



# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

**December 31, 2017**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## **MASSES**

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM  
12:30\* & 6:00 PM (\*Spanish)

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00 AM &  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Thursdays 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

## **ROSARY**

Daily 7:40 AM

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays at 4:30 PM

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Call the Parish Office two months in advance.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Call the Parish Office one year in advance.

**Monsignor Jude O'Doherty, Pastor**

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## **CONVENT**

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We are living in a forward-looking time. Adventure and progress are the themes of the day. Individuals and groups are breaking out of old forms and moving ahead into what they hope will be a bright new day. Though we are sometimes frightened by this rapid change, we dare not sit in total condemnation of it. Many things have needed to be changed for a long time, and where this is the case, the Church should not only be glad for it, but leading in it. But in days such as these, we should also recognize that there is danger of throwing overboard some valuable cargo that ought to be kept. I want us to think for a moment of some traditions that are worth keeping.

Our Gospel reading on the Feast of the Holy Family tells the story of that day when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple "so that He could be presented to the Lord." That was a tradition among the Jews going back to the time of Moses. By no stretch of imagination could Mary and Joseph be called reactionary. They were totally involved in a brand new movement that was destined to shake the world. But there they were observing a ritual that had been observed across the centuries by untold generations of Jews. They obviously felt that some traditions were worth keeping.

One was the tradition of the family. Mary and Joseph clearly regarded themselves as a family. Joseph might have sent Mary with the baby while he remained at home to attend business, but he did not. They were a family. Some today would throw it overboard. The family in the last decades has been under concerted attack. Many have called it obsolete and given it up in favor of various other arrangements. Young people are living together without benefit of marriage. At the same time some married couples are deciding that fidelity is old-hat and needs to be cast away. They call themselves open-minded, progressive, modern thinkers.

The fallacy is that there is nothing new about it. Across the centuries people have experimented with every conceivable kind of sexual relationship. Nothing new can possibly be added, and out of this long history of experimentation has come the

great tradition of the family. One man and one woman love each other for life and provide a permanent home for the rearing of children and the enjoyment of grandchildren. No one has ever yet improved on that arrangement. It isn't easy; no one has ever suggested it would be, but it's good; it works; it's a tradition worth keeping.

Another tradition is our moral tradition. Constantly, Jesus was criticized as a breaker of the law; but they were talking about silly rules. Many of these He broke without a second thought, but great moral principles were another matter. Such things as honor, courage, compassion, self-sacrifice, integrity and respect for others were not expendable. These Christ stood for, lived by and died with. They were ingrained in Him as part of a great moral tradition with its roots in the soil of the centuries. When a person is possessed of high principles with deep roots, he does not have to decide every issue as he gets to it. Many of them are decided way in advance. Some things are beneath him; some things he simply cannot do because they are in violation of the moral tradition that is a part of his very being. We need that kind of tradition to draw upon.

We come now to the tradition of a great faith. That kind of tradition is clearly a part of the Holy Family. We see it also expressed by Simeon as he held the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God for his saving grace. The prophetess, Anna, expressed the same confidence as she anticipated the deliverance of Jerusalem. Much of the spirit of our age stands in sharp contrast to that. We are surrounded by events that argue eloquently concerning the futility of life. What is needed is a great faith with deep roots in the past, that holds us steady in the present storm, and enables us to look with hope to a glad tomorrow.

Let no one tell you that Christian tradition is dying out. Only the form will change. The real things, the great principles, the high ideals, the deep faiths, as we see them, expressed in the Holy Family will outwear and outlast everything. Hold on to these; carry them with you into 2018. Many traditions are worth keeping

Luke tells us why it was necessary for Jesus to be born in a manger. It was “because there was no room in the inn.” That inn has become the most famous in all the world, not because of what happened there, but because of what might have happened and did not. Thus, it has become a sort of symbol, a continuing parable of human life. How is it that so much of our world and so much of ourselves are like Bethlehem’s inn? Why is there so little room in us and among us for the Lord of life? There seem to be some clear indications in the story itself.

