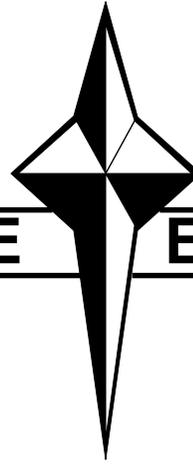


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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The Ascension of the Lord



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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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Father Luis Largaespada, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Don Livingstone  
Deacon Norman Ruíz-Castañeda  
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Deacon Thomas V. Eagan  
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**THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM**



"He was lifted up..."



### Ascension

Ernest Hemingway once said: *"When two people truly love each other, there can be no happy ending."* And I suppose there is a sense in which that is true. Sooner or later, all relationships come to an end. Some of them are terminated by choice. One or the other, or both, decide to call it quits, and they go their separate ways. That may be the saddest ending of all. Others are terminated by death. This is a normal part of life, except when it comes prematurely. But, even at a ripe old age, the death of a loved one is sad. So Hemingway's pessimistic statement would seem to be true. When people love each other, there can be no happy ending.

Today's Gospel reading, however, tells of a different kind of parting. It was when Jesus left his disciples for the last time, in what we call the Ascension. He had already left them once through the door of death, and that had been utterly devastating. But then He rose from the dead and began to surprise them with His presence. For a period of forty days, He appeared to them at various times, in various places. With this, they came to realize that He was alive forever more. That awareness turned their night to day.

But these appearances lasted only a few weeks. Then, one day, Jesus led them to a point near Bethany, blessed them, and was taken up to heaven. That was His final departure. They never saw Him again, but His separation was not sad. In fact one Scripture source says that after He was gone *"They returned to Jerusalem, filled with joy."* This is one instance when people truly loved each other, and there was a happy ending. It was not really an ending; it was a transition. They simply moved from one kind of relationship into another.

Up to that point, they had always known Jesus as a flesh and blood person who came and went. That was over. They would never know Him that way again. From now on, they would know Him as a spiritual presence, who would never leave. Paul was thinking of this when he wrote: *"I am certain that neither death nor life, nor anything else, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord."*

Death had already separated them once, but could never do it again. He would always be with them, and they would always be with Him. And because that is true of Christ, it is also true of others, whom we have loved and lost. They are not gone. They have simply moved into another dimension of life. To be sure, we cannot reach them there, and that is sometimes sad. We miss them, yet this separation is only for a while. Someday, through faith in Christ, we will be together again. Then there will be no more sorrowful goodbyes. Small wonder that the disciples returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. The Ascension of Christ meant they had a friend who would never leave them.

It also meant they had a friend in heaven who would be waiting for them when they got there. Let us bind that thought to our hearts with hoops of steel. It can take the fear out of death. This same Jesus, who on earth was so wondrously kind, will be our host in heaven. Death is not a leap in the dark. It is going to be with Him.

Suppose you were planning to move to a city about which you knew nothing. How would you get ready for that move? You would read everything you could find; learn everything you could about it. That would give you some confidence; however, imagine that you had a dear and trusted friend who had already moved there. You know that friend would be waiting for you the minute you stepped off the plane. That would be the greatest assurance of all. You would be going to be with a friend.

That is what the Ascension meant to the disciples. It is the happy ending to the greatest story ever told.



The setting of our gospel reading is a mountain in Galilee where Jesus met with the eleven disciples. They had been together this way many times before, but something was special about this occasion as it marked a transition point in the relationship. Never again would they meet physically, face to face on this earth. This was the final time.

Most of what they felt and said is lost to history, but the most important part is preserved in the gospel record. We have the few final sentences that Jesus spoke to His disciples. His words do not look back; they look forward. He wanted them to know that their future was both exciting and secure. His final concern before His ascension was assurance.

First, He spoke of DIVINE POWER. "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth." That was important because they lived in a world that did not affirm the authority of God. Around them was oppression, injustice, greed, and suffering. In the streets, they could hear the marching feet of the Roman legions; in the synagogues, they would feel the bitter hatred of the religious leaders. Almost everything in their world seemed to deny the power of a loving and caring God.

We know something of the same experience. At times in our lives and periods in our history, there are people who do not believe in God who seem to have all the best arguments. The most convincing facts seem to be on their side. Walk through the ghettos of any of our great cities, and you may feel the same thing. Visit a hospital ward or a prison block, and you may feel the same thing. But either we believe in the power of Christ or we do not.

