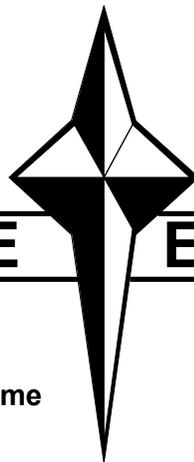


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

October 11, 2015

Twenty-Eighth 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

Jesus seems to go out of His way in today's Gospel to give wealth a bad name. He astounds His disciples by commenting, *"how hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God."*

Not that the disciples would have been tested in that regard. They were not rich; indeed, in their thinking, it was the poor who would have a difficult time squeezing through that needle's eye. Wealth was seen as a blessing from God, a sign of divine approval. Wealth gave rich people the opportunity and leisure to cultivate a relationship with God, whereas the poor were often forced to cut corners religiously and make compromises.

Today's Gospel is talking about literal wealth and literal poverty. That was very real money that Jesus urged the rich man to give away. And it would have been a very real poverty that ensued if he had taken Jesus up on His invitation. But he walked away.

He probably did not even hear Jesus' comment to the disciples about the burden that wealth brought to a pursuit of the Kingdom. *"How hard is it to enter the kingdom of God? It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."* But it was not just this literal wealth that held him enslaved. He was also shackled by the spirit of wealth. That spirit was his most dangerous possession.

Therefore, the wealth and poverty of this Gospel passage are more than literal. There are certain *"riches"* that can burden any of us, no matter how much money we have or do not have. For instance, it is a tainted wealth to be completely satisfied with oneself, so satisfied that we apparently need nothing more from other people or from God. That kind of wealth is, indeed, the root of evil.

Elsewhere in the gospels, Jesus says, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs."* He makes the same point today, expanding on it to get His lesson across. If there is a spirit of wealth that can hold us back,

there is also a spirit of poverty that can propel us forward to the Kingdom. We must live in that spirit of poverty, no matter how much money we have or do not have.

This poverty is not an ideal, a goal toward which we strive, an end we will reach one day. This kind of poverty is actually the beginning; its spirit makes everything else possible. If we are not poor in this way, we cannot even believe because faith has always been a call to poverty. It invites us to recognize the truth behind the petition in the Lord's Prayer, *"Give us this day our daily bread."*

We must really mean that prayer because it is absolutely true. The poor person knows that it is no disaster to be dependent upon God. This poverty is not the lack of something; it creates only one need, our dependence upon God. The spirit of wealth can make us slaves to many masters. The spirit of poverty frees us to love the one God. It is not detachment from, so much as it is attachment to. This poverty is the ultimate wealth because it brings everything with it. We all should be so poor!

The rich young man received a personal call from Christ to follow Him. His response was *"No."* The cost was too high for this good man. When the personal call of Christ comes to us in the circumstances of our daily lives, may we have the faith, the vision and the generosity to respond positively. When we have a spirit of poverty, we are really wealthy because we are detached and in charge of our material possessions.





Couples living together before marriage is becoming more common in our modern society. The response of parish leaders to this growing phenomenon requires respect and patient understanding for such couples. At the same time, faithfulness to the sacred values and ideals of Christian marriage and family is also needed. These trial marriages present a serious pastoral concern to clergy and all those responsible for passing on Catholic teaching and traditions to couples seeking to enter the life long commitment to Christian marriage.

Today, living together often delays or even substitutes for marriage. When asked why they choose to live together rather than choose marriage most couples respond with something like *"in today's society with so much divorce, it only makes sense to really get to know each other more fully; so we can be sure about whether or not it is wise to get married in the future."*

Yet, the hard reality is that several studies made since the mid 1980's have come to the conclusion that it is couples who have NOT lived together who, in fact, have better marriage adjustment scores one year after their marriage than did those who lived together before they married. Another study shows that those who lived together before they married scored lower in the *"perceived quality of marital communication and marital satisfaction"* than those who did not live together prior to their marriage. Still another study shows that the divorce rate is about thirty eight percent higher among couples who live together prior to their marriage than for those who have not lived together prior to marriage.

