



# 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 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 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 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)

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my  
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7

August 20, 2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## PARISH OFFICE

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

### **STAFF**

Rev. Msgr. George Puthusseril, JCD, Pastor

Rev. Antony Vayalickarottu, In Residence

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  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for*

Zilda Kerr-Gayle, Shamika Gayle,  
Alexa Abreu, Santiago Abreu

Requested by Zilda Kerr-Gayle

**AUGUST 19, 2017-AUGUST 26, 2017**

Sat., August 19, Vigil: The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5pm: Special Intention for Sylvio Duval

5pm: †Gerard Charlemagne/Elsa Charlemagne

Sun., August 20, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am: The People of the Parish

10am: Birthday Blessings for Shamika Gayle/Mother, Zilda

10pm: In Thanksgiving/Suze Diogene

12pm: †Roberto & Sr. Flor Fernandez/Claudia Hernandez

12pm: 56th wedding anniversary of Porfirio & Ana Burgos

Mon., August 21, St. Pius X, Pope

8am: Birthday Blessings for Sebastien Louis-Fils/The family

8am: Anniversary Blessings for Eduard & Ronnie Leon/Ronnie Leon

Tues., August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am: In Thanksgiving for Marilyn Pierre-Louis

8am: In Thanksgiving to Mt. Carmel/Ronnie

Wed., August 23, St. Rose of Lima

8am: Action de Grace/Avery St. Jean

8am: †Joseph R. Collazo/Luz Collazo, Daughter

Thur., August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8am: †Hernance Noel/Marie Teresa Noel

8am: Birthday Blessings for Mark & Miriam/Miriam Dorval

Fri., August 25, Weekday, St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8am: AVAILABLE

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Sat., August 26, Weekday

8am: In Thanksgiving/Renette Champagne

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### A GOOD PRAYER

*A good prayer, though often used, is still  
fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.*

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
<b>Friday:</b>	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

### THE WORD THIS WEEK

#### CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sunday:</b>	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Pius X
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Rose of Lima
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Bartholomew
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
<b>Saturday:</b>	Blessed Virgin Mary

### PRAYER LIST

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, Marjorie Thomas, Carl Tomlinson, Ana Burgos, Mary Ann Wolfer, Betty Yong, Tina Buchanan, Gloria Arbelaez, Manuel & Olympia De Rose, Lando Mojica, Stephanie Ammons, Menal Balo, Jakkie Shabarekh, Gail Moller, Marcelina Figueroa, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender, Deidra Moller, Constance Sapia, Joseph Concodello, Elizabeth Schwab, Ryan Grzesiak, Mary, Paula & Susan DeBiase, and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).



All of us who ache to be accepted find lavish comfort in today's readings. Rich in mercy, the Lord welcomes all of us—no exceptions. Isaiah extends God's invitation to all nations, even to foreigners who often arouse suspicion from the "in crowd." Saint Paul takes advantage of these fearful suspicions by provoking the Israelites' jealousy: if even Gentiles can offer acceptable worship to the one true God, then God's chosen people should surely do the same. In a similar way, Jesus provokes his disciples in today's Gospel from Matthew. Bantering with a Canaanite woman, Jesus draws out her tremendous faith, which endures despite the typical rejection she faces from scornful Israelites. Whether we identify more with the privileged disciples or the marginalized Canaanite woman, we cannot mistake God's universal invitation to believe in the One who saves us.

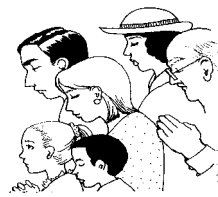
### REJECTED

At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church.

Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side, to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence, he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

### ACCEPTED

The woman's faith is irresistible—to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."



### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Much prayer, much power!  
 Little prayer, little power!  
 No prayer, no power!  
 —Anonymous

*Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come. My justice about to be revealed.—Isaiah 56-1*

**The Visitation Parish Knights of Columbus, Council 16583, will present A Caribbean Feast, Wine, and live**

**professional show by THE NEXT LEVEL, on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Visitation Parish Hall. THE NEXT LEVEL is an entertaining digital duo consisting of Mary Jo Remek, digital accordion and more, and Dr. Robert Remek, keyboards and more.**



Tickets are a \$15 donation, to benefit the fund for a new AC unit for the church. Tickets may be purchased after all Sunday Masses and in the parish office during the week.

## Religious Education

Religious Education and RCIA classes begin on September 10, 2017. Registration is open on Sundays from 9am—2pm starting August 13th.

### August 13, 2017

5pm Mass: \$1578.00  
 8am Mass: \$1,423.00  
 10am Mass: \$2,346.55  
 Noon Mass: \$860.00  
 Building Fund: \$222.00  
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