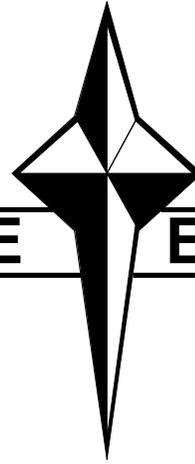


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

April 12, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter



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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.



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THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



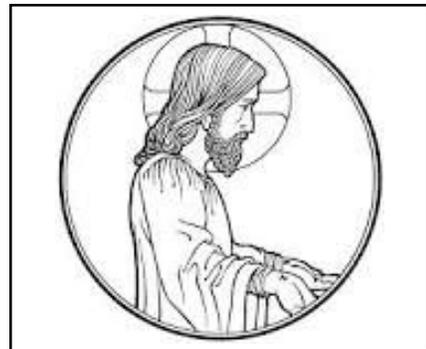
Our Gospel reading today tells about two separate appearances of the Risen Christ. Both of them took place, one week apart, in a room somewhere in Jerusalem. The first of the two appearances occurred in the evening of the first Easter Sunday. The day had been absolutely dizzy with excitement. The body of Jesus was missing. Stories were circulating, and rumors were flying. No doubt, all of the disciples had gone to the garden sometime during the day and had seen the empty tomb and the abandoned grave cloths. Also, they had heard reports from the women, from Simon Peter, and from the two men of Emmaus, all of whom claimed to have seen Jesus alive. So the thought of the resurrection had begun to take shape in their minds. They believed, but they were still in the process of trying to assimilate its meaning. This was the scene and the setting into which Jesus walked that Sunday night.

When Jesus entered the room, the first words that He spoke were, "*Peace be with you.*" Then, after a moment, as if to emphasize the message, He said it again, "*Peace be with you.*" If ever there was a group of people who needed that greeting, it was that little band of disciples. For fear of the Jews, they had hidden and barricaded themselves behind locked doors. How many people today are living behind locked doors for fear of bodily harm? How many people today are making personal survival the primary objective of their living? There is more to living than simply staying alive, especially for those of us who call ourselves Christians. What we need is to once more hear those words which Jesus spoke to His frightened followers: "peace be with you." Easter can mean that much in each of our lives, and we can try to bring peace into others' lives.

After Jesus had spoken to His disciples of peace, He then said, "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" Jesus was a man with a mission. His Father had sent Him to serve and to save a sin-sick world, and He

tackled that task and stayed with it, even though it cost Him His life. Now He is alive once more, and He is saying to His followers, "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" We are people with a purpose; we are men and women with a mission. We, in the Church, need a fresh realization of that. In a world that sometimes seems to be coming apart at the seams, the one thing we have no right to do is to become obsessed with our own personal survival. Do you remember what they said of our Lord as He hung on the cross? It was this, "*He saved others, but He cannot save Himself.*" It was intended as a jeer, but they actually spoke an abiding truth. That's how it always is with saviors. The person who would save others cannot be preoccupied with saving himself. He must stand in the breach and put his life on the line. That is what He has called us to do. In our lives, Easter means purpose.

Then, He said to them: "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" To lead a peaceful life in the midst of a dangerous world, to pursue a difficult purpose that calls for personal sacrifice requires more strength than any of us possesses. That kind of living necessitates divine assistance, and that's where the Holy Spirit comes in. He is God's presence in our lives, providing us with the power that we need to keep up our courage and to do our job. So, in our lives, Easter is more than a historical event. It is a personal experience, filling our lives with peace and purpose and power because we are followers of Him who has conquered death and the grave.





What a tremendous journey of faith we see in the Scriptures today! From John's Gospel, we read, not once but twice, about the apostles' fear. Jesus had been executed and was dead. Certainly the apostles had some fear that they would be next, since they were the followers of a man who had been accused of political crimes. The whole world of the apostles and the other followers of Jesus had been turned into chaos. They were shaken. It was chaos because after all of Jesus' teaching and preaching, they still did not understand Jesus' path of eventual death. Locked away in secret, they certainly had no idea that Jesus was going to rise from the dead. They must have wondered: *"Did we waste our time? He gave us hope, but for what? He tried to teach us to love, but He was destroyed."*

Then, Jesus appeared, and what He gave them was peace. This peace was not the absence of pain and suffering; it was the peace that comes when everything in life is in order, that all things work together for the good. On Easter Sunday, as we pondered the waters of baptism, Jesus turned water from a symbol of chaos and death into a symbol of life.

