

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



MASSES

Monday-Friday.....6:30 & 8:00 AM
 Saturday.....8:00 AM
 Saturday Vigil5:30 PM
 Sunday8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM
12:30 PM (Spanish) & 6:00 PM

December 3rd, 2023
 1st Sunday of Advent

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT CHURCH

Monday-Thursday.....7:00-8:00 AM & 8:30-9:30 AM
 Friday7:00-8:00 AM

AT CHAPEL

Thursday 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

ROSARY

Daily7:40 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every day as arranged
 Once a month as announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office two months in advance

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Call the Parish Office one year in advance

Father José Alvarez, Pastor

Father Ireneusz Ekiert, Parochial Vicar

Father Benito Martinez, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas V. Eagan

Deacon José Martínez

Deacon Marcos Pérez

Deacon Norman Ruíz-Castañeda

Deacon Eduardo Smith

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Jesus is Coming

John Marco paced up and down in the maternity room of Saint Agnes Hospital. He was surrounded by relatives and friends praying that his wife Sharon would have a healthy baby. Sharon had lost three pregnancies, and for the past four years had been unable to conceive. They were close to giving up and then heard of St. Gerard Majella, the Patron Saint of Mothers, especially for those wives unable to conceive. So, each night after supper, they began praying to St. Gerard Majella. He was their last hope.

Suddenly the door of the waiting room opened, and a tired doctor walked in. He looked at John, and began to smile, "You have a healthy son, and Sharon is doing well." Everyone screamed with joy, and John whispered to himself, "Thank you St. Gerard".


Over 2,000 years ago, a young man named Joseph and his wife, Mary were looking for an Inn to give birth to her baby. Every Inn was filled, "Sorry, there is no room in the Inn". They finally found an old stable in Bethlehem, and Mary and Joseph knew it was almost time. Joseph found a manger, covered it with hay, and the only warmth they had came from the breath of animals. Mary and Joseph prayed. Then suddenly they heard a baby cry, they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in the manger. They named Him Jesus. Neither Mary nor Joseph knew the birth of Jesus would change the whole world.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Jesus is coming. Don't get caught up in the decorations and trimmings of Christmas. Get ready to receive the King, the Savior of the world. How is the best way to prepare for His birth? What about giving Him a precious gift? It's a gift that doesn't have to be bought, wrapped or delivered. It's a gift Jesus will treasure. That gift is yourself and your love.

By the way, John and Sharon named their baby boy, Gerard.



HYMNS FOR MASS

Unto you have I lifted up my soul
Offertory: O Lord of light (p. 233) 
O come, O come, Emmanuel (p. 244)



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

MASS SCHEDULE Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7

6:00 PM Vigil (English)

7:30 PM Vigil (Spanish)

Friday, December 8

6:30AM (English)

8:00AM (English)



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Iggy Aranguren; Minerva Campos;
Idalia Castro; Cristian Ortiz; Katy Puig;
Debie Priston; Judy Rawlins;
Virginia Walden; Alex Wong.

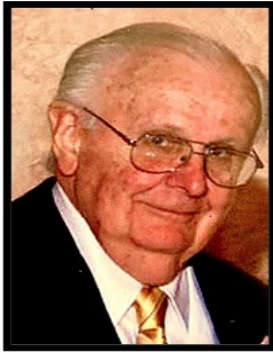
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Rita Del Castillo; Carlos F. Fernandez;
Antonio Garcia-Meitin; Juan Lima;
Deacon Don Livingstone; Cesar "Cris" Moreira.

NOTE: *The names in Our Prayer List remain on the list for (4) consecutive weeks. If you need a name added or kept on the list, please call the Rectory at 305.667.4911.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Loving Memory



Deacon Don Livingstone

Epiphany's First Permanent Deacon
February 19, 1931 – November 24, 2023

Funeral Mass

Thursday, December 7, 2023
@ 10:00am
at Church of the Epiphany

Graveside Service

Immediately following the Mass
at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery
in Doral

*Eternal rest grant unto him
O Lord and let perpetual light
shine upon him!*



EPIPHANY SCHOOL 2024-2025 School Year Admission for New Students

- Applications are **Now Open Online**
- January 5, 2024 - Applications Close
- January 20, 2024 - Entrance Exam
- February 23, 2024 - Decisions Announced

For more information, visit ecsmiami.org or contact
Mrs. Ortega at 305-667-5251 or email at
gortega@ecsmiami.org

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 9th & 10th, 2023

Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously.

