



# The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 8am (English)

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (English)

Sunday: 8am & 10am (English) 12 Noon (Español)

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am or  
during the week by appointment only

### **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.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Meets second Sunday of the month @ 11am in the pantry. For more information contact Walter Aguilar.

### **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 info 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 167 Street, Bldg. 4, Suite 190, Miami Gardens, FL 33169, [respectlifeministry@comcast.net](mailto:respectlifeministry@comcast.net)  
For info, 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 info, please contact Ella Brown @ 305-624-7206, [peaceread@bellsouth.net](mailto:peaceread@bellsouth.net) or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-6936, [deborahagadson@bellsouth.net](mailto:deborahagadson@bellsouth.net)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Lent



FEBRUARY  
18  
2018

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.  
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday ~ Friday

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

### **STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. George Puthusseril, JCD, Pastor

Rev. James Quinn, Weekends

Rev. Luis Garcia, Spanish Mass

Pete Fetscher, Property Manager

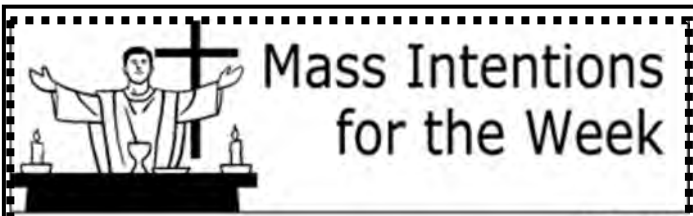
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary

Yanic Elie, Custodian

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Marcia Waite, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Email: [ccddre@visitationmiami.org](mailto:ccddre@visitationmiami.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week



*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week*

*February 17, 2018 to February 23, 2018 for*

†Marie Christine Noel

Requested by Chantal Noel, Her daughter

**FEB 17, 2018 – FEB 24, 2018**

Sat., Feb 17, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5pm: AVAILABLE

8pm: AVAILABLE

Sun., Feb 18, First Sunday of Lent

8am: AVAILABLE

8am: AVAILABLE

10am: AVAILABLE

10am: AVAILABLE

12pm: The People of the Parish

Mon., Feb 19, Lenten Weekday

8am: Thanksgiving to St. Joseph/Marie Frenel

8am: AVAILABLE

Tues., Feb 20, Lenten Weekday

8am: Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary/Marie Frenel

8am: AVAILABLE

Wed., Feb 21, Lenten Weekday, St. Peter Damian, Bishop


8am: Birthday Blessings for Laurie Accede/Marie Ange Accede

8am: In Thanksgiving/Lucenie Jean

Thur., Feb 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8am: Birthday Blessings for Mirka Marsan's 102 Birthday/Her family

8am: AVAILABLE

Fri., Feb 23, Lenten Weekday, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr 

8am: †Hilda & Rupert Smith/Sharon Smith

8am: †Vic & Joanie Grindle/Sharon Smith

Sat., Feb 24, Lenten Weekday

8am: Birthday Blessings for Grace Simmons

8am: Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Marie Frenel

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

## WORDS OF WISDOM

### PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

### LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS AND HEALTH OF:

Clifford Reginald Singh, Porfirio Burgos, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender, Guylaine Labbe, Jean Michel Cote, Edith Baronville, Maria Urena, Yvette Smith, Socra Antenor, Miriam Slome, Herminia Zamarriego, Sonia Francis, Jacqueline Samuels, Dianne Whitter Reeves, Debra Brown, Joel Rivera, Mariette Bolduc, Jean-Paul Bolduc, Claire Mitchell, Eduardo Corrales, Jackie Serrano, Barrington & Dorit Dyke-Allen, Antonio Cantillo, Michael Walker, Fabio Rodriguez, Antony Page, Carl Tomlinson, Betty Yong, Tina Buchanan, Gloria Arbelaez, Manuel DeRose, Lando Mojica, Stephanie Ammons, Menal Balo, Jakkie Shabarekh, and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).

# JESUS REMAINED IN THE DESERT FOR FORTY DAYS

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Dear Friends,

We are already in the season of Lent which is a time of grace and mercy. For some lent may seem to be a season of gloom and sadness, and that is due to wrong understanding of this time of the liturgical year. The Church encourages its faithful to enter into a deeper and closer relationship with Jesus through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each person's situation is different and hence it is up to each one to determine how to put into practice these pillars of spirituality in his or her life during this Lenten season.

This week's bulletin carries a report of the activities of Our Vincent de Paul Society. We should be proud of the great work done by our Conference. Thanks to all of you for your constant support of their efforts to help the poor and needy. I wish to commend them for the great work they do to help those who turn to them for aid.

Some parishioners had expressed an interest in having a Bible Study group here. I have been looking through some of the programs that are available and have come across one that might be practical for our parish. These programs are split up into different segments and the purpose of it is to give us a greater appreciation of the Sacred Scripture. I know that when something is presented, many people show interest, but when it comes to the reality of implementing the same, very few are left. So, before I embark on this venture, I would like to know how many are truly interested in a Bible Study. Based on the interest of the parishioners, I will try to launch the program.

I will be away on retreat this week and I will keep you all in my prayers and I request that you too keep me in your prayers.

God bless you all.  
Fr. George



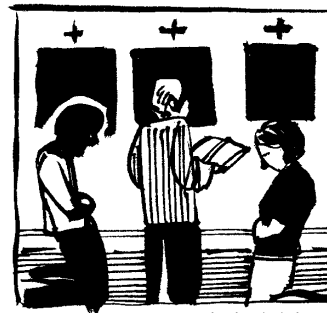
"When I said 'Fish on Fridays', Bob, I didn't mean during Lent you skip work on Fridays and go fishing."

## Every Friday during Lent

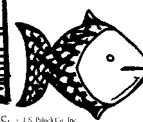
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Holy Mass @ 7pm

Stations of the Cross  
@ 7:30pm



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Remember  
Abstinence  
On Fridays

Our CYO will be having a car wash on February 24th starting at 8:30am. Please support our youth in this endeavor

### WEEKLY



### OFFERING

February 11, 2018

Many thanks to all who came out to help the Women's Ministry celebrate the Pre-Valentine's Family Night. We had a lot of fun & enjoyment. Ella Brown, President

5pm Mass:	\$1810.00
8am Mass:	\$1793.00
10am Mass:	\$2722.16
Noon Mass:	\$ 907.00
Building Fund:	\$ 588.00

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