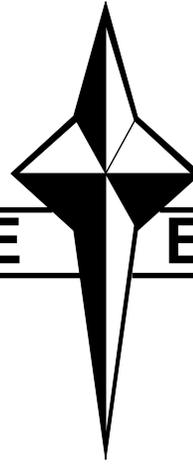


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



February 7, 2016

Fifth 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



Our Gospel reading tells of a day when Peter found himself disturbed by the very presence of Jesus. In fact, he was so deeply disturbed that he said, "*Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.*"

That experience is not peculiar to Simon Peter. When any sincere individual gains a clear conception of Christ and begins to compare himself therewith, there will come an inevitable pang of conscience. If we take Him seriously, we will not be able to look upon Him with just an easy, casual admiration. We will find, as Peter found, that He is the most disturbing personality we will ever face.

Start, for example, with His teachings. It is difficult to find anyone who does not admire Jesus at this point. Reference to the Sermon on the Mount can bring approval in almost any group. Who could help but admire the message? It is, without question, the loftiest ethical message that the world has ever heard and therein lies the problem. To read it is like standing on the valley floor and gazing at the summit of Mount Everest, twenty-nine thousand feet up. We are here; it is there; and the distance that separates us seems virtually insurmountable. Something drastic, almost miraculous would have to happen before the transcendent peaks of the mountain could ever be ours.

Look at our world and at ourselves in comparison with the ethical precepts of Jesus. He said, "*Love your enemies.*" We barely know what it means to love our friends. He said, "*Do good to those that hate you.*" We're not ever sure we believe that. Why should I do something nice for someone who hates me? He doesn't deserve it, and besides that, I run the risk of looking like a fool for having done it. He said, "*If a man compels you to go with him one mile, go with him two.*" Our position is meeting the minimum requirement and stopping there. Whatever the minimum wage is, I will pay my employees that and not one penny more. If my contract calls for eight hours of work, I will work eight hours and not one minute more.

When will we ever catch the concept of the second mile? The contrast between how we live and what Jesus taught is very disturbing. If we have never felt that, then, we have never taken Him very seriously.

The same is true when we think of Jesus as an example to be followed. When one takes Jesus seriously, His teachings, His example, His spirit, He can be the most forbidding figure imaginable. This is what Simon Peter was feeling, a virtual sense of despair, when he looked at his own life in honest comparison with the life of Christ. But the New Testament does not leave him with that. Follow the story all the way through, and you will find him rising above his sense of shame to face life with confidence and courage.

The change came when Peter thought past Jesus as a teacher and example, and began to see Him as Saviour too. What an immense difference that makes. If Jesus is only our ideal, that can be terribly discouraging. But if He is our Saviour as well, then, the doors of hope begin to open.

Who does not feel a need for that today? Most of us already have higher ideals than we can reach. To tell us merely to admire Jesus as the great ideal does not help the situation. He is so far beyond us that the temptation is to give up and say, "*Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.*" What we need is a Saviour. If Christ is that, if He, not only points us in the right direction, but walks with us in the way; if He, not only diagnoses our diseases, but serves as our Great Physician as well, there is hope. And this is the great message of the New Testament. Jesus, the Master Teacher, Jesus, the perfect example of everything people ought to be, is beyond everything else, Jesus, the Saviour of sinners.

The Angel declared it at His birth, "*You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.*" If we ever decide to take Him in earnest, we will have to go beyond His teaching and example, and face Him seriously as the One who saves us from our sin.



If Lent is to mean anything in our lives, it has to be a season of renewal. The word itself means "*springtime*." So above everything else, it's a time for new life, for fresh beginnings and growth. The idea is that we die with Christ, like the seed in the ground, and rise with Him to more abundant life! We die to sin and rise to integrity. We die to selfishness and rise to generosity - especially towards the poor. We prune ourselves through penance, growing thereby into stronger, more healthy Christians. "*If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, take up this cross and follow me*" (Mt 16:24). And we put ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a sign of that death to the selfish self that we are prepared to undergo.

So, Lent is a challenging time, a seasonal reminder of the intrinsically challenging nature of the Christian life. Lent is a time when we make a fresh start, when we try again, a little bit more earnestly, with sincerity and honesty, to live up to the responsibilities and challenges of our Christian lives.

