



# The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MINISTRIES MASS / SERVICES

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

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

## LEGION OF MARY

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

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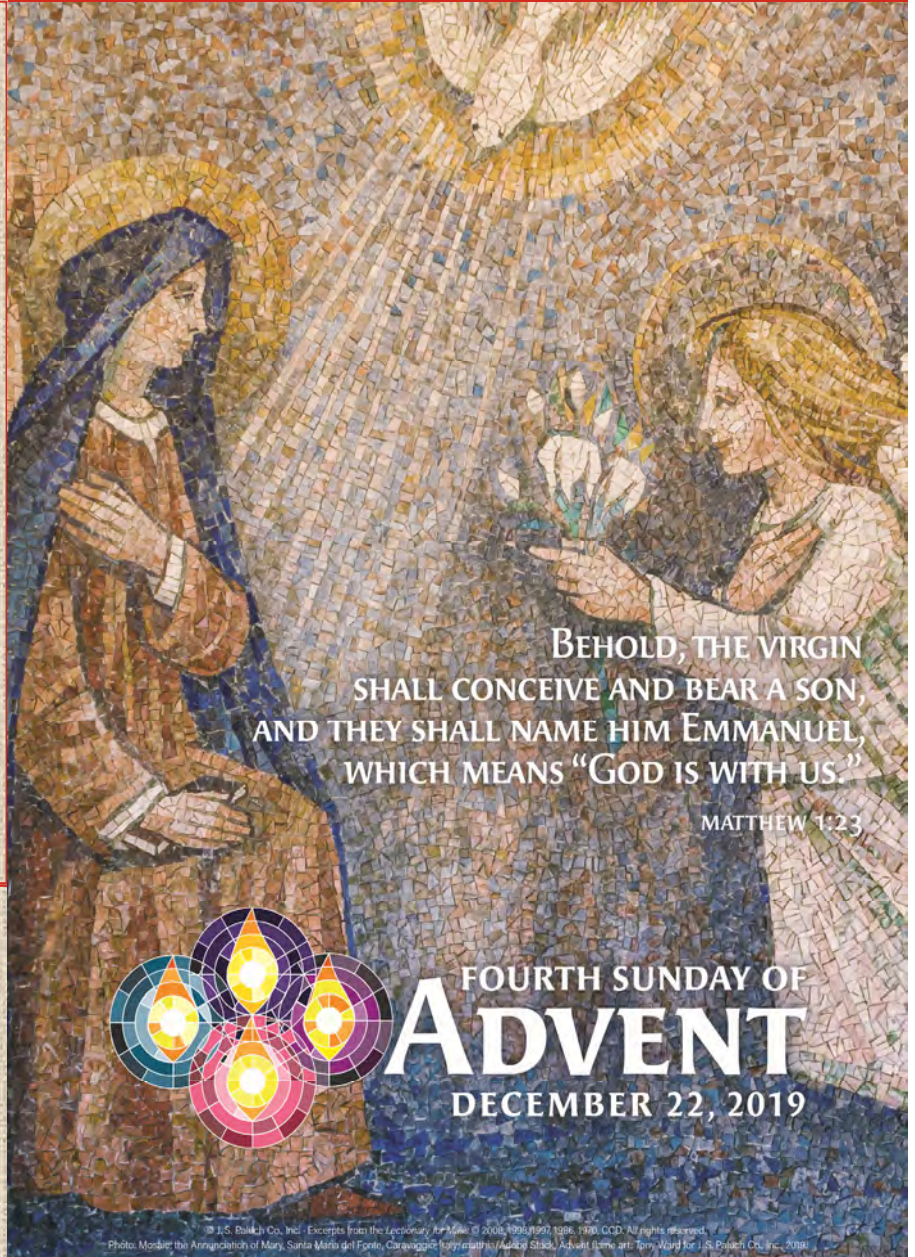
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Food Pantry: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Open 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 9am-12pm. For information call 786-462-4815.

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Activities Room: Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month @ 6pm.  
For information, please contact Ella Brown @ 305-624-7206,  
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BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN  
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,  
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,  
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 22, 2019

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  
DECEMBER 21, - DECEMBER 27, FOR**

