



# Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church

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**April 14, 2024—Second Sunday after Easter**



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Ordinary Form

Rectory Chapel (English Ordinary Form)  
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Extra-Ordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass)

In the Church (English Homilies)  
Mon – Fri 6:30 a.m. Missa Cantata  
Mon – Sat 8:00 a.m. Low Mass

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
(English Ordinary Form)

Sunday (Traditional Latin Mass  
with English Homilies)  
7:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:30 a.m. High Mass

### Confessions

Mon – Sat During Morning Adoration  
in the Church  
Sunday After All Latin Masses

### Adoration

Mon – Sat After the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
in the Church

### First Friday

First Friday of Each Month:  
Adoration begins after the  
8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church.  
Vespers at 6:00 p.m.  
Followed by Benediction

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**The final day to drop off is April 15th.**

Join us for our next FSSJA Men's Apostolate Event on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6pm** when we welcome [Fr. Robert McTeigue, S.J.](#), Host of [The Catholic Current](#), to Epiphany of Our Lord in Tampa for another occasion for prayer, Adoration, spiritual reflection, fellowship, and of course lively celebration. You may purchase your tickets below or sponsor a table to help offset the cost of the event. You may find all of the details via the link provided below or contact Don at 813-720-7002 or [don@oricosc.com](mailto:don@oricosc.com) with any questions.

[thefssja.ticketleap.com/stjoseph/](http://thefssja.ticketleap.com/stjoseph/)



Pastor: Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

Priest in residence & in charge of the Immaculate Conception Haitian Mission: Rev. Fr. Pierre Dorvil, SMM

Priest in residence and Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Fr. Ignatius Tuoc

Retired Priest not in residence: Rev. Fr. Paul Mangiafico

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## From the Pastor: Sharing Some Frustrations

Today I am going to share with you some of my frustrations about confessions. More precisely, parishioners' lack of courtesy to the priests hearing confessions, shown by not being in line, not being ready to enter the confessional when the person in front of you exits, and expecting confessions at all times and all places at your convenience rather than following our parish's rather generous confession schedule. I will leave my frustrations about people's lack of knowledge about how to confess for another day. Please note that I understand when people are just visiting our parish they don't know the "rules" but I have very little way of knowing who is a visitor and who is a regular from inside the confessional.

We have confessions here every day. On Sundays, I hear confessions following Mass. On other days, I hear confessions as soon as I have exposed Our Lord for a period of Adoration following the Mass. Most days I am able to stay as long as there are people coming in to confess. On Saturdays when I have a 10:30 class, I have to leave the confessional even if there are still people waiting, yet I still have people who want to talk—not confess—for 20 minutes even if there are 30 people in line behind them and only 30 minutes before class begins. I have already pushed the start time of the class back from 10:00 to 10:30 to try to avoid turning penitents away, but that is the latest I can begin class. Sometimes we have a morning funeral or, even more rarely, a diocesan meeting, and I have to shorten or even cancel Adoration, confessions, and/or the class or other appointments I had on my schedule. People generally understand when that happens. After Mass on First Fridays and First Saturdays and some Sundays, Fr. Mangiafico also joins me, although it means long, early morning travel for him and, especially on Sundays, he is often tied up in meetings, God bless him. Note well, I have written several times already in this article that we hear confessions after Mass. As in not before Mass. Not during Mass. In the confessional. Not in the sacristy. Not in the rectory. Not in the social hall. Why all of these restrictions? Because priests, believe it or not, have things that they must attend to before, during, and after Mass. On Sundays especially people often seem to have no clue as to that fact. If I am hearing confessions after the 7:30 Mass and people coming in for the 10:30 Mass get in line, I will never be able to get out of the confessional. If I have the 10:30 Mass to prepare for but can't take a bathroom break, can't get a drink of water, can't check to make sure the Missal is set properly, can't see if I have any altar boys, or if everything has been set up for Mass, can't get the music notation for my Mass parts, can't pray the vesting prayers, can't do all of the myriad of other little things nobody else realizes I must do before Mass begins, Mass will be a mess. So I ask that you wait until after Mass to go to confession. It is not too much to ask. "But Father!" people complain regularly, "I won't be able to receive Holy Communion if I wait until after Mass to confess!" Should I be so blunt as to tell you to let that be a lesson the next time you are tempted to commit mortal sin on a Saturday night? Should I remind you that no other parish you ever attended had Sunday confessions and you still survived? Or should I make an exception for you and the next twenty people who all have similar "extenuating circumstances" that kept them from confessing at any parish at any posted time earlier in the week because it was inconvenient?