The most obvious reason there was no room for Christ was because the inn was occupied to capacity. It was already full. Other travelers had come there first and filled it up. One can hardly keep from sympathizing with the innkeeper. There is no hint in the story that he was a mean man. He held no ill will against the Holy Family. He was a businessman. He was simply running a lodging place for travelers. Others got there first; there were no more rooms, and that was that.

Any fair-minded person can appreciate the problem. But it is by those same familiar circumstances that again and again Christ is crowded out of our lives. There is just so much room in any person’s life. There are only twenty-four hours in all of our days. And once the time and space are filled, there isn’t room for anything else, not even Christ. Someone has written a little poem in defense of the innkeeper. He had the man saying: “I only did what you have done a thousand times or more. When Joseph came to Bethlehem and knocked upon my door, I did not turn the Christ away or leave Him there bereft. Like you, I only gave to Him the little I had left.”

That comes pretty close to home for most of us. It is strange how much our twenty-first century lives resemble that first century inn in Bethlehem. No one recognized the importance of the moment. If the innkeeper had known the significance of the occasion, he would have made room for the Holy

Family. There was no room for him in the nation. They were a captive people, enslaved by Rome. More than anything else, they wanted to break that bondage, to drive the Romans into the sea. And here was Jesus talking about loving your enemies, turning the other cheek, going the second mile. They had no patience with that kind of talk. They simply did not have room for the man or his message.

And how about us? How much room have we really got for Christ? Oh, we celebrate His birth. It has become for us a national as well as a religious holiday. But making room for Christ involves more than an annual celebration. It is a day-to-day way of living. Listen to Him as He says, “If you would be great, you must become a servant.” How much room have we got for that? Or His message that God loves all people and all races alike, and we must do the same...where does that fit into our scheme of things?

You see, having room for Christ is not an easy matter. It always involves some rearranging of life. His very presence requires some commitments and some changes. We never just have the room. We must always make room for Him. The old innkeeper could tell us about it, the knock at the door and the inevitable choice, make room or give Him whatever happens to be left over. What will it be for you and me this Christmas...invite Him in or crowd Him out?



No Room at the Inn

# MASS INTENTIONS

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u>   | <u>Mass Intentions</u>   | <u>Requested by</u>   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Saturday<br><b>Dec. 30</b><br><i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> | 5:30 PM   | + Alvaro Luis Castillo<br>+ Eduardo & Hugo Rams<br>+ George Prendes  | Family<br>Family<br>Family  |
| Sunday<br><b>Dec. 31</b>                            | 8:00 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM<br>6:00 PM | <b>Msgr. John O'Dowd</b><br>Father Patrick Cotter<br>PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY<br>Father Max Sodja<br>Father Vincent Cashman  |    |
| Monday<br><b>Jan. 1</b>                             | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM                                    | <b>NO MASS</b><br><br>+ Ana Alicia Fernandez<br>+ Ramon Vergara<br>Deacon Don Livingstone & Family   | Maria H. Pistorino<br>Vergara & Rodriguez Family<br>Pistorino Family  |
| Tuesday<br><b>Jan. 2</b>                            | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM                                    | <b>NO MASS</b><br><br>+ Debra Marie Pistorino<br>+ Camelia Cuervo<br>+ Divine Mercy Contemplative Cenacle<br>+ J. Fribourg   | Maria H. Pistorino<br>Alexander Family<br>Pistorino Family<br>Family & Friends  |
| Wednesday<br><b>Jan. 3</b>                          | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM                                    | <b>NO MASS</b><br><br>+ Alex Carrion<br>+ Zita Alexander<br>+ Bert Gonzalez<br>+ Sister Carmen Teresa Fernandez, IHM   | Family<br>Alexander Family<br>Gallinal Family<br>Pistorino Family   |
| Thursday<br><b>Jan. 4</b>                           | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM                                    | <b>NO MASS</b><br><br>+ Thomas Brennan<br>Soldiers in Harm's Way<br>United States of America   | Peggy Brodeur<br>Shahin Family<br>Maria H. Pistorino  |
| Friday<br><b>Jan. 5</b>                             | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM                                    | <b>NO MASS</b><br><br>+ Maria de los Angeles Hernandez-Ortiz<br>Special Intention<br>+ Deceased Epiphany Parishioners<br>James Sacher<br>+ Vida Elise Mora                           | Hernandez, Tolon & Gallinal Families<br>Tiernan Family<br><br>Sacher Family<br>Acosta Mora Family   |
| Saturday<br><b>Jan. 6</b>                           | 8:00 AM   | + Evelio Arroyave<br>+ Florencio Castillo  | Family<br>Domitille Lochet  |
| Saturday<br><b>Jan. 6</b><br><i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>  | 5:30 PM   | + Johnathon Perez<br>+ Carlos Eduardo Cabrera  | Family<br>Alcibel Lairet  |
| Sunday<br><b>Jan. 7</b>                             | 8:00 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM<br>6:00 PM | Bridget McMillan<br>Helaine Lucente<br>Alicia Campos<br>+ Santa De Leo<br>PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY<br>+ Loli Garcia<br>+ Ceferino Santiago<br>Jose Ignacio Bared<br>Michael & Janel Blanco | Family<br>Lucente Family<br>Alcibel Lairet<br>Family<br><br>Perez Family<br>Patricia & Alessandro<br>Alexander Family<br>Alexander Family |

