



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord

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.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Ernest Hemingway once said: "When two people truly love each other, there can be no happy ending." And I suppose there is a sense in which that is true. Sooner or later, all relationships come to an end. Some of them are terminated by choice. One or the other, or both, decide to call it quits, and they go their separate ways. That may be the saddest ending of all. Others are terminated by death. This is a normal part of life, except when it comes prematurely. But, even at a ripe old age, the death of a loved one is sad. So Hemingway's pessimistic statement would seem to be true. When people love each other, there can be no happy ending.

Today's Gospel reading, however, tells of a different kind of parting. It was when Jesus left his disciples for the last time, in what we call the Ascension. He had already left them once through the door of death, and that had been utterly devastating. But then He rose from the dead and began to surprise them with His presence. For a period of forty days, He appeared to them at various times, in various places. With this, they came to realize that He was alive forever more. That awareness turned their night to day.

But these appearances lasted only a few weeks. Then, one day, Jesus led them to a point near Bethany, blessed them, and was taken up to heaven. That was His final departure. They never saw Him again, but His separation was not sad. In fact, one Scripture source says that after He was gone "They returned to Jerusalem, filled with joy." This is one instance when people truly loved each other, and there was a happy ending. It was not really an ending; it was a transition. They simply moved from one kind of relationship into another.

Up to that point, they had always known Jesus as a flesh and blood person who came and went. That was over. They would never know Him that way again. From now on, they would know Him as a spiritual presence, who would never leave. Paul was thinking of this when he wrote: "I am certain that neither death nor life, nor anything else, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Death had already separated them once but could never do it again. He would always be with them, and they would always be with Him. And because that is true of Christ, it is also true of others, whom we have loved and lost. They are not gone. They have simply moved into another dimension of life. To be sure, we cannot reach them there, and that is sometimes sad. We miss them, yet this separation is only for a while. Someday, through faith in Christ, we will be together again. Then there will be no more sorrowful goodbyes. Small wonder that the disciples returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. The Ascension of Christ meant they had a friend who would never leave them.

It also meant they had a friend in heaven who would be waiting for them when they got there. Let us bind that thought to our hearts with hoops of steel. It can take the fear out of death. This same Jesus, who on earth was so wondrously kind, will be our host in heaven. Death is not a leap in the dark. It is going to be with Him.

Suppose you were planning to move to a city about which you knew nothing. How would you get ready for that move? You would read everything you could find; learn everything you could about it. That would give you some confidence; however, imagine that you had a dear and trusted friend who had already moved there. You know that friend would be waiting for you the minute you stepped off the plane. That would be the greatest assurance of all. You would be going to be with a friend.

That is what the Ascension meant to the disciples. It is the happy ending to the greatest story ever told.



**He was taken
up to heaven.**

ACTS 1:2

The setting of our gospel reading is a mountain in Galilee where Jesus met with the eleven disciples. They had been together this way many times before, but something was special about this occasion as it marked a transition point in the relationship. Never again would they meet physically, face to face on this earth. This was the final time.

Most of what they felt and said is lost to history, but the most important part is preserved in the gospel record. We have the few final sentences that Jesus spoke to His disciples. His words do not look back; they look forward. He wanted them to know that their future was both exciting and secure. His final concern before His ascension was assurance.

First, He spoke of DIVINE POWER. "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth." That was important because they lived in a world that did not affirm the authority of God. Around them was oppression, injustice, greed, and suffering. In the streets, they could hear the marching feet of the Roman legions; in the synagogues, they would feel the bitter hatred of the religious leaders. Almost everything in their world seemed to deny the power of a loving and caring God.

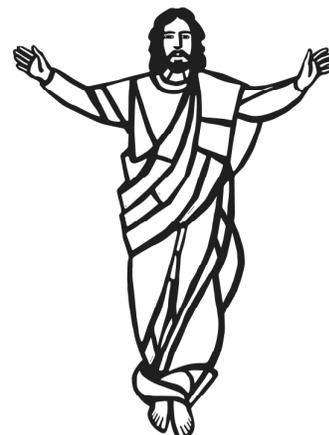
We know something of the same experience. At times in our lives and periods in our history, there are people who do not believe in God who seem to have all the best arguments. The most convincing facts seem to be on their side. Walk through the ghettos of any of our great cities, and you may feel the same thing. Visit a hospital ward or a prison block, and you may feel the same thing. But either we believe in the power of Christ or we do not.

