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MASS / SERVICES
MINISTRIES

MASS TIMES

Monday ~ Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (English)
Sunday: 8am & 10am (English)
12 Noon (Spanish)

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:30am &
11:30am or during the week by
appointment only

ROSARY

Monday ~ Saturday @ 7:30am

ADORATION

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
@ 8:30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month @ 7pm

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office for
arrangements

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director
Email: ccddre@visitationmiami.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Parish Hall: Thursday's 8:00pm - 9:30pm.
Haitian Creole

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Activities Room: 2nd Sunday of the month @
2pm. For information contact Walter Aguilar.

LEGION OF MARY

Activities Room.: Saturdays 8:30am-10:30am

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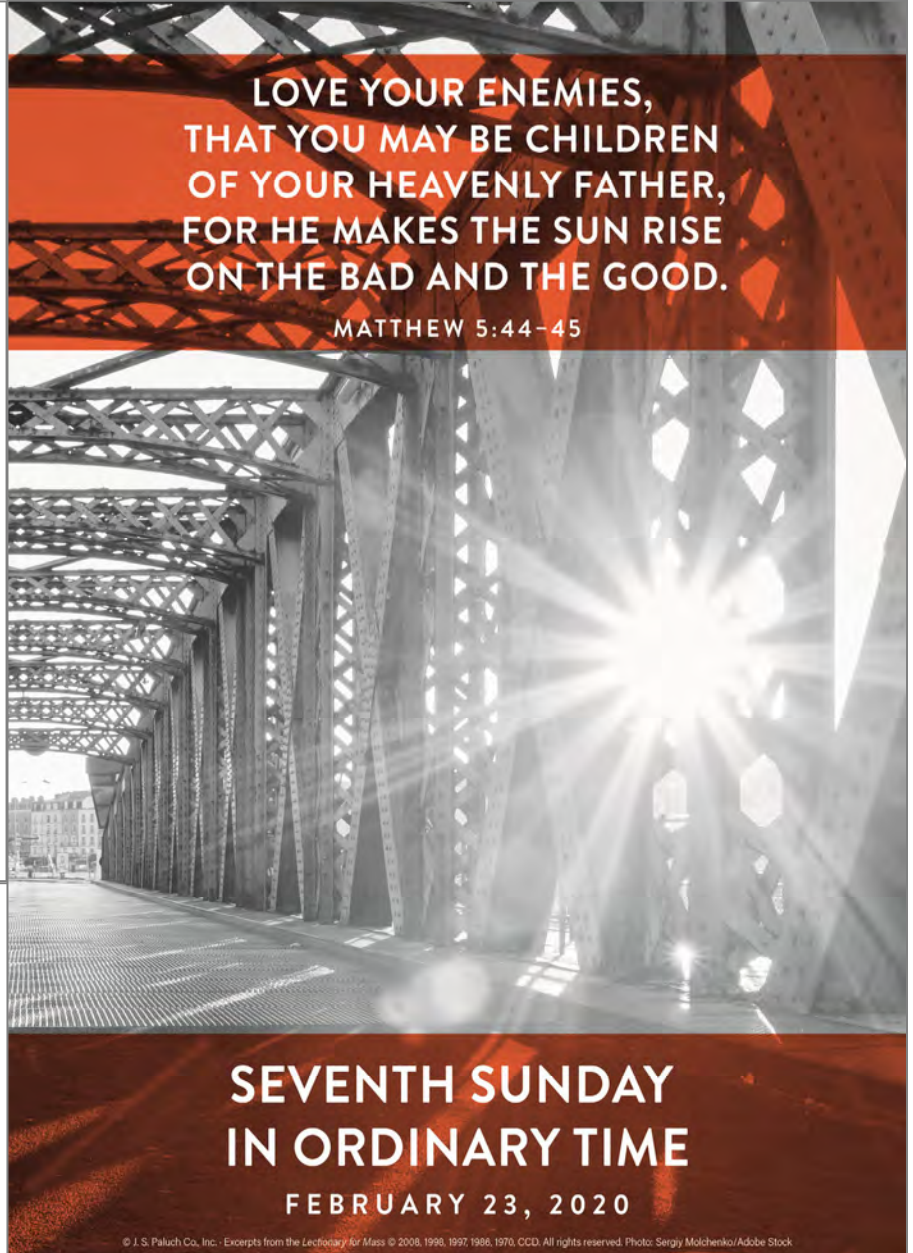
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WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Activities Room: Meets the 4th Saturday of the month @ 6pm.
For information, please contact Ella Brown @ 305-624-7206,
peaceread70@comcast.net or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-6936,
deborahagadson@bellsouth.net



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN
OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE
ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.

MATTHEW 5:44-45

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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OFFICE

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

STAFF

Rev. Msgr. George Puthusseril, Pastor
Rev. James Quinn, Weekends
Pete Fetscher, Property Manager
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary
Yanic Elie, Custodian

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
IS BURNING THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 22, - FEBRUARY 28, FOR**



†Hilda Smith, †Rupert Smith, †Eddy Smith, †Lloyd Smith, †Agatha Blake

Requested by the Smith family



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 22~ FEBRUARY 29**

SAT., FEB 22, VIGIL; THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5pm: Anniversary Blessings for Marie & Richard Suffy

5pm: Birthday Blessings for Bill Fleckenstein by Irene & Ophelia

5pm: †Henry Dugue & Patricia Bingue by Jeannette Montout

SUN., FEB 23, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8am: Birthday Blessings for Christley Numa-Marc by Esnite Numa-Marc

