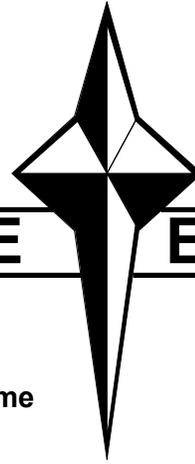


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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



Our Gospel reading today is a parable about people who need people. There are two central figures in the story. One was a rich man who lived in luxury, wore the best clothes and ate the finest food every day of his life. The other was a poor man named Lazarus, who like many poor people suffered problems of hunger and sickness. His only source of income was begging, and there were days when he longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Eventually both men died. The beggar was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, which to the Jewish mind was a picture of perfect bliss. The rich man went to what is called "*the abode of the dead.*"

Lazarus needed the rich man. His circumstance of life was utterly wretched. He was hungry; he was sick; he was lonely. He needed food; he needed medical attention; he needed friendship. The most obvious person to meet those needs was the rich man who walked past him every day. With his money he could have bought the food and medical attention. With a little bit of his own time, he could have furnished the friendship. But none of these things ever happened. Lazarus lived his miserable life and died his lonely death at the gate of his mansion, but the badly needed help never came.

Doubtless the rich man rationalized his lack of assistance. He was too busy. It was none of his affair. He was not responsible for the beggar's problems; therefore, he was under no obligation to seek their solution. Besides, there were agencies charged with the responsibility of helping the poor. The person who is looking for an excuse can usually find one.

But before we become too forceful in our criticism of this man, we had better take inventory of our own lives. There are people in our world who need our help. The needs may not be quite so evident or dramatic as they are in the parable. Probably there is no beggar who lies daily at your gate or your door. But, in our western world we

tend to organize our personal lives and our social lives in such fashion as to keep unpleasant things out of sight. Most of the poor people live on the other side of the tracks. That's the only place they can afford to live...out of sight out of mind. Since we seldom, if ever, see them, we can pretend they don't exist. But they are here, and they are real.

The rich man needs Lazarus. Probably he never thought of that. And if anyone had suggested it, he would have laughed him to scorn, but he needed Lazarus. At least, he needed someone to shake him out of his self-centeredness, to open his eyes and enable him to see that there were other people in the world besides himself.

You and I are the same. We need the people who need us. Everyone needs someone with whom we can share our concern and share our love, and share our time, and share our bread and share our money. No one is so small and so miserable as the person who feels no pain but this own, and sees no problems but his own, and dries no tears but his own.

So, the people who need our help are not really our problem; they are our opportunity. Properly viewed, they are not a burden, they are a blessing. Think how sad it would be if no one, not one single person in all this world really needed you. What a lonely kind of existence that would be. We don't really start to live until we start to share our lives with the people around us, especially the people who need us most.





ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The abortion advocacy organization deceptively called “Catholics for Choice” (CFC) placed fullpage ads in the September 12 editions of the Miami Herald & El Nuevo Herald. CFC is not a Catholic organization, has no membership, and does not speak for the Catholic Church. Nor could any well-formed or well informed Catholic support its goals. It’s funded by powerful and wealthy private foundations that promote abortion as a method of population control.

The ads call for taxpayer funding of abortion. What CFC advocates is the opposite of Catholic teaching on the dignity and life of the human person -- and actually attacks its foundation, namely the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Campaigns promoting abortion offer false support to women. The Church stands in solidarity with pregnant women and, through pregnancy help centers and other programs, is at the ready to care for both mother and child before and after birth.

