



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
(Suspended Until Further Notice)

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 PM (Spanish) & 6:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
(Suspended Until Further Notice)

Monday-Friday 7:00-8:00 AM &
 8:30-9:30 AM
Thursdays 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ROSARY
(Suspended Until Further Notice)

Daily 7:40 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment at the moment.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Epiphany Parishioners,

As of March 18 and until further notice, the Archdiocese of Miami has suspended all regularly scheduled celebrations of Masses or other liturgical events in parish churches and other public sanctuaries in cooperation with efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus. All parish activities or ministry events are also suspended or postponed. While churches are to remain closed throughout this period, parish offices remain open to tend to the needs of the faithful.

As we embrace this passing challenge with God's help, let us pray for one another, remain calm and alive in hope that our Lord, who conquers all, will certainly see us through this. We will be posting material on this website to journey with you throughout this period of irregularity. Please feel free to contact our parish office should you need assistance and know that you and your families are in our daily prayers.

Message from Our Pastor

Lent is a walk through the desert. We were reminded of that from the get-go as the gospel of the First Sunday of Lent always presents an account of Jesus' forty day desert hiatus. The Exodus experience of the people of Israel and their forty-year trek through the desert before entering the Promised Land is also a traditional item of Lenten reflection. It therefore seems strangely apt that we are finding our way through a desert of our own this Lent as we embrace the Coronavirus crisis. We know it's not a forty day journey and hope and pray it isn't a forty year odyssey! Thankfully, likely not. We are somewhere in between. In more ways than one.

At last Sunday's Masses I mentioned in my homily that what we are summoned to do during this crisis is interestingly much of what the Lord constantly calls us to do – to simplify our lives. In this push-button and voice-command age our lives have become wildly hyperactive, noisy and complicated as we increasingly seek instant gratification and immediate control of just about everything. This mad rush, which often leaves us with little time to meaningfully relate to and cherish one another, compromises marriages, family life and appropriate development of children and young people. Moreover, popular culture has been progressively distancing us from traditional Judeo-Christian values and mores which define life and guide its integration. So is it any wonder that the wheels have come off the bus? Obviously, we find ourselves in crisis because something, if not many things, have gone wrong. Regardless of what we think has caused this mess, the mishandling of life lies at the bottom of it. Distressing, inconvenient and alarming as its circumstances are, Coronavirus has nonetheless come to provide a reality check and timely wake-up call.

As such, this pandemic is obliging us to retreat, reflect and repent. If we take advantage of the lessons it comes to teach and the grace that lies therein, it can serve as a much needed purification of sorts. It is up to us whether we choose to draw new life from it or persist in our distorted ways. The choice is ours. We can continue to live in error or rediscover life as it is meant to be lived. We are somewhere in between indeed.

May the simplicity of life, increased family time, and heightened concern for the elderly and vulnerable we experience, heal and empower us. May our enhanced sense of vulnerability and powerlessness lead us to greater reliance on divine providence. May the painful realization that life cannot be lived with the breakneck speed and noise we have become accustomed to free us to live as God prescribes. We have been infected for a long time. Amidst our Lenten desert walk, Coronavirus comes to offer us a cure.



BE MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING

One of the older TV shows you might be familiar with was, "Inside the Actors Studio." James Lipton, who recently died, interviewed TV and movie stars at the college where he taught. During the show, the topic of how you live your life always came up.

It was interesting to hear how each guest answered the question.... "How they lived their lives." Some said that they are good humanitarians. Others said, "they treated people the way they wanted to be treated". Still others said, "we respect people and their views and expect them to respect us and what we believe."

Our Lord Jesus Christ had a little different take on how to live our lives. He told us to be merciful to others, and not to judge or condemn people. When we are hurt or wronged, we must not seek revenge or look for a way to get even. We forgive them as Jesus has forgiven us.

If we all lived this way, can you imagine what our families and our communities would be like? Our families, our communities, and our world would truly be a slice of heaven.