And what does all that involve? What are these challenges and responsibilities? Easy to touch on, too substantive to develop. Things like conscientiousness in our work, honesty in our dealings, dependability in our assurances, truthfulness in our assertions, humility in our judgments, purity in our life-style, generosity in our giving. Lent is Christianity dug deep. Lent is Christian earth newly broken. Lent is blowing hard on dead embers. Lent is shaking awake sleepy hypocrisies. Lent is taking on again, with commitment and vigor, the imitation of Christ; Lent is Christ made real.

Sometimes, in my experience, a distance can develop between myself and somebody else. The somebody else can be a friend or a

relative. The distance has its origin in lack of contact. Because I'm otherwise busy or burdened or preoccupied I don't make the extra effort needed to keep in touch. Time passes, apartness becomes a pattern. I know I should be seeing the person; I sense his or her disappointment, even resentment, and experience my own guilt. The longer it goes on, the more difficult it is to close the gap, to make the contact. Distance in itself becomes an obstacle. But when contact is eventually made, when communication is restored, there's regret that it didn't happen sooner. There's the experience of renewal, of life shared, of a relationship worth sustaining from now on.

The distance that develops between ourselves and somebody else can so easily happen with Our Lord. He's there in our lives already but too much in the background. It's a distance He feels and that He wants us to close: "*Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened*" (Mt 11:28). "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often have I longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you refused*" (Mt 23:37). Because He hates the distance between us and because He is Our Lord, it is imperative that we be close to Him because we need His love, His truth, His guidance, His salvation, His meaning.

Somebody said that Christianity is not so much a religion as a relationship. The relationship has to be there. In his book *The Eternal Year*, Karl Rahner says that, for modern people, Lent begins long before Ash Wednesday and goes on long after Easter Sunday. Lent is not so much a season as a condition. A condition in which modern people suffer - because God seems far away. Distance again. So let's try during this Lenten season to narrow the distance if only a little - to inch closer to Christ in our thought, our prayer and our love. I said earlier that Lent is Christ made real. I say to you now with even greater emphasis that Lent is Christ made near. Think about it. If each of us can draw closer to Him during the coming weeks, Lent will have been a real springtime in our lives.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Feb. 6	5:30 p.m.	+ Claudy Kubicki + Guillermo R. Gonzalez	Family Myriam Grad	
Sunday Feb. 7	8:00 a.m.	+ Alirio Abreu Burelli + Enrique Sanchez Risso	Andreina Zambrano Andreina Zambrano	Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8
	9:30 a.m.	+ Sante De Leo + Betty Marlane	Gina De Leo Friend	1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Mari Gutierrez + Pedro Sicilia	Family Adela Siman & Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Vivian Eijaiek + Esther de Fernandez	Yidi Family Fernandez Family	
Monday Feb. 8	6:30 a.m.	+ Aurora Lamela + Eleanor Juza + Conchita Garcia Montes	Lamela Family Barbara Juza Daughter	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-7,8-10 Mk 6:53-56
	8:00 a.m.	+ Pedro Sicilia + Barry Hanna	Norman & Gerda Salas Jackie Espinosa & Family	
Tuesday Feb. 9	6:30 a.m.	+ Alejo Manuel Hernandez Ramon G. Iglesias Matthew James Pistorino	Pistorino Family Ruiz Family Pistorino Family	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 84:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13
	8:00 a.m.	+ Dorothy A. Sacher + Menendez Family Members	Sacher Family Aguilera Family	
Wednesday Feb. 10	6:30 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners		Jl 2:12-18
	8:00 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners		Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17
	9:30 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners		2 Cor 5:20-6:2
	4:00 p.m.	Conversion of Sinners		Mt 6:1-6,16-18
	7:30 p.m.	Conversion of Sinners		
Thursday Feb. 11	6:30 a.m.	+ Ana H. Calderon + Edward, Brendan & Harry Tiernan	De Vivero Family Family	Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6
	8:00 a.m.	+ Aguilera Family Members + Mary Newsome	Aguilera Family George & Maria Shahin	Lk 9:22-25
Friday Feb. 12	6:30 a.m.	Ali Aixala Price + Alberto Garcia Tunon	Alicia Aixala Sylvia Mendez-Capote	Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b,18-19
	8:00 a.m.	+ Graziella Bacardi + Hortensia Suarez	Arroyave Family Maria Theresa Lage	Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Feb. 13	8:00 a.m.	+ Georgina Pelegrin + Carlos & Socorro Perez	Children De Vivero Family	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Guillermo Miranda In Thanksgiving- Coco Gomez	Family Family	
Sunday Feb. 14	8:00 a.m.	+ Edward Northland + Luis Alfonso Amador	Miriam Northland De Vivero Family	Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15
	9:30 a.m.	Bernardo Tahan Enrique Dubuc	Andreina Zambrano Andreina Zambrano	Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Nicolas Gutierrez + Delfin Molins	Aleida Gutierrez Tere Molins	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Beatriz Caviedes + Francisco Torres de Navarra	Yidi Family Rosa Maria Torres de Navarra	