This week we see a transition from shattered lives into lives of great peace, but it was a hard transition. There was *"Doubting Thomas,"* but he was not the only one with doubt and hesitation. Even after the Risen Christ plainly showed Himself, the Gospel says that a week later the apostles were still hiding behind locked doors. The Gospel tells us that Christ had to give them more signs, but once they were convinced, everything changed drastically.

We are the ones who are now sometimes afraid. We are the ones who lock our doors; we are the ones with the questions: *"What do we have to do to find courage to persevere? How can we enjoy what the very first followers of Jesus enjoyed?"* Yes, we can recapture that time, but we must understand what those first Christians have to teach us about being Christians. There are three things they did that made them strong, courageous and joyful. First, they devoted themselves to the

teaching of the apostles. The question for us is whether or not we are doing the same. Are we reading the Scriptures? Are we listening to the Pope and our bishops, the successors of the apostles? Or have we convinced ourselves that we are wiser without them?

They devoted themselves to the *"communal life."* Do we take a vital part in our community's life or are we only Sunday Catholics? The early Christian community survived because they were present to each other. How do we reach out and make ourselves present? Do we share what we have?

They devoted themselves *"to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* This is the heart of the Church community: to gather and pray. Christianity begins with prayer in the midst of the community and in the breaking of the bread together.

If we can devote ourselves to our community rather than to our insistence on finding God alone, then, we can *"eat our meals with exultation and sincerity of heart."* It begins and ends with our friends around the altar where we are at our finest, where we find peace and courage.



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."
John 20:29



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Apr. 11	5:30 p.m.	Jorge & Alina Pastoriza 39 th Wedding Anniversary Soldiers in Harms Way Ralph Morera	Children George & Maria Shaheen Family	
Sunday Apr. 12	8:00 a.m.	+ Melissa Rodriguez	Family	Acts 4:32-35
		+ Roberto Suero	Beatriz Suero	Ps 118:2-4,13-15,
	9:30 a.m.	+ Sante De Leo	Gina De Leo	22-24
		+ Graciela Menendez	Casamayor Family	1 Jn 5:1-6
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		Jn 20:19-31
	12:30 p.m.	+ Drigelio Garcia	Arroyave Family	
		+ Esther Fernandez	Fernandez Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Fernando Barros Freire	Son & Family	
		+ Genevieve Franceschi	Sheryl DiCarlo Family	
Monday Apr. 13	6:30 a.m.	+ Colin Myrtetus	J. Higgins	Acts 4L23-31
		+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	Martha	Ps 2:1-9
	8:00 a.m.	+ Guillermo Miranda	Family	Jn 3:1-8
		Camilo Caviedes	Yidi Family	
Tuesday Apr. 14	6:30 a.m.	+ Eduardo Arango	Family	Acts 4:32-37
		Special Intentions	Friend	Ps 93:1-2,5
	8:00 a.m.	+ Miguel A. Maseda, Sr.	Gallinal Family	Jn 3:7b-15
		+ Francisco Torres de Navarra	Wife & Children	
Wednesday Apr. 15	6:30 a.m.	+ Gloria Balerdi	Perez-Siam Family	Acts 5:17-26
		+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	Esther Suarez	Ps 34:2-9
	8:00 a.m.	+ Juan Porro Castellanos	Anita Torres de Navarra	Jn 3:16-21
		Amaury Benedetti	Yidi Family	
Thursday Apr. 16	6:30 a.m.	Govi Maser	Family	Acts 5:27-33
		Fredricka Mezzullo	Family	Ps 34:2,9,17-20
	8:00 a.m.	+ Ed & Dotty Duffy	Family	Jn 3:31-36
		+ Clemente Vazquez-Bello	Family	
Friday Apr. 17	6:30 a.m.	Piper Ann Pistorino	Pistorino Family	Acts 5:34-42
		+ Clemente Vazquez-Bello	Rosi Maza-Saez	Ps 27:1,4,13-14
	8:00 a.m.	Sergio & Tere Velikopoljski		Jn 6:1-15
		60 th Wedding Anniversary	Tere Velikopoljski	
		+ Milene Martin	Raul Moas Family	
Saturday Apr. 18	8:00 a.m.	Gonzalez Family	Figueredo Family	Acts 6:1-7
		+ Jose Manuel Cubas	Sotolongo Family	Ps 33:1-2,4-5,
				18-19
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Maureen & Don Parker	Family	Jn 6:16-21
		+ Roberto Suero	Beatriz Suero	
Sunday Apr. 19	8:00 a.m.	John Lucas Farach	Durrieu Family	Acts 3:13-15,
		+ Suzanne Jones	Eleanor Stritter	17-19
	9:30 a.m.	+ Charles F. Henriques	Family	Ps 4:2,4,7-9
		Sarah Ryan Pistorino	Pistorino Family	1 Jn 2:1-5a
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		Lk 24:35-48
	12:30 p.m.	+ Antonio Cam	Wong Family	
		+ Lourdes Abaroa	Maria Laura Rivero	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.	Jorge Larrieu & Family	
		+ William & Carlos Ramirez	Family	



