



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00 a.m. &
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ROSARY

Daily 7:40 a.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 one year in advance.

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PASTOR'S PEN

In our Gospel reading, Jesus told a story about a man who owned a vineyard and needed some help to take care of it. He went out at dawn, found some workers, and agreed to hire them for a standard day's wages. About mid-morning, he came back and recruited some more, saying to them, "Go to my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is fair." He did the same thing at noon and again at mid-afternoon. Then, finally, he returned at one hour before quitting time and hired still another group.

At the end of the day, he settled up with them all, paying each group in the reverse order in which he had hired them. The people who had worked only one hour surprisingly received a full day's wage. So did those who had gone to work at mid-afternoon, noon and mid-morning. Finally came the group who had worked the entire day, and they, like all the rest, were paid a standard day's wage. This made them terribly unhappy, and they began to voice their complaint.

To understand our reading, it is necessary for us to go back to the verses just before it. There, Jesus met and talked with a rich young man, to whom He said, *"Go and sell all that you have, and give it to the poor. Then come and follow me."* When the man refused and walked away, Jesus commented about the difficulty of a rich man entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Then, Simon Peter interjected, *"Lord, we have left everything in order to follow you. What will be our reward?"*

It was in response to this question that Jesus told the story in our reading. He wanted to assure Peter that Christian discipleship is a rewarding experience. But He also wanted him to know that it's a bad mistake to go through life inquiring of every venture, what's in it for me? The person who lives with one eye on the balance books, making certain he receives full payment for services rendered, has prearranged for himself a lifetime of misery.

The second part of the misery formula is to constantly compare yourself with others. This was the problem with the people in the story. It wasn't

that they had been underpaid or treated unfairly. It was rather that they felt underpaid when they compared their salary with the salary of those who had not worked nearly as long. The interesting thing is that they had been paid the exact amount to which they had agreed. It was apparently a fair day's wages. At least they thought so at the beginning of the day. And they would have been happy with it except for one thing... comparison.

Now, we need to understand that Jesus is not recommending a capricious and arbitrary pay scale. He is not laying track for the wheels of industry to run on. What He is recommending is that we not waste our time and wreck our happiness by constantly comparing our lives with the lives of others. For one thing, our comparisons are almost always inaccurate. We don't really know about the life of another person. We can see the glamour on the outside, but there may be some hurt on the inside, completely hidden from view.

Our comparisons almost always miss the mark. But if you want to be miserable, here's a sure-fire formula: keep looking around to see if others are getting more out of life than you are. On the other hand, if you want to be happy, make a different kind of comparison. Go to a hospital and visit the sick; then, go home and thank God for your health. Visit a family that has less than you do; then, share with them some of what you have. You will probably go home singing. We can make ourselves glad or we can make ourselves miserable. The choice is pretty well up to us.

talk about your
BLESSINGS 
more than your
BURDENS

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

The crucifixion of Christ has been called “the loneliest death in history”. His government had rejected him as an insurrectionist. His religion had branded him as a heretic. The Roman soldiers had mocked him and spit upon him. Pilate had washed his hands of him. The crowd jeered at him. His disciples forsook him. He was alone. In desolation, he cried from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was the loneliest death in history. Yet we are here today not to grieve that event as a tragedy, but to celebrate it as a triumph. That is indeed a strange irony.

The cross was a crushing defeat of everything that is good and right, but at the same time, it was one of the greatest victories that goodness and righteousness ever won. On the day of his death, Jesus appeared to be a total and complete failure. He had tried to bring about a religious reformation in his own faith. But only few of the people responded, while most of the leaders planned and arranged his execution. He had trusted his disciples to be the start of a new community of faith. But one of them betrayed him, another denied him, and all of them ran away at the time when he needed them the most. That evening, when his body lay in the garden tomb, everybody in Jerusalem, including his own followers, thought Jesus was finished forever.

