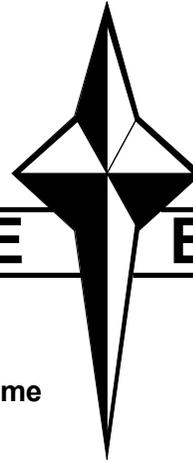


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Masses

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 Lazarus Govin, Associate Pastor
Father Ireneusz Ekiert, in Residence
Deacon Don Livingstone
Deacon Norman Ruiz-Castañeda
Deacon Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez
Deacon Eduardo Smith

THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



One day Jesus was an invited guest in the home of a Pharisee. When it came time for dinner, he observed the behavior of the other guests. There was a sort of low-keyed rush for the table. Their concern was for position at the table. This was a big thing in that eastern culture. So Jesus watched all of the jockeying for position; and when everyone was finally seated, he expressed his opinion on the matter. The things he said on that occasion you can be sure that they contain more than a lesson on table manners. Jesus was talking about life, and in essence he said, *"it's a foolish thing to waste your time and energy trying to look important."*

In thinking about this, there is one consideration we should keep in mind. Jesus never discouraged the desire for greatness. To the contrary, he constantly encouraged it. Much of his time was spent teaching timid people that they were supremely important in the eyes of God. It was never human littleness that he stressed, but human grandeur. *"You are the salt of the earth."* *"You are the light of the world."* He said those striking things to fishermen, and tax collectors, and peasant women, and small-town businessmen. If you or I had met them on the street, we might never have given them a second look. Jesus saw in them something of infinite worth, and dedicated his life to showing them how important they really were. So be clear as to what Jesus says about this vital matter. You want to achieve. You want to excel. You are ambitious. You propose to do something significant with your life. This he endorses and encourages. Jesus never forbade his disciples to seek after greatness. In fact, you are under obligation to be the best person that you possibly can.

The sin lies not in our desire for importance, but in the cheap and shabby way we reach for it. Most of us do not make a big fuss about the seating arrangement at banquets. But we are still masters in the gentle art of self promotion. We have these neat little tricks that we use to elbow our way up to the head table of life. One of them is criticism of others. Fault-finding is almost always an attempt to cover up some weakness in ourselves. If we can't climb to the top, we can

accomplish something of the same result by pulling others down. We can never promote ourselves by putting down other people. Invariably the opposite happens. Life just moves you down to a lower seat, and you gain the reputation of a small-minded, critical, jealous person.

Another common means of self promotion is boastfulness. And this also is an exercise in futility. No person is so boring and unconvincing as the one who continually talks about his own achievements. There is something about arrogance that just doesn't make sense, and we all know it. Whatever we are and whatever we've accomplished has required the love and help of God and a lot of people. We have absolutely no right to boast. We owe so much to so many people that we never will get it all paid back. Our best posture is gratitude. Jesus said, *"He that humbles himself shall be exalted."*

Let's carry our thought one step further. The point of the story is: Forget about looking important, and concentrate on being important. How do we do that? Well, you can start with the fact that you're already important to God. You are a man or a woman made in his image and he loves you with an eternal devotion. That's a good place to begin. It gives us something to build on. But it is only a beginning. God cannot give greatness to his children, anymore than you can give it to yours. He gives us the opportunity, but every person must build a great life for himself or herself.

Jesus said there is one way to do that, and it is the way of self-forgetting service. He suggested to his wealthy host that he give a dinner for the poor, the crippled, and the blind - people who could not possibly repay him. He might suggest something else to you and me, but the theme would be the same - forget about yourself and start serving other people. That, I know is a radical suggestion, but there is no other avenue to genuine greatness. So if you want to be important, stop worrying about where you're seated at the banquet of life; just get up and start waiting tables.



Most of us seem to be more adept at leveling criticisms than we are at giving compliments. A family may eat ten meals that are a gourmet's delight and never say a word. Serve them just one meal that is not to their liking, and they suddenly become quite vocal. A worker may do his job near to perfection, week after week, and never hear a word of commendation. Let him make just one mistake, and he hears about it loud and long. Many voters admit that on election day they cast their ballots, not so much for the candidate they like, as against the candidate they dislike. Some husbands and wives have lived so long with critical spouses that a sincere compliment might throw them into a state of shock. Most of us, it would seem express our disapproval more effectively than we do our approval.

This same attitude carries over to the realm of religion. Stop most any straggler on the street, and he or she can tell you what is wrong with the Church. It is populated with hypocrites; it is too divided. It is out of touch with the times; it caters to the rich and neglects the poor. In one form or another, each of them has been true. It would false and futile to deny the faults and failures of the Church. It is an institution made up of imperfect human beings, and that means the Church has always been and will always be open to criticism and in need of correction.

