

MEMORIAL DAY



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
Catholic Church**

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Pastor

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Dean

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:15—3:45 p. m.



Baptisms and Weddings
Please contact the parish office



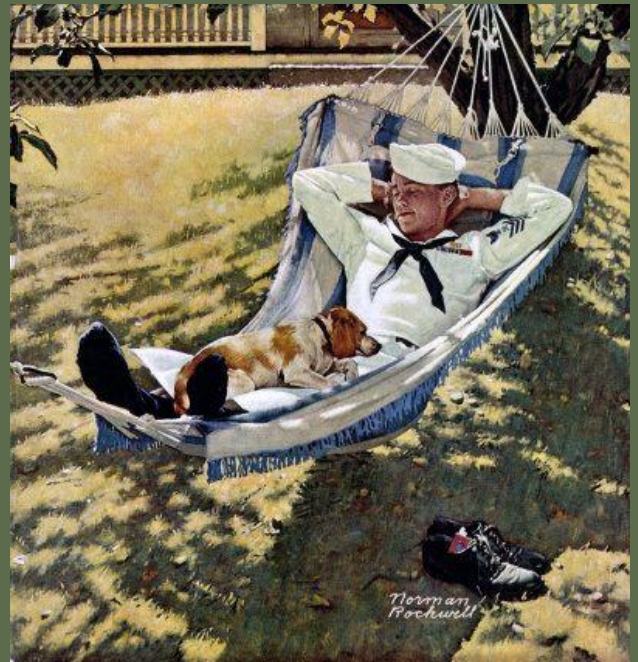
Welcome

Our Lady of Mercy Church, the clergy and faithful, welcome you to the parish. In Word and Sacrament, we pray you find the spiritual and communal life of grace which the Church promises to all who approach her. You are welcome in faith.

The Ascension of the Lord

Christ ascends to the Father.

Christ's Ascension is our guarantee that one day we will be with Him in heaven to praise the glory of God our Father. The Ascension is our hope of the great inheritance which awaits those of us who believe in the power of the Risen Christ.



President George Washington's
Farewell Address

1. There are only two foundations for political prosperity in America— religion and morality;
2. America should reject any tenet which asserts that morality can exist without religion;
3. If we lose our religious values there is no value for others' prosperity, life or freedom;
4. Without religion and morality American will separate unto itself.

On this Memorial Day weekend, take time to remember the heritage and patrimony of our religious presence in the nation and the price paid by all who served and sacrificed to make our freedoms possible.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI
Office of the Archbishop

Dear parishioners,

As we reopen our churches for the celebration of the Mass and Sacraments with the People of God present and actively participating, we recognize that we cannot eliminate the very possible risk of infection from the novel corona virus or COVID-19. However, your parish priests and I are committed to mitigating the risk as much as possible. We reopen because we believe as Church that there are no substitutes for the reception of the sacraments and our first priority is to be the sign of hope and instrument of the salvation of the entire human race."

On Tuesday, May 26, parishes will resume celebrating daily Masses. (May 18 in Monroe County). However, social distancing will be required with approximately 6 feet separation between persons (except for family members from same household); worshippers are asked to wear a face mask and to keep it on during Mass, removing it only to receive Holy Communion. Hymnals, missalettes, holy water will be removed from the church; and the church and its facilities will be sanitized between services. Hand sanitizers are available at church entrances. In entering or leaving the church, and in approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion please maintain proper social distance. These arrangements will take some time getting used to and so you are asked to pay attention to ushers or others who may be directing. After Mass please do not congregate in the church or outside but make your way home.

During Mass, please do not hold hands (for example, during the praying of the Lord's Prayer), or exchange the Sign of Peace. While preaching or at the altar the celebrant will not use a face mask, but he and other ministers will when they distribute Holy Communion. (If anyone disagrees about the necessity of wearing a face mask, I would ask that person to wear it anyway - out of respect for and charity towards their fellow parishioners.)

Social distancing will reduce the numbers of faithful that can be accommodated - perhaps only 25-30% of your church's usual occupancy. Your parish priests -with input from their pastoral councils - will plan appropriately - perhaps by adding Masses to the schedule if necessary or setting up some type of "reservation system" to assure that everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday continues indefinitely. Good judgment and reason should guide your decision as to when you should resume coming to Sunday Mass.

If you are sick or have flu like symptoms, stay home. If you are frail because of age or are vulnerable because of an underlying condition, or you are a caretaker of someone who is, it might be reasonable for you to stay home. If you are fearful, stay home.

Our civic authorities throughout the US and the world are slowly "unlocking" the various jurisdictions under their control even while scientists and medical professionals continue to urge caution. The novel corona virus is still among us - as is the risk of contagion. As we move to reopen, prudence - the ability to govern and discipline ourselves by the use of reason - must govern our actions. There is no substitute for good judgment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami



**Consecration to Mary
Mother of the Church**

**The first Day of May in the Year
Two thousand and Twenty**

Holy Mary Mother of the Church, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence we join our voice to that of all the generations who call you blessed. We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy upon humanity, afflicted with sin, to heal and save.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we perform today with confidence. We know that each of us is precious in your eyes and that nothing of all that lives in our hearts is unknown to you. We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile.

