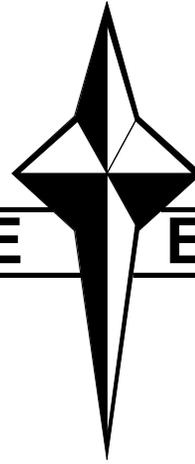


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

May 24, 2015
Pentecost Sunday



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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

When we think of those first followers of Jesus, we do so in terms of strength and stability. We remember them as men who went out to meet life and lived it with great enthusiasm. They faced persecution with poise, met danger with courage, and handled problems with unwavering confidence. In short, they were the kind of persons we all would like to be. And that image is for the most part accurate, if we will remember that they were not that way all of their lives.

In our Gospel reading for today, we see them at a time when they were very much like us. John tells us that they were together behind locked doors because they feared the Jews. In a very real sense, they were in prison, but it was a prison of their own making. The doors were locked, but they were locked from the inside. The men behind those doors simply did not have the courage and strength to go out and face up to life.

We are like that sometimes, imprisoned by fear, intimidated by life. We may not fear the physical wrath of some avowed enemy. Our fear is usually not that well defined. Oftentimes, it's just a haunting uneasiness, a recurring anxiety that something bad is waiting in the wings. A man fears for his job; a mother fears for health. A father with heavy responsibilities fears for his financial stability. Thus we find ourselves virtual prisoners, held hostage by our own fears. And it isn't all imagination, for the truth is that life can be a dangerous and difficult venture.

The disciples knew that well. They had watched the world crucify their Lord, and they lived in dread of what that world might do to them. So they ran from life and barricaded themselves behind closed doors. Into that scene walked Jesus, the Risen Christ, and addressed Himself to their deepest, most desperate need. Twice He said to them, "*Peace be with you.*" With that statement, Jesus accurately diagnosed their problem. The real difficulty was not the danger that surrounded them, but the storm that was raging within them. Their courage had collapsed; their poise had been

shattered; and they felt themselves to be utterly incapable of coping with the circumstances of life. What those men needed above and before anything else was peace, someone or something to calm the troubled waters within, a sea of tranquility at the center of life that no external storm could disturb.

And who among us does not recognize that same need in his or her own life? The living of these days is no picnic. There are dangers that are very real, disappointments that are inevitable, responsibilities that are unrelenting, and some dreams that will never come true. How wonderful it would be if each of us possessed an inner peace to which we could turn in good times and bad, and know that it would always be there. Every person needs that...some serenity of soul to come home to at night and go out from in the morning. But how do we get it?

The next thing that Jesus said to His disciples was "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*" Today is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Spirit in mighty power upon the early church. When Jesus breathed on His disciples and said "*Receive the Holy Spirit,*" He was reminding them of the enabling presence of God with His people. To possess God is to have peace.

Let the power of God flow into you and the forgiving, healing grace of God flow out from you. This is the Christian understanding of peace.





Most of us seem to be more adept at leveling criticisms than we are at giving compliments. A family may eat ten meals that are a gourmet's delight and never say a word. Serve them just one meal that is not to their liking, and they suddenly become quite vocal. A worker may do his job near to perfection, week after week, and never hear a word of commendation. Let him make just one mistake, and he hears about it loud and long. Many voters admit that on election day they cast their ballots, not so much for the candidate they like, as against the candidate they dislike. Some husbands and wives have lived so long with critical spouses that a sincere compliment might throw them into a state of shock. Most of us, it would seem, express our disapproval more effectively than we do our approval.

This same attitude carries over to the realm of religion. Stop most any straggler on the street, and he or she can tell you what is wrong with the church. It is populated with hypocrites; it is too divided. It is out of touch with the times; it caters to the rich and neglects the poor. In one form or another, at one time or another, each of them has been true. It would be false and futile to deny the faults and failures of the church. It is an institution made up of imperfect human beings and that means the church has always been and will always be open to criticism and in need of correction.

This, however, is not the whole story. For all of its weaknesses, the church has much to commend it. And occasionally, in the interest of truth and balance, we need to turn the record over and play the other side. On this Pentecost Sunday, let us lay aside our tendency to criticize and instead express some appreciation. Almost everyone is aware of the church's shortcomings. Today we focus our attention on what is right with the church.