Special collection envelopes can be found
on the tables in the Church



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE FOR ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH

Once again, we are given the opportunity to be generous as we share the Good News of Christ's birth with the people from St. Martin de Porres. Help make Christmas special for needy families by:

- Providing gift cards in the amount of **\$30.00** from **Walmart, Target, or Amazon.**
- Dropping off gifts cards at the **School Reception Office** or the **Rectory** no later than **Wednesday, December 20th, 2023.**

*Thank you for your caring support
of this wonderful cause!*



Camillus
House

The Epiphany Camillus Casserole Committee will be collecting the **Turkey Chili** casserole on **Wednesday, December 6th from 7:45-9:00AM** behind the Church in the school carpool lanes. If you have questions or know someone who is interested in joining this wonderful ministry, please contact:

Ana Maria Perez 305.794.8904 / amperez06@gmail.com
Mirta Robelo 786.925.0970 / arobelo@aol.com

ADVENT 2023 EVENTS

ADVENT MISSION

Tuesday, December 5 @ 7:00pm

To be preached by:

Fr. Francisco Arredondo
Capuchin Franciscan
Province of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis



ADVENT 40 HOUR DEVOTION

Starts after 6:00pm Mass on Sunday, 12/10
Ends on Tuesday, 12/12 @ 7:00pm with Benediction

To sign up do one of the following:

1. Visit our church website & click on the 40 hour devotion link
2. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/40hourDevotion2023>
3. Scan the following QR code



ADVENT RECONCILIATION EVENING

Tuesday, December 12
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Reconciliation is available daily as arranged



ADVENT / CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Festival of Christmas Carols
Featuring Epiphany Choirs & Orchestra

Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:30pm
Free Admittance



Congratulations on your
Confirmation!



May the Lord be by your side as you continue your journey of faith.

Epiphany Catholic School Students

Amanda Alfonso
Ava Alonso
Justin Alvarez
Carolina Antorcha
Natalia Arguello
Stella Baquerizo
Cecilia Barthelmess
Christopher Barton
Isabella Bazo
Carolina Berga
Andrew Blanco
Lucas Brea
Antonella Carreno
Sienna Chisholm
Adriana Cobas
Mario Cristobal
Khloe Cruz
Andrea De Cardenas
Julieta De La Fuente
Ally DeChurch
Katerina Diaz-Silveira
Julianna Diez
Leonardo Driussi
Lucas Eljaiek
Sophia Evans
Ava Feenane
Carolina Fernandez
Lucas Fernandez
Olivia Fernandez
Valentina Fernandez
Lorenzo Francisco

David Garcia
Rebecca Garcia-Rodil
Mia Goff
Alejandro Gonzalez
Alexa Gonzalez
Gabriella Gonzalez
Kai Gonzalez
Mia Gonzalez
Connor Green
Valentina Gurdian
Alejandro Heinert
Alison Hernandez-Lombillo
Javier Infante
Carlos Iraola
Claudia Jacobellis
Sofia Lagonowicz
Parker Lawrence
Daniel Macario
Carolina Martel
Manuel Martin
Camila Martinez
Cecilia Martinez
Sabrina Mendez
Lorenza Miranda
Alessia Morales
Amelie Morales
Analuisa Neri
Andrea Nunez
Francisco Oyarzun
Alexandra Pargas
Claudia Parlade