This, however, is not the whole story. For all of its weaknesses, the Church has much to commend it. And occasionally, in the interest of truth and balance, we need to turn the record over and play the other side. Let us lay aside our tendency to criticize and instead express some appreciation. Almost everyone is aware of the Church's shortcomings. However, let us focus our attention on what is right with the Church.

One of those right things is its ability to endure. All our Scripture lessons carry us back to the beginning of the Church. The people who wrote and originally read those documents were first generation Christians. They stood on the ground floor of a brand new institution. Like all newborn things, the Church was small and seemed so

fragile. There was serious doubt among the membership whether the Church would survive. Its key leadership cowered behind closed doors, thinking their cause was surely lost. However, many cultures and civilizations have come and gone, but the Church lives on. The Church is so solid that, for more than 2000 years, it has outlasted the hostility of its foes and the stupidity of its friends. We are not frantically trying to keep the Church alive. It was here when we arrived on the scene and will remain long after we are gone. It has stood the test of time.

Another thing right with the Church is its record of ministry to human need. Without that, the ability to endure would be meaningless. Jesus measured the worth of all institutions, not by their age, not by their size, but by their usefulness. He must surely apply that same test to His own Church. And though its score has been far from perfect, it does have an impressive record of service. We are so familiar with this that we often take it for granted. We seldom pause to appreciate what the Church has accomplished across the centuries. It has provided the inspiration, the leadership and in many cases the money for much of the world's charitable endeavors.

One other word remains to be said, In a secular world, the Church stands as a constant reminder of God. It points the way to Christ. It calls us to penitence and faith; it offers forgiveness and healing. This is not the only business of the Church, but it is the main business. The Church is an institution whose primary purpose is bringing people into a redeeming relationship with God. There is a life there that is more than mortal, and a Spirit that is more than human. God does not belong to the Church, the Church belongs to God. And when joined in partnership with Him, it is like an army with banners spread through all of time and rooted in eternity.

We have criticized the Church, and we will criticize it again. But since we are the Church, let us put our best foot forward and make the Church even better than it is now.



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Aug. 27	5:30 p.m.	+ Ana Margot Gallinal-Dominguez + Julia Almeida Hernandez	Gallinal Family Pistorino Family	
Sunday Aug. 28	8:00 a.m.	+ Ezequiel & Paula Zubillaga + Pellegrino Simeone + Arnaldo Robelo, Sr.	Family Daughter Family	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11 Heb 12:18-19,
	9:30 a.m.	+ Agustin Almeida Nilda & Elina Acosta + Daniela Tavares	Pistorino Family Family Family	22-24a Lk 14:1,7-14
	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	People of Epiphany + Alicia Aixala Roberto Madeiros & Maria Perez	Manuel Lasaga Family Rodrigo Lopez	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Maxine Voss + Clemente Vazquez-Bello	Family Family	
Monday Aug. 29	6:30 a.m.	+ Alicia Aixala + Joseph O'Doherty	Family Mary & Humberto Gonzalez	1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102
	8:00 a.m.	+ Leoncio Urueta + Gladys Borges	Sanchez Family Gomez Family	Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday Aug. 30	6:30 a.m.	+ Hugo & Eduardo Rams + Joseph O'Doherty	Family Armand & Phyllis Durrieu	1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14
	8:00 a.m.	+ Alvaro Luis Castillo + Dylan Davis + Violeta Lacayo Teran	Family Davis Family Family	Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday Aug. 31	6:30 a.m.	+ Francisco Cosio + Ramon Perez-Gonzalez	Robayna Family Marianela Perez	1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21
	8:00 a.m.	+ Elio Secada Tubino + Galioto Family Members	Francisco Secada Frances Bentz	Lk 4:38-44
Thursday Sept. 1	6:30 a.m.	Matthew Diaz-Silveira Julia Zimmerman Ruiz	Diaz-Silveira Family Family	1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6 Lk 5:1-11
	8:00 a.m.	+ Msgr. John O'Dowd + Thomas Reardon	Family	
Friday Sept. 2	6:30 a.m.	Miguel Machado + Rafael Becil	Marianela Perez Raul Moas Family	1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28, 39-40
	8:00 a.m.	+ Epiphany Parishioners + Charles & Mary O'Doherty	Family	Lk 5:33-39
Saturday Sept. 3	8:00 a.m.	+ Alex Carrion Soldiers in Harms Way	Family George & Maria Shahin	1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr. + Sante De Leo	Family Gina De Leo	
Sunday Sept. 4	8:00 a.m.	+ Michael Regan United States of America	Family Pistorino Family	Wis 9: 13-18b Ps 90:3-6,12-17
	9:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving + Ron Rudolph	Gloria De la Osa Anne M. Eskra	Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33
	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	People of Epiphany + Carlos Diaz Forero + Juan Carlos H. Hamel	Waddell Family Scarlet Hamel Roman Levy Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Jaime Levy, Sr. + Javier Fernandez & Andres R. Fernandez Luzarraga	Levy Family Carlos Fernandez	



