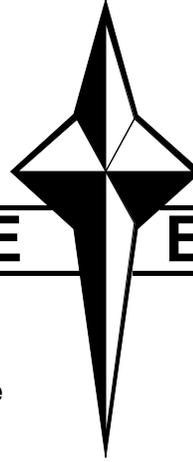


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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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 Ruíz-Castañeda
Deacon Thomas V. Eagan
Deacon Marcos Pérez
Deacon Eduardo Smith



THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



Our Gospel reading today is something much more than a story about humility. It is a picture of ourselves and our deep desire for rightness. *"Two men went to the temple to pray."* What for? Why did they go? There are all kinds of reasons why people go to Church—some out of habit, some out of a sense of duty, some out of desperation, but the bottom line is the longing of the human heart to be right with God. No rational person wants life to be wrong. However we live, whatever we do, we still want life to be right. We want the approval of God, the admiration of other people, and the ability to accept ourselves.

A sense of wrongness can become an almost unbearable burden. We will go to all kinds of trouble and take all sorts of detours trying to get rid of it. Some people try psychiatry. Others try staying busy. The idea is to keep the hours of the day so crammed with activity that there is no time to be alone and think. That way we never have to face up to ourselves, who we really are and what life really means.

The two men in our story tried religion. They went to the temple to pray and one missed it even there. He left the same as when he came. His life was untouched and unchanged. The other man went home justified. He found what we are all after: the knowledge that life has been set right, a sense of self-approval. The desire for that is one of the deepest passions of the human heart.

But here is where we have to be careful because self-approval can be bought by some very cheap and inferior means. One method sometimes used is rationalization. That means the invention of reasons that make the things we want to do seem good, so that we can go on doing them and still like ourselves. Another is to set up a low standard of righteousness and live up to it. This is what the Pharisee had done. *"I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all I possess."* Credit him with the truth. No doubt, he did those things and others like them. Jesus condemned him, not because he failed to live up to his standard, but because his standard was so low that he could live up to it. If you want to always approve of yourself, no matter what, here is one of the easiest ways to do it. Make your religion so

easy, set your goals so low that you always reach them, and that with minimal effort. There is an even easier way than that. *"I give thanks, O God, that I am not like other men, grasping, crooked, adulterous, or even like this tax collector."* Just look around and find someone whose moral standards are lower than your own; then you can compare yourself with them and always come away feeling superior.

The fact is that self-approval alone will not set life straight. It is too easy for us to deceive ourselves and manipulate the truth. We must move to forgiveness. *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* We all need that, the sense of pardon and release that comes with confession and forgiveness. Life can never be right without it. What else can we do about sin? We could try to deny it, but that won't work. We cannot deny the existence of sin and our own involvement in it.

Sin is a tragic reality in our lives that we cannot deny, ignore or completely correct. Our only recourse is forgiveness. *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* Start with that. Then go to the person you have wronged and say, *"I am sorry, please forgive me."* It is a painful way out, but it is the only way out. And your sin or mine is never finally done with, and life is never really right until we have walked the path of forgiveness. There is one last aspect of getting life straightened out, and that is reconciliation. It means the restoring of a relationship that has been interrupted. That is primarily what forgiveness does. It does not take away the fact of sin. It does not cancel all the consequences of sin. It restores a broken relationship. That is what the tax collector was really after; he wanted things to be right between him and God. And whether we know it or not, that is what all people everywhere want. It is just that some of us, like the Pharisee, reach for it in the wrong way.



The Absurdity of Arrogance



Today's Gospel reading contains one of the more familiar stories that Jesus told. It was about two men who went to the temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee; the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee's prayer was by far, the longer of the two. But it was primarily an exercise in self-congratulation. The tax collector's prayer was a brief plea for divine mercy. Jesus ended the story by saying the tax collector went home a changed man. He had a clean conscience and a right standing with God. The Pharisee simply went home. He had come to the temple as an arrogant snob, and he left the temple as an arrogant snob.

