



# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

October 16, 2016

Twenty-Ninth 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

## Novena

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

Daily 7:40 a.m.  
Mondays 8:30 a.m.  
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**

The late Knute Rockne of Notre Dame University was not only a great football coach; he was also a gifted speaker. He had a way with words. Some of the things that he said to his players have endured and become a part of our culture. One of these is the now familiar proverb, "*A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins.*" That saying has lasted all these years because it has a broader application than simply athletics. It is the truth about life. There are few things in this life that we admire more than courageous and determined effort. The person who keeps on trying, even when it appears that he or she is beaten, is an inspiration to us all.

Our Gospel reading for today deals with something of this same theme. Jesus told His disciples to keep on praying and never lose heart. Then to enforce that lesson, He told a story about a judge who cared little for God or man. Justice was of small consequence to him. But a certain widow started coming to him and pleading her case. At first he refused to help her, but she kept on coming. She would not be denied. Finally, he said to himself, "*This widow is wearing me out. I am going to settle in her favor.*" Now the point of the parable is not that we can wear God down and finally get what we want. That concept of prayer is pagan, not Christian. Jesus is saying that we should not give up on life, that we should keep on going.

We need to hear that lesson because quitting is a real temptation. The outlook in this world is so often discouraging that it would be an easy thing to lose heart. In these days, when so much tragedy is funneled right into our living rooms, it is a difficult thing to keep on believing in and working for a better world. There have to be moments for all of us when we are tempted to give up the fight.

In those moments, we can take comfort in knowing that even great persons have felt that way at times. David did. He wished for wings like a dove so he could fly away and be at peace. Jeremiah did. He wished for a cabin in the woods, where he could run away from it all. Our Lord understood the temptation of discouragement, but He never quit. And His example gives us the courage to keep on keeping on.

Another reason we need to learn this lesson is because most of the good things in life are slow in coming. Weeds will spring up overnight, but flowers have to be cultivated and cared for. A TV dinner can be warmed up in a matter of minutes; a gourmet meal takes hours and sometimes days of planning and preparation. Just about everything in life is like that. The cheap things come quick and easy; the really good things require long hours and tireless effort. There are places in the world where you can order and receive through the mail a very official-looking college degree. All you have to do is fill out the form and send it in, along with a certain fee. In a matter of days, you will have a so called degree that you can frame and hang on your wall. Degrees may be cheap and easy to get, but a real education takes time and effort.

The same thing can be said of a good home. It is a fairly simple matter to have brief and meaningless love affairs, to skip from one partner to another. Any man can do that kind of thing who has a few dollars in his pocket and a night on the town. But if you want a lasting and meaningful relationship, it is going to cost you more than that. It will take years of trusting and being trustworthy, of giving and receiving love.

Our Lord is telling us not to give up because most of the good things are slow in coming. But the greatest encouragement of all is that we don't have to do this by ourselves. There is an available source of power on which we can draw. This is what Jesus meant when He told His disciples always to pray and not lose heart. With God as our helper, there is no reason ever to give up on life.



Couples living together before marriage is becoming more common in our modern society. The response of parish leaders to this growing phenomenon requires respect and patient understanding for such couples. At the same time, faithfulness to the sacred values and ideals of Christian marriage and family is also needed. These trial marriages present a serious pastoral concern to clergy and all those responsible for passing on Catholic teaching and traditions to couples seeking to enter the life long commitment to Christian marriage.

Today, living together often delays or even substitutes for marriage. When asked why they choose to live together rather than choose marriage most couples respond with something like "*in today's society with so much divorce, it only makes sense to really get to know each other more fully; so we can be sure about whether or not it is wise to get married in the future.*"

Yet, the hard reality is that several studies made since the mid 1980's have come to the conclusion that it is couples who have NOT lived together who, in fact, have better marriage adjustment scores one year after their marriage than did those who lived together before they married. Another study shows that those who lived together before they married scored lower in the "*perceived quality of marital communication and marital satisfaction*" than those who did not live together prior to their marriage. Still another study shows that the divorce rate is about thirty eight percent higher among couples who live together prior to their marriage than for those who have not lived together prior to marriage.

It is understandable that couples considering marriage are cautious because they have seen far too many divorces; often their own parents are divorced. Their decision to live together can well be seen as a sensible effort to avoid the failures of too many couples who have gone before them.

This understanding helps us to put a finger on the problem. The couple who opts to live together as a way of testing the relationship

is – by the very fact of living together – leaving a back door open. The very definition of living together is that there is an agreement that either person has a right to leave the relationship at any point. Living together is an attempt to live an intimate relationship with an agreement that either person can leave the relationship at any point, for any reason. This is why many of these relationships seem to work very well. For some it seems better than a marriage in which one or both of the spouses has lost interest in working at the relationship.