Mauro Pascual
Alina Pena
Andres Perez
Daniella Perez
Alessandra Pico
Daniel Renfrow
Sofia Renfrow
Bibiana Retana
Enzo Rico
Cooper Rivera
Zachary Robelo
Andres Rodriguez
Gabriel Rodriguez
Isabella Rodriguez
Jacob Julio Rodriguez
Sofia Rua
Patrick T Sacher
Valeria Salinas
Aneli Sanchez
Isabella Sicilia
Jayden Simpson
Ana Elena Sosa
Jake Sotomayor
Valeria Terrero
Danielle Torrents
Sophia Villaverde
Sophia Zayas
Victoria Zizold
Adrianna Zubero

Epiphany Religious Education Students

Zac Acosta
Vingenzo Bermudez
Julieta Campos
Sylvie Curbelo
Gabriel Davila
Elise Dominguez
Clarissa Echeverria
Carlos Figueroa
Eduardo Garcia

Maximo Gonzalez
Leila Haque
Sheryl Hidalgo
Julia Kleszczewski
Olivia Leon
Mariana Gonzalez Mendoza
Samantha Mosquera-Canto
Lilah Murphy
Ana Perez

Rodrigo Prera Pedraz
Gloria Sbettega
Charlotte Smith
Peyton Smith
Sabrina Smithies
Lilah Suarez
Mariana Vives
Emry Williams
Zachary Zapata

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Saturday December 2 (Sunday Vigil)	5:30 PM	+ George & Carmina Aguilera + Maria Del Pilar Benedetti + Teresa Velikopoljski	Family Yidi Family Family
Sunday December 3	8:00 AM	+ Alex Carrion	Family
	9:30 AM	+ Yolanda Onorati + Emilia Rose Pistorino + David Rowe & Family + PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	Onorati Family Pistorino Family Kim Le
	11:00 AM		
	12:30 PM	+ Rosario Balli	Balli Family
		+ Humberto Gonzalez, Jr.	Family
		+ Javier Varona	Varona Family
	6:00 PM	+ Irma Coto + Ana Maria Torres	Friends & Family Daughter
Monday December 4	6:30 AM	+ Kenneth Juza + The United States of America	Barbara Juza Pistorino Family
	8:00 AM	+ Miguel & Rafael Alfonso Ravard + Phyllis Durrieu	Alfonzo-Lopez Family Juan & Monique Farach
Tuesday December 5	6:30 AM	+ Pedro & Caridad Acosta + Maria Montalvo	Lopez-Barreto Family Mom & Dad
	8:00 AM	+ Lucy Fernandez + Matilde Lecopmte + Carlos F. Fernandez	Family Yidi Family Family
Wednesday December 6	6:30 AM	+ Maria Alvarez + Feli & Arturo Aceituno	Amanda Gutierrez Sonia Rivera
	8:00 AM	+ Hernandez-Arriens Deceased Members + Asela Abascal	Alfonzo Family Marisel & Gonzalo Diaz
Thursday December 7	6:30 AM	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary + Maria Pistorino	Pistorino Family Peque Rivera
	8:00 AM	+ Degwitz-Acosta Deceased Members + Antonia Jayo	Alfonzo-Lopez Family Rafael Alfonso
(Vigil)	6:00 PM	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
(Vigil)	7:30 PM	Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción	
Friday December 8	6:30 AM	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
	8:00 AM	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	
Saturday December 9	8:00 AM	+ Maria T. Cronin + Roberto & Zoraida Barreto	Sacher Family Lopez-Barreto Family
Saturday December 10 (Sunday Vigil)	5:30 PM	+ Coco Gomez + Ana Alicia Fernandez + Raul Mario Rojas	Family Pistorino Family Antonini-Ager Family
Sunday December 11	8:00 AM	+ Harry, Edward & Brendan Tiernan + Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Montalvo + Flora Martinez	Family Family Beba Rams
	9:30 AM	+ Deidre Tiernan	Family
		+ Lopez-Fraino Deceased Members	Alfonzo-Lopez Family
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Esther Maria Fernandez	Fernandez Family
		+ Rolando Sagaro Nogueiras	Francisco & Maria Sagaro
	6:00 PM	+ Costa Family + Melissa Rodriguez	Family Family