



# 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 only during the week

### 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 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 info, 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 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)

December 31, 2017



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

## PARISH OFFICE

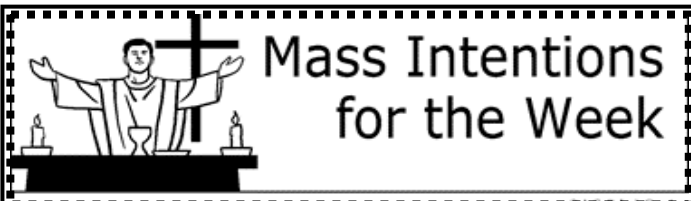
Monday ~ Friday  
8:30am - 2:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:30pm

### 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: [ccdred@visitationmiami.org](mailto:ccdred@visitationmiami.org)



**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week**  
**December 30, 2017 to January 5, 2018 for**  
 Nettie Mildor, Sarady Amparo, †Louis Mildor,  
 †Meritee G. Mildor, †Islande Mildor  
 Requested by Nettie Mildor  
**DEC 30, 2017 – JAN 6, 2018**

**Sat., Dec 30, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

5pm: In Thanksgiving/Suze Wagnac

5pm: †Dec'd members of the Storey family/Peggy Bartish

**Sun., Dec 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8am: †Angel Diez/Teresita Diez

8am: In Thanksgiving for Jean Philippe Nau/Jean Philippe Nau

10am: The People of the Parish

12pm: †Rosa Vasquez/Zoila

12pm: †Nelly Cruz de Vargas/The Burgos family

**Mon., Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

8am: Special Intention for the Victor family/Marie Victor

8am: In Thanksgiving/Sara Lancivette

**Tues., Jan 2, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops**

8am: †Elianise Lancivette/Sara Lancivette

8am: †Cereto Casas/Daisy LoFranco

**Wed., Jan 3, Christmas Weekday, The Holy Name of Jesus**

8am: †Eva Lecorps/The MacGuffies

8am: †Nela LoFranco Cabochan/Daisy LoFranco

**Thur., Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8am: †Efren Valdes Grcia/Zulma Gallegos

8am: Blessings for Susan DeBiase/Mary DeBiase, Mother

**Fri., Jan 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop**

8am: †Jean David Gedeon/Jenny Gedeon

8am: Thanksgiving for Marvim Nicoles/Mireilla Nicoles

**Sat., Jan 6, Christmas Weekday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

8am: †All souls in purgatory/Roseline Ojudou

8am: All saints/Jenny Gedeon



My eyes have  
 seen your salva-  
 tion, which you  
 prepared in the  
 sight of all the  
 peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

## WORDS OF WISDOM

### BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday:** I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday:** I Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday:** I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday:** I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday:** I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## 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 Zamarrigo, 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).

# A BLESSED & HAPPY NEW YEAR



**MY EYES  
HAVE SEEN  
YOUR  
SALVATION**

## GOD'S WORD HAS BEEN FULFILLED

In this joyous Christmas time, it is fitting that we turn our attention from all the angels and shepherds and kings to take a look at the more intimate picture of the Holy Family in their ordinary life. They come with Jesus to consecrate him to the Lord, as is written in the law, and they come upon Simeon and Anna, prophets of the Lord, who have amazing things to say about this child and Mary, his mother. One can wonder what Mary must have thought when Simeon told her that "you yourself a sword will pierce." We interpret that in hindsight she would suffer greatly at the crucifixion of her beloved son. But what must she have thought at the possible literal interpretation of this prophecy? And yet she was, as always, obedient to God and accepting of God's word for her.

## TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. —Benjamin Franklin

The Little Ones

Jim Burrow



And over all these put on love

Col 3:14

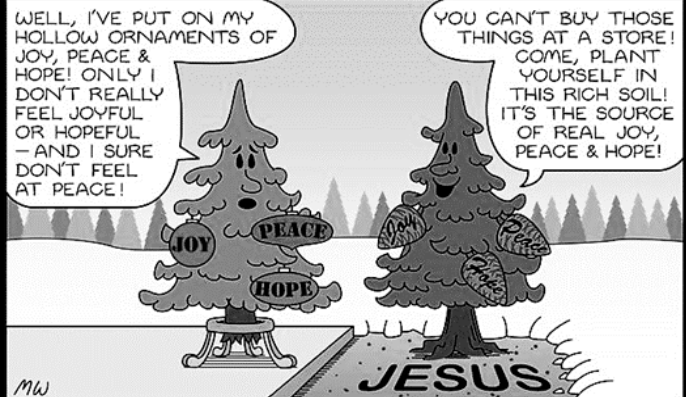
## TWO PROPHETS

Simeon and Anna recognized in this infant the Messiah of God. Both were "righteous and devout" and prayed in the temple constantly. Simeon spoke at length to Mary and Joseph about this child, and Anna proclaimed to all the salvation of Israel in Jesus. Throughout the centuries, God had made use of many prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus, as Jesus explained to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after his death and resurrection. But people, being hard-hearted and somewhat clueless, did not recognize these prophecies as referring to the Messiah and later, to Jesus. Many in his time heeded the words of the prophets and believed, but many walked away. To those who believed, he gave the words of eternal life. They believed that "the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." These loving parents would protect and raise this miraculous child, and he "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."



## CHRISTMAS TREES

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— ROMANS 15:13 NIV

## COLLECTION

December 24, 2017

5pm Mass:	\$ 905.00
8am Mass:	\$1731.00
10am Mass:	\$2681.93
Noon Mass:	\$ 781.00
Christmas Vigil:	\$ 838.00
Midnight Mass:	\$2328.00
Christmas Day:	\$1514.00
Building Fund:	\$ 642.00



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