



# The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8am; Vigil: 5pm (English)  
Sunday: 8am & 10am (English)  
Sunday: 12 Noon (Español)  
Weekdays: 8am (English)

## CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am  
Or anytime by appointment

## ROSARY

Monday ~ Saturday at 7:30am in the Church

## ADORATION

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday at 8:30am in the Church

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month from 7pm to 9pm in the Church

## SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements

## MINISTRIES

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP/CREOLE

Thursday's 8:00pm - 9:30pm in the Parish Hall.

### EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN/ESPAÑOL

Están todos invitados al grupo de oración el primer miércoles y el tercer miércoles del mes todo los meses en el cuarto de actividades a las 7pm a 8:30pm.

### LEGION OF MARY

Saturday's 8:30am -10:30am in the Activities Room.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the Food Pantry. Distribution of food, every other Wednesday from 9am - 12pm. For more information please call 786-462-4815.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help or would like to volunteer your time or donate baby items please call 786-452-0266, 1515 NW 167th Street, Bldg. 4 Suite 190, Miami Gardens, FL 33169, [respectlifeministry@comcast.net](mailto:respectlifeministry@comcast.net). For information, please call Jeanette Carter @ 305-652-2264.

### WOMEN'S CLUB

Meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month @ 6pm in the Activities Room. For more information, please contact Nettie Mildor @ 305-321-0979, [nettiewwc@comcast.net](mailto:nettiewwc@comcast.net) or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-6936, [deborahagadson@bellsouth.net](mailto:deborahagadson@bellsouth.net)

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. George Puthusseril, JCD, Pastor  
Rev. Antony Vayalickarottu, In Residence  
Rev. James Quinn, Weekends  
Rev. Jose Abreu, Spanish Mass  
Pete Fetscher, Property Manager  
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary  
Yanic Elie, Custodian

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30am -2:00pm & 2:30pm -4:30pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director of Religious Education (DRE)  
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January 1, 2017  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds  
went in haste to  
Bethlehem and found  
Mary and Joseph,  
and the infant  
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

# Mass Intentions

*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for*

†Louis Mildor, †Meritee G. Mildor, †Islande Mildor  
†Jeantine Louissaint, †Gaskell Jerome  
Requested by Nettie Mildor

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Sat., Dec 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5pm: †Rosa Vazquez/Zoila Boughner

5pm: In Thanksgiving/Irmine Louis-Jean

Sun., Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8am: The People of the Parish

10am: In Thanksgiving/Suze Diogene

10am: In Thanksgiving/Nettie Mildor & Sarady Amparo

12pm: In Thanksgiving for Victory/Marie C. Manigat

12pm: †Richard & Veronica Burgos/Familia Burgos

Mon., Jan 2, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

8am: †Elianise Lancivette/Yanic Elie

8am: Birthday Blessings for Jiscard Augustin

Tues., Jan 3, Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8am: AVAILABLE

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Wed., Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8am: AVAILABLE

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Thur., Jan 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop

8am: Special Intention Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group/The Group

8am: AVAILABLE

Fri., Jan 6, Christmas Weekday, St. André Bessette, Religious

8am: In Thanksgiving/Jean Philippe Nau

8am: In Thanksgiving/Marie Isidore Accede

Sat., Jan 7, Christmas Weekday, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8am: Thanksgiving to God/Yanick Vassor

8am: AVAILABLE

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sunday:</b>	Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
<b>Monday:</b>	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. John Neumann
<b>Friday:</b>	St. André Bessette; First Friday
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

## PRAYER LIST

Gail Moller, Marcelina Figueroa, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender, Deidra Moller, Constance Sapia, Joseph Concodello, Elizabeth Schwab, John Donahue, Ryan Grzesiak, Susan DéBiase, Micheline & Lyne Bechard, Gaetane LaRochele, Mary DeBiase, Juan Marrero, Joshua Sanchez, Wilford Colome, Gaetane & Carl Bolduc, Niko Moore, Krystal Martinez, Chris Carter, J.M. Faoud, Irma Rose, Dianne Merren, Rose Marie Yorkoo, Faoud James, Rosa Goldstein, Isabella Agnant, Ashley McLaughton, Elizabeth McKenzie, Mary Ann Wolfer, Paula DeBiase, John & Lynn Feuerstein, Olly & Manny De Rose, Wilma Spitzer, Olivia Johnson, Barrington Dyke, Donit Dyke Allen, and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).