†Linh Phero Phung Nguyen  
Requested by Ngoc Nguyen, wife



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 21 ~ DECEMBER 28**

**SAT., DEC 21, VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5pm: †Edith Baronville by her friend

5pm: Wedding Anniversary of Veronique & Emmanuel Etienne

**SUN., DEC 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8am: †Joseph Puthusseril by Fr. George

8am: †Ernest Chung by Olga Clarke

10am: Birthday Blessings for Miche Desroses by Josette Desroses

10am: Birthday Blessings for Marie Victor by Marie Victor

12pm: †Jorge Enrique Armella by Angelica Armella

12pm: †Natalia Ortega by Rosa Ortega

**MON., DEC 23, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8am: †Gilda Santiago by Angelica Armella

8am: †Vital Lundi by Monique Lundi, wife

**TUES., DEC 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

8am: Thanksgiving for Aken'Ova, Campbell & Odiwo families

8am: 3rd Birthday Blessings Daniel Seymour by the Gardner's

5pm: Birthday Blessings for Daphney Felix by Sylvio Duval

5pm: †Ewart & Margaret Thornhill by the Thornhill family

11pm: †Dec'd members of the Dupont & Barber families

11pm: In Thanksgiving by Roseline

**WED., DEC 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

10am: †All Souls by Denyse Barber

10am: †West & Maitland families by John West

**THUR., DEC 26, ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**

8am: †Varkey Joseph by Fr. George

8am: In Thanksgiving by Arianne & Didier Beauboeuf

**FRI., DEC 27, ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

8am: The People of the Parish

**SAT., DEC 28, THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

8am: †Perpetua Obi by Roseline Ojudoh

8am: †Edward Kestle by the family

**PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

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, Fred Reisch, Sydell Hotson, Walter Aguilar, Elia Sarmiento, Candida Lofranco, Lechy Maria Nowak, Steve Lagueux, Gail & Deidra Moller, Marie Moore, Camille, Ernest McPherson, Fr. Luis Garcia, Carmen Marciano, Blanca Ochoa, Barbara Seifert, Chris Carter, Ida Mae Welp, and all the sick of our parish. \*Please notify the parish office to add or remove a name \*

**TRUST IN GOD**

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Dear Friends,

We are at the fourth Sunday of Advent and it means the waiting is almost coming to an end. In two days', those with Spanish traditions will be celebrating Noche Buena and others will be celebrating Christmas the next day. First of all, I want to wish everyone again a Merry Christmas. I wrote again because I have called practically all the active parishioners in the past weeks to personally greet them for Christmas or left a message for them on their voice mail. Like other years, this year too there were a number of people I could not reach because there was no one to answer the phone and they had no answering machine or mailbox, or their line was busy every time I tried to call, or the call was not going through or their mail box was full, or there is no contact number on the computer. So, for those I missed, as well as those I was able to reach, I pray that the joy of this season in the birth of Jesus will be in your hearts and homes not only on Christmas but always.

Once again, I want to emphasize the need to make church a part of our Christmas celebrations. While it is a good family gathering time, the first thing to be done is to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the church with the attendance of the Eucharistic celebration and reception of the Lord in the sacrament. If Jesus is not in our hearts, we won't have him in our home either. If we are celebrating the birth of someone, we want that person to be present for the celebration. This is where the Mass comes in. In most places, churches are overflowing on Christmas eve and Christmas day. For some reason, the Mass attendance at our parish for Christmas is very poor. The poorest turn out is for the noon Mass. I know that there are different customs in different cultures. We need to keep the healthy customs and change those that are not in line with our faith. Christmas is a day of obligation as we normally refer to as "Holy Days" and not an optional celebration. But we should be in church not because of the obligation, but because we love Jesus whose birth we celebrate. The Hispanics have the Noche Buena celebration which starts the evening of 24<sup>th</sup>. Since this could go into the late hours of the night, they may want to sleep in on the 25<sup>th</sup>. That is fully understandable. I

have a couple of suggestions for those who celebrate Noche Buena. Attend the vigil Mass on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> and then start the celebration at home or have the celebration at home and end that with the night Mass, and then go off to bed. But if some have had a little too much to drink, they better stay home and make it to the morning or noon mass. Many families have a tradition that on Christmas day no gifts are opened, until after they attend the Mass. If you don't follow any of these practices, it is good to start the same and teach our children that gifts are good, but something more important is the celebration of Christmas with the participation in the Eucharist. That is the first bit of celebration on Christmas. Food, family, friends, and gifts all come only after that. We are celebrating the greatest gift of God's Son being given to us as a savior and we certainly do not want to miss out on that most important part of the celebration. Christmas without Christ is meaningless. If we become like the rest of the world that does not know Christ but still want to celebrate the feast, in what way would we be different? For us, what is important is the person of Christ and we celebrate his birth with him.

Those who wish to have the statue of their baby Jesus blessed for the cribs, the ideal time to bring them is for the night Mass at 11 PM. All those who have the Baby Jesus could join in the procession and bring to the manger scene of the church. All the statues will be blessed before the Mass. It becomes extra meaningful and special for all of you, as the celebrant also will be carrying in the statue of the Baby Jesus for the manger scene of the church. They can join in the recessional procession too carrying their statues out and taking them home. It might give the feeling of a continuation of the celebration that was begun in the Church and that should truly be the spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christ and God bless you all.  
Fr. George



### CHRISTMAS EVE

*December 24<sup>th</sup> 2019*

**8am: Daily English Mass**

**5pm: Vigil English Mass**

**10pm: Christmas Carols**

**11pm: Bilingual Mass**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

*December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019*

**10am: English Mass**

**12pm: Spanish Mass**

### NEW YEARS DAY

*January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020*


**8am: English Mass**

**7pm: Bilingual Mass**

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