Mass Schedules

April 18/19	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Bob Dickinson Allie Pennie	S. Ferrer A. D. Gomez A. Gonzalez T. Lamas A. Pena A. F. Pena J. Reis W. Reis	Coordinator: (Kathy Moorman) Kathy Moorman John Moorman Martin Thiry Vivian Delgado Sergio Delgado Mari Angel Carrion Camille Thiry
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Montserrat Morrison John Steinbauer	A. Gudjonsdottir A. Mascaro	Coordinator: (Chuck Broyard) Mariana O'Naghten Tony Friguls Juan O'Naghten Chuck Broyard Tom Beier
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Mike Herold Tamara Clavero	G. Aprigliano A. Bell Jn. Cacioppo V. M. Diaz	Coordinator: (Al Gonzalez) Lourdes Gonzalez Al Gonzalez Pedro Toro Delia Valcarcel George Valcarcel Rosendo Castillo Raphael Bastian
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jorge Gonzalez Gloria De la Osa	A. P. Garcia I. Guzzo C. Kovacs J. E. Maratos C. Miles A. Perdomo D. Porro S. Pracitto	Coordinator: (Ray Casas) Mirta Robelo Arnoldo Robelo Al Salas Gonzalo Santana Leticia Santana Gloria Barbier Marisa Salas Ray Casas
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Bernd Von Reitzenstein Gisela Cacciamani	J. E. Maratos G. Ortega	Coordinator: (Mary Gonzalez) Mary Gonzalez Humberto Gonzalez Tere Molins Gloria Acevedo Plinio Gonzalez Aleida Gutierrez Delfin Molins
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jorge Perez Emily Loos	C. Bastian C. Brito D. Cicarelli M. Clavijo J. De la Pedraja D. Delgado D. Diaz A. M. Diaz-Silveira	Coordinator: (Rosa Maria Portuondo) Rosa Maria Portuondo Ignacio Portuondo Nuri Gaston Jorge Echenique Elen Castellanos Mari Campo Jose Gaston



Stewardship Corner

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In a recent telephone conversation I had with my cousin, we were recalling growing up in the streets of Brooklyn, N.Y. He was, without doubt, the strongest, most athletic young man you ever met. He had a great sense of humor, and at six foot/three at the age of 16, he was king of the 57th Street block in Brooklyn. But as big a he was, he was gentle, kind and above all thoughtful to all his friends. We were very close, and that gave me a personal bodyguard wherever we went.

Today that giant of a man is close to death. He has cancer, heart disease and his body is shutting down. During our conversation, I asked how he was doing. He answered, "It's all in God's hands. May He have mercy on me."

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus in His lifetime, not only had mercy on sinners, but also on the sick, the hungry and the homeless. He taught His disciples to have mercy on one another and to forgive one another. Living a life of mercy and compassion is a mission for everyone, and the more mercy we show to others, the more mercy God will show to us.

St. Maria Faustina, a Polish nun, lived with God every moment of her life. Her life was filled with extraordinary gifts from God. During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Maria Faustina, He asked her on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II gave this to the Universal Church on the canonization of Sister Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000. So, pray to St. Maria Faustina, and she will help you to be merciful... Pray for mercy, and be merciful to others.

When I hung up the phone after talking to my cousin, I realized more than ever that at the time of death, the only thing that is important is the "Mercy of God." Pray for mercy! Be merciful to others!



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!

Let your light shine

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light.

