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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 2nd & 4th 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. For information, please call Jeanette Carter @ 305-652-2264.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Meets every 4th Saturday of the month @ 6pm in the Activities Room. For more information, please contact Nettie Mildor @ 305-321-0979, nettiewwc@comcast.net or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-6936, 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)
Email: ccddre@visitationmiami.org

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your light must shine

before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

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Mass Intentions

*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
February 4th, 2017 to February 10th, 2017 for*

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

Feb 4th, 2017 - Feb 11th, 2017

Sat., Feb 4, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5pm: The People of the Parish

Sun., Feb 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suze Diogene & family

8am: †Evints Dugue/Marie Leotide

10am: Birthday Blessings for Zilda Kerr-Gayle

10am: In Thanksgiving/Suze Diogene

12pm: †Angel Lopez/Vilma Lopez y familia

12pm: †Amparo & Ismael Pastor's 50th Anniversary/Zoila Palacios

Mon., Feb 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suze Diogene & family

8am: †Israel & Juana Pacheco/Daughter, Elsa

Tues., Feb 7, Weekday

8am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suze Diogene & family

8am: In Thanksgiving to Mt. Carmel/Jonathan & Muriel Bazil

Wed., Feb 8, Weekday, St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

8am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suzie Diogene & family

8am: †Gerard Bayol/Marie Gessy Suffy

Thur., Feb 9, Weekday

8am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suzie Diogene & family

8am: AVAILABLE

Fri., Feb 10, St. Scholastica

8am: AVAILABLE

8am: AVAILABLE

Sat., Feb 11, Weekday, Our Lady of Lourdes

8am: Birthday Blessings for David & Zemhaye Odiwo/Regina Odiwo

8am: AVAILABLE

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Friday:	St. Scholastica; Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
Saturday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

TODAY'S READINGS

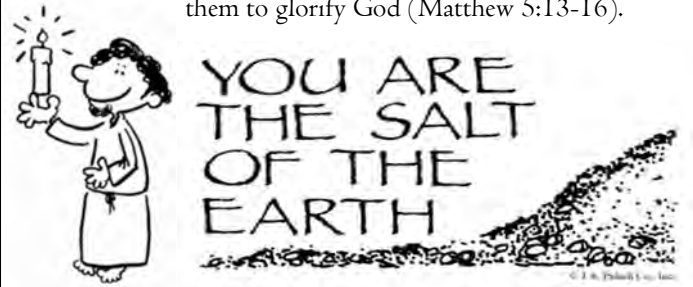
You are the light of the world.

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).



THE WORD THIS WEEK

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith to be a people of good deeds, as Jesus teaches in today's portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world's criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with the word we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world's gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found their way to the Father.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; I Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

PRAYER LIST

Lando Mojica, Stephanie Ammons, Dennis Sukie, Menal Balo, Jakkie Shabarekh, Marie Clermont, Gail Moller, Marcelina Figueroa, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender, Deidra Moller, Constance Sapia, Joseph Concodello, Elizabeth Schwab, John Donahue, Ryan Grzesiak, Susan DeBiase, 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 McLaugton, Elizabeth McKenzie, Mary Ann Wolfer, Paula DeBiase, John & Lynn Feuerstein, and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).



When Jesus presents the images of salt and light in today's Gospel from Matthew, he is describing some of the primary characteristics for his community of followers. As salt adds flavor to food, so Christians are to bring hope and meaning to their world. As light reveals what is hidden in darkness, so Christians are to bring wisdom and truth to others. To be Christian is not to sit back, give thanks, and savor God's blessings. Just as salt and light are gifts from God for everyone, those who follow Christ are to be agents of God's love for all. Saint Paul describes this further, teaching that we might begin by embracing humility and vulnerability. Isaiah calls us to be generous and to work for justice. These are the characteristics of a "city set on a mountain," a community of salt and light.

LAMPS AND BUSHEL BASKETS

Jesus uses the present tense, "you *are*" salt of the earth and light of the world. This can be troubling to hear, upon a little reflection, when we already suspect that we are not. It's easy to see how often we fail to truly be salt and light for others. This can lead to discouragement and a fear of failing again. But Jesus says that being salt and light is God's gift, and not our own accomplishment.

He notes the "bushel basket" that prevents the light of the lamp from being seen. We have created and received all kinds of patterns of thinking and behaving that block our capacity to be light for others. But these patterns do not define us. Whatever our faults, we are primarily God's beloved and gifted people. We can have hope that God will assist us in addressing our "bushel basket," to overcome what blocks our ability to love others. Jesus' Good News for us is that we are ultimately not the bushel basket, but the lamp.

CITY ON A MOUNTAIN

Often, we envision Jesus' imagery of salt and light applied to the life of individual Christians. This is indeed appropriate. However, along with "salt of the earth" and "light of the world", we hear of a "city set on a mountain." Clearly, these images are also directed to Christian communities. A parish, for example, is called to have a visible, caring presence in its local area. As salt and light, a community of faith can add its own flavor and wisdom to its surroundings.

A faith community can have its own "bushel basket," too. This might include unresolved internal conflicts, or a

lack of welcoming to strangers, or just being too internally focused. These can prevent the community from demonstrating God's love. However, just as with individuals, God can lead the faithful to address these obstacles, and to become salt and light more fully for their neighborhood.



Annual Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, February 25th, 2017 @ 6pm

Hosted by Fr. George to show appreciation for your service during the past year. So if you're a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Sacristan, Usher, Catechist, Vincentian, Finance, Pastoral Council or Women's Club member, Counter or sing in the choir please RSVP by contacting the parish office no later than Friday, February 17th 2017.



Religious education of young people is vital to the strength of the Church. Make a provision in your will for religious education at Visitation Parish. Contact the rectory or call the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1110 for more information.

Weekly Offering

JANUARY 29, 2017

5pm Mass: \$697.00	8am Mass: \$1931.00
10am Mass: \$2279.81	Noon: \$866.00
Building Fund: \$21.00	A/C Project to date: \$47,231.00

DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
 — PSALM 62:7 KJV

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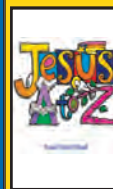
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