Mass Schedules

February 13/14	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Betty Cosculluela Emily Loos	D. Villacampa G. Villacampa A. Aguirre A. Blanco P. Cahill C. Christiansen G. Etten A. Gomez	Coordinator: (Cristina Pasken) Cristina Pasken Rolando Montoya Mirza Collazo Ana Maria Perez Phil Prellezo Marivi Montoya Al Collazo
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	John Steinbauer Lourdes Boue	A. Buonocore A. Glz-Del Valle	Coordinator: (Frank Acosta) Amanda Rodriguez Frank Acosta Tom Beier Chuck Broyard Juan Farach
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Mike Herold Pat Parker	H. Boink R. Bumanglag Jn. Cacioppo V. M. Diaz	Coordinator: (Lucy Moas) Lucy Moas Nydia Gonzalez Lourdes Gonzalez Monica Perez Alfie Perez Charbel Heshema Al Gonzalez
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Gloria De la Osa Jorge Gonzalez	S. Ferrer N. Figueredo F. Fuertes L. Gallo A. P. Garcia H. Gonzalez K. Gonzalez A. Hoynack	Coordinator: (E. Del Valle) Janet Armstrong Cesar Armstrong Lourdes Cooper Pam Bunge Alfred Bunge Eduardo Del Valle John Cooper John W. M. Cooper
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Masseiu	Bernd Von Reitzenstein Susana Arguto	A. Cardenal M. Cedeno	Coordinator: (C. V. Reitzenstein) Carmen Von Reitzenstein Bernd Von Reitzenstein Jose Martinez-Ejalde Ana Oyarzun Ramon Oyarzun Aleida Gutierrez Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Bob Dickinson Cecilia Altonaga	A. Diaz-Silveira A. M. Diaz-Silveira A. Escobar M. Guisasola M. Herrero C. Levy E. Martinez S. Mas	Coordinator: (Georgina Angones) Georgina Angones Frank Angones Rosa Maria Portuondo Camilo Lopez Gladys Patino Debbie Hasty Ignacio Portuondo



Stewardship Corner

OH MY...IT'S LENT

What happened to Christmas? Time does not only whiz by in our lives, it also goes by in the seasons of the Church. The word seasons in the church actually mean that we celebrate the different stages in the life of Jesus Christ... His birth, His death, His resurrection, and His establishment of the Church...in other words, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and the season of Lent begins. The wearing of the ashes goes back many centuries and is a special day in the life of the Church. The marking of ashes on your forehead and the words, "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel" remind us of our mortality; and equally important, remember that you are a child of God, and your life on earth is just a preparation for an eternity in Heaven with God.

What should we do during Lent? Pray, share and remember.

PRAY...we should prepare our souls by prayer to repent of our sins which caused Christ's suffering and brought pain to others. Pray to our Lord to help you always should you fall by the way. The greatest prayer we have is the Mass. Try to attend daily Mass.

SHARE...sharing your time, talent and treasure with others shows, not only your love for those in need, but also shows your love of God.

REMEMBER...during Lent, remember your loved ones who are now with God and pray for the souls in Purgatory. They need your prayerful help, and be assured when they reach Heaven, they will remember you.

