



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meets first 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 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

ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



REJOICE ALWAYS. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE THANKS.
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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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

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 16, 2017 to December 22, 2017 for*
Yves Nerva Nemorin, Pierre F. Nemorin, Jean Cheko
Nemorin, Marie Pierre Latortue, Marie Florence Latortue

Requested by Marie Latortue & family
DEC 16, 2017 – DEC 23, 2017

Sat., Dec 16, Vigil: The Third Sunday of Advent
5pm: The People of the Parish

Sun., Dec 17, Vigil: The Third Sunday of Advent

8am: †Deceased members of the Elie family/Bethanie Elie
8am: Special Intention for Nathan Long/Sharon Long

10am: In Thanksgiving/ Suze Diogene
10am: Special Intention for Joe Aken'Ova & family/Regina Odiwo

12pm: †Arturo Penagos/Carmen Penagos & family
12pm: †Maria Isabel Montenegro de Vanegas/The Burgos family

Mon., Dec 18, Late Advent Weekday

8am: Birthday Blessings for Laurelce Fabre/Vida Fabre, mother
8am: †Chantal Jean & Marie I Mathieu/Mireille Thomas

Tues., Dec 19, Late Advent Weekday

8am: Special Intention for Marie F. Latortue/Marie Latortue
8am: †Charity Jasmine/Bethanie Elie

Wed., Dec 20, Late Advent Weekday

8am: †All Souls/Bethanie Elie
8am: †Mr. & Mrs. Malebranche/Bethanie Malebranche

Thur., Dec 21, Late Advent Weekday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest

8am: Birthday Blessings for Marie Victor/Marie Victor
8am: Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Jazime Obin

Fri., Dec 22, Late Advent Weekday

8am: †Joseph Puthusseril/Fr. George
8am: †Honorato Arines/The Vitente family

Sat., Dec 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty, Priest
8am: In Thanksgiving/Jiscard Adam
8am: †Alina Mendoza/ Nilda Rodriguez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13, 18-19;Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: I Sm 1:24-28; I Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

WORDS OF WISDOM

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

The Little Ones

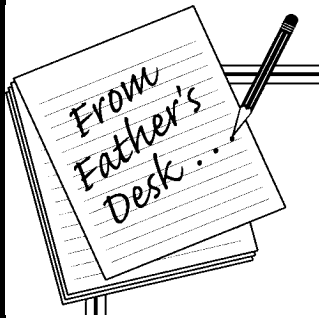
Jim Burrows



LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS AND HEALTH OF:

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, Marjorie Thomas, Carl Tomlinson, Ana Burgos, Mary Ann Wolfer, Betty Yong, Tina Buchanan, Gloria Arbelaez, Manuel DeRose, Lando Mojica, Stephanie Ammons, Menal Balo, Jakkie Shabarekh, Gail Moller, Marcelina Figueroa, Paul Mention, Jo & Tom Pender and all the sick of our parish. (Please let the office know if you would like to add/remove a name).

JOY

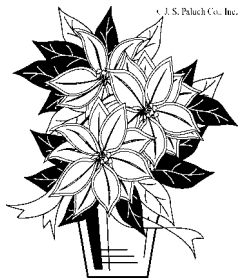


Dear Friends,

I thank all of you for your response to the letter I sent out to the parish on the first weekend of December. I received 438 responses and of those 294 said yes and 144 said no. Since the majority of the people responded yes, I shall proceed with the payment of the bills from the parish operating account. Some of you explained your reasons for a positive or a negative response. I fully understand why there is a difference in opinion and as far as I am concerned, it is fine with me for you to take either side. Many of you expressed your support to me personally and I am very grateful for your backing, encouragement and above all your prayers.

The year is coming to an end, and our parish calendars are being made available from this weekend. As you will note, just like last year, this year also there has been no sponsor for the calendar. So, the cost for printing them was borne by the parish. Please be considerate of other parishioners and take only one per family. Once the new year begins, if there are still some available, those who need an extra calendar can take one.

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday, which means the vigil Mass for Christmas will be Sunday evening. I just want to remind everyone that Christmas is a day of obligation. But we should be very happy and excited to celebrate Christmas and it should come more as an expression of our love for Jesus, than an obligation. Just to clear any confusion there may be in the minds of some, the Sunday evening Mass will be the Christmas Vigil Mass. So those who attend that will be doing so for Christmas and not for Sunday. Our Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same. For Christmas, our Masses will be at 5 PM on the 24th and 10 AM on 25th in English and the night Mass generally referred to as the Midnight Mass will be at 11 PM on 24th and it will be bilingual. The Spanish Mass will be on the 25th at 12 noon.

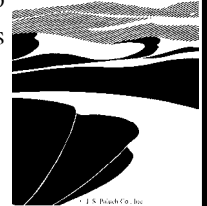


Just like last year, I have a gift for each family. It is a book titled: "Resisting Happiness" by Mathew Kelly, the same author of the book that you received last year. Unfortunately, there is no Spanish version of it. These will be distributed after all the Christmas Masses. There is only one stipulation, namely that you read it if you take it. Once you read it, feel free to pass it on to someone else who might benefit by it. Many gave very positive feedback about last year's book. I hope and pray that this year also there will be a similar response.

I have already started calling all the families to greet them for Christmas. Once again, I come across different situations, like the phone is disconnected or not in service, or the mail box is full or the voice mail is not setup, etc. So if you are a registered and active parishioner receiving all the mail from the parish regularly and if you did not receive a call or a message from me, it is due to one of the following reasons: (1) Phone is disconnected or not in service, (2) The mail box is full, (3) The mailbox has not been setup, (4) The phone does not accept incoming calls at the subscriber's request, (5) The line was busy for a very long time, (6) There is no phone number on our computer records. If the line is busy, I try a couple of times more after a short interval, and then move on to the next family.

As we are into the last week in preparation for Christmas, we will be busy with many external preparations. Let us also spend a little time preparing ourselves spiritually for this beautiful celebration.

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



God bless you all.
Fr. George

COLLECTION

December 10, 2017

5pm Mass:	\$1658.00
8am Mass:	\$1376.00
10am Mass:	\$2280.00
Noon Mass:	\$1384.00
Retired Religious \$	898.00
Immaculate Con \$	999.00
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Rejoice
Always!



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