8am: Birthday Blessings for Olivier Etienne by Veronique Etienne

10am: Birthday Blessings for Laurie Accede by Marie Accede

10am: †Hilda Smith by the Smith family

12pm: †Antonio Ferrer by wife & family

12pm: †Jorge Armella & Gilda Santiago by Angelica Armella

MON., FEB 24, WEEKDAY

8am: Thanksgiving to God by Wellhem Jean

8am: †Exact & Virginia Metayer by Simon & Viviane Metayer

TUES., FEB 25, WEEKDAY

8am: Deliverance by Chantal Paul & sons

8am: †Gabriel Assad by Viviane Metayer

WED., FEB 26, ASH WEDNESDAY

8am: AVAILABLE

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12pm: †Dec'd Menzies family members by Patricia Menzies

12pm: AVAILABLE

7pm: Special intention for Ednerd Maxilus by Suzie Maxilus

7pm: Thanksgiving to O.L. Visitation by Yolette Francois-Nau

THUR. FEB 27, THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8am: People of the Parish

FRI., FEB 28, FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8am: Birthday Blessings for Rose Voltaire by Luc Voltaire

8am: †Simone Assad by Viviane Metayer

SAT., FEB 29, SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8am: †Dec'd family & friends by Viviane Metayer



PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

Monique Rameau, Micheline Dechard, Elaine Barstow, Susan Rich, Brian Rich, Gail Moller, Ana Burgos, Ricardo Yong, Mark Calabrese, Marcelina Figueroa, Judy Williams, Jane Whitters, Fred Reichlan, Marlene Cheron, Joan Mapp, Jeshawn Davis, Natalia Jackman, Diana Rodriguez, Luz Cordero, Jo & Tom Pender, Debra Brown, Maria Maltez, James Whittier, Sydell Hotson, Walter Aguilar, Elia Sarmiento and all the sick of our parish. *Please notify the parish office to add or remove a name *

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

FORGIVENESS ~ People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.—George Herbert

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Dear Friends,

When I returned from India, I had many parishioners share their appreciation for the ministry of Fr. Alex D’Mello during my absence from here. Some even wanted that I invite him again when another such opportunity comes. I am very happy that the parishioners enjoyed his ministry with us at Visitation.

I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Alex for being so kind and generous to come and spend over a month here to help the parish while I was away. I am sure all of you join me in thanking him for his time here with us. Your appreciation was very evident in the fact that you received him with open arms and helped in whatever way you could to make sure that he felt at home. As he did not have a car, he had to depend on some helpful parishioners to drive him to the hospital or to the cemetery for funerals. There were always willing people to step in and drive him wherever he needed to go. He was very happy to be here with our community and was very grateful for the warmth and affection shown to him by our parishioners. Although he is already back in India, I wish to express my gratitude to him so that all our parishioners know that his time here was greatly appreciated.

In my letter in the bulletin of December 8, I had mentioned about a few projects. One was the installation of accordion shutters for the Church. The old shutters have been removed and it is a good time to paint the outside of the Church. I have already presented the proposals to the Finance Committee and with their approval we will repaint the outside of the Church before the new shutters are installed. I am leaning toward changing the outside colors to a bluish tint instead of the cream color presently on the walls and a deeper blue for the pillars. The simple reason for this suggestion is that blue is the color for Our Lady. If you like to see how it will look, a small patch has been painted on the northern side of the east door. If you have any opinion or comment about the color, you need to let me know as quickly as possible.

Everyone in the parish knows Zilda Kerr-Gayle. She is the volunteer sacristan on the weekends and a willing altar server and lector when those assigned

for those tasks do not turn up. She has been rendering this service to the parish for over 15 years. I want to thank her for being so generous with her time and service. She was a very reliable volunteer who was always there for the weekends and funerals. Mary DeBiase has been doing this task for a great number of years on the weekdays with much love and dedication. They have been helped by Porfirio and Ana Burgos for many years for the Spanish Masses and funerals and for over a year Juan Marrero has also joined this team of volunteers. I thank all of them for their service to the parish. I bring this up here because Zilda cannot continue in this volunteer position due to her family demands. So, I am looking for another volunteer or a couple of volunteers who could take on the great work that Zilda was doing for the parish. I hope and pray that some kind souls will come forward to offer their time and service for the benefit of the parish.

On Wednesday we begin the Lenten season with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Many Catholics look at the season of Lent as a time of prayer and spiritual growth. They try to do some extra spiritual exercises during Lent, like attending daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary or reading more of the bible or other spiritual books each day. If you so desire, you could also recite the Liturgy of the Hours or spend some time in silence with Jesus or practice some prayerful meditation. One very practical thing that most of us can do is to listen to some spiritual music while we are driving as we spend a good bit of time in our cars. If you don’t have any spiritual music, you could listen to some Catholic Radio while driving. Until recently we only had the Spanish Catholic station, Radio Peace on AM 830 available in South Florida. Now there is also an English Catholic radio station that is transmitting programs on AM 880. Each one can choose something that will fit into their schedule. Sometimes we have to adapt our schedule to fit these exercises into our spiritual life.

As in the previous years, we will have an extra Mass on Fridays of Lent at 7PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. In the past years there has been a good attendance at these Friday services. Since it is in the evening, there may be many who do not wish to be out after dark. You could pray the Stations of the Cross privately in the Church or at home. I pray that all will have a spiritually fruitful Lent.

God bless you all.
Fr. George

February 16, 2020

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