His second assurance concerned DIVINE PURPOSE. "GO, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them and teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." We call that statement the Great Commission. I would rather call it a purpose for living. That brings it down to where we can all reach it because we all need a reason to get up in the morning. In essence, He is saying two things: "go" and "share."

"Go" means the direction of your life is turned outward; everything does not have to center in self. You are aware of the presence and needs of other people. "Make disciples, baptize, teach" in broad terms means sharing the love of Christ, not by preaching sermons, but by helping change a flat tire, cooking a meal or giving thirty minutes of your time to someone who is lonely. It comes down to loving and sharing your life with people.

His final assurance concerns a DIVINE PRESENCE. "Know that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." What greater assurance could Jesus have offered than that? The words "I am" cover all forms of was, is and will be. Let the days come and the scenes change, days of plenty, of poverty, of health, of sickness, of vigorous youth, of declining age...He is with us in them all. Time passes and the circumstances of life change, but He is with us always, even to the end of the world.

If only we could believe that, what a different experience life would be. Our problems would not seem so insurmountable. Toward the end of His public ministry, Jesus said to His disciples: "In this world you will have tribulations but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Think for a moment: He had faced the very worst the world could give, knew what it was to be poor, homeless, misunderstood, rejected, and finally crucified. Now He is telling us to cheer up...I have been through it all. I have met and conquered every kind of adversity. Now I am with you, and there is no problem that we cannot handle together. We can have that same kind of assurance.



MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday May 12	5:30 PM	+ George & Carmina Aguilera + Manuel Gallego	Family Shahin Family
Sunday May 13	8:00 AM	Kristi Leonard	Family
	9:30 AM	+ Charlotte Trump + Faustino & Elia Menendez + Mary Romeo + Margarita Inclan	Family Family Casamayor Family Felicia Cristin Marcos & Ana Maria Perez
	11:00 AM 12:30 PM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY + Maria Alvarez + Nelida Perez + Maria Renee Quesada	Aleida Gutierrez Marianela Perez Quesada Family
	6:00 PM	+ Tere Castro + Mercedes Jacobs	Family Pargas Family
Monday May 14	6:30 AM	+ Eduardo Arango + Holy Souls in Purgatory	Family Marianela Perez
	8:00 AM	+ Carlos Yidi, Sr. + Arnoldo Robelo	William & Diana Yidi Agnes Robelo
Tuesday May 15	6:30 AM	+ Elisa Gagliardi + Patricia Kleyla	Mary Caroline Pavsek Family
	8:00 AM	+ Aida Garcia + George Azar	Perez Family Family
Wednesday May 16	6:30 AM	+ Mercedes & Luis Lasa + Gustavo Robayna	Family Robayna Family
	8:00 AM	+ William Alexander Dan Durrieu	Alexander Family Family
Thursday May 17	6:30 AM	+ Carl Enis + Rodolfo Juan Dumenigo	Williams Family Henry & Tere Martell
	8:00 AM	+ Gus Hernandez Special Intentions	Anonymous
Friday May 18	6:30 AM	Elia Piedra + Amadeo Cielo	Friends Family
	8:00 AM	+ Bonita Greening Jose Ignacio Smith	Bunny Bastian Margie Suarez
Saturday May 19	8:00 AM	+ Betty Alzola + Lorenzo Vieito	Mendiola Family Family
Saturday May 19 <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	5:30 PM	+ Roberto Suero + William Phillips + Maria Elena Mir	Beatriz Suero Shirlee Rainey Family
Sunday May 20	8:00 AM	+ John Murray Stritter + Silvia de Sosa de Jorge	Eleanor Stritter Family
	9:30 AM	+ Rafael & Esperanza Estenger + Diane Watkins	Miriam Northland Rojas Family
	11:00 AM 12:30 PM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY + George Bazo + Aristides Jacobs, Jr.	Bazo Family Pargas Family
	6:00 PM	+ Asela Raurell + Joy K. Pistorino	Marisela & Gonzalo Diaz Pistorino Family