Most of us have heard this story so many times and know it so well that we could recite it from memory. But the part of the story with which we are not familiar is the emotional impact it had on the original audience. Remember, Jesus addressed this parable to "those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt." In other words, he told it to a group of Pharisees and their supporters. And we can be certain that it hit them like an emotional bombshell. It had a powerful emotional impact. His purpose was not to offend his audience, but to jar them out of their complacency. He was trying to get them to take an honest look at themselves.

I wonder what characters Jesus would employ if he were telling that same story to us. I am sure he would not use the Pharisee and the tax collector. Those people are no longer a part of our world, but the roles that they played are. So Jesus would tell a story about the time and place in which we are living, one that would challenge us to take an honest look at ourselves. He would try to show us the absurdity of our arrogance.

The sect of the Pharisees is long since dead and gone. But the spirit that they represented is still very much alive. In fact, the word "pharisaism" is now a part of our English language. The dictionary defines it as "the external observance of religious rituals without genuine

piety." That definition needs to be expanded to include any person who considers himself superior to any other person on any grounds. What we really need to do is take an honest look at ourselves. Is there any area of life where we hold ourselves aloof and look down on any other group for any reason?

If we respond to that question truthfully, the answer will probably be "yes." And that is the place where we should focus our concern. Perhaps you are a little more intelligent than the average person. That is no reason for pride. It only heightens your opportunity and obligation to serve the rest of us. Suppose I am physically stronger than you are. That does not make me a superior person. It simply means that when physical strength is needed, I should be the one to help you. Probably the Pharisee in our story did have a higher moral standard than the tax collector. That was no cause for boasting. It was a chance to serve. Think what it would have meant if the Pharisee had offered his friendship to the tax collector. Without question, it would have made a better man of both of them. If we take an honest look at ourselves, we will surely see the absurdity of arrogance.

The Pharisee and the tax collector had at least two things in common with each other. And we have those same things in common with every other person on earth. The first is that we are all sinners. My sin may be more socially acceptable than yours. But that could be due to any number of reasons - where we were reared, how we were reared. Many things go into making us what we are. But this basic fact remains: We are both sinners. The other thing we have in common is the love of God. The tax collector went home justified, and the Pharisee did not. But it could have been otherwise. God's mercy was extended to both. The difference was that one of them accepted the offer, while the other turned it down. Everyone here today can go home justified. The only thing we need to do is take an honest look at ourselves, recognize our need, and say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."



Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	Readings
Saturday Oct. 22	5:30 p.m.	+ John & Alice Scott Eduardo Iglesias Epiphany Class of '86 Reunion	Family Ruiz-Iglesias Family	
Sunday Oct. 23	8:00 a.m.	+ Charlotte McDevitt	Children	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
	9:30 a.m.	+ Martin Joseph O'Doherty + Adolfo & Ana Maria Comas + Alberto M. Raurell, Sr.	Juan Farach Family Family Marisol & Gonzalo Diaz	Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Pedro Gonzalez + Arnoldo Robelo, Sr.	Marianela Perez Family	
	6:00 p.m.	Finita Benedetti + Ena Padilla + Veronica & Bernard Doddo	Yidi Family Pargas Family Family	
Monday Oct. 24	6:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving In Thanksgiving Stephen Hohausser	Beba Rams Marie P. Ortiz Family	Eph 4:32--5:8 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 13:10-17
	8:00 a.m.	+ Alice & John Scott Miguel Machado	Family Marianela Perez	
Tuesday Oct. 25	6:30 a.m.	Mike Aixala Maria Elizabette Pistorino	Alicia Aixala Pistorino Family	Eph5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5
	8:00 a.m.	+ Rodolfo Ortiz-Crabb + Wlodzimier Grocholski	Tolon-Gallinal Family Family	LK 13:18-21
Wednesday Oct. 26	6:30 a.m.	Armando Diaz + Pedro & Caridad Acosta	Marianela Perez Miriam & Raymond Lopez	Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14
	8:00 a.m.	+ Marianita Dominguez + Alicia Aixala	Gallinal Family Family	Lk 13:22-30
Thursday Oct. 27	6:30 a.m.	+ Julia Almeida Hernandez + Victoriano Almeida	Pistorino Family Pistorino Family	Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
	8:00 a.m.	Lourdes Machado + Melissa Rodriguez	Marianela Perez Family	Lk 13:31-35
Friday Oct. 28	6:30 a.m.	+ Gutierrez-De Latorre Family Members	Family	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5
	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving + Fernando Miranda + Marilys & Manolo Coroalles + Clara Debs	Beba Rams Friends Coroalles Family Family	Lk 6:12-16
Saturday Oct. 29	8:00 a.m.	Lily Campbell + Tomas Giraldo + Daniel Villabona + Richard Lotharius	Alicia Aixala Family Martha Villabona Martha Villabona	Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3,5cdef Lk 14:1,7-11
(Sunday Vigil)	5:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving + Sarah Eva Goicoechea	Beba Rams Martinez Family	
Sunday Oct. 30	8:00 a.m.	+ Armando, Maria & Marina Ramos	Family	Wis 11:22--12:2 Ps 145:1-2,8-11, 13-14
	9:30 a.m.	+ Daniel Whelan + Pilar & Laurence Clark + William & Carlos Ramirez + Alvaro Luis Castillo	FIU MSIRE Family Family Family	2 Thes 1:1--2:2 Lk 19:1-10
	11:00 a.m.	People of Epiphany		
	12:30 p.m.	+ Eduardo & Hugo Rams Perlita Domingo	Family Elizabeth Diskin	
	6:00 p.m.	Paola Yidi + Javier Fernandez & Andres R. Fernandez-Luzarraga	Yidi Family Carlos Fernandez	



Mass Schedules

October 29/30	Celebrants	Lectors	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Bob Dickinson Eddy De Arcos	B. Palacio C. Paar M. Roberts J. Salvat I. Speziani C. Tsaoussis A. Valdes-Sueiras P. Valdes-Sueiras	Coordinator: (Natalia Cacicedo) Natalia Cacicedo Ray Cacicedo Rosi Maza-Saez Rolando Montoya Marivi Montoya Phil Prellezo Sister Margaret
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Montserrat Morrison Henry Pujol	D. Garcia M. Herholz	Coordinator: (Andres Aguirre) Cynthia Risavy Andres Aguirre Chuck Broyard Tom Risavy Manuel Paucar
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Fr. Ireneusz Ekiert	Mike Herold Pat Parker	A. Alfano R. Bumanglag C. Fernandez A. Gonzalez	Coordinator: (E. Fernandez-Silva) Eileen Fernandez-Silva Jorge Fernandez-Silva Raphael Bastian Ron Quintero Nydia Gonzalez Doug Garcia Pedro Toro
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Jude O'Doherty	Gloria De la Osa Guillermo Castillo	K. Cruz C. De la Viesca V. D. de Segonzac A. Garcia V. Gomez I. Gurdian I. Herran S. Hoyos	Coordinator: (Ely Fleites) Ana Maria Hernandez John Porro Tania Porro Maria Renfrow Richard Renfrow Dolly Medina Mark Medina Ely Fleites
Sunday 12:30 p.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Adriana Giuffredi Gisela Cacciamani	N. Beltran A. Castillo	Coordinator: (Tere Molins) Tere Molins Marta Rosales Adolfo Rosales Pamela Ugarte Enrique Ugarte Raul Zabala Liliana Acosta
Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Fr. Lazarus Govin	Maria Iparraguirre Jorge Perez	C. Silva A. Yaniz J. Yaniz A. Zurfluh C. Zurfluh C. Alcobé-Garibay M. Alexander C. Candela	Coordinator: (Esther Sousa) Esther Sousa Camilo Lopez Gladys Patino Diana Yidi William Yidi Jorge Diaz-Silveira Renee Diaz-Silveira