But the fact is that Christian marriage is about commitment. This means sticking with one another and sticking with the relationship, through not only the easy and happy times but also through the hard and sometimes most unhappy times. Commitment only begins when a person chooses to close all the doors and freely chooses to stay with the other person and the relationship in a never-ending way. This freely chosen permanency is a critical element of Christian marriage because only such a stable environment has proven best for raising children. Christian marital commitment means freely choosing to love another person – and eventually one's children – in the way that God chooses to love us... forever... without end... no conditions. Unfortunately, there is no way to tip toe into this kind of reality. Commitment can never be safe or without risk. Like an electrical connection it is either on or off, there is no middle ground. One is either committed fully, or one is not really committed. And that is the heart of the matter. No amount of living together will ever prove one's ability to be committed to another person.

At its best, living together proves that I am staying with you even though I could leave. But the only way to say I am going to stick with you and with this relationship for lifetime is to stand before ones family and friends and the larger Christian community and profess the vows of Christian marriage – to promise to love and to be faithful in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health – until death. This is commitment. There is no substitute and no halfway place.



## Mass Intentions

| Date                        | Time       | Intention   | Requested By                                     | Readings                                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|---|--|--|
| Saturday<br><b>Oct. 15</b>  | 5:30 p.m.  | + Juan & Gloria Balerdi<br>+ Paula Zubillaga Balerdi<br>+ Jorge Antonio Marquez | Family<br>Family<br>Miyares Family               |  |
| Sunday<br><b>Oct. 16</b>    | 8:00 a.m.  | + James Blain<br>Nikolas Aixala   | Family<br>Alicia Aixala                          | Ex 17:8-13<br>Ps 121:1-8                 |
|                             | 9:30 a.m.  | + Francisca Lucero & Maria Flores<br>+ Deyanira McLaughlin                      | Grandchildren<br>Family                          | 2 Tm 3:14--4:2<br>Lk 18:1-8              |
|                             | 11:00 a.m. | People of Epiphany  |  |  |
|                             | 12:30 p.m. | + Hulberto Gomez<br>+ Graciela Rivera Alcebo                                    | Lugui Sanchez & Family<br>Fernandez-Abril Family |  |
|                             | 6:00 p.m.  | + Carlos & Olga W. DuQuesne<br>+ Alfonso & Delia DuQuesne                       | Manuel Lasaga Family<br>Manuel Lasaga Family     |  |
|                             |            |   |  |  |
| Monday<br><b>Oct. 17</b>    | 6:30 a.m.  | + Aurora Lamela<br>Special Intentions   | Lamela Family<br>Pistorino Family                | Eph 2:1-10<br>Ps 100:1b-5                |
|                             | 8:00 a.m.  | Isabella Yidi<br>+ Carlos S. Penin  | Yidi Family<br>Gomez Family                      | Lk 12:13-21                              |
|                             |            |   |  |  |
| Tuesday<br><b>Oct. 18</b>   | 6:30 a.m.  | Alex Aixala<br>+ Gustavo R. Robayna   | Alicia Aixala<br>Family                          | 2 Tm 4:10-17b<br>Ps 145:10-13,17-18      |
|                             |            | Stephen Hohouser  | Ortiz Family                                     | Lk 10:1-9                                |
|                             | 8:00 a.m.  | + Alicia Aixala<br>+ Carmina M. Aguilera  | Pistorino Family<br>Family                       |  |
| Wednesday<br><b>Oct. 19</b> | 6:30 a.m.  | Irene Patricia Pistorino<br>+ Mary Elizabeth Howard &<br>Ana Catalina Almeida   | Pistorino Family                                 | Eph 3:2-12<br>(Ps)Is 12:2-3,4b-6         |
|                             | 8:00 a.m.  | + Fr. Florentino Azcoitia<br>+ Alicia Aixala                                    | Marisol Henriquez<br>P. Gutierrez                | Lk 12:39-48                              |
|                             |            |   |  |  |
| Thursday<br><b>Oct. 20</b>  | 6:30 a.m.  | + Silvia Jorge<br>+ Joy K. Pistorino  | Family<br>Pistorino Family                       | Eph 3:14-21<br>Ps 33:1-2,4-5,            |
|                             | 8:00 a.m.  | Jenn & Gonzalo Diaz<br>Wedding Anniversary<br>+ Alicia Aixala                   | Diaz Family<br>Family                            | 11-12,18-19<br>Lk 12:49-53               |
|                             |            |   |  |  |
| Friday<br><b>Oct. 21</b>    | 6:30 a.m.  | + Agustin Almeida<br>Elizabeth Diskin   | Pistorino Family<br>Family                       | Eph 4:1-6<br>Ps 24:1-4b,5-6              |
|                             | 8:00 a.m.  | Andres Zambrano<br>+ Ursula Eversbusch  | Andreina Zambrano<br>Ordonez Family              | Lk 12:54-59                              |
| Saturday<br><b>Oct. 22</b>  | 8:00 a.m.  | + Eduardo & Hugo Rams<br>+ Nicolas Gutierrez                                    | Family<br>Aleida Gutierrez                       | Eph 4:7-16<br>Ps 122:1-5<br>Lk 13:1-9    |
| (Sunday Vigil)              | 5:30 p.m.  | + John & Alice Scott<br>Eduardo Iglesias<br>Epiphany Class of '86 Reunion       | Family<br>Ruiz-Iglesias Family                   |  |
| Sunday<br><b>Oct. 23</b>    | 8:00 a.m.  | + Charlotte McDevitt<br>+ Martin Joseph O'Doherty                               | Children<br>Juan Farach Family                   | Sir 35:12-14,16-18<br>Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23 |
|                             | 9:30 a.m.  | + Adolfo & Ana Maria Comas<br>+ Alberto M. Raurell, Sr.                         | Family<br>Marisol & Gonzalo Diaz                 | 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18<br>Lk 18:9-14           |
|                             | 11:00 a.m. | People of Epiphany  |  |  |
|                             | 12:30 p.m. | + Pedro Gonzalez<br>+ Arnoldo Robelo, Sr.                                       | Marianela Perez<br>Family                        |  |
|                             | 6:00 p.m.  | Finita Benedetti<br>+ Ena Padilla<br>+ Veronica & Bernard Doddo                 | Yidi Family<br>Pargas Family<br>Family           |  |
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## Mass Schedules