MASS SCHEDULES

May 19/20

Lectors

Altar Servers

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

Sat 5:30 PM
Msgr. O'Doherty

Karen Murphy
Carolina Tamayo-Ragolta

J DaSilva
G De Arcos
G Garcia
C Harding
C T Hernandez
C Isom
H Kanold
C Lamas

C John Moorman
1 Kathy Moorman
2 John Moorman
3 Phil Prellezo
4 Elena Wilson
5 Lilliam Arguelles
6 Alfredo Arguelles
7 Lynn Arguelles

Sun 8:00 AM
Fr. Rivera

John R. Steinbauer
Kellie Montoya

L Buonocore
D Garcia

C Chuck Broyard
1 Amanda Rodriguez
2 Tom Beier
3 Juan Farach
4 Chuck Broyard
5 Tony Friguls

Sun 9:30 AM
Msgr. O'Doherty

Pat Parker
Henry Pujol

T Pozo
V Sordo
D Suarez
V Wolff

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

Guillermo Castillo
Gromy Latour

C E Hoynack
C Hoynack
I Mestre
L Molina
A Okunski
I Penin
N Pentenero
J Pracitto

C Ely Fleites
1 Gloria Barbier
2 Lourdes Cooper
3 John Cooper
4 Manolo Dominguez
5 Maite Dominguez
6 Ana Maria Hernandez
7 John W.M. Cooper
8 Ely Fleites

Sun 12:30 PM
Fr. Massieu

Carlos B. Castillo
Susana Sowinski Castillo

A Castillo
D Barnola

C Frank Varona
1 Aleida Gutierrez
2 Frank Varona
3 Jose Martinez Elejalde
4 Ana Oyarzun
5 Ramon Oyarzun
6 Raul Rosell
7 Titi Pujals-Rosell

Sun 6:00 PM
Fr. Rivera

María Iparraguirre
Sarita C. Baigorri

A Negret
E Ramirez
R Rivera
A Sanchez
J Tong
L Vizcaino
I Zumpano
V Alonso

C Georgina Angones
1 Georgina Angones
2 Frank Angones
3 Mari Campo
4 Jorge Diaz-Silveira
5 Renee Diaz-Silveira
6 Annie Cooper-Hernandez
7 Jorge Echenique

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship CORNER IT'S MAGIC

One afternoon in early May, I wandered into our neighborhood park to feed the ducks. As I strolled down the hill, I noticed ten or twelve mothers and their children attending a birthday party. There was lots of noise and children were everywhere... running around in every direction. They were wiping faces, cheering up the crying ones, and always smiling as if this was just a normal afternoon. The moms made sure everyone was safe and having a good time. How do they do it? It's called... "MAGIC."

Happy Mother's Day. I want to share with you a column in a Newsletter concerning mothers written by Father Jack Krups, the Director of the Sacred Heart Southern Missions.

"Today, we celebrate Mother's Day. I marvel and give thanks to God for all these special women --- those who have borne us, those who have nurtured us, those who have prayed for our well-being. Every mother has a unique combination of gifts and talents. Mothers agonize over our trials and celebrate our victories. They feed and clothe us, wipe our tears and sing us to sleep.

Mothers open their arms, homes and hearts to others. They show us how to love and be loved. Our mother taught us about God, and the importance of keeping God in our lives. Indeed, they are treasures."

Without a doubt, being a mother is one of the hardest jobs on earth. Doctor, referee, teacher, friend, bread winner---there are so many hats that a mother wears. It's easy to take that for granted. They are simply not enough words to share our appreciation for all that Moms do.

Together, let us thank God for our mothers, who loved us and cared for us, and supported us throughout our lives. United with Mary, our Mother, we ask God to bless them and hold them near to His Heart."

So today, let us honor our Mother in a very special way. There's no better way to honor them than to tell them we love them. For those of us whose Moms are in Heaven, ask God to bless them in a special way. God will do that because He loves them.