As stewards of the Lord let each of us make a promise to the Lord that this Lent we will live according to the Word of God. Then if someone comes along and asks us, "How do you live your life?" you can simply tell them: "I live my life according to the loving word of God."

That loving word of God is to be merciful to others, don't judge or condemn them. Don't seek revenge or look for ways to get even. Always remember to forgive our neighbor and our friend as God has forgiven us.

Be like Jesus!
Be merciful and forgiving!



ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE UPDATE

EPIPHANY GOAL - \$560,000

As of March 20, we have received pledges of **\$550,706.**



Prayer to St. Joseph for Families

Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Dora Anta; Genvieve Cavaugh; Jeannette Conner; Robert Garcia Esquerro; Lissette Hernandez; Ana Alicia Fernández; Stephen Hohaus; Cesar Izique Jr.; Paige Klekner; Gracibel Larach; Daniel Manichello; Maribel Robayna; Anthony Salas; Christopher Sanchez; Esther Suarez; Judy Rawlins; Carmen Sullivan; Paulina Tawil; Donn Tilson; Virginia Walden; Alex Wong.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Lucrecia Arriola; Agnese Chizzini; Marsilio Chizzini; Silvano Chizzini; Manuel de Zarraga; Carmen Freire; Juan Carlos Freyre; Boenza H. Grocholski; Dolores Gutierrez; Helena Koury; Eleanor Park; Louise Razzetti.

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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday Mar. 21	5:30 PM	+ Dimas Pelayo Rodriguez + Manuel Jorge & Eduardo Cutillas	Sandy & Carlos Ardavin Elena Wilson
Sunday Mar. 22	8:00 AM	+ Agustin Almeida + Isabel & Emilio Monte	Pistorino Family Pastoriza Family
	9:30 AM	+ George Azar + Pedro Fuentes	Family Family
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Hugo, Sr. & Eduardo Rams Coty de Guerra	Family Marta Rosales
	6:00 PM	+ Ana Teresa Escobar Andres Ponce	Family Family
Monday Mar. 23	6:30 AM	+ Enrique Monnar + Guillermina Valls	Codina Family Gallinal Family
	8:00 AM	Caro & Ignacio Aranguren Gabriela Yidi	Elena Wilson Yidi Family
Tuesday Mar. 24	6:30 AM	+ Sverrir Kolbeinsson Ana Maria Taboada	Family Friend
	8:00 AM	+ Leonardo Fico Louise Razzetti	Friend Michael & Janelle Patty
Wednesday Mar. 25	6:30 AM	+ Charles John Pistorino Fifi Morales	Pistorino Family Rita Morales
	8:00 AM	+ Vicente German Gallinal Louise Razzetti	Gallinal Family Perez Family
Thursday Mar. 26	6:30 AM	+ Dcn. Eddy Smith & Family Ana E. Pinedo	Pistorino Family Aleida Gutierrez
	8:00 AM	+ Sergio Miyares Dr. Raul Sierra	Miyares Family Aguirre Family
Friday Mar. 27	6:30 AM	+ Elizabeth M. Parrish Julia Almeida Hernandez	Pistorino Family Pistorino Family
	8:00 AM	+ Edward Northland Carlos Torres de Navarra	Miriam Northland Anita Torres de Navarra
Saturday Mar. 28	8:00 AM	+ Maria Hill Alyce Kennedy	Family Friend
Saturday <i>Mar. 28</i> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	5:30 PM	+ Shary Hernandez + George & Carmina Aguilera	Ysha Arteaga Family
Sunday Mar. 29	8:00 AM	+ Jose & Maria Teresa Ache + Pachucho & Malule Boet	Family Family
	9:30 AM	+ Nilda Acosta + Carmen Calzada	Acosta Family Jose & Mari Pinero
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Ana E. Lamas Cristy Leyva	Beba Rams Maria Rosales
	6:00 PM	+ Arlene Sol + Alfonso Gomez	Sol Family Ana & Fernando Fernandez