



# 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)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:30am & 11:30am  
or 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  
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Rev. James Quinn, Weekends  
Rev. Jose Abreu, Spanish Mass  
Pete Fetscher, Property Manager  
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary  
Yanic Elie, Custodian

## PARISH OFFICE

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director of Religious Education (DRE)  
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MARCH 26  
2017

FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
Lent

"I CAME INTO THIS WORLD FOR JUDGMENT,  
SO THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE  
MIGHT SEE, AND THOSE WHO DO SEE  
MIGHT BECOME BLIND."  
- JOHN 9:39

## Mass Intentions For The Week



*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week*

*March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for*

†Elianise Lancivette, †Orelly Jack, †Merest Belizaire, †Eve Margerite Lancivette, Ireta Louis Jeune

Requested by Yanic Elie

**MAR 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

Sat., Mar 25, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5pm: In Thanksgiving/Yanic Elie

5pm: In Thanksgiving/Suze Wagnac

Sun., Mar 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8am: The People of the Parish

10am: †Estelle Cazeau/Suze Diogene

10am: †Ana P. Garcia/The Garcia family

12pm: †Hilario Vazquez/His daughter

12pm: †Ana Soraya Espinal-Yi/The family

Mon., Mar 27, Lenten Weekday

8am: Action de Grace/Avery St. Jean

8am: AVAILABLE

Tues., Mar 28, Lenten Weekday

8am: In Thanksgiving /Demetrius

8am: †Clarence Thompson/Yanic Elie

Wed., Mar 29, Lenten Weekday

8am: †Jaarar Charles/Joseline Charles

8am: In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe/Verlenne Felissaint

Thur., Mar 30, Lenten Weekday

8am: Birthday Blessings for Yanick Jean-Baptiste/Giselle Thevenin

8am: †Joslyn Santiague/Lilianne Santiague

Fri., Mar 31, Lenten Weekday

8am: †Arturo Rojas/Rojas sisters and family

8am: †Ana Llanos Gallegos/Haydee Beck

Sat., April 1, Lenten Weekday

8am: Thanksgiving to God/Yanick Vassor

8am: †Elodie Joseph/Lilianne Santiague

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## TODAY'S READINGS

He went off and washed himself, and came away  
with his sight restored

**First Reading** As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptized, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptized was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvelous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world.



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Friday:** Abstinence

**Saturday:** First Saturday

## PRAYER LIST

Horace Forbes, Marjorie Thomas, Carl Tomlinson, Ana Burgos, Mary Ann Wolfer, Betty Yong, Tina Buchanan, Gloria Arbelaez, John Feuerstein, Manuel & Olympia De Rose, 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, Mary, Paula & Susan DéBiase, Micheline & Lyne Bechard, Gaetane LaRochele, Joshua Sanchez, Wilford Colome, Gaetane & Carl Bolduc, Niko Moore, Krystal Martinez, Chris Carter, Irma Rose, Dianne Merren, Rose Marie Yorkoo and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).

## CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."



## BEWARE OF THE DARK SIDE

Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Or you might fear the punishment you think you deserve.



Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. When you injure your arm, you explain how you hurt it, so the doctor knows how to treat it. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we

can experience forgiveness. You could leave your car at the shop overnight, with enough cash to make the repairs, but until you come back and claim your car, you will never know if it was fixed.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples asked whose sin caused the man to be born blind. The Pharisees told the man that he was born in sin. Jesus, however, told his disciples that the man had not sinned, and furthermore, the Pharisees themselves were the sinners because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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March 19, 2017

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 10am Mass: \$2,385.00      Noon: \$617.00  
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