Mass Schedules

September 3/4	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Carolina Ragolta Debra Menegay	M. Roberts J. Salvat I. Speziani C. Taoussis A. Valdes-Sueiras P. Valdes-Sueiras A. Bardisa N. Cruz	Coordinator: (Camille Thiry) Camille Thiry Martin Thiry Cristina Pasken Ana Maria Perez Cristina Velarde Jan Vair Jonathan Vair
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	John Steinbauer Lourdes Boue	A. Pagliery B. Palacio	Coordinator: (Maria Eisenhart) Maria Eisenhart Paul Eisenhart Chuck Broyard Mikki Smith Juan Farach
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Jason Johnson Mike Herold	B. Teasdale A. Alfano C. Fernandez A. Gonzalez	Coordinator: (Marisol Collins) Marisol Collins Alex Collins Pedro Toro Rapahel Bastian Nydia Gonzalez Suzanne Renfrow Michael Renfrow
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Peter Avenarius Jorge Gonzalez	M. Martinez B. Munoz E. Paredes C. Prieto D. Ramos M. Recuset R. Rodriguez A. Rodriguez	Coordinator: (Eduardo Del Valle) Leticia Santana Gonzalo Santana Eduardo Del Valle Katerina Velikopoljski Roberto De Leo Maria Cristina Sousa Cristi Vonder Haar
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Gisela Cacciamani Adriana Giuffredi	E. Heinert A. Hernandez	Coordinator: (Mary Gonzalez) Mary Gonzalez Humberto Gonzalez Aleida Gutierrez Gloria Acevedo Plinio Gonzalez Gabriel Gurdian Jose Martinez-Elejalde
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Julio Ramirez Cecilia Altonaga	A. Romagosa C. Silva P. Silva A. Yaniz J. Yaniz C. Alcobe-Garibay C. Candela F. Castro	Coordinator: (Esther Sousa) Esther Sousa Gladys Patino Jorge Echenique Diana Yidi William Yidi Mercedes Cardenal Juan Cardenal



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Beginning
Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven.

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



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held on **Saturday, September 17**. 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.



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.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Everyone is invited to come and pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy **every Saturday** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 a.m. Join us.

The Sunday Preschool and The Holy Family Center

Re-opening TODAY
during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses!

There is no need to register!

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 Aug. 1)

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

Kindergarten: (children who have turned 5 before Aug. 1)

First graders: go to Mass with their parents.

Registration for Religious Education (CCD)

The time to register your children for Religious Education classes is approaching. Give priority to your child's faith formation.

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

❖ Registration for **returning** families will be on **Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

**Religious Education sessions begin on
Wednesday, September 14.**

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.



Confirmation Registration

Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The parents of all eligible Confirmation candidates (you must be a registered parishioner of Epiphany) must attend the registration meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Confirmation process will be explained at this time.

Confirmation applications are due October 26.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults R.C.I.A.

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- ❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ❖ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is...

- ❖ The process by which new members are received in the Catholic Church.
- ❖ The way for those Catholics who have been away from the Church for some time and wish to grow in knowledge and faith.
- ❖ Prepares those adults who have not received the sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center beginning with Tuesday, October 4.

If you are interested in participating please call the Religious Education Office at 305-665-0037.

Contemplative Cenacle of the Divine Mercy

Monday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the church

With songs of praise, prayers, the reading of the Gospel of the day, reciting the Chaplet and meditating on the Diary of the Divine Mercy in our souls under the spirituality of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, we allow ourselves to deepen our faith drawing closer with trust to the Fount of Mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us!

Epiphany School Class of 1986

Calling all members of the class of 1986! We are planning our reunion for **Saturday, October 22**. Please email Laurie Escobar at lauriee@bellsouth.net or Jane Naughton de Cardenas at jendc@me.com for details.

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **August 28**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Humberto & Ledys Alonso	786-412-8858
Michelle Gonzalez	305-667-5235

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Tere Castro; Pat Clarke; Giselle Fernandez; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Jose Liviero; Ellen Middleton; Ana Pinedo; Ali Leganoa Pochulu; Elizabeth Rice; Richard Roth; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Jack Wade; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Aurora Aguilar; Manny Alvarez; Maria Josefina Garnica; Ellen Magalian.

Bible Study with Fr. Ireneusz

Starting Thursday, October 8
in the Parish Center

“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 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.

1st Set: September 8, 15, 29.
October 6, 13, 20, 27.
We will study the Book of Genesis.

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2nd Set: January 12, 19, 26.
February 2, 9, 16.
We will study the Gospel of Matthew.

3rd Set: May 4, 11, 18.
June 1, 8, 15.
We will study the Book of Revelation.