It is understandable that couples considering marriage are cautious because they have seen far too many divorces; often their own parents are divorced. Their decision to live together can well be seen as a sensible effort to avoid the failures of too many couples who have gone before them.

This understanding helps us to put a finger on the problem. The couple who opts to live together as a way of testing the relationship

is – by the very fact of living together – leaving a back door open. The very definition of living together is that there is an agreement that either person has a right to leave the relationship at any point. Living together is an attempt to live an intimate relationship with an agreement that either person can leave the relationship at any point, for any reason. This is why many of these relationships seem to work very well. For some it seems better than a marriage in which one or both of the spouses has lost interest in working at the relationship.

But the fact is that Christian marriage is about commitment. This means sticking with one another and sticking with the relationship, through not only the easy and happy times but also through the hard and sometimes most unhappy times. Commitment only begins when a person chooses to close all the doors and freely chooses to stay with the other person and the relationship in a never-ending way. This freely chosen permanency is a critical element of Christian marriage because only such a stable environment has proven best for raising children. Christian marital commitment means freely choosing to love another person – and eventually one's children – in the way that God chooses to love us... forever... without end... no conditions. Unfortunately, there is no way to tip toe into this kind of reality. Commitment can never be safe or without risk. Like an electrical connection it is either on or off, there is no middle ground. One is either committed fully, or one is not really committed. And that is the heart of the matter. No amount of living together will ever prove one's ability to be committed to another person.

At its best, living together proves that I am staying with you even though I could leave. But the only way to say I am going to stick with you and with this relationship for lifetime is to stand before ones family and friends and the larger Christian community and profess the vows of Christian marriage – to promise to love and to be faithful in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health – until death. This is commitment. There is no substitute and no halfway place.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	+ Maureen & Don Parker + Melissa Rodriguez	Family Family	
Sunday Oct. 11	8:00 a.m.	+ Brendan Tiernan Sick & Disabled	Family Harold Zabsky	Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17
	9:30 a.m.	+ Maria Flores & Francisca Lucero + Howard Hirschhorhn	Grandchildren Hirschhorhn Family	Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Lilia Sarmiento de Diaz + John Rivera + Vidal Tomasino	Waddell Family Family Tomasino Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Michael Scirocco + Maria & Manuel Maza	Sheryl DiCarlo Family Family	
Monday Oct. 12	6:30 a.m.	+ Aurora Lamela + Gutierrez-De La Torre Family Members	Lamela Family Family	Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde,2-4 Lk 11:29-32
	8:00 a.m.	Andres Yidi + Ruth Guilday	Yidi Family Bunny Bastian	
Tuesday Oct. 13	6:30 a.m.	+ Juan & Gloria Balerdi Rodolfo Milani & Family	Perez-Siam Family Pistorino Family	Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5
	8:00 a.m.	+ Guillermo Miranda Irma Diaz	Family Marianela Perez	Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday Oct. 14	6:30 a.m.	+ Daniel Perez Dominguez + Eduardo Arango Sister Margaret Fagan	Pasken Family Family Penin Family	Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9 Lk 11:42-46
	8:00 a.m.	Miguel Machado + Pedro Gonzalez	Marianela Perez Marianela Perez	
Thursday Oct. 15	6:30 a.m.	+ Miryam Barandiaran Special Intention	Sanchez-Villalba Family	Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b
	8:00 a.m.	Miguel Machado + Pedro Gonzalez	Marianela Perez Marianela Perez	Lk 11:47-54
Friday Oct. 16	6:30 a.m.	Nikolas Aixala Special Intention	Alicia Aixala	Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2,5,11
	8:00 a.m.	Isabella Yidi + Dorothy Myrtetus	Yidi Family J. Higgins	Lk 12:1-7
Saturday Oct. 17	8:00 a.m.	+ Jim Blaine Deacon Don Livingston & Family	Reardon Family Pistorino Family	Rom 4:13,16-18 Ps 105:6-9,42-43 Lk 12:8-12
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Carlos S. Penin + Blanca Sarquis + Edward F. Pleffner	Gomez Family Family Doug Sawyer	
Sunday Oct. 18	8:00 a.m.	Alicia Aixala Alex Aixala	Pistorino Family Alicia Aixala	Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5,18-20, 22
	9:30 a.m.	+ Maricusa Hecharte + Deyanira McLaughlin + Josefina Casamayor	Annie Hernandez Family Casamayor Family	Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany + Decimo & Leonor Balli + Luigi & Maria Verme	Family Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Victor M. Perez + Helen Lefevre + Edward Glinski	Fernandez Family Family Ana Viamonte Ros	