| October<br>22/23              | Celebrants           | Lectors                           | Altar Servers  | Extraordinary Ministers<br>of Holy Communion  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Saturday<br/>5:30 p.m.</b> | Msgr. Jude O'Doherty | Karen Murphy<br>Eddy De Arcos     | N. Cruz<br>I. Delgado<br>R. Etten<br>G. Etten<br>D. Galceran<br>C. Hassan<br>E. Myrtetus<br>M. Ortiz                       | <b>Coordinator:</b> (Camille Thiry)<br>Camille Thiry<br>Martin Thiry<br>Shari Ferrer<br>Carl Lowell<br>Beatriz Lowell<br>Jan Vair<br>Jonathan Vair                                |
| <b>Sunday<br/>8:00 a.m.</b>   | Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert  | Calene Candela<br>John Steinbauer | A. Buonocore<br>N. Del Valle   | <b>Coordinator:</b> (Frank Acosta)<br>Martha Osorio<br>Frank Acosta<br>Juan Farach<br>Chuck Broyard<br>Tom Beier  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>9:30 a.m.</b>   | Fr. Lazarus Govin    | Pat Parker<br>Mike Herold         | D. Rodriguez<br>D. A. Rodriguez<br>A. Sacher<br>B. Teasdale  | <b>Coordinator:</b> (Marisol Collins)<br>Marisol Collins<br>Alex Collins<br>Rick Gonzalez<br>Alfie Perez<br>Monica Perez<br>Donna Alfano<br>Tom Alfano                            |
| <b>Sunday<br/>11:00 a.m.</b>  | Msgr. Jude O'Doherty | Manuel Lasaga<br>Ileana Gordon    | C. Ros<br>J. Reyes<br>M. Reyes<br>D. Baboun<br>M. F. Candela<br>M. M. Candela<br>M. Canizares<br>A. Cooper                 | <b>Coordinator:</b> (E. Del Valle)<br>Lourdes Cooper<br>John Cooper<br>Eduardo Del Valle<br>Manolo Dominguez<br>Maite Dominguez<br>Tere Larrieu<br>Manolo Larrieu<br>Lina Reardon |
| <b>Sunday<br/>12:30 p.m.</b>  | Fr. Lazarus Govin    | Jorge Torres<br>Marcela Torres    | E. Arguto<br>A. Arguello   | <b>Coordinator:</b> (Hermida Licea)<br>Hermida Licea<br>Alcides Licea<br>Carmen Ruiz-Castaneda<br>Ramon Oyarzun<br>Ana Oyarzun<br>Raul Rosell<br>Titi Rosell                      |
| <b>Sunday<br/>6:00 p.m.</b>   | Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert  | Bob Dickinson<br>Sarita Baigorri  | K. Falcon<br>P. Garcia-Saladrigas<br>G. Jimenez<br>N. Liebkuchler<br>C. Linares<br>T. Lombard<br>J. Packert<br>A. Romagosa | <b>Coordinator:</b> (Javier Ruiz)<br>Debbie Hasty<br>Javier Ruiz<br>Jorge Echenique<br>Jeannette Iglesias<br>Rene Iglesias<br>Annie Cooper-Hernandez<br>Caro Packert              |

## Stewardship Corner

### WE ARE EPIPHANY SCHOOL

In her job as Director of Communications for a film distributor, Kris Percival reviewed one movie after another...some were good and others were dreadful. Her position was to initiate the best publication for each movie.