We have hands that care,

eyes that can see,

ears that can hear,

tongues that can speak,

feet that can walk,

and above all, hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness,

and cowardice, our light can be dimmed,

so that we become shadows

of the people we could be.

Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness,

and to let the light of that goodness shine.

On seeing this light others find their way,

and you will be glorified.

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.



How to Experience the Resurrection

*Each time we love again
after having our love rejected,
we share in the power of the resurrection.*

*Each time we trust again
after having our trust betrayed,
we share in the resurrection.*

*Each time we hope again,
after having our hope smashed into pieces,
we share in the resurrection.*

*Each time we pick up the pieces,
wipe our tears, face the sun, and start again,
we share in the power of the resurrection.*

*The message of Easter is
that nothing can destroy us any more--
not pain, not sin, not rejection, not death.*

*The message of Easter is
that Christ has conquered all,
if we put our faith in Him.*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

---Monday - Friday (In the Church)---
7:00-8:00 a.m. & 8:30-9:30 a.m.
---Thursdays (In the Adoration Chapel)---
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.



Daily Mass

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

*Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany.
Whether you are visiting or new in the area,
we extend to you the hospitality of Christ.*

*If you would like more information
about our parish, or wish to join
our Faith Community,
please call 305-667-4911 or
stop by the Rectory.
We are happy you are here!*

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **April 12**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Ramon & Ana Reyes **305-666-1220**
Darwin & Mimi Fuchs **305-667-8782**

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Pat Clarke; Ursula Everbush; Ana Alicia Fernandez;
Dario Jaramillo; Caridad Mora; Caroline Nuin;
Joy Pistorino; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth;
Clemente Sierra; Paulina Tawil; Cynthia Welbaum;
Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Louis H. Aceituno; Hilda Fernandez Cutino;
James Dougherty; Jane Doyle; Augusto
Hernandez; Elizabeth Jordahl; Josefa Yolanda
Lopez; Elvira Masegosa; Dr. Donald C. Parker;
Joseph Harry Tiernan; Rogelio Salvador
Tomasino.

NOTE:

**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.**

God Meets Our Needs Through Prayer

Prayer itself presupposes two ideas: One, that we are dependent upon God; and two, that God is dependable. Prayer itself is an effort. God expects participation on our part. Like any wise father, he will never do for his children what his children should be doing for themselves. If he did that, we would become weak instead of strong; lazy instead of energetic, bored instead of enthusiastic. Nowhere does the New Testament suggest that prayer is a substitute for honest effort. A student can pray all night about the test that is coming up tomorrow morning, but his prayer will do no good unless it is backed up by hours of diligent study. The public speaker can pray for something to say when he stands at the podium, but prayer cannot take the place of preparation.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we should not be worried about the necessities of life. He said that our heavenly Father knows the things we need even before we ask him. As an encouragement, he used the birds for an example. He pointed out that they do not plant crops, nor gather a harvest, nor store food in barns; yet God feeds them. "If God so feeds the birds of the air, will he not also feed you?" And that is true -- he will. But have you ever watched the birds? They don't just sit around and wait for God to feed them. Instinctively, they cooperate with nature. They are up at the crack of dawn searching for food, and they stay at it until the sun goes down at night. Now, God has given people the ability to look ahead, to plant crops, to gather harvests, and to store food. If we cooperate with God, if we give it our best effort, all the while depending on him, we can rest assured that he will meet our needs.

We do not have to badger God into meeting our needs. He knows them better than we, and he is more than eager to meet them. Prayer is not a tool to manipulate God in order to get us what we want. It is rather a means of attuning ourselves to God so that he can give us what we need. The New Testament says, "If you ask anything according to his will, you shall have it." That sounds like a blank check, but really it isn't. The key phrase is "according to his will." Parents know what that means. When your children are small they ask for many things that you cannot give them, primarily because they want things that are unreasonable, things that would not be best for them. But then the day comes when they grow up. Their thoughts are mature; their hearts are tuned to yours. Now you would be willing to give them anything they ask, because they are wise, unselfish people, and they ask according to your will.

That is how God meets our needs. He doesn't give us everything we want or everything we ask. He is much too wise and loving for that. But he meets our needs in cooperation with our personal efforts, and he does it with a willing heart. He is no fair-weather friend, here today and gone tomorrow. His promise is that he will be with us to the end, and we can count on that. We are not in this alone. God cares; God is here; and he will faithfully meet our needs.