



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

March 29, 2020
Fifth 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.

Father Jose Alvarez, Pastor

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Deacon Thomas V. Eagan

Deacon José Martínez

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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.

Important Message from Archbishop Wenski

My dear friends in Christ,

This is a certainly unique moment for us—in our world and in our church. The coronavirus pandemic has shaken our world – and our lives. Much like in the aftermath of 9/11, we feel like the world has changed but we don't know yet what the “new normal” will be. During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. This crisis challenges us to act responsibly in social isolation, but remember that we are never alone, even in the most difficult of times. As a people of faith, we trust in the power of prayer and in the providence of our loving God; as a people of hope, we know that God will never abandon us; as a people charity, despite our own fears and anxieties, we must stand in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters who are infected or affected by this pandemic.

During this time, when we are unable to come together for Mass, we need- now more than ever- the connectivity with the Archdiocese and our parishes is essential. Despite the physical separation of our community with the Church, many pastoral services are currently being performed virtually. I invite you to visit our website, www.miamiarch.org, for up-to-date information, live-streaming of liturgies, and other resources.

On behalf of your pastors, I am personally asking that you please continue your weekly offertory support, whether sending your envelopes via mail, making an online donation through the parish website or through this [Universal Online Offertory Page](#). It is critically important that our parishes receive the offertory support they need to remain operational and sustainable despite the suspension of weekly Masses. I understand that many of you may not be able to contribute given the economic impact this pandemic is having on your personal finances; however, I hope that those who are able to continue to support their parishes will do so. Your online support will make a critical difference to the operations of your parishes during this crisis.

I am sensitive to the financial hardship suffered by many in recent days. Many turn to the Church for help, and if we come together, we can try to assist them in their time of need. As such, we have created a [Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#). If you are able make a donation to this emergency fund, please do so now. We must unite to help support our brothers and sisters who have been negatively impacted by this ongoing pandemic. Let us look to the future with hope.

Please visit the websites above to support parish offertory, the Coronavirus Emergency Fund or both as your means allow. Your generosity is needed now more than ever. Any gift can make a huge difference. Please continue to pray for each other, as I continue to pray for you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

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Message from Our Pastor

Life is sometimes referred to as a journey from the womb to the tomb. We begin our existence within the confines of our mother and end up within the confines of mother earth. However, a good question to pose is: Is there a difference between the womb and the tomb? The gospel account of the Fifth Sunday of Lent shows us that maybe there isn't much difference at all.

As we celebrate the final Sunday before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week, we are reminded of how Jesus summoned his friend Lazarus back to life from his tomb. Although a resuscitation, for Lazarus was restored to the same life he had, the incident is a clear preview of Jesus' resurrection. As such, upon heeding the command of Jesus' voice and exiting his burial site, Lazarus is born anew, bandages and all. The moral of the story is that, no matter what kind of hole we find ourselves stuck in, if we heed Jesus' command, we too will be born again.

Sometimes, as we well know, we can find ourselves confined in life. We are there now as we grapple with the restrictions of the current pandemic crisis. Our home can feel like a burial site as we lay there dead to many of our habitual recreational outings, patterns of life and customary surroundings. But are we in a tomb or might we be in a womb of sorts? It all depends on our willingness to hear the voice of Jesus and heed his commands. One thing is for sure – Jesus, the Master, doesn't waste opportunities to teach and comes to us as he did to Lazarus with some directions. He cries out instructions for how to handle our marriages, parent our children, appropriately respond to work, balance our time, take care of ourselves, and, yes, relate to him and the faith he has handed down to us as well. What is he creatively saying? Are we paying attention? Are we open to listening? More importantly, are we willing to respond? It's simple – how we answer these questions will determine if we will continue to feel confined and or be born anew.

Life is indeed a journey from the womb to the tomb. However, as the Fifth Sunday of Lent reminds us, when we hear the voice of Jesus and heed his call, it works the other way around as well.



