. Some distinctions were drawn between some of the precepts, but still, they all came from God and therefore, they were all important. The reward or punishment for keeping or breaking a serious precept was exactly the same as for a lesser precept.

There is an almost unanswerable question asked of Jesus today: Which is the greatest commandment? If Jesus were to single out any one commandment, He would violate the belief that, since God gave them all, they all had equal importance.

Jesus responded, not with a commandment as such, but with a summary statement. He quoted the Scriptures, but not necessarily a law. He quoted a prayer that every religious Jew recited several times during the day.

This should have ended the conversation, but Jesus added more. He quoted again from the Scriptures. This time He said that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus did not create a hierarchy - love self, love neighbor and then love God. Both were different commands of Jesus and were also of equal gravity. The Scriptures says: "*The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.*" The image is of a very large

weight being suspended on two ropes. Both are necessary to support the weight. If one breaks, the other will as well.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus connected two Scripture passages, the first from Deuteronomy, and the second from Leviticus. Both would have been familiar to every Jew, but Jesus put them together. In doing so, Jesus does not cancel out the Old Testament for us. Rather, what we now have is a Christian way of reading the Old Testament. Our whole religion can now be seen in the context of loving God and loving our neighbor. Everything we do and say should somehow be connected to fulfilling these two commands.

Why must we love our neighbor? Why must we be compassionate? How are loving God and loving neighbor connected? Simply put, we are made in the image and likeness of God. The scriptural sense is that God made a mold of Himself and we are cast from it. To love the image of God is to love God himself. The motivation of the nun was never money, prestige or ambition. It was to love God. Even in the abusive patient, she was able to see God.

Clearly, we want to think that we love God. What we may have to do is look to our human relationships, judge their quality and then ask again, "*Do I love God?*" How do I respond to those in need? How do I treat my co-workers? How do I treat my estranged family member?

Seeing God in everyone we encounter is easier said than done. What we should not forget is that Jesus was quoting a prayer when He responded to the Pharisee. Maybe praying for our neighbors is the first step toward seeing God in them.





“Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb...”

In the new translation, we will hear the description given in the book of Revelation, where the angel commanded Saint John to write, *“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”* This is the same great banquet that we are invited to participate in at this moment of the Mass! Our response will also reflect Biblical imagery by more closely recalling the words of the Roman Centurion who heard of Jesus and His great deeds. The Centurion begged Jesus to help him because his servant was paralyzed and suffering. Jesus agreed and offered to come to the Centurion’s home to cure the servant. In response, the Centurion uttered this powerful sentence: ***“Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.”***

This is an example of profound Faith. The Centurion was a Roman - a Gentile - one who would, at that time, be considered ineligible for the promises that the Lord had made to the Chosen People. Yet he had faith that Jesus could heal his servant. Because of this, Jesus was willing to go to his house, an act that would have been forbidden and, according to Jewish standards, would have made Jesus unclean. This Gospel story exemplifies both the faith of the Centurion and the extent to which Jesus will go to bring health, wholeness, and salvation to us.

The Revised Liturgy invites us, by the words *“Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof...”* to the same faith, the same conviction, that the Centurion held in what Jesus can do. We are declaring to Jesus that we recognize Him as Lord, and that, although we know how unworthy we are of having Him join Himself to us, we know that He can heal our Souls. It is fitting to express the degree to which we are awed by the very thought of such intimate union with our Lord. He is, after all, the One through whom all things were made and we are but mere creatures.

Imagine your telephone ringing and being informed that the Holy Father is coming to your house for a visit, and will be arriving in 5 minutes. How would you feel? In addition to being excited and thrilled at the prospect, you’d probably think, “Oh no! Not me! Not right now! I’m not prepared! The house isn’t clean enough, I’m not dressed well enough,” etc.

When we are preparing to receive the actual Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is only right that we should experience similar sentiments. We are both filled with anticipation and awed at the very thought, yet at the same time feel that we are utterly unprepared for such a privileged encounter. Quite simply, we are not worthy. But the Centurion didn’t stop there and neither do we. We recognize that Jesus is God, and all that it takes is His word, and our souls can be healed to the point that He can, and indeed will, enter. As Jesus said, *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”*

We are proclaiming before God and one another not only that we truly are unworthy of Holy Communion, but also that we believe that Jesus will respond to us just as He did to the Centurion, *“...‘Go; be it done for you as you have believed.’ And the servant was healed at that very moment.”* We accept in faith that our souls are healed, and we are prepared by grace to *“open the door”* so that the Lord who knocks may enter under the roof of our mouths, into our very body and soul. It is not our personal merit that admits us to the Heavenly Banquet. If it was, no one could ever even come close to becoming worthy. There is infinite distance between the Holy One of God and ourselves, but the Lord by His awesome power, by His love and His unfathomable mercy, breaches that distance in response to our faith.

