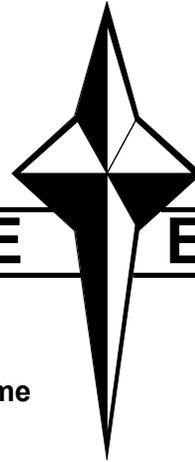


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

August 23, 2015

Twenty-First 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
Father Ireneusz Ekiert, in Residence
Deacon Don Livingstone
Deacon Norman Ruíz-Castañeda
Deacon José Luis Carrión, Jr.
Deacon Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



Pastor's Page



Many people see faith as an approach to life that is inherently dishonest, a kind of deliberate self-deception. According to this idea, faith is a substitute for knowledge. It fills in the blanks of truth with the fictions of belief.

It replaces painful reality with pleasant dreams. But this is not the concept of faith that we find in the New Testament. There, faith is presented, not in opposition to truth, but as a pathway that leads to it. In today's Gospel reading, Peter, speaking for the Twelve, said to Jesus: "*We have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.*"

That is what faith meant to those early disciples. They did not take a deep breath and close their eyes. They did not pretend to believe things that they knew to be false. Faith for them was an adventure in a way of living. They had seen something in Jesus that seemed to be worthy of their trust. They found Him believable and dared to follow Him. And that venture led to the conviction that this man was indeed the Holy One of God. They started with faith, and on the basis of their faith, they made an experiment. The experiment became an experience, and the experience brought forth knowledge.

That process applies to us no less than it did to those first followers of Jesus. Our lives are surrounded by realities that can never be known apart from a venture of faith.

One hundred-fifty years ago in the United States, many people were convinced that the Nation could not survive without slavery. It was the major source of cheap labor. Take away the slaves, and prices would soar out of control. Analysts drew charts and marshalled arguments proving that slavery was essential. Without it, the economy would collapse, and the country would fall into chaos. No one thinks that now. Such arguments seem utterly absurd. We know better. How did we come by the knowledge that this evil system is dispensable? Someone dared to believe it. Others joined in the faith. And finally, the Nation found the courage to try it. Now we know. The faith came first; the knowledge followed.

In every question of human possibility, that is how it works. We do not know first, and then give it a try. We believe first, and on the basis of that belief we give it a try, and then we come to know. A few people, who were considered fools, believed that a heavier-than-air machine could fly. The Wright brothers tried it, and now we know. What faith had suggested, a great venture has confirmed.

Can Jews and Arabs live side by side, as good neighbors? We will never know until they have the faith to try it. Can countries live together in peace without weapons of war and mass destruction? We will never know until we have tried it. Faith is not believing something that we know isn't true. Faith is trying something that we hope is true, because it ought to be. Peter said to Jesus: "*Lord, we have believed...and have come to know.*"

At the beginning of our Gospel reading, Jesus was surrounded by a throng of people. They were drawn to Him by the hope that something great might come from His leadership. On the previous day, He had fed them with five loaves of bread and two small fish. They had seen Him heal the sick and had watched Him confound the Pharisees with His wisdom. Surely these were signs that He was the long-expected leader, who would rout the Romans and restore the throne of David. But that hope was dashed when He began to talk about Himself as "*the bread of life.*" The record says: "*From that time on, many of His disciples broke away and would not remain in His company any longer.*"

They had lost faith in His cause. Obviously, nothing was going to come of it, yet for the few who remained, something did come of it, something called the Church. People are still leaving His cause today, for the same reasons. It is too slow, too idealistic, but it is still here. Empires and kingdoms have come and gone. But the cause of Christ, embodied in His church, keeps marching on. What will become of it? Can sacrificial love really change the world? We will never know, unless we have the faith to try it.



"The essential key for the new evangelization - for practicing Catholics, as well as for slack and lapsed Catholics and for non-Catholics -- is the restoration of sacred music, especially Gregorian chant, to Sunday Mass" said Francis Cardinal Arinze. The Nigerian-born cardinal, said that there is a worldwide hunger, especially among younger Catholics, for the restoration of sacred chant to the Mass. At the same time he delivered a blistering critique of contemporary church music, which he described as "banalizing" and "cheap."