Isn't it strange now, with the passing of time, the perception of what happened that day has been completely reversed? History records that Pilate sat in judgement of Jesus. But now the whole world knows that Pilate was actually judging himself. The Gospel writers tell us that Judas betrayed his Lord. But now we all know that Judas really betrayed himself, sold his own soul for thirty pieces of silver. The soldiers who nailed him to the cross thought they were destroying an enemy of Caesar. It turned out that they were enthroning a King, who would reign from that cross long after Caesar was forgotten.

How do we explain this strange contradiction that the future belonged to a man who seemed to be nothing more than a colossal failure? The answer is this: The greatest moral power in the world is vicarious self-sacrifice.

The cross is the supreme example of this. On the one hand, it represents defeat. Jesus had failed. His tormentors ridiculed him saying: “He saved others, himself, he cannot save.” But on the other hand, that cross has proven to be the most moving force in the moral and ethical history of the human race. That is strange indeed. But what is stranger yet is that Jesus somehow knew that before it ever happened. He said: “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life through him.”

In the experience of Christ, the path of defeat led to the victor's crown. His enemies gave him a cross, and turned it into a throne. They nailed him to a tree, not knowing that by that very deed they were bringing the world to his feet. He did not conquer in spite of evil. He conquered through it. He took the most heinous crime in all of history and used it to serve the redemptive purposes of God. He took an instrument of violence, and turned it into a symbol of peace.

There is an adage that says, “Nothing succeeds like success.” That adage is not true, and we can be glad it is not. If the future belonged to the things that seem to succeed, then all of our highest hopes would be lost. Military might has been a huge success in the twentieth century. The manufacture of armaments has become one of the world's major industries. Inventing more efficient ways to kill and destroy has made some people unbelievably wealthy. Several nations now possess the ultimate weapon which, if unleashed, has the power to destroy civilization. Military might has arrived. It has succeeded. But if the future belongs to that, then where is our hope for peace?

There is something in this world deeper and stronger than the things that succeed. It is the cause that is right, and good, and true. It is the person who is devoted to such a cause, and chooses to fail, rather than be untrue to himself or herself. Jesus did that. And to all appearances, he was a colossal failure. But with nail-pierced hands, he still holds the future in his grasp. The defeat of righteousness at Calvary has turned out to be its greatest victory.

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday Sep. 23	5:30 PM	+ Jonathon Perez + Silvia de Sosa de Jorge	Family Family
Sunday Sep. 24	8:00 AM	+ Wlodzimierz Grocholski + Ortiz-Pardo Family Members + Jose Merced Rivera	Family Family Maria & Sonia Rivera
	9:30 AM	Lucy Moas + Oscar Lopez	Mercedes Moas Gallinal Family
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Jose Wong-Chau + Alvaro Mendez	Wong Family Mendez & Restani Families
	6:00 PM	William & Diana Yidi + Carlos Yidi, Sr.	Family Family
Monday Sep. 25	6:30 AM	Maria Elizabeth Pistorino-Swire	Pistorino Family
	8:00 AM	+ Joy K. Pistorino Irene Buzzi + Serge Betancourt	Pistorino Family Margie Suarez Family
Tuesday Sep. 26	6:30 AM	Lisa Cefalo Pistorino Special Intentions	Pistorino Family Janete Waldorf
	8:00 AM	Brian Teasdale + Adelaida Miranda	Mary Teasdale Cristina Miranda & Family
Wednesday Sep. 27	6:30 AM	+ Julia Almeida Hernandez Figueredo Family Members	Pistorino Family Zizold Family
	8:00 AM	+ Sante de Leo + L. Felipe Fernandez-Romero	Family Family
Thursday Sep. 28	6:30 AM	Luly Machado + Elvira Masegosa + Steve Diskin	Marianela Perez Maser Family Diskin Family
	8:00 AM	+ Marilyns & Manolo Coroaes Nina & Claudia Yidi	Son Yidi Family
Friday Sep. 29	6:30 AM	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory Miguel Machado	Gutierrez Family Marianela Perez
	8:00 AM	+ Cecilia Perez de Garcia Katherine Irene Parrish	Family Pistorino Family
Saturday Sep. 30	8:00 AM	Richard & Annamaria Sacher + Eduardo Rams	Family Family
Saturday Sep. 30 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	5:30 PM	+ Alvaro Luis Castillo Soldiers in Harm's Way	Parents Shahin Family
Sunday Oct. 01	8:00 AM	+ Cecil Byron Berry + Rafael Misle + Edel Guerrero	Jose & Rita Basulto Luisa Misle Diskin Family
	9:30 AM	+ George Prendes + Mary Pannell	Wife & Children Bouchard Family
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Carlos Diaz-Forero + Delfin Molins	R. Waddell Tere Molins
	6:00 PM	+ Nelia Sotolongo + Mary Margaret Schulte	Family Kathy Moorman