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# MASS SCHEDULES

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**Jan. 6/7**

**Lectors**

**Altar Servers**

**Extraordinary Ministers  
Of Holy Communion**

**Sat 5:30 PM**  
*Msgr. O'Doherty*

Eddie De Arcos  
Betty M. Cosculluela

C Harding  
C.T. Hernandez  
C Isom  
H Kanold  
C Lamas  
F Lorie  
O McClintock  
P Padron

**C Kathy Moorman**  
1 Kathy Moorman  
2 John Moorman  
3 Rolando Montoya  
4 Virginia Pena  
5 Ron Pena  
6 Barbara Recuset  
7 Phillip Recuset

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**Sun 8:00 AM**  
*Fr. Seweryn*

Kellie Montoya  
Calene Candela

I Johnson  
L Buonocore

**C Frank Acosta**  
1 Mikki Smith  
2 Frank Acosta  
3 Manuel Paucar  
4 Tom Risavy  
5 Cynthia Risavy

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**Sun 9:30 AM**  
*Fr. Seweryn*

Gabriela de Céspedes-López  
Pat Parker

A Gonzalez  
G Gonzalez  
S Miret  
S Ortiz

**C Lucy Moas**  
1 Lucy Moas  
2 Carlos Moas  
3 Raphael Bastian  
4 Donna Alfano  
5 Tom Alfano  
6 Grace Casamayor  
7 Manny Casamayor

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**Sun 11:00 AM**  
*Msgr. O'Doherty*

Gloria De La Osa  
Guillermo Castillo

V Quimper  
W Recuset  
N Roza  
A Santana  
A Socarras  
C Sol  
N Arroyo  
D Baboun

**C Louise Villalba**  
1 Louise Villalba  
2 John Porro  
3 Tania Porro  
4 Maria Renfrow  
5 Richard Renfrow  
6 Mirta Robelo  
7 Arnoldo Robelo  
8 Ben Villalba

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**Sun 12:30 PM**  
*Fr. Rivera*

Bernd Von Reitzenstein  
Gisela Cacciamani

A J Sanchez  
I Gurdian

**C Tere Molins**  
1 Tere Molins  
2 Gabriel Gurdian  
3 Aleida Gutierrez  
4 Pedro Marrero  
5 Bernuil Marrero  
6 Ana Oyarzun  
7 Ramon Oyarzun

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**Sun 6:00 PM**  
*Fr. Rivera*

Tamara Clavero  
Julio Ramírez

A Hayes  
B Legorburu  
A Martell  
A Martell  
J Martinez-Dubouchet  
A Negret  
E Ramirez  
R Rivera

**C Javier Ruiz**  
1 Mary Lee  
2 Javier Ruiz  
3 Steven Lee  
4 Caro Packert  
5 Thomas Packert  
6 Julie Parlade  
7 Jaime Parlade

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we approach the New Year 2018...most of the T.V. news channels were airing the highlights of 2017. Some events were happy, some sad. While you watched the year's reviews, one thing was evident. Each year brings new life, death, catastrophes, new beginnings and hope. It also brings new changes in the world. And the only thing that never changes is God. He is always with us throughout every change.