The cardinal said, "The treasure of sacred music is to be preserved and fostered with great care. Choirs must be diligently promoted, especially in cathedral churches, but bishops and other pastors of souls must be at pains to insure that, whenever the sacred action is to be celebrated with song, the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightly theirs...The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: Therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services..."

Outlining the "obstacles and challenges" to an "authentic liturgy," the cardinal zeroed in on contemporary music, observing that "not every piece of music parading as 'sacred music' displays the high potential to evangelize that it should have. Some musical compositions," he added, "are poor in theological content, not firmly noted in tradition, have little or no scriptural overtones, and do not build up the faith of those who sing them or listen to them. Also, as music, some compositions are poor as art. They would not pass the test of a serious musicologist. Some others are downright trite, banal, cheap, lacking in unction, banalizing...True," he continued, "some of the music may be suitable for the parish hall, for the theater, for recreation, for a lakeside picnic. But such music has no place inside a church or within a liturgical celebration."

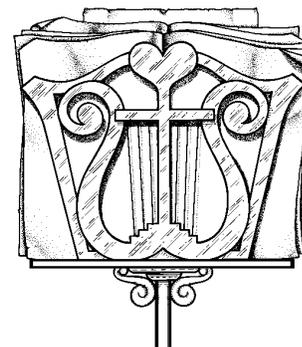
"Great care is needed at Mass for weddings and funerals," he said. "And it is a big mistake to imagine that at a children's Mass a type of leveling down is proper. Young people want to

lift up their hearts. They do not need banalization, desacralization, and a do-it-yourself music concert mentality."

"Choirs need to be given greater attention. We need choirs, not only in cathedral churches but in small village churches and mission stations. Entertainment has its place, but not at Mass. People do not go to Mass to be entertained. When people want entertainment, they know where to go. They don't need a priest for that. We come to Mass to Adore God, to ask pardon for our sins, to ask God for what we need. If we need entertainment, there is a parish hall for that."

"One can say that if liturgical celebrations and music are done as they should be done, if they nourish and express the people's faith, they contribute to the depth of the liturgical celebration and therefore the depth of Christian life among God's people -- then the Church will function more and more as the leaven, the light, the city on the mountaintop. Then the Church will show herself as a divine institution...The Church will be -- and will be seen to be -- an authentic and powerful force for evangelization."

"It is a privilege for us that in our liturgical celebrations and through sacred music we can be evangelized, the faith of the practicing Catholic can be strengthened, the shaky and uncertain faith of a struggling Catholic can be awakened, the lapsed can be brought to tears, and those who say they are religiously indifferent can be shaken from their slumber and attracted to come again to the Mass."



*Sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs
with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16*