MASS SCHEDULES

Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Lectors

Altar Servers

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

Sat 5:30 PM
Msgr. O'Doherty

Bob Dickinson
Debra Menegay

G Garcia
C T Hernandez
H Kanold
C Lamas
F Lorie
O McClintock
P Padron
M Puente

1 Natalia Cacicedo
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2 Ray Cacicedo
3 Lilliam Arguelles
4 Barbara Recuset
5 Phillip Recuset
6 Alfredo Arguelles
7 Lynn Arguelles

Sun 8:00 AM
Fr. Ekiert

Calene Candela
Lourdes Boue

L Buonocore
T Valcarcel

C Chuck Broyard
1 Amanda Rodriguez
2 Manuel Paucar
3 Chuck Broyard
4 Juan Farach
5 Martha Osorio

Sun 9:30 AM
Fr. Rivera

Astrid Isom
Pat Parker

A Gonzalez
I Johnson
S Miret
S Ortiz

C Barbara Henriques
1 Barbara Henriques
2 Charlie Henriques
3 Pedro Toro
4 Raphael Bastian
5 Doug Garcia
6 Grace Casamayor
7 Manny Casamayor

Sun 11:00 AM
Msgr. O'Doherty

Gloria De La Olsa
Ramón A. García

N Arroyo
D Baboum
B Bardisa
A Bunge
V Cajigas
A Cooper
C de la Viesca
F Friguls

C Katerina Velikopoljski
1 Katerina Velikopoljski
2 Eduardo Del Valle
3 Roberto De Leo
4 Gerry Wood
5 Ana Maria Hernandez
6 Tere Larrieu
7 Manolo Larrieu
8 John W.M. Cooper

Sun 12:30 PM
Fr. Massieu

Susana Agurto
Gisela Cacciamani

D Barnola
A Castillo

C Hermida Licea
1 Hermida Licea
2 Alcides Licea
3 Frank Varona
4 Raul Rosell
5 Titi Pujals-Rosell
6 Marta Rosales
7 Adolfo Rosales

Sun 6:00 PM
Fr. Rivera

Jorge J. Pérez
Margaret Gidel

L Vizcaino
I Zumpano
D Aguilar
V Alonso
O Alvarez
A Baboun
P Blanco
O Borroto

C Esther Maria Sousa
1 Esther Maria Sousa
2 Caro Packert
3 Thomas Packert
4 Janet Iglesias
5 Rene Iglesias
6 Mary Lee
7 Steven Lee

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - WHAT A MEAL

An American soldier was taught a great lesson by a South Sea islander during World War II. The friendly native brought out a copy of the Bible and the Catechism from his hut and said "These are my most prized possessions."

The G.I. looked at him with disdain replying, "That's ancient history; we've outgrown that sort of thing."

The islander, whose tribe had formerly practiced cannibalism, calmly said, "It's a good thing for you we haven't outgrown the teachings of God the missionaries brought to this island, or else you would have been a good meal as soon as we saw you." The G.I. gulped and walked slowly away.

Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday. It's a reminder to remember those who taught us about our faith. Besides my parents teaching me about God, I can remember vividly as a child in Catholic school, one teacher, a Dominican nun, dressed in her religious starched habit walking up and down the aisles of the classroom asking questions from the catechism. "Who is God? How many persons in God? What are the seven sacraments? What is mortal and venial sin?"