His second assurance concerned DIVINE PURPOSE. "GO, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them and teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." We call that statement the Great Commission. I would rather call it a **purpose for living**. That brings it down to where we can all reach it because we all need a reason to get up in the morning. In essence, He is saying two things: "go" and "share." "Go" means the direction of your life is

turned outward; everything does not have to center in self. You are aware of the presence and needs of other people. "Make disciples, baptize, teach" in broad terms means sharing the love of Christ, not by preaching sermons, but by helping change a flat tire, cooking a meal or giving thirty minutes of your time to someone who is lonely. It comes down to loving and sharing your life with people.

His final assurance concerns a DIVINE PRESENCE. "Know that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." What greater assurance could Jesus have offered than that? The words "I am" cover all forms of was, is and will be. Let the days come and the scenes change, days of plenty, of poverty, of health, of sickness, of vigorous youth, of declining age...He is with us in them all. Time passes and the circumstances of life change, but He is with us always, even to the end of the world.

If only we could believe that, what a different experience life would be. Our problems would not seem so insurmountable. Toward the end of His public ministry, Jesus said to His disciples: "In this world you will have tribulations but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Think for a moment: He had faced the very worst the world could give, knew what it was to be poor, homeless, misunderstood, rejected, and finally crucified. Now He is telling us to cheer up...I have been through it all. I have met and conquered every kind of adversity. Now I am with you, and there is no problem that we cannot handle together. We can have that same kind of assurance.





## Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday May 16	5:30 p.m.	+ Coralía Martínez de Zarraga + Maureen & Don Parker + Casey Cervoni	Pasken Family Family Class 1970 Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sunday May 17	8:00 a.m.	Sick & Disabled + Lois Springer + Mary Victoria Wick	Harold Zabsky Sheryl DiCarlo Family Wick Family	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23
	9:30 a.m.	Mick Aixala + Carlos Pavon	Alicia Aixala Beatriz Suero	Mk 16:15-20
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Luis Siman + Alvaro Roman	Rene & Thelma Garcia Roman-Ochoa Family	
	6:00 p.m.	Maite & Manuel Dominguez 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary + Lourdes Abaroa	Family Maria Laura Rivero	
Monday May 18	6:30 a.m.	+ Natalie Antinarella + Isabela Eversbusch	Family Sousa Family	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5d,6-7b
	8:00 a.m.	+ Lourdes Abaroa + Maria M. Ramos	Maria Laura Rivero Gonzalez Family	Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday May 19	6:30 a.m.	+ Ralph Sanchez Maria Pistorino	Robayna Family Alicia Aixala	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21
	8:00 a.m.	+ Lourdes Abaroa + Skip Zugel	Maria Laura Rivero Bunny Bastian	Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday May 20	6:30 a.m.	+ Valentina Castano + Silvia Jorge	Salas-Castano Family Family	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,
	8:00 a.m.	+ Asela Raurell + Rafael Estenger	Gonzalo & Marisel Diaz Miriam Northland	33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday May 21	6:30 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory + Joan Burnham	Chechi Restrepo & Family Rodger Shay	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
	8:00 a.m.	William Yidi + Lourdes Abaroa	Yidi Family Maria Laura Rivero	Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday May 22	6:30 a.m.	Tara Kastanias + Nicolas Gutierrez	Family Family	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,
	8:00 a.m.	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory + Humberto Benedetti	Harold Zabsky Yidi Family	19-20b Jn 21:15-19
Saturday May 23	8:00 a.m.	+ Alfredo Negrin + Jose Antonio Mestre	Negrin Family Tony Rios	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ John Dyer + Mary & James Sachek + Hugo E. Rams	Family Family Perez-Siam Family	
Sunday May 24	8:00 a.m.	+ John Murray Stritter In Thanksgiving	Eleanor Stritter Marie	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,
	9:30 a.m.	+ Maria Lira de Albornoz + Frank O'Connor	Family Woodside Family	29-30,31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		12-13
	12:30 p.m.	+ Generosa Martínez + Maria Suncion Mantilla	Beba Rams Roman-Ochoa Family	Jn 20:19-23
	6:00 p.m.	+ Mario Callejas Lopez + Rolando O. Montoya	Juncadella Family Mayorga Family	