The New Year is also an opportune time to reflect on your life, your family, and your work. It is wise to take inventory on how well you are doing as a father, mother, worker, and above all, how well you are carrying out your stewardship to the Lord. Have you been a faithful steward?

We make many resolutions in the New Year, and there is one resolution we must really keep. Our prayer life must exist in good and in bad times, in good health and in bad health, in life and in death. Prayer is the lifeline to God. Make sure your resolution to pray is carried out faithfully.

We want to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for being good stewards. Your stewardship is demonstrated by hundreds of people volunteering in the various ministries, the giving of your time and talents to our parish and by your generous support of our Church, School and the Archdiocese of Miami. In this regard you are models' stewards.

"Happy New Year...may 2018 bring to all of you peace, good health and happiness. May those who need the most help find it in a dignified way.

May all your dreams come true. As W. Clement Stone said "Aim for the moon; if you miss, you may hit a star!"

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### Contemplative Cenacle of the Divine Mercy

Monday, January 8 at 7:30 PM

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!



Give us kindness to hear with compassion,  
to offer support, loving comfort, and care.  
Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose what is right  
and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith that will help pave the way  
for a present that's hopeful,  
a future that's peaceful,  
give us the heart to bring joy to each day.



### JOIN US! SATURDAY SOFTBALL FOR MEN OF EPIPHANY

Our next game will be on  
Saturday, January 13.

Every first Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM, 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. 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 [carlvlowell@aol.com](mailto:carlvlowell@aol.com).*

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### MASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
8:00 & 11:00 AM

*Tuesday, January 2 through  
Saturday, January 6  
We will celebrate one  
morning Mass at 8:00 AM*

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord  
Saturday, January 6, 2018**  
Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
12:30\* & 6:00 PM  
*(\*denotes Spanish)*

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### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS...



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Friday  
7:00 - 8:00 AM & 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Thursdays  
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM



### DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday  
**6:30 AM & 8:00 AM**

*Twenty-five minutes with the Lord at the start of  
each day will make a big difference in your life.*



The next session of our Baptism Preparation Program will be held **on Saturday, January 6.**

The program runs from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
at the Epiphany Parish Center.

***Attendance by the parents  
is a pre-requisite to the child's baptism.***

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### CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY WEBSITE

We invite you to visit the website of the Church of the Epiphany and become familiar with the many activities of our parish community.

**[www.epiphanycatholicchurch.com](http://www.epiphanycatholicchurch.com)**

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### ***Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry***

During the week **December 31**  
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Wendy &amp; Jim Murton</b> | <b>305.661.7383</b> |
| <b>Raquel Garcia</b>          | <b>305.794.2829</b> |

For more information, please call  
**Luis & Patricia Siman at 305.498.5936**



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### **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Rosa Maria Alvarez; Virginia Aristizabal;  
Corina Basulto; Jeannette Conner; Pat Clarke;  
Margarita del Busto; Ana Alicia Fernandez;  
Zoe Fernandez; Robert Germroth;  
Maria Hernandez; Stephen Hohausner;  
Paige Klekner; Daniel Manichello; Carlos Rice, Jr.;  
Sedora Rice; Janel Sierra;  
Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Francesco Torres;  
Virginia Walden; Teodula Wong.

### **PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Elizabeth Delacluyse; Patsy Kamercia;  
Bill Peck; Dan Poole; Alice Wood.



# EPIPHANY SCHOOL

## REGISTRATION FOR

### **2018 - 2019**

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The registration meeting for parents who want to enroll their children at Epiphany Catholic School **for the first time** will take place on:

**Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**in the Parish Center.**

This will be the **only time** when we will accept **new applications** for the 2018-2019 school year.

The **Applications** will **only be available** at this registration meeting. Parents who wish to apply must complete the application and the testing admission form the night of the meeting.

We ask that parents bring to this meeting:

- a) the \$20 testing fee
- b) a photograph of the parents (4X6 with their names written on the back of the photograph).

This will facilitate the registration process.

**Please be punctual!**