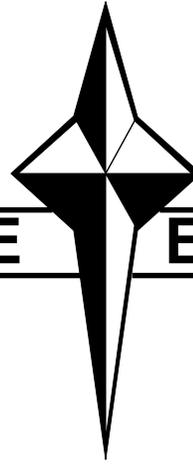


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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The Most Holy Trinity



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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 Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



It is worth noting that the New Testament writers never made one attempt to explain the Trinity. Indeed, they did not even use the word. They simply spoke of God in three different ways and let it stand at that. Sometimes they said God the Father, sometimes God the Son, and sometimes God the Holy Spirit. And sometimes they used all three expressions together but always without explanation.

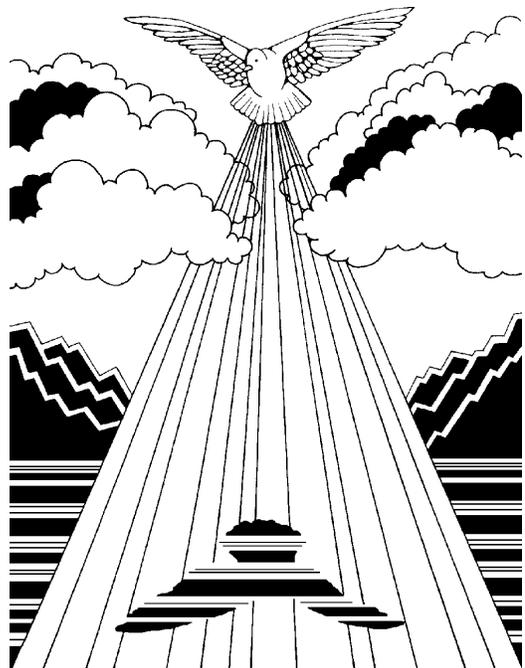
The Scriptures tell us that God by His very nature is outgoing, that He reaches out to people. He is a Father, and any father, worthy of the name, is involved with his family. He provides for them and gives to them; he feels what they feel; he shares their joys and sorrows, their triumphs and failures. God as a Father is fully involved with the human family. His nature is to give; He is always reaching out, holding nothing back. He is not a lonely, isolated aristocrat, but a loving, involved Father, whose very nature is to give.

God has become concrete in history, in and through the life of Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus was, of course, a real person, a human being. On that point the New Testament is unmistakably clear. Those who knew Him best saw Him first as a man, an incredible, remarkable man, but nevertheless a man. Then somewhere along the way, they began to see something else in Him. Peter was the first to express it. He said, *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God."* Then others began to see and to say the same thing. Thomas called Him *"my Lord and my God"*. John wrote of Him: *"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was in the presence of God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory of an only Son coming from the Father."*

That was the essence of the message which the early church went out to share with the world. They called it the Gospel, which means *"the good news"*. Jesus had given them a great ethic, the greatest ethic that the world has ever heard, but that was not the good news. Jesus had

taught them a great theology, but that was not the good news. The good news was that God had invaded human history in and through the life of a Galilean carpenter. They had seen Him with their eyes. They had heard Him with their ears. They had touched Him with their hands. Never again could they think of God as an abstraction. God, for them, had become concrete and specific in the life of a man. Francis Thompson was right when he called Him *"The Hound of Heaven"*. He is on our trail. He has taken the initiative. He has moved out of eternity into time and space. He has become one of us.

God in the person of His Holy Spirit is always with us. He is the Father in Heaven, who is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the Son, who lived in Galilee almost two thousand years ago. But both of those concepts, as true as they are, leave God a long way off and a long way back. The message is not complete until we speak of God as the Holy Spirit, who is both with us and within us. God is forever our contemporary, our constant companion and helper, and guide and friend wherever life may lead us.





When Theodore Roosevelt was president of the United States, he had a favorite political story. He said he knew it was a true story because he made it up himself. It was about a congressman who had been accused of not supporting the Monroe Doctrine. The man quickly began to explain. He said, *"I believe in the Monroe Doctrine. I support the Monroe Doctrine. The only thing I said was I do not know what it is."* That is a fairly accurate description of how many people feel about the doctrine of the Trinity. They accept it; they believe it; they are devoted to it, but they are not at all sure what it means.

