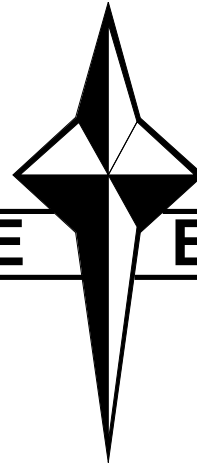


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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The Ascension of the Lord



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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  
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**THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM**



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. And they came to realize that He was alive forever more. That awareness turned their night to day. 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 this separation was not sad. In fact, our reading says that after He was gone, *"They returned to Jerusalem, filled with joy."*

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, not anything else, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ*

*Jesus, Our Lord."* It 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. 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? I am sure that you would read everything that you could find. You would learn everything that you could about it. And that would give you some confidence. But suppose that you had a dear and trusted friend who had already moved there. And you knew 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. And that is what it means to us. It is the happy ending to the greatest story ever told.





Ascension

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 <b>May 7</b>	5:30 p.m.	+ Ana H. Calderon + Ada Mesa	De Vivero Family Beatriz Suero	
Sunday <b>May 8</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mothers of the Parish, Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish, Living & Deceased People of Epiphany Mothers of the Parish, Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish, Living & Deceased		Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53
Monday <b>May 9</b>	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	+ Aurora Lamela Ana Alicia Fernandez + Nelida Perez Doris Rodriguez	Lamela Family Pistorino Family Marianela Perez Andreina Zambrano	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd,6-7b Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday <b>May 10</b>	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	+ Edward Tiernan + Harry Tiernan + George Aguilera + Esther de Fernandez + Amedeo Cielo	Family Family Aguilera Family Fernandez Family Family	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday <b>May 11</b>	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	+ Brendan Tiernan + Charlotte McDevitt + Franciso Cosio Miriam Rodriguez	Family Children Robayna Family Andreina Zambrano	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36b Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday <b>May 12</b>	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	+ Deceased Priests Friends Fr. Luis Marquina + Eunice Piantini + Graziella Bacardi Jorge Murcia	Fr. Luis Marquina Harold Zabsky Bauza Family Arroyave Family Yidi Family	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-16
Friday <b>May 13</b>	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	+ Jean Ohnesorge + Alicia Aixala + Guillermo Miranda Cristian Moreira	Mr. & Mrs. Armand Durrieu Family Family 11:00 a.m. Mass Ushers	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19
Saturday <b>May 14</b>	8:00 a.m.	Federico Adolfo Gallart Lopez Family Intentions Zaira Lasaga	Alina Gallart Miriam & Raymond Lopez Gloria Lasaga	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Carlos Yidi + Emma & Harold Young	Yidi Family Family	
Sunday <b>May 15</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	+ Mary Victoria Wick + Isabel & Emilio Monte + Juan & Gloria Balerdi + Juan & Martina Balerdi People of Epiphany + Sarmiento Family Members + Delfin Molins + Margaret Farrell + Enrique Calmet	Wick Family Pastoriza Family Family Family Waddell Family Waddell Family Tori Jackson Izique Family	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24, 29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23



## Mass Schedules

May 14/15	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 5:30 p.m.</b>	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Alina Plasencia Onelia Lage	P. Cahill C. Christiansen G. Etten A. Gomez A. Lowell K. Molina A. Pena A. F. Pena	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Gloria Gonzalez) Gloria Gonzalez Luis Gonzalez Camille Thiry Vivian Delgado Sergio Delgado Lilliam Arguelles Martin Thiry
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Lourdes Boue John Steinbauer	M. T. Bared A. Buonocore	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Chuck Broyard) Mariana O'Naghten Juan O'Naghten Tony Friguls Chuck Broyard Tom Beier
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Gaby Lopez Pat Parker	A. Rodriguez P. Silva M. Alfano M. Atrio	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Aileen Nunez) Aileen Nunez Tony Nunez Barbara Henriques Monica Perez Alfie Perez Mari Pinero Charlie Henriques
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jorge Gonzalez Gloria De la Osa	C. D. Delgado S. Ferrer N. Figueredo F. Fuertes L. Gallo A. P. Garcia H. Gonzalez K. Gonzalez	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Ana Maria Avila) Ana Maria Avila Mirta Robelo Ana Maria Hernandez Al Salas Marisa Salas Arnoldo Robelo Diana Rodriguez Leon Avila
<b>Sunday 12:30 p.m.</b>	Fr. Carlos Massieu	B. Von Reitzenstein Adriana Giuffredi	A. Cardenal M. Cedeno	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Frank Varona) Pamela Ugarte Enrique Ugarte Frank Varona Raul Zabala Liliana Acosta Gloria Acevedo Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda
<b>Sunday 6:00 p.m.</b>	Fr. Luis Largaespada	Julio Ramirez Bob Dickinson	M. Herrero C. Levy E. Martinez S. Mas V. Milian N. Ordonez L. Ramirez S. Ramirez	<b>Coordinator:</b> (Gelvys Campo) Gelvys Campo Rafael Campo Diana Yidi Rosa Maria Portuondo Ignacio Portuondo Gladys Patino Willaim Yidi