## TODAY'S READINGS

*"When the eighth day came, they gave him the name  
Jesus"*

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

## THE WORD THIS WEEK



In one sense we cram a lot of things together in today's solemnity: whether we succeed or not is open to debate! Today is New Year's Day, a time to pray for the year to come and hope for God's blessing. It is the Octave Day of Christmas, when we continue to reflect on the meaning of the child in the manger. It is the day of Jesus' circumcision, according to the Law of Moses, and the day on which he was given the name that the angel had announced to Mary. And the name of this day tells us that it is given to Mary, mother of Jesus, God-made-man not in any other aspect of her life (such as the Annunciation, the Assumption or the Immaculate Conception), but celebrated simply as Mother of the Redeemer. Perhaps it is the person of Mary the Mother who can unite all these themes: she who trusted in God's promises received blessings from the Lord; as mother she invites us to look over her shoulder with the shepherds and recognize her child, not just as a wonderful new life, but as the one who (in fulfilment of the Scriptures) is proclaimed as "Jesus" a name which means "God saves."

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Tuesday:</b>	I Jn 2:29 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Wednesday:</b>	I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday:</b>	I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Saturday:</b>	I Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

Dear Friends,

I wish all of you a very happy new year. Another year ahead of us brings us new opportunities and possibilities. I pray that all of you will have a happy and healthy year ahead. Last Sunday we celebrated Christmas and before Christmas I tried to call all our registered and active members of our parish over the phone. I was successful in reaching the vast majority of our parishioners. Most of the parishioners were pleased with the call. But there were a number of them that I could not reach, for various reasons. I was following the list on our computer, with the information that is available in the database. So if your information is correct, you should have received a call or a voice mail message from me for Christmas.

If you are a registered and active member of the parish, and if you did not receive a call or a message from me, it could be due to one of the following reasons. When I called the numbers that were on the computer, there were a good number of people who have their phone disconnected or that number was not in service. It could be due to the fact that when they registered in the parish, they had one number but then changed the number or disconnected the landline and kept only their cellphones. Some of the numbers in the computer were wrong and I got other people on the other side of the line. Most of them were very understanding. At times people got annoyed when it is a wrong number. There were also some numbers that were not accepting incoming calls, either at the subscriber's request or for some other reason.

In some cases, the numbers were correct I believe, but there was no response on the other side. After many rings, I had to hang up because of no response. Some others did not setup their mailbox or the mailbox or memory was full and there was no way of leaving a message. For some I would get the message that the wireless customer is not available at this time. As I was going down the list on the computer, if I was not able to get through after a couple of times, I

would move on to the next parishioner. Given the large number of calls I had to make, it was not possible to come back to these numbers again. In some cases, the line was busy for a very long time, and I just had to move on to the next one.

For some of the numbers, I got the recorded message from the phone company saying that the call cannot be completed at this time and this would be the same message on a repeat trial after a few minutes. I do not know why, but something was preventing the call from going through. For some of the numbers, the message I got was that the number was changed and that no information was available about the new number. In a few cases, on dialing the number, it would go to a fax machine and in some exceptional cases people would hang up on me as soon as they picked up the phone. Probably because they thought it was some telemarketer trying to sell them something.

Therefore, if you are an active registered member of the parish, and if you did not receive a call or a message from me for this past Christmas, I would suggest that you check with the office to make sure that your phone number on our computer record is correct. With a simple phone call to the office you will be able to make the correction to your record.

My wish and prayer for each and every one of you during this New Year 2017 is that you be blessed with happiness and good health.

God bless you all.  
Fr. George

Happy  
New Year  
2017

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. Lk 2:20



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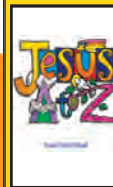
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