But even when people follow those requests we still have problems. Many times we get out of the confessional multiple times because nobody has come in for the past 3 or 4 minutes, only to see 15 people still waiting but not paying any attention to the empty confessional! I ask that the next one or two people (depending on if there are one or two priests hearing confessions) get out of the pew, genuflect to Our Lord, and turn to face the confessionals so that they can immediately enter upon the person in front of them leaving. There are signs giving these instructions in the pew, behind the pew, and, occasionally, other places, all to little avail. We also get done with confessions and have people racing through the church or social hall yelling, "Just a minute, Father, I want to go to confession!" The reasons they weren't in line usually have something to do with donuts or chitchat. Get in line and pay attention! It's not that hard. For Divine Mercy Sunday we heard hours of confessions in the morning and early afternoon. During the midafternoon Vespers and Divine Mercy chaplet, we had two priests hearing confessions once again. Fr. Mangiafico left when there were no more penitents coming in and nobody was left in line. I also tried leaving but, lo and behold, someone raced from her pew to catch me and, once back in the confessional, I stayed busy for another half-hour or more because of all the people who also had been in the church the whole time but never bothered to get in line.

If you've read this far, you are probably not part of the problem because you read, pay attention, and are concerned about my frustrations. Thank you!

With prayers for your holiness,

Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

## Latin Masses for the Week: April

**15 Mon** Feria of Paschaltide

**16 Tues** Feria of Paschaltide

**17 Wed** St. Anicetus

**18 Thurs** Feria of Paschaltide

**19 Fri** Feria of Paschaltide

**20 Sat** [Saturday of Our Lady](#)  
[Mass 4 of BVM, 1034]

**21 Sun** **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

## PARISH CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK ———

**Sunday, April 14,**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:45 a.m., Parish Room  
Exodus 90, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 1

**Monday, April 15,**

Mary's Flowers, 6:30 p.m., Parish Room

**Tuesday, April 16,**

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Group, 10:00 a.m.,  
Church Choir Area

**Wednesday, April 17,**

Catholic Business Forum, 6:30 a.m., Parish Room  
Purgatorial Society, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall

Formal Dance—Anima Christi, 5:30 p.m., Social Hall

**Thursday, April 18,**

St. Rafqa Stitchers, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall  
Sancti Amici Middle School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.,  
Parish Room

**Friday, April 19,**

JMJ Homeschool Group, 9:00 a.m., Campus

**Saturday, April 20,**

Adult Catechism, 10:30 a.m., Social Hall  
American Heritage Girls Faith Awards, 1:00 p.m.,  
Classroom 3

### NEXT WEEK ———

**Sunday, April 21,**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:45 a.m., Parish Room  
American Heritage Girls, 8:45 a.m., Classrooms 3-6

Exodus 90, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 1

Troops of St. George, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 2

**Monday, April 22,**

First Communion Interviews, 3:00 p.m., Social Hall  
Mary's Flowers, 6:30 p.m., Parish Room

**Tuesday, April 23,**

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Group, 10:00 a.m.,  
Church Choir Area

**Wednesday, April 24,**

Purgatorial Society, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall  
First Communion Interviews, 4:00 p.m., Social Hall

**Thursday, April 25,**

Holy League Men's Group, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

**Friday, April 26,**

JMJ Homeschool Group, 9:00 a.m., Campus  
First Communion Interviews, 1:00 p.m., Social Hall

Private Event, 3:00 p.m., Church & Social Hall

**Saturday, April 27,**

Adult Catechism, 10:30 a.m., Social Hall  
Private Event, 1:00 p.m., Church

Troops of St. George Skills Day, 1:00 p.m., Campus  
Defensores Vitae Pro-Life Group, 3:30 p.m.,  
Classroom 1

Anima Christi Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

# Welcome to Our Parish

**EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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and NEW PARISHIONERS WITH US**



*Social in the Church Hall  
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New parishioners may register by visiting the Parish Website

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(located in the back of the church) in the offertory basket.