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ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

**Congratulations Epiphany Community
on meeting our 2020 ABCD Pledge Goal!**

EPIPHANY GOAL - \$560,000

LATEST UPDATE - \$561,840.



BLESS ME FATHER

“Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It’s been a long time since my last confession.....I don’t know where to start”.... “I’ll help you my son, the priest responded, just relax and pour out your heart to God”.... He confessed his sins for 20 minutes, and then he heard these words, “You are now going to receive absolution because you are free from all your sins.” The penitent started to cry with happiness. Then he listened as the priest gave him his penance and said the most beautiful and consoling words one can hear, “I absolve you from all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The penitent’s heart was filled with joy.

Everyone’s life has its share of pain and at times we do fall into sin, but there is no need to carry the spiritual burden during your lifetime. God loves you so much and is waiting to restore your happiness in the confessional should you have strayed.

Don’t make the mistake some people make. They think that if they remain in sin for a long time.....time will heal them. Yet time by itself doesn’t heal. If a person lives in sin, time won’t do anything. It is what you do with time that will heal you.

There is such comfort in knowing that Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He wants to heal us and forgive our sins and life the burden of guilt we carry with us. Why not make it a priority this week to ask God in the confessional to bring you peace, especially if you are with sin. Even if you are not, a good confession brings peace, love, and happiness.

The season of Lent will soon be ending. There is no greater gift you can give to God than your soul in the state of grace. God is waiting for you, and there are no more consoling words you will ever hear than...”I absolve you from all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

If at the present moment you are limited due to age or health restrictions and need assistance with pick-up of essential items, such as groceries or prescriptions, please contact the rectory at: **305.667.4911**.

We will be glad to assist you in this regard.

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; John Lampl; 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:

Agnese Chizzini; Marsilio Chizzini; Silvano Chizzini; Carmen Freire; Juan Carlos Freyre; Boenza H. Grocholski; Katherine McCormick; 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.*



**God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I
cannot change;
courage to change the
things I can;
and wisdom to know the
difference.**

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday Mar. 28	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
	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
Monday Mar. 30	6:30 AM	+ Norma Tavel + Enrique Umbert	Luis & Susana Yllanes Luis & Susana Yllanes
	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving + Ruben & Esther Diaz-Solla	Roberto & Katy Mary Pinero
Tuesday Mar. 31	6:30 AM	+ Alice Rawlins Andres Ponce	Family Family
	8:00 AM	+ Josephine Louise Smith + Linda Sharpe	Anne Eskra Velikopoljski Family
Wednesday Apr. 1	6:30 AM	Diego Suarez + Yolanda & Ramon Lopez	Margie & A.J. Suarez Family
	8:00 AM	+ Samuel Tolon + Hugo E. Rams	Gallinal & Tolon Families Family
Thursday Apr. 2	6:30 AM	Dcn. Thomas Eagan & Family Mike & Isabella Lopez	Pistorino Family Family
	8:00 AM	+ Alicia M. Mendez + David Dempsey	Perez Family Teasdale Family
Friday Apr. 3	6:30 AM	+ Margaret Reed Leonardo Fico	Fernandez Family Friend
	8:00 AM	+ Alex Carrion + Eulalia Rico	Family Moas Family
Saturday Apr. 4	8:00 AM	People of the United States of America Monica Robelo	Pistorino Family Robelo Family
Saturday <i>Apr. 4</i> <i>(Sunday Vigil)</i>	5:30 PM	+ Soldiers in Harm's Way Lucio & Gliceria Pastoriza	Shahin Family Pastoriza Family
Sunday Apr. 5	8:00 AM	+ Alicia Aixala + Mario Bosch	Pistorino Family Family
	9:30 AM	+ Patrick & Annette Lapone + Roberto Suero	Patrick Lapone Beatriz Suero
	11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF EPIPHANY	
	12:30 PM	+ Delfin Molins + Esther de Fernandez	Tere Molins Fernandez Family
	6:00 PM	+ Sante De Leo + Alicia Aixala	Family Friend