Hold our life in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for good; revive and nourish faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken and animate charity; guide all of us along the path of holiness. Teach us your own preferential love for the poor, for the suffering, for sinners: bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Ascension Sunday and Memorial Day

As Jesus ascends into heaven the disciples stand watching.

Two men in white robes say to the men,

Men of Galilee why do you stand looking up?

Along comes St. Paul writing to the Ephesians, and he says, *Why are you looking down?*

Which is it? Or is it both?

Heaven is our home and we and look upward to it.

This world firmly grounds us and is our dwelling. And so we look down.

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Jesus gives the disciples the commission to go and build up His kingdom. This Memorial day weekend, we remind ourselves as a people to build up a nation of freedom, hope, and opportunity for all.

In 1796 President Washington delivered his “Farewell Address” which included four religious warnings.

1. There are two foundations for political prosperity; religion and morality.
2. Morality can never be separated from religion. Separation of church and state creates the mind that green ecology is better than unborn and vulnerable life.
3. The loss of religious values is followed by the loss of value for property, freedom, and life.
4. Any loss of religious morality is a danger to unity and common good.

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When he died in 1799, the back of George Washington’s tomb was engraved—*“I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in me Me, though he were dead yet shall he live.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26)

To see the carving you must look down.

Engraved on the metal cap which tops the Washington Monument at 555 feet are these words—*“Praise be to God”*

To see those words you must look up.

Why do you look up?

Why do you look down?



WELCOME HOME

Guidelines for the celebration of Mass include the sanctity worthy of the Word and Eucharist and safety of the participants

Arrive prior to Mass as late comers may need to be seated in Sullivan Hall.

Maintain safe distance guidelines as you enter and leave the church.

Deposit your Offertory Envelope in the container at each entrance as you arrive.

Pews are marked **Individual** or **Family** (a couple and/or multiple family members).

Music will be provided by the parish musicians as communal singing can spread droplets.

The Offertory Collection, Procession and Sign of Peace are omitted.

Holy Communion will require safe distance and ushers will direct you single file to receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue. Briefly remove any mask, facial covering or gloves as you receive Holy Communion.

Remember to take the bulletin with you.

Refrain from leaving prior to the final blessing of Mass.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Remembered in Prayer

***A time and a season for all things...
A time to heal...***

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| Tom April | Christine Lefevre |
| Joseph Berardino | Angeline Leone |
| Eileen Blades | Carolyn Levasseur |
| Lilia Blenman | Anthony Lombardozzi |
| Maryellen Bombardier | J' Aime Maix |
| S'ean Borchardt | Mary Jo Mano |
| Gloria Bruno | Vinnie Mantione |
| John and Mary Bourgeois | Albert Matarese |
| Robert Bushey | Christopher Marcelin |
| Margaret Cacciatore | Bud McDonald |
| Marietta Calayag | Bella Morales |
| Mildred Calderera | Andres Moros |
| Timothy Calhoun | Pat Nichols |
| Mirtha Catalano | Amy Nickolopoulos |
| Carmine Cavazza | Cathy Norman |
| Jeanne Chapman | Jean Olkowski |
| Marge Christiano | Shayna Orsen |
| Christopher Clarke | Sandra Otero |
| Jerry Clobes | Carol Payberg |
| Dottie & Alicia Cotugno | Janet Poole |
| Jim Cusick | Oscar Quintero |
| Emily Danilchuk | Richard Ray |
| Felix DeVito | Jordan Michael Rivero |
| Joseph DiNoto | James Robinson |
| Rose Dugan | Ronald Romero |
| Dorothy Dunn | Michael Scaperotto |
| Frank Dyer | Linda Seesman |
| Constance Fischetti | Hector Soto |
| Renee Forella | Emile Strauch |
| Joann Freyberg | Margaret Strizelk |
| Sara Gabb | Betty Treacy |
| Vera Ghio | Kathleen Vandiford |
| Janis Glassman | Nick Ventura |
| Richard Hasle | Eva Villegas |
| Timothy Jordan | Jean Marie Vitta |
| Barbara Karol | John Ward |
| Tara Kepple | Stella Joan Welsh |
| Barry Kimbal | Cynthia Wells |
| Jean Kline | Mary Jane Wunder |
| Lisa Kowalsy | Vincent Zappi |

A time to die

Victims of Coronavirus

A time of war...

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| Michael David | John Lane |
| William Kasten | |

And a time of peace. Ecclesiastes

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, May 23
 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
 4:00 p.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Sunday, May 24
 8:30 a.m. McGuinn Grandchildren
 Dennis C. Otero
- 10:30 a.m. Benjamin Catalano
- Monday, May 25
 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Tuesday, May 26
 9:00 a.m. Marion Maher
- Wednesday, May 27
 9:00 a.m. John Dunn, Sr.
- Thursday, May 28
 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Friday, May 29
 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Saturday, May 30
 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- 4:00 p.m. Madeline Hollwedel



Parish App:

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app

Website:

ourladyofmercycatholicchurch.org

Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 24, 2020

**For the Recovery of
Coronavirus Victims**

May my prayer rise like incense, O Lord

Prevent COVID-19 —it's in your hands!

FloridaHealth.gov



Wash your hands often with soap and water. If you don't have soap and water, use a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol based.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.



Stay home when you're sick, and keep your children home when they're sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.



Try not to touch your face with unwashed hands.

Don't touch or shake hands with people who are sick.