Stewardship Corner

ENDOWMENT SUNDAY

"Mommy, I love school"... "Mommy, I don't like school"... "Mommy, my teacher is nice"... "Mommy, my teacher doesn't like me." Parents have heard all of these quotes from their children, especially when they first start school. But as young as they are, children realize how important it is to have a school. A school truly is a second home to children, and it is, not only where they learn, but it is where they develop and grow emotionally, socially, and in Catholic schools, also spiritually.

Education has always been a priority in our parish. We have been blessed with priests, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and generous parishioners who not only believed in this priority, but rallied around Monsignor O'Doherty when the Epiphany School Endowment Fund was created in 1989. It was established to make certain that Epiphany School would always have the resources necessary to continue providing our children with a quality and spiritual education.

For our newer parishioners, the basic concept of Endowment refers to funds that have been set up so that the principal remains untouched and in perpetuity. Only the interest from the investment of the fund may be expended. We want you to join in a long line of present and past parishioners who have helped this fund reach over 25 million dollars. Education is a priority in Epiphany parish.

Today, once again, you are called upon to make a pledge to the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. Your generosity in the past indicates you will because you want to help our children take their place in society as faithful Catholics and outstanding citizens.

It is our hope that every parishioner will want to participate in this Appeal. No pledge is too small. Please be generous, and remember your investment in children is the greatest gift you can give. We will be successful because...WE CARE.



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

Limited Registration



You Can Make Something Happy Out of Everything That Happens in Life

*Life can make choices for us.
Sometimes these choices
seem unhappy or unfair,
but in the end we control
our own destiny because we can decide
how people and events affect us.*

*So much of our happiness lies within
the choices that we make.
We can accept that life
isn't the way we want it to be,
or we can change it so that it will be.*

*We can walk through the shadows,
or we can choose to smile
and seek out the sunlight.
We can create grand dreams
that never leave the ground,
or we can be builders
of dreams that come true.*

*We can look at only
the negative aspects of ourselves,
or we can lift ourselves up
by being our own best friend.
We can live in the past
or dream about the future,
or we can live for today.*

*We can give up when the road
becomes difficult,
or we can keep going
until the view is much better.
The choices in life are endless,
and so is the potential for happiness*

Nancy Sims

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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday (In the Church)
7:00-8:00 a.m. & 8:30-9:30 a.m.



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 **October 23**,
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Maria & John Pistorino **305-661-5224**
Raul & Lili Busto **305-598-8494**

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;
Jeannette Conner; Ana Alicia Fernandez;
Stephen Hohausser; Mary Horton; Angela Monroy;
Ana Pinedo; Richard Roth; Esther Suarez;
Paulina Tawil; Teodula Wong; Sam Nickola
Wujnovich.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

David W. Bent; Ellen Middleton; Luis F. Del Valle.

EPIPHANY ENDOWMENT SUNDAY

October 23, 2016

*“When for the love of God
We share our goods with
Our neighbor in need,
We discover that the fullness
Of life comes from our love,
And all is returned to us:
A blessing in the form of
Peace, inner satisfaction and joy.”*

Pope Benedict XVI

Today is Endowment Sunday, and we invite you to participate in the Epiphany School Endowment Fund. Our parishioners have always taken the words of Pope Benedict to heart and always supported the Endowment Fund, and in return have always experienced peace, inner satisfaction and joy.

This Appeal gives Epiphany School the tools to engage in all the educational strategies to serve the present students and one day to serve a new generation of students. It is our hope that every parishioner will want to participate in this Appeal. No pledge is too small.



We will be successful because... WE CARE.

Please be generous!