## Stewardship Corner

### MOTHER'S DAY AND THE CARNATION

We celebrate many holidays in the course of a year, but there is one holiday we celebrate for which all of us have the same warm and sensitive feeling, and that holiday is today... Mother's Day. There have been hundreds and hundreds of discourses written about motherhood, but perhaps the following old custom on Mother's Day best describes a loving mother.

In the early 1940's and 1950's in the New York area, they used to sell pink and white carnations outside every Catholic Church on Mother's Day. You purchased a pink carnation if your mother was living or a white carnation if your mother was deceased.

Why the carnation? The stem of a carnation is very strong. Its petals are wrapped tightly around the stem as if they were hugging it. When the pink and white petals began to turn brown, you would see only specs of white or pink in the carnation. As the carnation ages and finally dies, the petals of the carnation just close around the stem and never fall to the ground.

The family is the stem. The petals of the carnation are the mother's strength, understanding, faithfulness and love she has for her family. Like the petal, as a mother grows older, the tighter she holds on and never abandons her family. Again, like the browning petals, even as a mother ages and her walk is lower, her sight a little weaker, you can always see those specs of love for her family. Even when our mother leaves us and goes to God, we feel her tight hug around the stem of our family, and like the petals of the carnation, her love and presence closes around us and never falls away.

Therefore, the greatest gift you can give your mother today, whether she is alive or with God, is to thank her for all the petals of love that kept the family together. Even though there may be some brown petals in our own life as we age, we still see the pink and white spots of our mother keeping the family together.

Now you know the story of the Carnation. Happy Mother's Day!



## A Mother's Love

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivated me as their mother, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom, and at what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike with your own money, even though we could afford to buy it for you.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me fifteen minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to let you make mistakes, to stumble, fall, and hurt.

I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

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## Ascension Sunday

When the living presence of Jesus was taken away from His own, it was not that they were to have Him less, but in a lovelier, a more divine way. For when He rose up to heaven, He took them with Him, all their hearts and all their minds and all their love.

So it is with us. He is gone up to heaven into the bosom of the Father, into the Father's heart of love and we ascend up there with Him, with all our hearts and all our love and rest where He rests, in the Father's heart.



### Inaugural Epiphany Fishing Tournament

Last Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Inaugural Epiphany Fishing Tournament was held. What a great success it was! Over 60 boats participated and hundreds of families later joined in for the post-tournament celebration at Shake-a-Leg in Coconut Grove.

We are most grateful to the organizers of the event, Danny and Cristy Alonso and their Committee...Patsy Rico, Carlos and Luli Diez-Arguelles, Ricky Querejeta, Caroline Murphy, Cassandra Francisco, Liza Martel, Violeta Avila-Tejera, Jim Scardina and Sonia Villamil for a great job done and to everyone who participated and helped to make this event the success that it was. In the coming weeks we will publicly thank the sponsors of the event, but today we wish to congratulate the winners of the fishing contest.

TEAM PRIZES:

First:	<b>Lou's Crew</b>	<b>Martinez and Paredes Families</b>
Second:	<b>Tip Sea</b>	<b>Querejeta Family</b>
Third:	<b>Blue Time</b>	<b>Diez-Arguelles Family</b>
Fourth:	<b>ACN Team</b>	<b>Scardina Family</b>



TOP ANGLER: **Jack Sampedro**

JUNIOR ANGLERS:	<b>Jack Sampedro</b>	<b>C.J. Diez-Arguelles</b>
	<b>Aidan Negret</b>	<b>Brian Teasdale</b>
	<b>Chris Scardina</b>	

Great things can happen when a community comes together.