But, after six years in the publicity business, Kris Percival decided to do something "that would actually help people." She went back to school for a masters degree in education and quit her job. Today she uses the skills she developed as a publicist to convince a room full of children that math is fun! She proved that it is never too late to help people and make a difference and a change in their lives.

In 1989, Monsignor O'Doherty, in consultation with his Advisory Committee, established the Endowment Fund to make a change in our School and help our students. The Endowment Fund was also created to make certain that Epiphany School would always have the resources necessary to continue providing our children with a quality education and to keep our school open for generations to come. The Endowment Fund has made a huge difference and brought about many changes. To enumerate all the changes would take pages, but just think there was a time when the school had no air-conditioning or technology.

During this week, you will receive a letter from Monsignor O'Doherty requesting your participation in the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. Give it some thought and pray about it. As usual, you, like all the past parishioners who helped the school and are now in Heaven, will make a generous pledge.

Like Kris Percivel, you have all made a great difference in our school, and because of you the School Endowment Fund has been successful. It is therefore true to say because of your support, love and generosity... "We truly are Epiphany School."



### Election Prayer

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds as we exercise our privilege to vote this November. May we choose a President of the United States and other government officials according to Your Divine Will.

Give us the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. We pray that you will be merciful and continue to grant us the abundant blessings and freedoms that we enjoy in America.

As future citizens of your Heavenly Kingdom, make us committed to being your faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



*Come and join us for the  
Epiphany Cocktail Party*

*Friday, November 4th*

*School Courtyard*

*Doors open at 7:30 p.m.*

*To register or for more information,  
please visit:*

[epiphanycocktailparty.com](http://epiphanycocktailparty.com)

*Limited Registration*

## Health Care Mass

**Tuesday, October 18**

Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist  
Patron Saint of the Medical Profession

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.

Let us all come together as a community to pray for the sick and those who take care of them.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6:30 p.m.**

**Rosary 7:00 p.m.**

**Mass 7:30 p.m.**

**Sacrament of the Sick: At the end of Mass**

## Prayer

*Perhaps we do not think enough what an effective service prayer is.*

*We do not believe as we should, how it might help those we would serve, penetrating the hearts we cannot open, shielding those we cannot guard, teaching where we cannot speak, comforting where our words have no power to soothe, following the steps of our beloved through the toils and perplexities of the day, lifting off their burdens with an unseen hand at night.*

*No ministry is so like that of an angel as this... silent, invisible, known but to God.*



**Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

**7/4 Ensemble, Venezuela**

Due to complications with the hurricane, the concert originally scheduled for October 7 with the Venezuelan Ensemble 7/4, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy this evening of Classical and Venezuelan music for brass and percussion, played by outstanding young musicians!

## Church of the Epiphany Website

[www.epiphancatholicchurch.com](http://www.epiphancatholicchurch.com)

## Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **October 16**, the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Seida &amp; Gerry Wood</b>   | <b>786-262-4192</b> |
| <b>Margie &amp; A.J. Suarez</b> | <b>305-412-4112</b> |

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



### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Rosa Maria Alvarez; Tere Castro; Pat Clarke; Ana Alicia Fernandez; Stephen Hohauser; Ana Pinedo; Richard Roth; Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Teodula Wong.

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Nena Carvajal; Luis F. Del Valle; Ellen Middleton; Alfredo Pena; Clara Valdes-Cruz.

# **EPIPHANY ENDOWMENT SUNDAY**

**October 23, 2016**

*"I believe in the kindness of others,  
and that I must love them without fear."*

Pope Francis

Early this week, you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. The Annual Appeal enables us to do great things for our children.

Programs at Epiphany School promote the academic and spiritual growth of our children in a very special way. If you are new to our parish, we invite you to become part of a wonderful group of people who invest in the education of young people. To those of you who continue to support the endowment Fund, we are very grateful.

Please say "Yes" when you receive Monsignor's letter early next week asking your support for the Endowment Fund.

Like our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we also truly believe in the kindness of others. It is our hope that every parishioner will want to share in this Appeal.



**ENDOWMENT SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY.**

**Please be generous!**