Far from the old cry for abortion to be “safe, legal and rare,” CFC’s extreme ad promotes abortion as if it were a social good. But as St. Teresa of Calcutta said, abortion “has sown discord at the heart of the most intimate relationships.” Abortion kills the most innocent and defenseless among us. Public funding of abortions would force all taxpaying Americans to be complicit in that violence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Sept. 24	5:30 p.m.	+ Oscar Lopez + Carlos Yidi	Gallinal Family Yidi Family	
Sunday Sept. 25	8:00 a.m.	+ William Brisson Maria Penin	Pat & Richard Marx Gomez Family	Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10
	9:30 a.m.	+ William & Carlos Ramirez + Lena & Sonny Pizzolato	Family Frances Bentz	1 Tm 6:11-16 Lkj 16:19-31
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Alvaro Mendez-Modernel + Jose Wong Chau	Mendez & Restani Families Wong Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ Rene Alvarez + Javier Fernandez & Andres R. Fernandez Luzarraga + Wlodzimierz Grocholski	Verdeja Family Carlos Fernandez Family	
Monday Sept. 26	6:30 a.m.	+ Alicia Aixala + Jose Manuel Alonso	Family Tere Molins	Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7
	8:00 a.m.	+ Patrick Plummer In Thanksgiving	Plummer Family Carrillo Family	Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday Sept. 27	6:30 a.m.	+ Julia Almeida Hernandez & Agustin Almeida	Pistorino Family	Jb 3:1-3,11-17, 20-23
	8:00 a.m.	+ Joseph O'Doherty + Edward Northland + John & Irene Galioto	Norman & Gerda Salas Miriam Northland Frances Bentz	Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday Sept. 28	6:30 a.m.	+ Helen Dojonovic + Alma Sullivan	Almerinda Lucente J. Higgins	Jb 9:1-12,14-16 Ps 88:10b-15
	8:00 a.m.	Maria Claudia Yidi Ricardo Hernandez	Yidi Family Andreina Zambrano	Lk 9:57-62
Thursday Sept. 29	6:30 a.m.	Miguel Machado Katherine Irene Parrish	Marianela Perez Pistorino Family	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 138:1-5
	8:00 a.m.	Nina Yidi + Felipe Fernandez Romero	Yidi Family Family	Jn 1:47-51
Friday Sept. 30	6:30 a.m.	+ Eduardo & Hugo Rams + Joseph O'Doherty	Family J. Higgins	Jb 138,12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3,7-10,
	8:00 a.m.	+ Alvaro Luis Castillo Richard & Annamaria Sacher Wedding Anniversary	Family Sacher Family	13-14b Lk 10:13-16
Saturday Oct. 1	8:00 a.m.	Soldiers in Harms Way + Ricardo Reimundo	George & Maria Shahin Myriam & Maite Reimundo	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps 119:66,71,75, 91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	+ Jose Fernandez In Thanksgiving	Family Gloria De la Osa	
Sunday Oct. 2	8:00 a.m.	Juan & Monique Farach + Mary E. Truka	Family Mr. & Mrs. Armand Durrieu	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2,6-9
	9:30 a.m.	+ Sante De Leo + Juan Balerdi	Gina De Leo Family	2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving Beatriz Van Wyk	Carrillo Family Penin Family	
	6:00 p.m.	+ John Rivera + Nena Jacobs	Family Pargas Family	



Mass Schedules

October 1/2	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Eddy De Arcos Allie Pennie	M. Roberts J. Salvat I. Speziani C. Tsaoussis A. Valdes-Sueiras P. Valdes-Sueiras A. Bardisa N. Cruz	Coordinator: (Gloria Gonzalez) Gloria Gonzalez Luis Gonzalez Cristina Pasken Ana Maria Perez Phil Prellezo Jan Vair Jonathan Vair
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Lourdes Boue Kellie Montoya	I. Lista M. Morrissey	Coordinator: (Chuck Broyard) Marian O'Naghten Juan O'Naghten Chuck Broyard Juan Farach Martha Osorio
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Jason Johnson Astrid Isom	A. Alfano R. Bumanglag C. Fernandez A. Gonzalez	Coordinator: (Lucy Moas) Lucy Moas Rick Gonzalez Mari Pinero Ron Quintero Nydia Gonzalez Suzanne Renfrow Michael Renfrow
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Jorge Gonzalez Ramon Garcia	J. Reyes M. Reyes D. Baboun M. F. Candela M. M. Candela M. Canizares A. Cooper K. Cruz	Coordinator: (Ben Villalba) Louise Villalba Mirta Robelo Arnoldo Robelo Al Salas Marisa Salas Maria Renfrow Richard Renfrow Ben Villalba
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Marisol Henriquez Susana Arguto	D. Gongora H. Gonzalez	Coordinator: (Frank Varona) Maria Rosales Adolfo Rosales Frank Varona Raul Rosell Titi Rosell Pamela Ugarte Enrique Ugarte
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Cecilia Altonaga Margaret Gidel	F. Castro S. Cicarelli A. Clavijo K. Falcon P. Garcia-Saladrigas G. Jimenez N. Liebkuchler C. Linares	Coordinator: (Georgina Angones) Georgina Angones Frank Angones Debbie Hasty Jeannette Iglesias Rene Iglesias Julie Parlade Jaime Parlade



Stewardship Corner

GRIEF

Mother Teresa said "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen"... Grief sometimes can do that to a person...fill you with so much sorrow.

