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April 21, 2024—Third 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

Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops' Statement: Vote "No" on Amendment 4

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth. We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment.

Prayer Cards can be picked up in the back of the church. All resources are also included on the following webpage: <https://www.flaccb.org/abortion-amendment>.



Save the Dates!

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

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

****Altar Server Appreciation Day**
May 18, 2024

****Chant Camp**
June 3—7, 2024

****Confirmation**
June 15, 2024

****Catholic Enrichment Week**
July 8—12, 2024



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th.

**Pick up your Mother's Day cards
at the back of the church.**

**Give your mother the card and return the larger
envelope to the parish.**

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

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From the Pastor: We Have The Best Coffee and Donuts!

You all know that the title above is true. We have the best coffee and donuts you have ever had at church! Just as I believe that God deserves to have the best that we can offer at any given time (note that that varies from person to person, time to time, parish to parish, etc.), I also believe that we should treat ourselves pretty well while gathered at church, too. Years ago, when we had very few people, almost no money, and I was picking up donuts either Saturday night or between the Sunday Masses, we sometimes had WalMart donuts and sometimes had Dunkin'. Coffee was either Folgers or Costco. People even personally baked breakfast casseroles and other goodies to bring in, enough to cover everyone attending Mass (at their own expense, I might add, although they never mentioned it). We did the best we could do and we not only survived but thrived. But as we grew, it became impossible to bake for everyone and to keep up the load with the same people doing all the work every week. When things got rough, more people stepped up and volunteered to help. "Here's the best donuts shop," and "Have you tried this coffee?" became common helpful hints. Soon enough we found some great suppliers and people started commenting on how delicious the donuts were and how much they appreciated the great coffee. What? They told me something good about even the coffee? Yes, indeed! We have also branched out a bit and now have (gluten-free) yogurt, bagels and cream cheese after the High Mass, and, every once in a while, leftovers from some event held Saturday night. Yes, we have turned the social hall into a high-class eatery.

The 10:30 Mass has a rotating group of volunteers who put in all of the manpower (and womanpower and even childpower) and I have told each group that if the donations exceed the cost of the food and drinks, they may keep it for their groups' use, so they see it as a fundraising event as well as a service to the parish. It really should be no trouble to make money on these days, since we still have many people who donate various foods/drinks out of love of God and neighbor (and maybe to avoid the Bishop's tax!) so the donations should certainly outdo the expenses. But, as it turns out, it is usually only if I mention it during the Mass announcements that we turn a "profit" for the groups. The donation jar seems to turn virtually invisible in subsequent weeks.

"Perhaps," I was thinking to myself, "the people are giving generously but don't realize how many times their children return for a fourth glass of chocolate milk and yet another donut, without having taken a single sip or bite but rather have left the others out on a picnic table or bench and couldn't remember where they left them." That might be the case, as there are always nearly untouched leftovers sitting around once the place empties, mingled with the rest of the half-consumed food and drink that nobody bothers to pick up. (People rarely claim the pairs of shoes, pants, sweaters, books, phones, missals, mantillas, backpacks, and other non-edible things they leave behind, either, so it is not a surprise that they leave food behind without bothering to pick up after themselves!) "But it is also quite possible," I reply to myself in argument, "that the people really don't know what a donut costs, for they never have donuts anywhere but church. And they don't pay attention to the cost of milk, juice, and other items, either, since it is all rolled up into a seemingly endless grocery bill instead of being itemized by the portion." That, to me, also makes a lot of sense. After all, when I gripe, "Two-hundred and thirty-seven dollars for one person!" when I hit the Costco checkout line, I don't break down what the cost of one individual hamburger is going to be once I get home to make dinner. It also may be that families don't have enough money to spend on coffee and donuts (it is a rather frivolous expenditure, after all, rather than a necessity) but don't want to deprive themselves and their family of the great friendships that come out of spending time with the group after Mass. That is one that I hope never discourages anyone from eating, drinking, and enjoying themselves after Mass. As I have said many times before, if you cannot afford it, please don't hesitate to stay and eat and drink anyway. Even if you are experiencing rough financial times I think Sunday coffee and donuts (and all that goes along with it) is important enough that I have always offered to pay for anyone who cannot do so themselves, rather than see them turned away as if this were a money-making gig. Seriously. Where else can you surround yourself with so many people who *really* believe in God and His teachings and who want to share their lives with you both here and in Heaven? "Pray" and "play" go hand in hand.

Regardless of why donations don't always cover the expenditures, I thought it would help if you saw actual figures of what these items truly cost. I had the staff put together a list which will go up in the social hall for your reference. It does not include the price of plates, napkins, cups, electricity, or anything of that sort, just the cost of the food and drinks. It is not meant to be the "price" as if this were a diner, just a reference sheet. I hope you find it helpful.

With prayers for your holiness,

Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

Latin Masses for the Week: April

- 22 Mon** SS. Soter and Caius
23 Tues St. George
24 Wed St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25 Thurs St. Mark, Comm: Major Litanies [645]
26 Fri SS. Cletus and Marcellinus
27 Sat **Saturday of Our Lady**
[Mass 4 of BVM, 1034]
28 Sun **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

First Friday sign-ups will be available soon!