## Mass Schedules

May 23/24	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b>	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jane Marie Russell Debra Menegay	D. Fdz.-Siman S. Ferrer A. D. Gomez A. Gonzalez V. Herran M. Khonsary T. Lamas S. Lee	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Mari Angel Carrion) Mari Angel Carrion Phil Prellezo Luis Siman Rolando Montoya Marivi Montoya Cristina Velarde Andria Miyares
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Lourdes Boue John Steinbauer	I. Gomez A. Gudjonsdottir	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Chuck Broyard) Amanda Rodriguez Tony Friguls Juan Farach Chuck Broyard
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Mike Herold Pat Parker	W. Gregory K. Herrholz T. Jauregui P. Llorens	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Delia Valcarcel) Delia Valcarcel George Valcarcel Maria Juncadella Rick Gonzalez Raphael Bastian Mari Pinero Ron Quintero
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Gloria De la Osa Peter Avenarius	B. Ulloa S. Vonder Haar A. D. Weber I. Arvesu D. Bunge C. D. Delgado S. E. Diaz N. Diaz-Silveira	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Ben Villalba) Louise Villalba Al Salas Diana Rodriguez Pamela Ugarte Enrique Ugarte Marisa Salas Maria Cristina Sousa Ben Villalba
<b>Sunday 12:30 p.m.</b>	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Adriana Giuffredi Gisela Cacciamani	M. Torres J. Canizares	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Hermida Licea) Hermida Licea Alcides Licea Gloria Acevedo Tere Molins Delfin Molins Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda Plinio Gonzalez
<b>Sunday 6:00 p.m.</b>	Fr. Luis Largaespada	John O'Sullivan Margaret Gidel	E. Lerma F. Martell M. L. Milton M. Northland P. Packert T. Packert A. Perez A. Rivera	<b>Coordinator:</b> (R. M. Portuondo) Rosa Maria Portuondo Ignacio Portuondo Jeannette Iglesias Georgina Angones Frank Angones Camilo Lopez Rene Iglesias



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## Stewardship Corner

### THE ASCENSION AND FAITH

Forty days had gone by since Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday...now it was time for Him to go home to the Father who sent Him to redeem the world. Jesus ascended "with the flesh in which He had risen and with His soul." In his risen body, He had plainly showed Himself to His disciples, and now He "was taken up to Heaven in their sight to claim for us a share in His divine life."

Jesus ascended into Heaven, but He did not leave us alone. He sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, commissioned them to baptize all nations and left us the Holy Mother Church to guide us. Christ will be with the Church always. He is present in the Church's life of faith and prayer, and especially in the sacramental life which nourishes our souls.

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, the Apostles and His followers were no longer afraid...they were people of faith. Think about it; this is the year 2015, and the Church is still alive, and His followers still believe. Their faith is as strong as the Apostles had when they began their ministry.

But, remember, faith is a gift. Faith is not something that is possessed once and for all, but rather must be constantly renewed. Faith is a personal relationship with God that must constantly grow, or else it weakens, perhaps dies. We grow in faith by prayer, the reception of the sacraments, and living our lives in accord with God's laws

One day each one of us will ascend to the Lord. If we have lived a life of faith, we will be received by the Lord with the same love God the Father had when He welcomed Jesus to His eternal home when His mission on earth had ended.

Pray for faith...It is your lifeline to Heaven.



## 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.

Twenty five minutes with the Lord at the start of each day will make a big difference in your life.

## 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

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!



**The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary**

invite you to celebrate an **ALL NIGHT VIGIL**

on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Friday, June 12 at 8:00 p.m.**

Holy Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

**Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 a.m.**

Holy Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at

**St. John Vianney Seminary**  
St. Raphael Chapel  
2900 SW 87 Avenue, Miami

All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament accompanied with prayers, intercessions, and meditations every hour,

There will be transmission via our websites throughout the entire evening.

For more information call:  
305-444-7437

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[www.corazones.org](http://www.corazones.org)



*I have wept in the night  
for my shortness of sight,  
That to somebody's need made me blind;  
but I never have yet  
felt a tinge of regret  
for being a little too kind.*



**The Protection of Our Lady**

Take shelter under our Lady's mantle and do not fear.

She will give you all you need.  
She is very generous with her children.  
She loves giving.



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held on **Saturday, June 13**. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendance by the parents is a pre-requisite to the child's baptism. Please call the Rectory at 305-667-4911 to register.

**Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry**

During the week of **May 17**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

**Pamela & Alfred Bunge**                      **305-665-8491**  
**Annie Rodriguez**                              **305-726-5746**

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



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Brian Brodeur; Pat Clarke; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Antonio Gonzalez; Dario Jaramillo; Caridad Mora; Joy Pistorino; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth; Caridad Esther Ruiz; Paulina Tawil; Cynthia Welbaum; Teodula Wong.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Aymee Gonzalez; Pattie Peck; Frank Luis Roviroso.

**You are cordially invited to offer a**  
**Mass of Thanksgiving with**  
***Monsignor Jude O'Doherty***

**on the occasion of the**  
**Fiftieth Anniversary**  
**of his Ordination to the Priesthood**

**on Friday, June 12, 2015**  
**at six thirty in the evening**

**Church of the Epiphany**  
**8235 S.W. 57 Avenue**  
**Miami, Florida**

**Reception immediately following the Mass**

**Junior High School Plaza**

***No gifts please***