All of us during our lifetime will experience grief. It comes in numerous forms such as the death of a loved one, debilitating sickness, loss of job, money difficulties, marriage problems ending in separation or divorce, and a host of other devastating problems in our life. We should not be afraid to grieve, but our grief should be tempered with the fact that Jesus shares our grief. Jesus also suffered "not to save us from suffering, but to teach us how to bear suffering."

What is grief? It is not an illness. It's a normal occurrence in life. However, for some, it is a constant numbing experience that takes years to surmount. For others, it is a temporary pain to be handled as well as possible but destined to pass.

In what forms does grief come? The grieving person may experience anger, depression, restlessness, loss of energy, withdrawal and loneliness. There may also be disorientation, anxiety, panic, hostility or a combination of these with other emotions.

When you are grieving and you truly feel this will never pass, there are two things you should do. Seek professional help from the behavioral specialists and the medical profession. But the most important thing that will help you through your grief is to reach out to God and take His hand...Remember God loves you, and He will comfort you. Our Lord knows that suffering is a part of our lives. His death on the cross and his sufferings make Jesus the person to turn to.

Don't let grief get you down. Remember, grief is like an ocean...and the only way out of it is to keep swimming.

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?

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.

Saturday Softball for Men of Epiphany

Every first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m., we get together for a couple of hours of informal softball at the Epiphany baseball field. We call it "Knights of Columbus and Friends Softball" and it is open to all Epiphany parishioners.

Our next game will be on **Saturday, October 1**. Ages are from 15 to 95 and no experience is needed. Please join us for some fun time, exercise, and Christian companionship.

For more information, please contact Carl Lowell at 305-546-4347 (cell), 305-666-9843 (home), or by email at carlvtlowell@aol.com.

This Day is Not Lost

If I have moved a single grain of sand this day to help my fellow man,

*If I have brought one stray into the fold,
Or sent a ray of hope to one lonely soul,
like a sunbeam in a prison cell,*

Or on the desert sands a water well to quench his anguish on the way of life,

Or ease his heartbreak in the battle strife...

This day is not lost.



Concert Series begins
Friday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

7/4 Ensemble, Venezuela

Seven young musicians tour the world as acclaimed ambassadors of vibrant South American culture. Their classical training intertwines with modern styles into a colorful musical extravaganza.

A Life of Prayer

Let us not be content to pray morning and evening, but let us live in prayer all day long.

Let this prayer, this life of love, which means death to self, spread out from our seasons of prayer, as from a center, over all that we have to do.

All should become prayer, that is a loving consciousness of God's presence, whether it be social or business.

Health Care Mass

Tuesday, October 18
 Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
 Patron Saint of the Medical Profession

Rosary 7:00 p.m.
 Mass 7:30 p.m.

We invite doctors, nurses, emergency personnel and all who serve in the medical profession, so that you may be honored for years of service to the local community.

We invite the sick, the infirm and all parishioners who are suffering any illness, so that our community can pray for you.

We invite all those who have overcome any illness, especially cancer survivors, so that our community can thank God for His healing.

Contemplative Cenacle of the Divine Mercy

Monday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.
in the church

We meet as a community in adoration and recollection to contemplate and venerate the image of the Divine Mercy. 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!

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **September 25**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Maria Cristina Sousa	786-554-5983
Carlos & Gladys Penin	305-665-5143

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Tere Castro; Pat Clarke; Luis S. Del Valle; Angela Yanet Echavarría; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Ellen Middleton; Richard Roth; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Alfredo Avila; Ana Maria Bouigue Gostely; Nena Carvajal; Alfredo Pena; Clara Valdes-Cruz; Jack Wade; Earl Welbaum.

NOTE:

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.

Clothing Drive for Camillus House

Helping the poor is a work of mercy. Since this is the Year of Mercy, it is especially appropriate that we use every opportunity to show Mercy and Love to those most in need. Camillus House extends Mercy and Love every day to the homeless and the disadvantaged.

Our parish supports Camillus House in several ways. One such way is an annual clothing drive which they have come to depend on. So let us make a great effort this Year of Mercy to clean out our closets of the clothes we no longer need and give them to those who have need. This need is great. Our blessings are numerous. Let us share our blessings and God will reward us.

When: **Monday, September 26 through Monday, October 3**

What: Men's and women's jeans, shorts, t-shirts, socks, sneakers and caps.
As well as ladies capris, tank tops and flats.
(Please, no fancy clothing or shoes, i.e. gowns, high heels, etc.)

Where: Donations may be left in the collection boxes at the school carpool lane and behind the old church.
Also, at the Religious Education Office (Room 107) in the school.

CLOTHING DRIVE