One of those right things is its ability to endure. All of our Scripture lessons carry us back to the beginning of the church. The people who wrote and originally read those documents were first-generation Christians. They stood on the ground floor of a brand new institution. Like all

newborn things, the church was small and seemed so fragile. There was serious doubt among the membership whether the church would survive. Its key leadership cowered behind closed doors, thinking their cause was surely lost. However, many cultures and civilizations have come and gone, but the church lives on. The church is so solid that, for nearly 2000 years, it has outlasted the hostility of its foes and the stupidity of its friends. We are not frantically trying to keep the church alive. It was here when we arrived on the scene and will remain long after we are gone. It has stood the test of time.

Another thing right with the church is its record of ministry to human need. Without that, the ability to endure would be meaningless. Jesus measured the worth of all institutions, not by their age, not by their size, but by their usefulness. He must truly apply that same test to His own church. And though its score has been far from perfect, it does have an impressive record of service. We are so familiar with this that we often take it for granted. We seldom pause to appreciate what the church has accomplished across the centuries. It has provided the inspiration, the leadership and in many cases the money for much of the world's charitable endeavors.

One other word remains to be said. In a secular world, the church stands as a constant reminder of God. It points the way to Christ. It calls us to penitence and faith; it offers forgiveness and healing. This is not the only business of the church, but it is the main business. The church is an institution whose primary purpose is bringing people into a redeeming relationship with God. There is a life here that is more than mortal, and a Spirit that is more than human. God does not belong to the church. The church belongs to God. And when joined in partnership with Him, it is like an army with banners, spread through all of time and rooted in eternity.

We have criticized the church, and we will criticize it again. To love it is to have that responsibility. But today, let us remember and celebrate what is right with the church.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday May 23	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, 12-13
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		Jn 20:19-23
	12:30 p.m.	+ Generosa Martinez + Maria Suncion Mantilla	Beba Rams Roman-Ochoa Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Mario Callejas Lopez + Rolando O. Montoya	Juncadella Family Mayorga Family	
Monday May 25	6:30 a.m.	No Mass		Sir17:20-24
	8:00 a.m.	Maria Elizabette Pistorino + Wlodzimierz Grocholski	Pistorino Family Family	Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 10:17-21
Tuesday May 26	6:30 a.m.	+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr. + Jose Fernandez	Moas Family Family	Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8,14,23
	8:00 a.m.	Archdiocesan Clergy & Religious + Vicente Llopis	Martinez Family Vicens Family	Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday May 27	6:30 a.m.	Isabella Dawson Aixala Father Luis Marquina	Alicia Aixala Harold Zabsky	Sir 36:1,4-5a, 10-17
	8:00 a.m.	+ Lourdes Abaroa + Holy Souls in Purgatory	Maria Laura Rivero Martha	Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday May 28	6:30 a.m.	Alvaro Ordonez + Libia Fernandez	Wife & Children Family	Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9
	8:00 a.m.	+ Thomas O'Doherty + Frank O'Connor	Family Mary Teasdale	Mk 10:46-52
Friday May 29	6:30 a.m.	+ Manuel Fernandez + Zoila Valdivia	Family Family	Sir 44:1,9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b
	8:00 a.m.	+ Jesus Cruza, Jr. Special Intention	Moises & Ana Hernandez Moises & Ana Hernandez	Mk 11:11-26
Saturday May 30	8:00 a.m.	+ Dorothy Sacher + Carlos Urueta	Moas Family Moas Family	Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Eric Adams + Eduardo Rams	Family Rams Family	
Sunday May 31	8:00 a.m.	Conlan Kastanias + Vicente Llopis	Family Gomez Family	Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Ps 33:4-6,9, 18-20,22
	9:30 a.m.	Diana & Gavin Campbell Wedding Anniversary + Victoria Barreda	Alicia Aixala Lyll Family	Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Blanca Sarquis + Carlos Cordeiro	Family Family	
	6:00 p.m.	Hortensia Benedetti + Dr. Carl Sheehe	Yidi Family Sheehe Family	