Let us remember to thank our Lord for the greatest gift He has given to us on earth: The Eucharist - the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, hidden under forms of bread and wine – a priceless gift which we have the great privilege to receive at every Mass. ***“Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb!”***



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Oct. 25	5:30 p.m.	+ Mario Sosa In Thanksgiving + Wlodzimierz Grocholski	Family Beba Rams Family	
Sunday Oct. 26	8:00 a.m.	+ Graciela Caro + Julio Lamelas	De Leo Family Aurora Lamelas	Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4,47,51
	9:30 a.m.	+ Pilar & Laurence Clark Maria Elizabette Pistorino + Benjamin Birstrom	Family Pistorino Family Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gerrard	1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Flory de Argenal + Carlos Bernardo Perez	Maria Gongora Alfredo & Monica Perez	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Michael B. Rich + Olga Borges + Elias & Georgina Rivers	Bustamante Family Bustamante Family Manuel Lasaga & Family	
Monday Oct. 27	6:30 a.m.	+ Luis Porro + Julia Almeida Hernandez + Silvia Lamar	Gloria & Luis Gonzalez Pistorino Family Silvia & Jorge Larrieu	Eph 4:32--5:8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 13:10-17
	8:00 a.m.	+ Silvia Alfonso + Gervacio Martinez Sanchez	Dr. & Mrs. Moises Hernandez Family	
Tuesday Oct. 28	6:30 a.m.	+ Victoriano Almeida + Fanny Gutierrez	Pistorino Family Family	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5
	8:00 a.m.	+ Fernando Miranda + Silvia Lamar + Orlando Sanchez	Rene & Thelma Garcia Family Family	Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday Oct. 29	6:30 a.m.	Lily Campbell Aixala + Tomas Giraldo + Zoila P. Torres	Alicia Aixala Family Family	Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30
	8:00 a.m.	+ Daniel Villabona + Marco Duque	Family Duque-Cruz Family	
Thursday Oct. 30	6:30 a.m.	Sick & Handicapped + Decimo & Leonor Balli + Frank & Clare O'Connor	Family Teasdale Family	Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 Lk 13:31-35
	8:00 a.m.	Paola Yidi + Eduardo Rams	Yidi Family Rams Family	
Friday Oct. 31	6:30 a.m.	Epiphany Priests & Office Staff + Jaime & Lix Mario Zuluaga	Maria M. Daley Patino Family	Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6
	8:00 a.m.	Alex & Max + Angelo Pinasco	Norman & Gerda Salas Grandchildren	Lk 14:1-6
Saturday Nov. 1	8:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ All the Faithful Departed		
Sunday Nov. 2	8:00 a.m.	+ Enrique Sanchez Rizo + Armando, Fanny & Javier Gutierrez	Andreina Zambrano Family	Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11
	9:30 a.m.	+ Francisco Astrologio + Luis Lange	Family Family	Jn 6:37-40
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Zambrano & Hernandez Family Members + Alirio Abreu Burelli + Edilia Puig	Family Andreina Zambrano Puig-Rodriguez Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Fernando Barros Freire + Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fernando Barros A. Maria M. Daley	



Mass Schedules

November 1 / 2	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Eddie de Arcos Jane Marie Russell	N. Tsaoussis S. Tsaoussis D. Villacampa G. Villacampa E. Wilson A. Aguirre I. Aguirre A. Bell	Coordinator: (Camille Thiry) Camille Thiry Martin Thiry Alfredo Arguelles Kathy Moorman John Moorman Sergio Delgado Lilliam Arguelles
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Calene Candela Lourdes Boue	J. Milton N. Milton	Coordinator: (Tony Friguls) Cynthia Risavy Tony Friguls Chuck Broyard Tom Risavy Andres Aguirre
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Mike Herold Pat Parker	G. Aprigliano Jn. Cacioppo M. Alfano V. M. Diaz	Coordinator: (Marisol Collins) Alex Collins Nydia Gonzalez Tony Nunez Aileen Nunez Lucy Moas Charbel Heshema
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Peter Avenarius Gloria De La Osa	A. Perdomo D. Porro S. Pracito A. Prieto A. Puig R. Puig I. Reardon C. Roca	Coordinator: (Ben Villalba) Louise Villalba Cesar Armstrong Pam Bunge Lourdes Cooper John Cooper Janet Armstrong Alfred Bunge Ben Villalba
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Jose Torres Marcela Torres	A. Gudjonsdottir B. Ulloa	Coordinator: (Enrique Bludau) Hermida Licea Enrique Bludau Raul Rosell Marta Rosales Adolfo Rosales Alcides Licea Titi Rosell
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Cecilia Altonaga Julio Ramirez	C. Gaston M. Herrero M. Herrero N. Jacobs E. Lerma F. Martell M. L. Milton M. Northland	Coordinator: (Esther Sousa) Esther Sousa Jeannette Iglesias Ana Maria Perez Gelys Campo Rafael Campo Rene Iglesias Javier Ruiz



Bulletin Board

Stewardship Corner

ENDOWMENT SUNDAY

Tom Lasorda, the great manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers and a baseball man all his life was leaving on a trip to promote the "Dodgers."