### 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.

### Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **May 8**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

<b>Carolina Romeo</b>	<b>305-989-0747</b>
<b>Raul Lara &amp; Gloria Barbier</b>	<b>305-662-6786</b>

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



### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Elina Acosta; Nilda Acosta; Pat Clarke; Eugenio Del Busto; Hector Deliz; Bethza Evans; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Ivette Bidus Hernandez; Ellen Middleton; Maria Emerita Pena; Ana Pinedo; Beatriz Rice; Richard Roth; Thais Sauce; Christina Slagter; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Mary Truka; Teodula Wong.

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Alicia Aixala; Fabiola Arboleda; Jose Luis Carrion, Sr.; Manuel Corrales, Sr.; Blanca Gonzalez-Cuzan; Oscar Enriquez; Beatriz Figueredo; James A. Lanier; Angela Rosell Lorie; Mari Lupe Ortiz; Eva N. Reddick; Ron Rudolph; Margarita Smith.

# Motherhood

There is something special about Mother's Day. For most of us, life found its early direction under the influence of someone called "Mother." In all probability, when you took your first step, "Mother" was there. When you spoke your first word, "Mother" was there. When you ate your first bit of solid food, "Mother" was there. When you first started learning to read and to write, "Mother" was there. How could we not be sentimental about anyone who has been that much a part of our lives?

Yet with all of this, we need to remember that mothers are just people like all the rest of us. They have hopes and dreams, and doubts and fears. They get tired and need rest. They feel forgotten and need appreciation. They sin and need forgiveness. Mothers are just people; but to most of us, they are very special people. With all of their human frailties, they have come to symbolize those qualities of life that we admire the most in others and desire the most for ourselves.

One of those qualities is STRENGTH. It is not easy to start with a baby in a cradle and see him or her through infancy, and childhood, and adolescence, and on into adult life. That is one of the toughest jobs in all the world. The hours are long, and sometimes the rewards are few and slow in coming. Any mother who handles her job well becomes a symbol of strength, a source of inspiration. We are not talking now about muscle and brawn. We are talking about strength of character, strength of heart. The ability to keep on going when everything inside of you wants to quit. This life is no bowl of cherries. Time and again it calls upon us for courage. Anyone who does not have it is poorly equipped for living. Motherhood at its best is a symbol of that kind of strength, and this is something we all need.

Motherhood is also a symbol of UNSELFISHNESS. Nobody is unselfish all of the time, not even mothers. But this is what motherhood at its best represents in our minds - the ability to forget self in the interest of others. And what does any of us need more than

that? Probably, there is nothing that so degrades our lives as the tendency to think first and foremost of ourselves. If the biggest and most important thing in my world is me, then I am destined to spend all of life as a little and lonely person.

But it does not have to be that way. Life offers another option. There is a bigger and better way to live. Jesus called it the way of the servant. He said, "*Let him who would be greatest among you become a servant.*" Isn't that what this day is all about? We pause to pay tribute to our mothers, not because they were rich or famous, but because they served. They cooked our food. They washed our clothes; they dried our tears. They doctored us in the middle of the night. They did without in order to give to us.

Motherhood symbolizes the SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF LIFE. In time of trouble, my mother's first thought was of God. She knew that if there was any hope for her child, and if there was any healing for her own broken heart, it must come from God. That, it seems to me, is the very essence of motherhood. It is hard to imagine bringing children into this world, and trying to guide them in the right direction without a strong faith in God.

This, of course, is not to suggest that my mother or yours needs God any more than we do, or has any greater responsibility to God than we do. I am simply saying that motherhood, for many of us, symbolizes the all-important spiritual dimension of life. It is a signpost pointing us to Christ. It is a reminder that the greatest need in all of our lives is a strong relationship with God. Not something thin and superficial, but something real that touches all of life.

And to you, our mothers, we say thank you for loving us, for meeting our childhood needs, and for reminding us of what our greatest needs really are.