The concept of the Trinity is inherent to our Christian faith. We recite the Creed that says: *"I believe in God the Father...and in Jesus Christ, His only Son...I believe in the Holy Spirit."* We sing about it in our hymns: *"Holy Holy Holy, merciful and might, God in three persons, blessed Trinity."* One theologian, who had obviously struggled long and hard with the subject, said: *"The Trinity is a doctrine, which if a person does not believe it, he might lose his soul. But if he tries to understand it, he will probably lose his mind."*

When the New Testament writers tried to report their experiences with God, they found it necessary to say, *"Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."* They believed in only one true God, but they had experienced the one true God in three ways. They had known Him as God the Father in Heaven, creator of all things. Then they came to know Him as God the Son, who for a few years had walked with them on the earth.

And finally they had come to know Him as God the Holy Spirit, who was with them always because He lived within their hearts. In the New Testament, the Trinity is not so much a doctrine that is believed as it is an experience that is lived. And it should be the same in our lives.

Our Gospel says, *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."* This is the central theme of the Trinity, the eternal God has made Himself known in the person of Jesus Christ. We know, of course, that Jesus was human. He got tired and needed rest. He got hungry and needed food; thirsty, and needed water. He lived a real life and He died a real death. He was bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. But when it was all over, those who knew Him best realized that they had met God in the life of a Galilean carpenter. The first chapter of John's Gospel says it like this: *"In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."* This meant God has moved into the neighborhood and lived with us. He put up His tent right next to ours.

God the Father in Heaven can seem a long way off. God, as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, can seem a long way back. But God the Holy Spirit is not only up there in Heaven and back there in history. He is with us here on the earth, right now.

Perhaps an analogy would help. If I were to ask you, *"Where is the sun?"* You might answer, *"It is up there in the heavens, ninety-three million miles away."* And your answer would be correct, but it would not be complete because the sun is all around us. So it is with God. He is up there in Heaven, and we have caught glimpses of Him among the stars. He is back there in history, and we have seen His glory shining on the face of Jesus Christ. But let us never forget that He is the one in whom we live and move and have our being right now---today. There is one true God, whom we have come to know in three different ways, the Trinity of experience.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday May 21	5:30 p.m.	+ Carlos Pavon + Skip Zugel	Beatriz Suero Bunny Bastian	
Sunday May 22	8:00 a.m.	Tara Kastanias + Ana Villalba	Family Neuman-Villalba Family	Prv 8:22-31
	9:30 a.m.	+ Agustin Almeida + Daniel Woodside	Pistorino Family Mother	Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Hugo E. Rams + Nicolas Gutierrez	Family Aleida Gutierrez	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Humberto Benedetti + Alberto & Isabel Calderin Epiphany Class of 2012	Yidi Family Family	
Monday May 23	6:30 a.m.	+ Kenneth Juza + Alicia Aixala	Barbara Juza Mr. & Mrs. Durreiu	1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6, 9,10c
	8:00 a.m.	+ Bob Broderick + Nicolasa Rivas	Bunny Bastian Velikopoljski Family	Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday May 24	6:30 a.m.	+ Generosa & Flora Martinez + Ignacio Guerrero	Family Family	1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4
	8:00 a.m.	+ Celia Maria Pinero + Maria Angela Lira de Alborno	Jose & Mari Pinero Family	Mk 19:28-31
Wednesday May 25	6:30 a.m.	+ Alicia Aixala + Ron Rudolph	Family Mr. & Mrs. Durreiu	1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15,19-20
	8:00 a.m.	+ Nicki Rivas + John Power	Sousa Family Susy & Joe Lacher	Mk 10:32-45
Thursday May 26	6:30 a.m.	+ Alicia Aixala + Carlos Alberto Martinez	Family Family	1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12 Ps 100:2-5
	8:00 a.m.	+ Juan Porro + John Murray Stritter	Anita Torres de Navarra Eleanor M. Stritter	Mk 10:46-52
Friday May 27	6:30 a.m.	Isabella Dawson Aixala + Julia Almeida Hernandez	Alicia Aixala Pistorino Family	1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10-13
	8:00 a.m.	+ Trina Robertson + Barry Hana	Phillip & Jean Plummer Family	Mk 11:11-26
Saturday May 28	8:00 a.m.	+ Alicia Aixala + Arnoldo Robelo, Sr.	Family Family	Jude 17,20b-23 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Thomas O'Doherty + Fred Dyer	Family Family	
Sunday May 29	8:00 a.m.	+ Rid & Charles Broyard + Natalie Antinarella	Family Family	Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4
	9:30 a.m.	Adela Del Toro + Horacio Obduber	Gloria Lasaga Jose & Jeannie Smith	1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	Waddell's 53 rd Wedding Anniversary	Family	
		+ Diaz-Forero Grandparents	Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Aristides Jacobs, Jr. + Haydee Canovas	Pargas Family Pargas Family	