Happy Mother's Day! If you are still wondering how can Mothers do everything? It's simple... **"It's MAGIC"**



Take a moment to reflect on Mary's total abandonment of self for the greater glory of God.

*Say in your heart:
"Thy will, not mine, O Lord
However dark it be
Lead me by Thine own hand
Choose out the path for me."*



Grupo de Biblia en Español

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



The Ascension of the Lord

A movable feast observed 40 days after Easter, it commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven 40 days after His Resurrection from the dead. The feast recalls the completion of Christ's mission on earth for the salvation of all people and His entry into heaven with glorified human nature. The Ascension is a pledge of the final glorification of all who achieve salvation. Documentary evidence of the feast dates from early in the fifth century, but it was observed long before that time in connection with Pentecost and Easter.



Epiphany Women's Emmaus

We invite all women, who have done the Emmaus retreat, to please join us at our **Weekly Emmaus Gathering.**

We meet every Friday of the month from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM at the Parish Center.

EPIPHANY 3RD ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the Winners of the Epiphany Fishing Tournament who had to fight some very rough seas to catch some fish!

**Thanks to the 63 boats that registered
and to the 1,200 people in attendance.**

80 total fish weighted in. It was a great event!

Top Elementary Anglers:

- 3rd Place:** Nick Gobel, Ocean Venture,
0.7 Lbs. Mahi Mahi (Dolphin)
- 2nd Place:** Diego Padron, Reel Commitment,
12.1 lbs. Mahi Mahi (Dolphin)
- 1st Place:** Jorge Ignacio Uribe, Team Uribe,
19.2 lbs. Mahi Mahi (Dolphin)

Top Junior Anglers:

- 3rd Place:** Sebastian Valdez, Boxer,
18.95 lbs. Blackfin (Tuna)
- 2nd Place:** Jack Sampedro, KingFish Boys,
21.75 lbs. Blackfin (Tuna)
- 1st Place:** Jose Antonio Costa, Boxer,
29.25 lbs. Blackfin (Tuna)

Top Female Angler:

Janette Zaya Batan, Team Uribe,
13.3 lbs. Mahi Mahi (Dolphin)

Top Angler:

John Harris, Coral Gables Trust,
35 lbs. Mahi Mahi (Dolphin)

Top Teams:

- 3rd Place:** Boxer, Costa Family
- 2nd Place:** Gus Machado Ford, Martinez Family
- 1st Place:** Coral Gables Trust,
Harris & Galliano Family

**Our most sincere thanks to our sponsors
and to the committee members for their
hard work and dedication:**

Cristy Alonso, Danny Alonso, Patsy Rico,
Carlos Diez Arguelles, Luly Diez Arguelles,
Ricky Querejeta, Liza Martel, Sonia Villamil, Ruben
Rivero, Stephanie Rivero and Caroline Murphy.



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you are visiting or new in the area, we extend to you the hospitality of Christ.

If you would like more information about our parish, or wish to join our Faith Community, please call 305.667.4911 or stop by the Rectory.

We also invite you to visit our website
www.epiphanycatholicchurch.com
and become familiar with the many activities
of our parish community.

We are happy you are here!

Parish Pilgrim Virgin Ministry

During the week **May 13**
the Parish Pilgrim Virgin will be in the home of:

Patrick & Giovana Gonon 305.666.9898
Gisela Cacciamani 305.733.0795

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Rosa Maria Alvarez; Pablo Basante; Frances Bentz;
Michael Bier; Jeannette Conner; Pat Clarke;
Margarita Del Busto; Ana Alicia Fernandez;
Robert Germroth; Stephen Hohauser; Cesar Izique;
Paige Klekner; Daniel Manichello; Lucia Salas;
Esther Suarez; Paulina Tawil; Lydia B. Usategui;
Virginia Walden; Teodula Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Elizabeth Brand; Eloy De Castroverde;
Otilia Lopez; Francisca Palacios; Olga Quiros.

NOTE: *The names in our Prayer List remain on the list for four consecutive weeks. If you need a name added or kept on the list, please call the Rectory at 305.667.4911 or leave a note for the Bulletin Staff.*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

