



# 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 (Spanish)

### 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

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meets second Sunday of the month @ 2pm in the Activities Room. 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 information, please call Jeanette Carter @ 305-652-2264.

### WOMEN'S COUNCIL

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)



Second Sunday of

# Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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## 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

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director of Religious Education

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MASS



# SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



## THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS BURNING THIS WEEK

Dec 8, 2018 to Dec 14, 2018 for

Ulysee family, Mondesir family,  
Fleurantin family, Pierre family, Louis family  
Requested by Marie Ulysse

### DECEMBER 8 ~ DECEMBER 15

Sat., Dec 8, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5pm: †Mr. & Mrs. Desanges Alexis/Gerda Alexis

5pm: †Islande Alexis & Julee Dolcine/Gerda Alexis

Sun., Dec 9, Second Sunday of Advent

8am: †Linh Phero Phung Nguyen/Ngoc Nguyen

8am: †Jean Pierre Casseus/Marie Ange Thomas

10am: †Mimose Lamarre/Edwin Nesi

10am: Thanksgiving for Jean Philippe Nau/Jean Philippe Nau

12pm: †Jose Vanegas & Alicia Vanegas/Beatriz Vanegas

12pm: †Nelly Vargas/Rosa Granthon

Mon., Dec 10, Advent Weekday

8am: Birthday Blessings for Grace Richards/Grace Simmons

8am: In Thanksgiving/Evantz Etienne

Tues., Dec 11, Advent Weekday, St. Damasus I, Pope

8am: †Anna Louis-Jean/Irmine Louis-Jean

8am: In Thanksgiving/Carol D Muscadin

Wed., Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8am: The People of the Parish

Thur., Dec 13, St. Lucy, Martyr

10am: In Thanksgiving for Ariane & Didier/Armante Clerveau

10am: In Thanksgiving for the Immaculate Heart/Rollande Louis

Fri., Dec 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest

8am: Birthday Blessings for Tatiana MacGuffie/The MacGuffie family

8am: †Francois Biene/Marie Dambreville

Sat., December 15, Advent Weekday

8am: †Andre & Abelise Maxilus/Edmond Maxilus

8am: †Louise Enance Maxilus/Edmond Maxilus

saint snippets

Do not be distressed.  
Am I not here who  
am your mother?

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.  
Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.

December 12

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### PRAY FOR THE NEEDS AND HEALTH OF

Vical Lundi, Lechy Maria Nowak, Steve Lagueux, Gail & Deidra Moller, Marie Moore, Camille, Ernest McPherson, Fr. Luis Garcia, Marcelina Figueroa, Carmen Marciano, Blanca Ochoa, Barbara Seifert, Chris Carter, Ida Mae Welp, Denise Morpeau, Gilda Santiago, Irene Kovalcin, Guanipa, Cecily Reid, Moveta Sukie, Henry Suckie, Ruth Gardner, Clifford Reginald Singh, Porfirio & Ana Burgos, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender, Guylaine Labbe, Jean Michel Cote, Edith Baronville, Maria Urena, Yvette Smith, Socra Antenor, Miriam Slome, Herminia Zamarrigo, Sonia Francis and all the sick of our parish. \*\*\*Please notify the parish office to add or remove a name\*\*\*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

## TODAY'S GOSPEL IN ACTION

### AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



# The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

We are already into the season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a time of hope, and it should be a season that brings hope into the lives of many who are in very difficult situations.



On the first Sunday of Advent, the Pope lit a candle for the children in Syria. This was done during the usual Sunday audience. The candle was specially decorated from craftsman in Damascus and it had pictures of 40 Syrian children. The Pope said in his angelus message: "Advent is a time of hope. Right now, my hope is for peace for the children of Syria, tormented by a war that has lasted 8 years." There is good reason for this because Syria's war has killed more than 360,000 and displaced millions, with over 13 million people outside in need of humanitarian aid. The UN Children's Fund warned last month that a funding gap and the start of winter could leave nearly one million children, including Syrians, "out in the cold" and prone to dangerous diseases in the Middle East and North Africa. The pope also included others who are in similar situations. "May the flame of hope also reach all those who are victims of conflicts and tensions around the world, near and far".

With our preparation for Christmas, we are often busy with shopping, decorating, cooking, cleaning, sending greetings, partying, wrapping, gift-giving, etc. In the process we often neglect the spiritual side of this season. The music, the decorations, the promotional sales, all start early and the whole spirit seems to be that of Christmas. In a way we start celebrating Christmas even before Advent begins. While it is a time of preparation, it remains mostly on the external side, and not on the spiritual side. Why not start doing something

spiritual during this Advent Season in preparation for the great celebration. I can make a few suggestions for those who have not planned anything specific. Why not get to Church 5 minutes before the Mass begins and say a silent prayer or add another weekday to attend Mass? After all the best prayer of the church is the celebration of the Eucharist. Say a prayer everyday as you gather around the dinner table and light the advent candle. Read three or four verses from the bible about the birth of Jesus from Lk.1:26-2:20. Listen to some advent music. These days most people have smart phones and can listen to music on their phones. If none of these is practical, then just say a decade of the rosary or for those who regularly recite the rosary, add an extra decade. These can help us to prepare ourselves spiritually.

I want to thank our Knights of Columbus for taking on the challenge to have a Thanksgiving Day dinner for those who were without any family to celebrate with. The idea was presented to them just two weeks prior to Thanksgiving, and they came through with it very effectively. More than 60 people participated, and it was a great success. I want to thank all the Knights and all other ministries and volunteers who helped them in this project.

Many of you might be wondering what exactly is happening with our air-conditioning project. The progress on that front has been extremely slow. Our efforts to get an MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) engineer to draw up plans for the same has not moved as fast as we had hoped for. We are still at that initial stage, and once the plans are drawn up, it could be put out for bids, so that we will be better able to compare the bids. The reason we are going this route, is to get all the bidders to bid on the same work. If we do not give the plans, they will come up with their own proposals with each being very different from the others, making it difficult for us to make a proper choice. Since this is not a small project, I am working with the finance committee without rushing it. My prayer is that our A/C unit will continue to work till we are ready to replace it.

I pray that all of you will have a spiritually enriching advent and let us keep our suffering Christians and all those affected by the wars in the Middle East in our prayers, so that they may experience hope in the midst of the conflicts they face.

May God bless you all.  
Fr. George

## November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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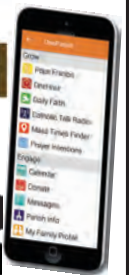
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