The same teaching goes on today by priests, nuns, parents, lay teachers and catechists. Children are still taught the fundamental truths and how to live their faith throughout their lives. We congratulate these wonderful people for imparting our faith to our children. No matter how you teach it, it's still the truths of the Catechism.

Catechetical Sunday is also a reminder that Epiphany has a program called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) for those who wish to be baptized and for those of other denominations who wish to be converted. It is also a wonderful renewal and experience for those who may not have received Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is for anyone who wants to make a journey to know God better and to increase his faith. If interested, please call 305.665. 0037.

I keep thinking about that G.I. in the South Sea Island. He's lucky those natives didn't outgrow their faith or else with a little salt and pepper, he would have been a delicious meal.



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 into 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 into the Catholic Church.

**Meetings will be held
every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall beginning
on Tuesday, September 26.**

If you are interested in participating please call the Religious Education Office at 305.665.0037.



Contemplative Cenacle of the Divine Mercy

There will be **NO** Cenacle on October 2, it will take place on **Monday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

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!

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Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead.

We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

PLEASE NOTE St. Martin de Porres



Will be re-scheduled for April 2018.

If you have any questions please contact the Religious Education Office at 305.665.0037.



**Come join us on Thursdays from
7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.**
September 28, October 5, 26,
November 2 and 9

Weekly Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
in the Parish Center.

For more information,
please contact Mirta Robelo at 786.925.0970
or Rosalie Charur at 305.495.5657

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!



Grupo de Biblia en Español

Todos los miércoles a las 9:30 de la mañana en el Centro Parroquial.

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week of **September 24** the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Celia Fernandez 954.665.7700
Humberto & Ledys Alonso 786.412.8858

To schedule your visit, please call
Luis & Patricia Siman at 305.498.5936



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Rosa Maria Alvarez; Marisol Alvarez-Builla;
Corina Basulto; Pat Clarke; Jeannette Conner;
Ana Alicia Fernandez; Robert Germroth;
Stephen Hohausler; Monica Johnson;
Patsy Kamercia; Paige Klekner; Daniel Manichello;
Ruben Pentenero; Frank Smith;
Sandra Albornoz Scharzkopf; Esther Suarez;
Paulina Tawil; Teodula Wong; Alice Wood.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Rayda Cabanillas; Raymond Albert Duran;
Freddie M. Melegro; Elena Perkins;
Georgina de los Reyes; Jorge Sosa Cardenas.



CONCERT SERIES
2017 / 2018

Monday, October 2, 7:30 pm
SPANISH BRASS

Hailed by both critics and audiences, this famed quintet promises a gloriously brilliant performance. In Miami as part of their international tour, they present a showcase of beloved melodies, focusing on Spanish composers.

Monday, November 13, 7:30 pm
RED PRIEST

Frequently performing at the most prestigious venues world-wide, this unique group from England dazzles with a break-all-rules approach to early music. Masterworks of Vivaldi, Telemann and others are reimagined with compelling virtuosity.

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 pm
HOLY NIGHT

Epiphany's Choirs and Orchestra celebrate the miracle of Our Lord's incarnation with this favorite festival of beloved sing-along carols and festive traditional Christmas music from around the globe and across the centuries.

Monday, February 12, 7:30 pm
GREG ZELEK, ORGANIST

One of today's most exciting and acclaimed young concert artists, Greg Zelek is currently the principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra. He plays a spectacular program on Epiphany's 3,000-pipe Ruffatti instrument.

Monday, March 5, 7:30 pm
CLASSIC KLEZMER TRIO

This captivating international ensemble brings a beautiful repertoire of dance and folk tunes to life. Various soundscapes from rich Jewish traditions and glamorous display pieces take listeners on a journey of true delight.

Monday, April 30, 7:30 pm
CHARLES GOUNOD: ST. CECILIA MASS

Celebrating the bi-centennial of this Romantic master, the Epiphany Choir and Orchestra, along with guest soloists, showcase his most famous sacred work – a grandiose setting of the Mass dedicated to the patron saint of music.