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Aug. 22	5:30 p.m.	+ Maureen & Don Parker + Isabel & Emilio Monte + Hugo E. Rams	Family Jorge & Alina Pastoriza Family	
Sunday Aug. 23	8:00 a.m.	Sick & Disabled + Victor Tutan	Welbaum Family	Jos 24:1-2a,15-17, 18b
	9:30 a.m.	+ Edward Northland + Avonell Mullins	Miriam Northland Luis & Susana Yllanes	Ps 34:2-3,16-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Maria & Benigno Alvarez + Mario A. B. Diez-Lam	Aleida Gutierrez Lam Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Gladys Borges + Mari Gutierrez Castano	Gomez Family Carlota Sanz	
Monday Aug. 24	6:30 a.m.	+ Eladio Almeida + Luis Enrique Corchuelo	Pistorino Family Family	Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13,17-18
	8:00 a.m.	+ Carmelina Gonzalez Garcia Maria Becerra	Family Family	Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday Aug. 25	6:30 a.m.	Maria Elizabette Pistorino Special Intention	Pistorino Family	1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3,4-6 Mt 23:23-26
	8:00 a.m.	+ Candido Gonzalez + Alfredo Bared + Wlodzimierz Grocholski	Perez-Siam Family Bared-Bravo Family Family	
Wednesday Aug. 26	6:30 a.m.	+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr. + Blanca Cruza Flor	Family Moises & Ana Hernandez	1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b
	8:00 a.m.	+ Eduardo Teurbe-Tolon Roland & Haydee Wedding Anniversary	Tolon-Gallinal Family Children	Mt 23:27-32
Thursday Aug. 27	6:30 a.m.	+ America Bello Tara Campbell	Pistorino Family Alicia Aixala	1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14,17
	8:00 a.m.	+ Ana Margot Gallinal Dominguez + Julian Garcia	Gallinal Family Robayna Family	Mt 24:42-51
Friday Aug. 28	6:30 a.m.	Agustin Almeida Special Intention	Pistorino Family Harold Zabsky	1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2b,5-6, 10-12
	8:00 a.m.	+ Maxine Voss + Clemente Vazquez-Bello	Family Family	Mt 25:1-13
Saturday Aug. 29	8:00 a.m.	+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr. + Leoncio Urueta	Raul Moas Family Sacher Family	1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mk 6:17-29
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Gloria Gros + John Dyer + Lily Pappalardo	Beatriz Suero Family Roberto & Katy De Leo	
Sunday Aug. 30	8:00 a.m.	+ Ivette Borgos + Rafael Avila	Eleanor M. Stritter Tejera-Avila Family	Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5
	9:30 a.m.	+ Elio Secada Tubino + Rosa Lopez + Alvaro Luis Castillo	Secada Family Ruiz Family Leon & Ana Maria Avila	Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Juan C. Hernandez Hamel + Eduardo Rams	Scarlett Hamel-Roman Rams Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Francisco R. Ferran + Josefina, Carlota & Maria Ansola	Jorge Larrieu & Family Carlota Sanz	



Mass Schedules

August 29/30	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jane Marie Rusell Sarita Baigorri	A. Gomez T. Lamas A. Lowell A. Moas	Coordinator: (Luis Siman) Shari Ferrer Carl Lowell Mirza Collazo Rolando Montoya Marivi Montoya Beatriz Lowell Al Collazo
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	John Steinbauer Montserrat Morrison	A. Pagliery C. Pujol	Coordinator: (Andres Aguirre) Amanda Rodriguez Maria Eisenhart Chuck Broyard Paul Eisenhart Andres Aguirre
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Monica Johnson Gaby Lopez	W. Gregory S. Hernandez J. Herrholz E. Jimenez	Coordinator: (Lucy Moas) Lucy Moas Pedro Toro Al Gonzalez Rosendo Castillo Rick Gonzalez Raphael Bastian Lourdes Gonzalez
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Ramon Garcia Gloria De la Osa	J. Reyes M. Reyes C. Rodriguez L. Roque	Coordinator: (Ben Villalba) Louise Villalba Ben Villalba Al Salas Gonzalo Santana Leticia Santana Maria Cristina Sousa Marisa Salas
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Jorge Torres Marcela Torres	E. Torres M. Torres	Coordinator: (Mary Gonzalez) Mary Gonzalez Humberto Gonzalez Ana Oyarzun Raul Rosell Titi Rosell Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda Ramon Oyarzun
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Emily Loos Julio Ramirez	N. Ordonez M. Puig S. Ramirez J. Real	Coordinator: (Georgina Angones) Georgina Angones Frank Angones Diana Yidi Mari Campo Elen Castellanos Javier Ruiz William Yidi



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Stewardship Corner

A PRAYER AND A SMILE

Life can be complicated. There are so many things we just can't control. In our daily life come unexpected losses, illnesses, financial worries, job problems, family issues, as well as a host of other events that affect our daily existence.

There is no doubt that in our lives, we will all face life-altering events and everyday changes. But with our minds and hearts set in the right direction, we can face up to things that are beyond our control.