His wife said to him, "Tommy, I think you love baseball more than you love me." Lasorda kissed her and said, "Look at it this way, I love you more than football, basketball, soccer and hockey."

I think that's the way we all feel about our children. As parents, we love them more than anything in our lives. For that reason, Epiphany School has been the choice of parents for over 55 years, not only to educate their children, but also to feel confident that they will mature and grow in faith and love.

Today is Endowment Sunday, and all of you have had time to reflect on your pledge to the Fund. Whatever you give will make a difference. Whatever you pledge will continue our legacy and promise to educate children now and for generations to come.

Over the years, you have heard how the Endowment Fund has benefitted our school, helped children with tuition for families in financial crisis, brought about changes both academically and cosmetically. Have you walked up S.W. 84 Street...what do you see?

A new Junior High School is being built. This new setting will enhance the academic program with new quarters, new uniforms, latest technology, but above all, it will suit this age group to be more mature and prepared to enter high school.

If you have supported the Fund in the past, we are very grateful to you. If you are new to the Parish, we invite you to become part of a wonderful group of people who invest in educating the young.

Please be generous...Thank you.



Habaneros Quintet

Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

As part of their US tour, this vibrant and widely acclaimed ensemble, all members of the National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba, performs favorites with island flair. Their program includes the splendid Mozart Clarinet Quintet and new arrangements of Cuban and South American compositions.



Special Orchestral Mass

Faure Requiem

Sunday, November 2

11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Grupo de Biblia en Español

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



The Sunday Preschool and The Holy Family Center

Open 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 Pre-school** is a formal religion program based on the Sunday readings.

Avail yourselves of this service to families. Children enjoy our program and you have the opportunity to worship without distractions!



Sacred Relics Exposition and Veneration

The Church of the Epiphany invites you to an exposition and veneration of over 150 Sacred Relics of Saints and Blessed.

**Saturday, November 1
and Sunday, November 2
from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

For more information, please call 305-667-4911 or email at info@epiphanycatholicchurch.com

Keep the Faith

*In trial and adversity
let not your faith grow dim,
but say a fervent prayer to God
and keep your trust in Him.*

*Let hope not wither on the vine
of sorrow and despair,
remember, God knows everything
and He is everywhere.*

*However dark the day may seem,
or frightening the night,
all troubles fade and disappear
and life turns out all right...*

*Provided you maintain your faith
and do not yield to fear,
the while you pray for courage with
a heart that is sincere.*

*Resign yourself,
most humbly, now,
to do God's Holy Will,
and He will surely bless you, and
your least request fulfill.*

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.

Contemplative Cenacle of the Divine Mercy

**Monday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m.
in the church**

We meet as a community in adoration and recollection to contemplate and venerate the image of the Divine Mercy.

With songs of praise, prayers, the reading of the Gospel of the day, reciting the Chaplet and meditating on the Diary of the Divine Mercy in our souls under the spirituality of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, we allow ourselves to deepen our faith drawing closer with trust to the Fount of Mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us!

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **October 26**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Tom & Evelyn Unanue 305-790-1721
Frank & Vivian Perez-Siam 305-270-2261

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Lourdes Abaroa; Sr. Blanca Eugenia Arnaiz, R.A.; Ernesto Avino; Jeanette Conner; Mari Aixala Dawson; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.; Heike Leibkuchler; Angel David Martinez; Gabriel Medina; Caridad Mora; Ali Aixala Price; Valeria Sofia Terrero; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

James Brennen Byrne; Mirtha Carreras; Odalino Montalvo, Marina Villavicencio.

Names remain on our Prayer List for four weeks. If you need a name added or kept on the list, please call the Rectory or leave a note for the Bulletin Staff.

EPIPHANY ENDOWMENT FUND

October 26, 2014

Today is Endowment Sunday, and we invite you to participate in the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. This Appeal is the lifeline of our school. The Appeal provides an excellent opportunity for all of us to support our young people to learn and live the Catholic faith. The Appeal gives Epiphany School the tools to engage in all the educational strategies to serve the present students and to serve new generations to come.

At the present time, a new Junior High School is being constructed. Who is funding it? Our Parish community is funding it through the generosity of many people over the past few years who foresaw that we needed a Junior High School in Epiphany, and because we had a good Endowment Fund as a base, we were able to set aside funds for this purpose. This is such an important educational jump for these students, and they will be thrilled in their new surroundings. Imagine, Epiphany Junior High School...

Since 1989, the parishioners of Epiphany have supported the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. What an accomplishment...What generosity...What love. Our past and present parishioners have such a glorious history of supporting the Endowment Fund and are to be commended.

This is Endowment Sunday. We know you will continue your generosity. Your pledges are most appreciated.

THANK YOU