Mass Schedules

May 28/29	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Eddy De Arcos Debra Menegay	N. Tsaoussis S. Tsaoussis D. Villacampa G. Villacampa T. Lamas A. Blanco P. Cahill C. Christiansen	Coordinator: (Cristina Pasken) Cristina Pasken Shari Ferrer Rolando Montoya Mirza Collazo Al Collazo Andria Miyares Marivi Montoya
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Lourdes Boue John Steinbauer	N. Milton J. Myrtetus	Coordinator: (Tony Friguls) Mariana O'Naghten Juan O'Naghten Andres Aguirre Chuck Broyard Tony Friguls
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Carlos Massieu	Monica Johnson Pat Parker	V. M. Diaz B. Garces D. Gaviria C. Gomez	Coordinator: (Marisol Collins) Marisol Collins Alex Collins Al Gonzalez Nydia Gonzalez Charbel Heshema Lucy Moas Lourdes Gonzalez
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Guillermo Castillo Peter Avenarius	J. Reyes M. Reyes S. Robelo E. Rodriguez C. Rodriguez R. R. Rodriguez A. Rodriguez L. Roque	Coordinator: (E. Del Valle) Gloria Barbier Eduardo Del Valle Pam Bunge Lourdes Cooper John Cooper Ana Maria Hernandez Alfred Bunge John W. M. Cooper
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Massieu	Jorge Torres Marcela Torres	C. Mirabal E. Torres	Coordinator: (Hermida Licea) Hermida Licea Alcides Licea Raul Rosell Marta Rosales Adolfo Rosales Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda Titi Rosell
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Sarita Baigorri Margaret Gidel	A. Alvarez A. Arteaga A. Diaz-Silveira A. M. Diaz-Silveira G. Duque A. Escobar M. Guisasola M. Herrero	Coordinator: (R. M. Portuondo) Rosa Maria Portuondo Ignacio Portuondo Georgina Angones Jeannette Iglesias Rene Iglesias Camilo Lopez Frank Angones



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Stewardship Corner

THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity, and it is God's greatest mystery. To believe in the Blessed Trinity is to believe that there is only one God, and that there are three distinct persons who possess eternally the same divine nature. Thus, there is only one God, one Wisdom, one Love and Life that is God, the source and good of all.

The Blessed Trinity is in the strictest sense a mystery of faith. It is one of those "mysteries hidden in God which, unless divinely revealed, could not come to be known." The Blessed Trinity can be grasped only by believing in God, and only by those who recognize His message of faith.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are indeed distinct persons and part of God's inner life. They are present to each other with intimate personal presence. In this life, it is not possible for our human minds to comprehend the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

Now, we can all understand that our faith is a gift. We accept the Blessed Trinity on faith alone. We can't reason or understand the meaning of the Blessed Trinity nor should we. That is God's mystery and a mystery, if we love and follow God's word on earth, will one day be revealed to us by God.

Therefore, only faith can make us believe in the Blessed Trinity. We must never lose that gift of faith God has given us. Remember, in this life, it is not possible for our human minds to comprehend this mystery...so don't try!

Live your faith and one day, the Mystery of God" will be very clear to you in Heaven. The Blessed Trinity is truly "God's Greatest Mystery."

Bible Study with Fr. Ireneusz The Gospel of Luke

Thursday, June 2, 9,16,23 & 30
from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
in the Parish Center.

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. Join us for a study of the Gospel of Luke.



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held on **Saturday, June 11**. 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.

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

Faith in Film

Friday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for Epiphany's film series FAITH IN FILM, where we will watch films through the prism of faith and Judeo-Christian values.

"Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce me." With this line, Benjamin Braddock begins his descent into existential angst in the Academy Award-winning film The Graduate. Beset by the ennui of materialism, there is only one pathway towards redemption: love.