Sometimes we get the idea that God is only interested in our spiritual life. Not so! Invite God into your challenges, burdens, feelings, and you will be comforted. Trying to face the challenging times alone can often get us nowhere. Make prayer part of your daily life. Take time to thank God for the blessings you have received and pour out your heart when life gets messy.

Here are some tips when things get complicated:

- Pray... Ask God for strength and for solutions.
- Surrender... Realize there are circumstances in life over which we have no control. That mindset will lead to a feeling of peace, instead of frustration.
- Think positively... Call to mind people and places that encourage good and hope-filled thoughts and feelings as a way to dispel the gloom and doom stress carries into our lives.
- Open your mind... Explore positive alternatives to the stress inducing situation at hand. Put aside fears.

As stewards of the Lord, let's pray for one another that we will be able to accept whatever comes our way...and remember when everything seems to be falling apart, the solution is sometimes just a prayer and a smile.

A Catechist

- ❖ Forms and instructs children and youth in the faith
- ❖ Relates to children and youth
- ❖ Is open to growth and change
- ❖ Shares his/her own faith and experience
- ❖ Plants the seed
- ❖ Spreads the Word
- ❖ Is the voice of Jesus in the ears of our children!

Listen! You might be called!

Opportunities to minister as a Catechist are available:

Sunday Preschool:

9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Grades 1-5:

Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 and up:

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested, call the Religious Education Office during school hours at 305-665-0037 for an interview.

Registration for Religious Education (CCD)

The time to register your children for Religious Education classes is approaching.

- ❖ Registration for **NEW** families will be on **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.
- ❖ Registration for **returning** families will be on **Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

Mark your calendars!
Give priority to your child's faith formation.

Religious Education sessions begin on Wednesday, September 9.

Grades 1-5 meet every Wednesday, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12 meet every Wednesday, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions call 305-665-0037 weekdays, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

**Beginning Tuesday, September 8
at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center**

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ.

Epiphany will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Mirta Robelo at 786-925-0970 or Rosalie Charur at 305-495-5657.



The Sunday Preschool and The Holy Family Center

The Sunday Preschool and the Holy Family Center are **re-opening on Sunday, August 30 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.

Pre-K 3:
(children who have turned 3 before August 1)

Pre-K 4:
(children who have turned 4 before August 1)

Kindergarten:
(children who have turned 5 before August 1)

First graders: go to Mass with their parents.

There is no need to register!



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held on **Saturday, September 19**. 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.

Church of the Epiphany Website

We invite you to visit the website of the Church of the Epiphany and become familiar with the many activities of our parish community.

epiphanycatholicchurch.com

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **August 23**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Monica Perez	305-665-7627
Ana Fraggiu	305-665-3101

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Michael Henry Carney; Nancy Castillo; Pat Clarke; Ursula Eversbusch; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Dario Jaramillo; Ellen Middleton; Caridad Mora; Joy Pistorino; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth; Paulina Tawil; Earl Welbaum; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Alvaro Luis Castillo; Olga W. DuQuesne; Maria Teresa Golstein; Silvio Martinez-Huet; Puchy Rojo.

You Can Make Something Happy Out of Everything That Happens in Life

*Life can make choices for us.
Sometimes these choices
seem unhappy or unfair,
but in the end we control
our own destiny because we can decide
how people and events affect us.*

*So much of our happiness lies within
the choices that we make.
We can accept that life
isn't the way we want it to be,
or we can change it so that it will be.*

*We can walk through the shadows,
or we can choose to smile
and seek out the sunlight.
We can create grand dreams
that never leave the ground,
or we can be builders
of dreams that come true.*

*We can look at only
the negative aspects of ourselves,
or we can lift ourselves up
by being our own best friend.
We can live in the past
or dream about the future,
or we can live for today.*

*We can give up when the road
becomes difficult,
or we can keep going
until the view is much better.
The choices in life are endless,
and so is the potential for happiness.*