Mass Schedules

October 17/18	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Sarita Baigorri Jane Marie Russell	K. Molina B. O'Flaherty A. Pena A. F. Pena M. Peredo K. Perez J. Reis W. Reis	Coordinator: (Luis Siman) Gloria Gonzalez Luis Gonzalez Luis Siman Natalia Cacicedo Ray Cacicedo Shari Ferrer Beatriz Lowell
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Kellie Montoya Henry Pujol	A. Martinez N. Milton	Coordinator: (Maria Eisenhart) Maria Eisenhart Paul Eisenhart Chuck Broyard Tom Beier Frank Acosta
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Monica Johnson Mike Herold	A. Quevedo A. Rodriguez P. Silva N. Vizcaino	Coordinator: (Maria Juncadella) Maria Juncadella Charbel Heshema Eileen Fernandez-Silva Monica Perez Alfie Perez Pedro Toro Jorge Fernandez-Silva
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Manuel Lasaga Vivian Lasaga	A. P. Garcia H. Gonzalez K. Gonzalez A. Hoynack A. A. Martinez J. Medina C. Miles G. Okunski	Coordinator: (Ben Villalba) Louise Villalba John W. M. Cooper Manolo Dominguez Tere Larrieu Manolo Larrieu Ana Maria Hernandez Maite Dominguez Ben Villalba
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Massieu	Jorge Torres Marcela Torres	C. Mirabal S. Sueiras	Coordinator: (Tere Molins) Tere Molins Raul Rosell Marta Rosales Pamela Ugarte Enrique Ugarte Titi Rosell Adolfo Rosales
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Cecilia Altonaga Maria Iparraguirre	C. Salas A. Toledo A. Torres I. Tundidor A. Yaniz J. Yaniz C. Zurfluh L. Alvarez	Coordinator: (Amanda Patino) Amanda Patino Jeannette Iglesias Camilo Lopez Ana Maria Perez Javier Ruiz Rene Iglesias Gladys Patino



Stewardship Corner

“HEY, MOM, DAD...YOU'RE A SAINT”

They would only laugh if you called them a saint! All of us have known very holy people...our grandparents, parents, relatives, friends, priests and nuns. They were not only saintly, but they worked hard and were always there in helping others. I'm sure each one of us could mention many saintly people.

We truly believe that those who have died loving and serving God are at peace with God in Heaven. Still, the death of someone we love is never easy to accept. It's true that as time passes, our grief softens. But it never goes away. We will always continue to miss and love them. Many years ago I attended a 50th Wedding Anniversary, and when I was congratulating “Big Daddy” as we called him, he said to me, “Oh, wouldn't it have been nice if Joey was here.” Joey, his son, died at age seven from cancer.

Our faith teaches us that when you arrive in Heaven, you will see the face of God, and you will be filled with such happiness that no earthly joy could ever match or ever come close. Spiritual writers in describing our heavenly happiness include being united with our loved ones. That's why I am sure that “Big Daddy” will one day see Joey in heaven. What a wonderful and blessed day in Heaven for all of us to be united with our loved ones.

Even though many of our loved ones are with God in Heaven, we still miss them. We remember their good deeds, and have so many wonderful memories. How can we continue to remember our loves ones? You can pray for them, visit their graves, if possible, visit Our Lord by making a visit to Church, and by remembering them in a special way in having a Mass said for their intentions.

In a few weeks, on November 2, we will celebrate All Souls Day. Why not remember all your loved ones in a special way?

However, you can still call Mom and Dad a saint...Then, run!