Oh my...It's Lent. But it is a great season for God's grace to enter your soul, and also a time to rid the soul of weeds, should they be there. Let us all have a prayerful Lent. Oh my!

Women's Emmaus Retreat

We invite you to walk with Jesus, and allow Him to comfort you and love you. Join us at the **2016 Women's Emmaus Retreat on March 4, 5 and 6** (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). For more information, please call Cristi Vonder Haar at 786-979-9150 or Marcela Reardon at 786-208-2364.

Guidelines for Abstaining & Fasting

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

**Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
in the Parish Center**

God is calling you to a deeper relationship with Him.

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is His Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

For more information, please call Mirta Robelo at 786-925-0970 or Rosalie Charur at 305-495-5657.



Epiphany School Feelin' Groovy Book Fair

Please stop by the Epiphany School Feelin' Groovy Book Fair this week in the Library Media Center and support our school. It will be open **Monday through Friday, February 22-26 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Far Out Family Day

Wednesday, February 24...

with a bake sale, 60's karaoke, snow cone truck, nail/face painting, make a pet rock, tie dye shirts, raffle and more!

There will be books for all; interests and age levels. There will be gift certificates available to give to your child's teacher or to the Library Media Center. Stop by and support literacy and Epiphany school!

Anointing of the Sick

Thursday, February 11 at 12 noon

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available to all those of advanced age, those who are weak and those suffering from physical or emotional illnesses.

Miami Council of the Knights of Columbus Lakeside Picnic

Saturday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m.
at Tropical Park

The Miami Council of the Knights of Columbus is hosting their Friends and Family Lakeside Picnic at Tropical Park on Saturday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m. (\$10 per person; 16 and under, free). Contact Otto Palucci at 305-478-9193 or at otto@sitcorporation.com for a flyer and to reserve your spot. At the picnic we will also be collecting the following items for Camillus House:

- ◆ **new** men's underwear
- ◆ **new** men's athletic socks
- ◆ **new and used** men's sneakers and shoes in good condition.

*Couples who have been married in the
Church are invited to celebrate a...*

Renewal of Wedding Vows

Sunday, February 14

at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Mañana de Reflexión

en preparación para la Cuaresma.

Sábado, 13 de febrero

de 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.

en el Centro Parroquial.

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **February 7**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Jose & Patricia Arredondo

305-588-7069

Julia Aguas Solis

786-512-7437

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Alicia Aixala; Michael Beier; Vivian Blain; Cassandra Blanco-Francisco; Luis Chacon Calderin; Pat Clarke; Rafael Diaz-Gamba; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Mathias Gewers; Sonia Gewers; Felipe Gutierrez; Ellen Middleton; Cesar Christian Moreira; Maribel Robayna; Richard Roth; Ron Rudolph; Rafael Schettini; Kevin Smith; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Lisa Tomas; Martin Wiberg; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Carmina Aguilera; Felix Alberto Blanco; Marta E. Castano; Beatriz Escagedo; Georgina Gomez; Pedro Llaneza, Sr.; Jose Manuel Marrero; Olga Eloisa Meitzner; Marta Navarro-Sierra; Ignacio Palacios.

ASH

Wednesday

"Blow the trumpet, proclaim a fast, call an assembly..."

Schedule of Masses:

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and the days leading to the first Sunday of Lent are, in a sense, the time the church gives us to separate ourselves from Mardi Gras and ease ourselves into a new way of life marked by praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

The liturgies for these days are rich in images that call us to this conversion:

Return to me with your whole heart...

Gather the people...

Be reconciled to God...

Now is the acceptable time.

With the sign of ashes we begin our journey to Easter. With the sign of the ashes we are summoned to die with Christ and we are summoned to live with Christ. We make a beginning with ashes on this day, and we will end this season in the fire of the Easter Vigil.

Lenten Devotions

- 1 ☞ We have **Mass** every day at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. There is no better way of turning towards God than attending daily Mass.
- 2 ☞ The **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed every day here in the church, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. and again from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- 3 ☞ The **Blessed Sacrament** will be exposed in the Adoration Chapel every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 4 ☞ The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available every Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- 5 ☞ Making the **Stations of the Cross** is a spectacular way of meditating on this part of Christ's life in preparation for Easter.