Mass Schedules

May 30/31	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Allie Pennie Carolina Ragolta	A. Moas A. Pena A. F. Pena J. Reis W. Reis N. Tsaoussis S. Tsaoussis E. Wilson	Coordinator: (Mirza Collazo) Mirza Collazo Al Collazo Alfredo Arguelles Camille Thiry Martin Thiry Elena Wilson Lynn Arguelles
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Emily Loos Calene Candela	A. Mascaro K. Roberts	Coordinator: (Maria Eisenhart) Paul Eisenhart Chuck Broyard Tom Beier Frank Acosta
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Monica Johnson Mike Herold	L. M. Moas L. A. Moas J. Pozo A. N. Rodriguez	Coordinator: (Marisol Collins) Marisol Collins Alex Collins Lucy Moas Nydia Gonzalez Charbel Heshema Rosendo Castillo Pedro Toro
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Peter Avenarius Guillermo Castillo	A. P. Garcia I. Guzzo C. Kovacs J. E. Maratos C. Miles A. Perdomo D. Porro S. Pracitto	Coordinator: (Ana Maria Avila) Ana Maria Avila Katerina Velikopoljski Seida Wood Gus Robayna Eduardo Del Valle Roberto De Leo Gerry Wood Leon Avila
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Jorge Torres Marcela Torres	D. E. Siman J. L. Siman	Coordinator: (Tere Molins) Tere Molins Delfin Molins Ana Oyarzun Raul Rosell Titi Rosell Frank Varona Ramon Oyarzun
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Bob Dickinson Maria Iparraguirre	B. Salavarría A. Yaniz J. Yaniz C. Abascal G. Alonso D. Aymerich C. Bastian C. Brito	Coordinator: (Esther Sousa) Esther Sousa Gladys Patino Rosy Verde Gelvys Campo Rafael Campo Armando Verde Javier Ruiz



Stewardship Corner

PENTECOST THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

We celebrate many birthdays in our lifetime, but perhaps some of us forget or maybe never knew that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church because on that day, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would touch the Apostles and eventually all of us to spread the teaching of Christ throughout the world. The Church was born.

The Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles finally to understand Christ's teachings and courageously to go and spread them. Before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles had been huddled together, weak, fearful and confused. Now, they began to realize that Christ, who had chosen them, was truly divine. They grasped the meaning of His teachings and became eloquent and holy witnesses. The Holy Spirit helps you to become holy.

The process of becoming holy begins at baptism when the Holy Spirit begins to dwell in our souls and endows us with sanctifying grace. It is our responsibility to grow in grace and to live in accord with God's teachings. All of us, like the Apostles, have been commissioned to spread the Word of God. Some do it by dedicating their lives as priests, nuns and religious. Others do it by faithfully living their vocation as married people, or as single individuals. No matter what route you choose, the Holy Spirit dwells in you, makes you holy and guides you. You never walk alone when the Holy Spirit dwells in you.

The Holy Spirit will always remain with you unless you choose not to grow in grace and live in accord with God's teachings. If you choose that path, you truly will be weak, fearful, confused, and your life will have no true meaning

Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide and protect you. God loves you.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost...Happy Birthday to our Church.



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. at the Epiphany Parish Center. Attendance by the parents is a pre-requisite to the child's baptism.



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

Visit our webpages at:
www.piercedhearts.org
www.corazones.org



As was announced at all the masses last weekend, this year marks the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of our Pastor, Monsignor Jude O'Doherty. As a Parish we rejoice with him on the occasion of his fifty years of dedication and service to the Lord and to the Church.

Thus, you are all invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. in our Church and to a Reception following immediately afterwards in the Junior High Plaza.

We hope you will join in this celebration to thank Monsignor and show your appreciation for his thirty-five years of service to the people of Epiphany Parish.

*Note: Monsignor has requested **NO GIFTS** please, just your prayers.*



Camilla Hall

After all the Masses this weekend, **May 23-24**, the IHM Sisters of Lourdes and Epiphany will be selling chances to benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home of their retired and infirmed Sisters.

**Tickets are \$1 each or
\$5 for a book of 6 chances.
The first prize is \$5,000.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Be assured of a continued remembrance in the prayers and sufferings of the Sisters.

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **May 24**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Martha Casco Downing 305-598-5103
Hector & Maria Lans 305-965-1461

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



Take a moment to reflect on Mary's total abandonment of self for the greater glory of God. Say in your heart:

*"Thy will, not mine, O Lord
However dark it be
Lead me by Thine own hand
Choose out the path for me."*



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Brian Brodeur; Pat Clarke; Paola Cordoves; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Antonio Gonzalez; Raul Marxuach; Caridad Mora; Joy Pistorino; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth; Paulina Tawil; Cynthia Welbaum; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Pattie Peck; Caridad E. Ruiz.

Memorial Day



Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868,
when flowers were placed at the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers.
On this day we honor all who have died in service of our nation.

Dear Heavenly Father,

*With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day.
We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women
who have died in the service of our nation.*

Dear God,

*please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters,
who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely
to the cause of defending and protecting us all.
Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty,
and grant them eternal rest with You.*

*We remember also our brave men and women
now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.
Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all.
Help them discharge their duties honorably and well.
Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones.
Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.*

*We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus,
Your Son, our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.