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS 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

Altar Server Training, 5:30 p.m., Church

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

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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 28,

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

Monday, April 29,

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

Tuesday, April 30,

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

Wednesday, May 1,

Purgatorial Society, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall

Fraternal Society of St. John the Apostle Men's
Group, 6:00 p.m., Church & Social Hall

Thursday, May 2,

Sancti Amici Middle School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.,
Parish Room

Friday, May 3, **First Friday Adoration**

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

Young Adult Formation, 7:00 p.m., Parish Room

Saturday, May 4, **First Saturday**

Adult Catechism, 10:30 a.m., Social Hall

DOVES, 11:00 a.m., Classroom 5

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

Welcome to Our Parish



**EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE VISITORS
and NEW PARISHIONERS WITH US**

*Social in the Church Hall
after the 7:30 & 10:30 Masses each Sunday.*

Please join us to get acquainted

New parishioners may register by visiting the Parish Website

<http://www.epiphanytampa.com> or place your registration form (located in the back of the church) in the offertory basket.

Office: (813) 234-8693 / Closed Monday

Tuesday—Friday from 7:30AM —3:00PM

Email: office@epiphanytampa.com



2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal: \$128,653.00

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



*This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in Loving Memory
of MANACEBESH EMRU
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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 QR Code provided or contact Don at 813-720-7002 or don@orricosc.com with any questions.



St. Thomas Aquinas Academy is looking to hire a full-time aide for their Primary Montessori classroom (ages 3-6). STA will open this August on the campus of St. Patrick Catholic Church in South Tampa. Apply for this position at aquinastampa.org/careers/.



Regina Caeli is a private, independent, Classical Homeschool Hybrid™ operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. RCA is hosting a touring event on April 29th at 10am. Please RSVP to fgreen.tpa@rcahybrid.org

Regina Caeli Academy is hiring for the 2024-25 academic year!
*Formal teaching experience is not needed,
but a love of the Catholic faith is required!*

Apply online at <https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

Altar Server Appreciation Day

When: We will begin promptly at 10:00am on May 18th in the church for morning prayer and the recognition of the Altar Servers of the Year. ****Parent(s) are asked to attend—no drop-offs allowed.**

Where: Christ the King Parish. We will be using the McLaughlin Center for food, the pavilion for activities and music, and the field for some outdoor fun.

We would love to have each and every Altar Boy attend and show the Diocese the faith and dedication of our Altar BOYS. RSVP to John Bauer (johnpaul@epiphanytampa.com) by April 28th.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 The Abuan Family
10:30 AM Kathleen Ryan—Happy Birthday by Marc & Donna Ryan
- Monday: 4-22-24**
6:30 AM †Alquizalas & †Garces Family by Lourdes Lozada
- Tuesday: 4-23-24**
6:30 AM Niall McConnell & Family by Abuan Family
8:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Isabell Shirley Conway by James Raulerson
- Wednesday: 4-24-24**
6:30 AM Christopher Gonzalez—Happy Birthday by The Gonzalez Family
- Thursday: 4-25-24**
6:30AM Irma Long by The Treherne Family
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory by Glenn & Ruth Doten
- Friday: 4-26-24**
6:30AM †Ercelle & †Curtis Smith by Kim Matysuk
- Saturday: 4-27-24**
8:00 AM Barron Family by The Abuan Family
5:00 PM All Parishioners
- Sunday: 4-28-24**
7:30 AM †Capt. Stephen T. Wesselhoff, USN. by The Lavandeira Family
10:30 AM Michael Mason by Linda Mason

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

Offertory—\$8,709.00

Online Giving—\$7,860.00

Total—\$16,569.00

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, Alice Baker, Carmen Baker, Mary Ann Baker, Robert Baker, Kathy Balthazard, Claudia Barber, Kevin Baumgardner, Linda Baumgardner, Jesse Beacham Jr., Melba Beacham, Rachell Beacham, Tamara Blake, Mcaenzie Joy Bawor, Bob & Lynn, Denny Bolton, Jeannie Brackins, Scott Brezinski, Michael Britton, Sara Britton, Donna Brown, Mary Buckler, Roberto Cabrera, Dalton Colarusso, Raven Chandler, Dovie Corbin, Sergio Corredor, Carol Cretokos, Kristen Deskins, Deborah Durosher, Karen Esposito, Marilyn and Ernie Falvo, Paul & Pat Farley, Ariel Grubach, Dominic Henderson, Kim Kale, Kristin Karcher, 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, Andre McCarroll, 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, Brittany K. Owen, Rita, Aileen Patrias, John Prince, Theodore Purington III, Rafael, Robert Reilly, Kay Rodgers, Bernadette Rodriguez, Rodriguez Family, Anne Rosendale, Michelle Ruiz, Donna Ryan, Janet Ryan, Dorothy Sands-Cox, Marianne Santucci, Karen Scott, William Sims, Maniel Sotomayer, Mary Ann Spille, Katarzyna Szarfraniec, Veronica Tamarit, Agnes Tambwe, Mary & Burt Tramer, Rafael Trinidad, Sandy Wehle, Gail Wheelock, Jean Zack

Please call the parish office to add a loved one's name to our prayer list or to let us know if someone no longer needs to be listed.



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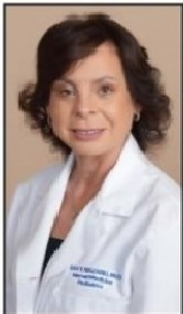
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