Plan for Tomorrow

*Tomorrow is a special day...
Because it is unspent...
And so it offers all its time...
For us to be content...
It has not even made a start...
And therefore it is free...
For us to use in any way...
To keep us company...
We may devote its hours to...
A very worthy cause...
Or figure every minute as...
Another chance to pause...
In any case we ought to stop...
And think of it today...
And try to measure out our work...
With time enough for play...
We ought to make a schedule for...
Our labor and our rest...
So every second will be one...
In which we do our best.*



*Blessed are those
who are too busy to worry in the daytime
and too tired to worry at night.*



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!



Epiphany Men's Emmaus
presents
"Hearts on Fire"

A half day of faith sharing, brotherhood and community for all those men that have done the Emmaus Retreat.

Saturday, October 24
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Beginning with 8:00 a.m. Mass and continuing in the Parish Center.

Please contact Rudy Villanueva at
rvilla818@aol.com
or at 786-606-5880

Bible Study with Fr. Ireneusz

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

"Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ"
St. Jerome

Imagine how your life could change if you had a profound encounter with God in Scripture, and began relating to him in a personal way. The Bible is at the heart of everything we do and believe as Catholics. A good Bible study can renew parish life, and enrich our faith.

Fr. Ireneusz invites you to take a journey through the entire Bible and deep into each period of salvation history, where you will discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture.

The study will consist of **three sets of six-week sessions** that will take place on **Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at the Parish Center. There is still time to join the Bible study.

- 1st Set: October 15, 22, 29. November 5, 12.
- 2nd Set: January 14, 21, 28. February 4, 11, 18. March 3.
- 3rd Set: April 7, 14, 21, 28. May 5, 12.



WindSync

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

"Innovative and unconventional" these "revolutionary chamber musicians" receive top accolades from the press. Winners of the Concert Artists Guild Competition, they tour extensively across the USA, Europe and Asia.

Concerts are about one hour in duration.
Admittance is by free-will donation.

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **October 11**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Ramon Garcia	305-662-9675
Pedro & Bernie Marrero	305-251-8466

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Rocio Arroyave; Pat Clarke; Ann Felix; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Kurt Greller; Mary Lynn Greller; Ivan Kivitt; Ellen Middleton; Caridad Mora; Joy Pistorino; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth; Hilda Su; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Carlos Manuel De Cespedes; Henry Fernandez-Silva; Rita Martin; Maria de la Concepcion Smith Garcia.

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has shown himself to be a great teacher with the heart of a missionary. Like Jesus, he teaches by word and example, keeping the poor, the troubled and the vulnerable in clear view at all times. In that spirit I write to you today. Our Catholic Church, at every level and by its very nature, is missionary. Its origin is in the very mission of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit. It is in Christ alone that "salvation is offered to all people, as a gift of God's grace and mercy" (see Ephesians 2:8; Romans 1:16).

In every nation, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 10-11. This essential observance is an experience in learning for us all. It is a time for us to be inspired by the heroes of our Church who serve God's beloved children in places of poverty, injustice, even outright persecution. The priests, religious, and lay missionary groups make it possible for the most needy to encounter Christ, the Sacraments, and the living Word of God, and thereby to live in hope of heaven.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's chief missionary arm, providing resources for more than 1,150 mission dioceses the world over. No work of the Church is more central to her reason for being. So, I am asking that every parish and all the Faithful experience the fullness of World Mission Sunday. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith oversees the worldwide celebration of this most important day, representing and acting in the name of the Pope himself. In his address in advance of World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis summarizes well the direction on which we must stay: *"The Church – I repeat again – is not a relief organization, an enterprise or an NGO, but a community of people, animated by the Holy Spirit, who have lived and are living the wonder of the encounter with Jesus Christ and want to share this experience of deep joy, the message of salvation that the Lord gave us. It is the Holy Spirit that guides the Church in this path."*

At a time when the needs in the Missions have grown substantially, and the urgency of the cry of the poor is all the more pronounced, I ask you for the gift of your generosity. With the mutual efforts of our clergy and faithful, every parish in this local Church should embrace a true concern to do the very best for those most in need.

Let us pray that this year World Mission Sunday will touch each of us deeply, and that we will be united in providing true assistance where it is needed most, for the sake of Christ. I thank you in advance for your serious and generous response to the needs of others. In the end, the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instruct us: "It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones" (CCC, 2443).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

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