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Tuesday—Friday from 7:30AM —3:00PM

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**Pledged: \$29,910.00 Paid: \$26,979.79**



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### Save the Dates!

**\*\*Garden Party Formal Dance (YG)  
April 17, 2024**

**\*\*FSSJA Men's Apostolate Event  
May 1, 2024**

**\*\*First Holy Communion  
May 5, 2024**

**\*\*Confirmation  
June 15, 2024**



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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday: 4-13-24**  
8:00 AM Special Intention by Josefina Rodriguez  
5:00 PM All Parishioners

**Sunday: 4-14-24**  
7:30 AM Charles F. Adams by Diana and Chase  
10:30 AM Berlin Clausen by Kevin and Cheryl Clausen

**Monday: 4-15-24**  
6:30 AM Matthew Lint—Happy Birthday by Marc & Donna Ryan

**Tuesday: 4-16-24**  
6:30 AM †Carmen Cardona by Gladys G.  
8:00 AM Alquizalas Family by Lourdes Lozada

**Wednesday: 4-17-24**  
6:30 AM Soul of Ciarán Keating by Abuan Family

**Thursday: 4-18-24**  
6:30AM Brian McConnell & Family by Abuan Family  
8:00 AM Katherine Conrad—In Thanksgiving by Conrad Family

**Friday: 4-19-24**  
6:30AM †Maria Tejero by Mimi Cohn

**Saturday: 4-20-24**  
8:00 AM Mary Ann Alquizalas by Lourdes Lozada  
5:00 PM All Parishioners

**Sunday: 4-21-24**  
7:30 AM Odhrán McConnell by Abuan Family  
10:30 AM Kathleen Ryan—Happy Birthday by Marc & Donna Ryan

***Our 2024 Mass Book is full as are the Sanctuary Lamp intentions.***

**Offertory—\$10,170.00  
Online Giving—\$11,900.64  
Total—\$22,070.64**

### PRAYER LIST

*Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the sick and  
homebound of our community & others needing prayer.*

#### Special Intentions

Armando Alicea, Barbara Brownlow, Brian, Ava Bumanglag,  
Campos Family, TJ Davis, Farley Family Intentions, K.J., R. Jones,  
Robert & Lucas Matysuk, Nicole, Eamon O'Brien, Ed Palka Sr.,  
Kay Rodgers, Jessica & Steven Smith, Erika VanGorden

#### For Healing:

Catherine Reilly Ahwash, Michael Anderson, Vienna Avelares,  
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Karen Esposito, Marilyn and Ernie Falvo, Paul & Pat Farley,  
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Fatiha & Malaysia King, Bruce Knetze, Jeannette Kochik, John Kunnen,  
Denis Lankowski, Guillermo J. & Melody Lavandeira, Robert Lunsford,  
Helen Madden, Rafaela Maisonet, Father Mangiafico, Frank & Ann Martin,  
Katherine Martin, Baby Jackson Mayne, Brianna McAnally,  
Diana McGuirk, Arnold Mendez, Clayton Michael, Clara Miller,  
The Phil Morphew Family, Lourdes Munoz, Maria Munoz,  
Edmond O'Conner, Michael O'Conner, Alexis Olaniel, Fiona Oskam,  
Rita, Aileen Patrias, John Prince, Theodore Purington III, Rafael,  
Robert Reilly, Kay Rodgers, Bernadette Rodriguez,  
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Janet Ryan, Dorothy Sands-Cox, Marianne Santucci, Karen Scott,  
William Sims, Maniel Sotomayer, Mary Ann Spille,  
Katarzyna Szarfranec, Veronica Tamarit, Agnes Tambwe,  
Mary & Burt Tramer, Rafael Trinidad, Sandy Wehle,  
Gail Wheelock, Jean Zack

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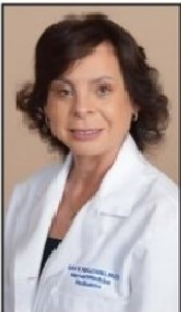
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