



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

WOMEN'S CLUB

Meets every 4th Saturday of the month @ 6pm in the Activities Room. For more info, please contact Ella Brown @ 305-624-7206, peaceread@bellsouth.net or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-6936, deborahagadson@bellsouth.net

FIRST SUNDAY

OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



DECEMBER 3, 2017

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

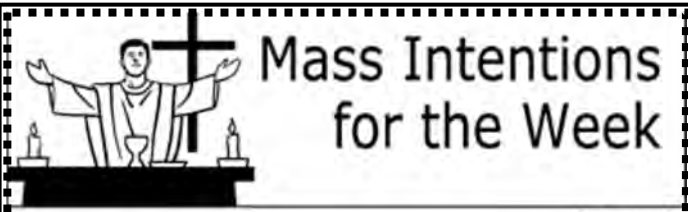
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary

Yanic Elie, Custodian

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Email: ccdre@visitationmiami.org



Mass Intentions for the Week

*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
December 2, 2017 to December 8, 2017 for*

†Elianise Lancivette, †Ireta Louis Jeune, †Marie Ive M. Lancivette, †Orelley Jack, Rosianne Henry Lancivette

Requested by Sara Lancivette

DEC 2, 2017 – DEC 9, 2017

Sat., Dec 2, Vigil: The First Sunday of Advent

5pm: Birthday Blessings for Ariste Accede, Jr./Marie Isidor Accede

5pm: †Lucila De La Cruz/Wendy De La Cruz

Sun., Dec 3, Vigil: The First Sunday of Advent

8am: †Astres Lundi/Monique Lundi

8am: Sr. Mary Christine Zimorski/Lilianne Santiago

10am: In Thanksgiving/Suze Diogene

10am: †Estella Cazeau/Suze Diogene

12pm: †Sara Kafie/Carmen Corrales

12pm: †Arturo Penagos/Carmen Penagos & family

Mon., Dec 4, Advent Weekday, St. John Damacene, Priest

8am: Special Intention for David Dejardins & family/Denyse Barber

8am: Special Intention for Joseph Bernard/Joseph Bernard

Tues., Dec 5, Advent Weekday

8am: Special Intention for Fred Bernard/Joseph Bernard

8am: Arturo Epried Valdes/Zulma Gallego

Wed., Dec 6, Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas, Bishop

8am: All Saints/Joseph Bernard

8am: Special Intention, Reina Lidia Dias & family/Angela Castaneda

Thur., Dec 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop

8am: †Hernelina Guzman/Angela Castaneda

8am: †Jose Manuel Castaneda/Angela Castaneda

Fri., Dec 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am: The People of the Parish

7pm: †Alveiro & Brallan Perez/Zulma Gallego

7pm: Special Intention for the Gallego family/Zulma Gallego

Sat., Dec 9, Advent Weekday, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8am: Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Joseph Bernard

8am: Special Intention, Reina Lidia Dias & family/Angela Castaneda

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (I Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

WORDS OF WISDOM

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

THE VISITATION WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

When: Dec. 16, 2017

Time: 6pm-10pm

Where: Parish Hall

Cost: \$20.00 per ticket



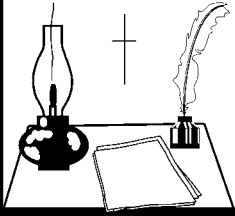
Please join us for a night of Family Fun, Good Food, Good Wine, Christmas Bible Trivia, Caroling & Raffle Door Prizes. Come out and support a worthy cause. For tickets please contact Ella Brown, Debbie Gadson or the parish office.

LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS AND HEALTH OF:

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, 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, and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).

HOPE

From the



Pastor's desk

Dear Friends,

We are starting the season of Advent, and with that we are entering into a new liturgical year. Once again, the liturgical cycle opens by presenting us with another new beginning and inviting us to be part of it. Along with the Church we too make a new beginning. In the midst

of all the uncertainty and insecurity out in the world, when we are surrounded by madness and chaos, we should keep the message of hope very much alive in our hearts. The reason for that hope is very clearly in the opening line of our first reading this weekend: "You O Lord are our father!" This is certainly a true claim. From the very beginning scriptures have shown how God had revealed his fatherly love to the chosen people.

When we see hopes fulfilled, we have further reason to continue to hope. There may be times when it might seem meaningless to live in hope, but the history of the chosen people proves that a rightly placed hope in spiritual realities will never be unfulfilled, if we continue to live according to the commands of God. We have seen the realization of the hopes of the chosen people. We now know that God came in our midst in such a way and form that the Israelites would not even have thought of in their wildest dreams. It was not just a mighty person being raised to save them, but God himself became man to save the whole of humanity from sin. This truth was being prophesied by Isaiah in the reading when he wrote: "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old."

We have already begun our external preparations for Christmas. The shopping, the decorations, Christmas greetings and parties are some of the things we do as we approach this great celebration. Let us not forget about the spiritual preparations that are more important for our lives. All our external preparations are merely because of the joy we feel in our hearts at the coming of the Lord, and so we should be able to repeat with Isaiah today: "No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him."

Many families follow the tradition of the Advent wreath and the lighting of the Advent candles. Some may use some prayers for blessing of the wreath and the lighting of the candles.



There are many different forms that are suggested on different sites on the internet. The Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops gives one form and it is also on the USCCB website and this is the link for the same: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-an-advent-wreath.cfm>.

Last week I came across a man who was trimming the hedges around the Church. Since I did not know who he was, I approached him to find out more about him. He used to come to our church, and he felt the need to do something for the community. So, he came with his electric clippers to trim the hedges. I thanked him for his service. There are many other things that need to be done around the church and there may be parishioners who can help with a little bit of their time and talent. To start with, the sidewalks around the church need pressure cleaning and a few volunteers with pressure cleaners, each doing a portion of the side walk, would easily get it done in a short period of time. I hope to find some willing persons to come forward for the same.

God bless you all.

Fr. George

St. Monica's Car Raffle Congratulations to Mr. Luis Silverio of St. James Parish, Raffle #03394

COLLECTION

November 26, 2017

Thanksgiving:	\$898.00
5pm Mass:	\$1176.00
8am Mass:	\$1424.10
10am Mass:	\$2089.00
Noon Mass:	\$956.00
Mission Haiti:	\$677.00
Building Fund:	\$434.00
Flowers:	\$668.00

COLLECTION

November 19, 2017

5pm Mass:	\$1211.00
8am Mass:	\$1439.00
10am Mass:	\$2487.92
Noon Mass:	\$1049.00
Campaign for Human Development:	\$1065.00
Building Fund:	\$273.00

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