All screenings are free. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. After the movie, please join us for a lively discussion about the role of the values we share in the film. See you at the movies!



Thank You!

Father Luis Largaespada

Today we bid farewell to Father Luis Largaespada who has been appointed Administrator of St. Hugh Parish in Coconut Grove by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, effective June 1, 2016. Except for the fact that his talents and dedication to his priesthood are being recognized, we at Epiphany will sorely miss him.

Father Luis came to us in 2012 from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and he immediately felt welcome by this community. During his tenure here, he demonstrated his care and devotion to the people of Epiphany and plunged into the life of the Parish headlong. He will be remembered in particular for his dedication to the R.C.I.A., the Prayer Groups, the liturgies, the Altar Servers, the Religious Education Programs in the School and C.C.D. In a very particular way, he fostered devotion to our Saints and often dressed the Sanctuary with relics from various Saints on their feast days. A prayerful priest, he led the congregation in prayer on many special occasions and his counsel and friendship will be always remembered.

So, it is with mixed feelings that we see him leave. I wish to express to him my thanks and gratitude for his cooperation and kindnesses to me personally during his stay at Epiphany. However, he takes with him our very best wishes for happiness and our prayers as he embarks on his first assignment as Administrator of a Parish.

God bless you, Father Luis!

Prayer for Trinity Sunday

*May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love
with the Holy Spirit's favor
rest upon us from above.
Thus, may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord
and possess in sweet communion
joys which earth cannot afford.*



Something to Think About

Watch your thoughts, they become words.
Watch your words, they become actions.
Watch your actions, they become habits.
Watch your habits, they become character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

The secret of a successful life
is to establish the right habits,
that forge out who we are.
They determine our character.
And the world needs people of character!

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **May 22**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Cristina Gutierrez	305-663-8887
Carlos Santa Cruz	305-662-7793

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Michael Beier; Arthur Brodeur; Dean Brownlow;
Pat Clarke; Amanda Espinosa; Bethza Evans;
Ana Alicia Fernandez; Ellen Middleton; Beatriz
Rice; Richard Roth; Thais Sauce; Esther Suarez;
Paulina Tawil; Mary Truka; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jose Luis Carrion, Sr.; Manuel Coroaalles, Sr.;
Eugenio Del Busto; Oscar Enriquez; Ursula
Everbusch; Helberto Gomez; Blanca Gonzalez-
Cuzan; Elena Henriquez; Wanda Jean Isom;
Reinaldo Jimenez; Angela Rosell Lorie; Julia Maria
Lucena; Mari Lupe Ortiz; Thomas Osacar;
Margarita Smith.

The Holy Spirit



Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit the apostles were virtually living in hiding in the upper room. A great task had been entrusted to them, yet they had neither the strength nor the will to begin it. But after the coming of the Holy Spirit they were changed people. They left their hiding place, and set out courageously to preach the Gospel.

What was it that the Spirit did to them?

In promising the Spirit Jesus said to them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on to you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem, but... to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

I think the key is word here is the word "power". Power was precisely what they needed. At the moment they felt completely powerless. They were crippled with fear and a sense of inadequacy. They felt totally incapable of carrying out the task of preaching the Gospel and witnessing to Jesus. After all, they had witnessed what happened to Jesus. They needed courage. They needed someone to empower them.

The Holy Spirit empowered the apostles. He came down on them in the form of wind and fire. Wind and fire (heat) are symbols of power. Wind has the power to move, to uproot. Fire has the power to refine and transform.

The power they symbolize here is the power of God. Here they symbolize the presence and action of God. The coming of the Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the momentum, the enthusiasm, the courage, the love and the passion to get on with the task Christ had given them. The Holy Spirit would help them, but he wouldn't do it for them.

We are told that on Pentecost day everyone understood the apostles. It wasn't that they spoke a completely new language. It was one all of us are familiar with but which, alas, we tend to forget or leave unused.

What is this new language? It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of reconciliation rather than of conflict; the language of co-operation rather than of competition; the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance; the language of hope rather than of despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate.

This "new" language gave rise to a new community, the community of those who believed in Jesus -- a community of faith and love. According to the Acts of the Apostles, the first followers of Jesus were "one in mind and heart".

Through the gift of the Spirit, people of many languages learned to profess one faith, to the praise and glory of God. That is the real miracle of Pentecost. And it is a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.