



Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church

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April 28, 2024—Fourth 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

Save the Dates!

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

****First Holy Communion, at both Masses**
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.**

First Friday sign-ups will be available TODAY!

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>.



Pastor: Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

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

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From the Pastor: How to Confess

This is the follow-up article about the mechanics of going to confession which I promised a couple of weeks ago. In the previous article, I was simply reminding people about being properly prepared and ready to enter the confessional as soon as the person in front of them exited, rather than waiting for Father to leave the confessional, who, seeing fifteen more people waiting (but not moving) then proceeds to give them engraved invitations to enter. But I didn't go into the details of what you do once in. One would think that Catholics would know the basics of confession, but, as is made apparent in multiple ways nearly every week, this is one more place where we priests failed to educate properly for the past 55 or so years. Worse, ever since "confessionals" turned into "reconciliation rooms" people and priests have mistaken them for small bistros and simply sit down to shoot the breeze for a while, tell jokes and vacation stories, and, eventually, get around to confessing and, maybe, giving proper words of absolution. So now people coming to Epiphany oftentimes don't know what to do as they enter the dark room of the confessional, something they have only seen in old movies. The first thing they want is a light. "I can't find the lightswitch, Father," they complain. Yes, it is dark on your side and light on mine, so that you can see me through the screen and I cannot see you. Anonymity is a good thing, is it not, as you pour out your soul and reveal your sins? But we put a light switch in there just for those who are afraid of the dark, anyway. It used to be on the door frame, but people would enter, turn on the light, and leave it on when they exited, forcing the next person to give up their anonymity even if they didn't wish to do so. So I moved it to the spot directly under the screen. We still get people turning it on for no reason at all and leaving it on, but now I can see that it is on and call them back to turn it off!

Outside, there is a light indicating when it is ok to enter and when the room is occupied. Each church does this in a different way, so people do get confused if they don't stop and think it through. We have a white light over my door whenever I am in there. That tells you that you can come to confession through your own door, the other one with a light over it, as long as **that** light is not also lit. But if it is lit, it is occupied. That doesn't stop people from entering when someone is already in there, though. My light doesn't keep people from opening my door, either, even though it has my name written in large letters on it. It also doesn't stop people from coming into the door without a light (it used to have one that I kept lit as long as I was hearing confessions but even with it lit people kept coming in so I removed the light socket. That didn't stop people, either. That side opens into my side and is barely large enough for a wheelchair to fit and it gets used for that purpose every once in a while). So I will soon enough be trying out a red light/green light system to see if that helps. I doubt it, though, based on the way I see people driving nowadays! I probably need a yellow light so that they will come zooming in!

Once you enter the confessional, please close the door and kneel in front of the screen. That, at least with the current lighting system, triggers the light outside. Don't wait for me to offer you a drink or make other small talk. Immediately make the sign of the cross (this is a prayer, after all, and we begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross) and say, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been "this long" since my last confession." (Don't say, "this long" but rather say the time period it has been. People really do say "this long," in case you are wondering, since they read those words in pamphlets on confession and parrot it unthinkingly!) Then, again without waiting for me to ask how your day is going, confess your sins. Two things many, many people have never been taught but are essential to making a good confession, are: 1) that the examination of conscience should have been made before entering the confessional, not once you are in there, and 2) it should include (and, therefore, your confession should include) recalling how many times you have committed any mortal sins of which you are repenting. Yes, **mortal sins MUST be confessed both in kind (what the sin actually was) and in number (how many times you committed it)**. If you don't know the exact number, a good ballpark estimate is sufficient. Purposely withholding even one mortal sin makes it a sacrilegious confession and **none** of your sins are absolved, for even if you fool the priest you cannot fool God.

All sins are to be confessed briefly, with no extra details than are necessary. Lurid details, especially regarding sins of the flesh, are not necessary and can even be harmful. Do not, do not, do not, name other people involved in your sin! They, not you, are responsible for confessing their own sins. Also, do not tell stories in the confessional.

Unfortunately, I have run out of space and haven't yet finished this article. I hope to come back to it another week.

With prayers for your holiness,

Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

Latin Masses for the Week: April—May

29 Mon	St. Peter
30 Tues	St. Catherine of Siena
1 Wed	St. Joseph the Workman
2 Thurs	St. Athanasius
3 Fri	SS. Alexander & Companions
4 Sat	St. Monica
5 Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

"Everything that has being comes from God. Nothing, therefore, that happens to us—trouble or temptation or injury or torment or slander or anything else that could possibly happen to us—can or will disturb us. Rather, we are content and hold these things in reverence, reflecting that they come from God and are given to us as good favors, not out of hatred but out of love."
-St. Catherine of Siena

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS 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
Tea with Our Lady, 10:30 a.m., Parish Room
DOVES, 11:00 a.m., Classroom 5
Anima Christi Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 5, First Holy Communion

Exodus 90, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 1
Troops of St. George, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 3

Monday, May 6,

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

Tuesday, May 7,

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

Wednesday, May 8,

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

Thursday, May 9,

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

Friday, May 10,

JMJ Homeschool Group, 9:00 a.m., Campus
Anima Christi Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

Saturday, May 11,

Adult Catechism, 10:30 a.m., Social Hall
American Heritage Girls Board of Reviews, 1:00 p.m., Classroom 3

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.

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Tuesday—Friday from 7:30AM—3:00PM
Email: office@epiphanytampa.com



2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal: \$128,653.00
Pledged: \$33,602.00 Paid: \$31,258.79



*This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in Loving Memory
of FLORENTINO & EMILIA FERNANDEZ
by MARIA & TINO FERNANDEZ*

Offertory—\$10,381.00
Online Giving—\$6,337.48
Total—\$16,718.48

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/.

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 to attend and show the Diocese the faith and dedication of our Altar BOYS. RSVP to John Bauer (johnpaul@epiphanytampa.com) by **TODAY**.

Gregorian Chants

We are excited to announce that Epiphany of Our Lord will be holding the 5th Annual Chant Camp in conjunction with Canticle Programs

(www.canticle.org) June 3-7, 10:30am-3:30pm for youth ages 8+ (mature, younger children will be considered as long as a parent stays with them the entire time) and the young at heart.

We've more than enjoyed Mary Ann Wilson's guidance as lead instructor for the last 4 years – this year we'll enjoy learning from Canticle's newest lead instructor: Dr. Maryruth Culver. Tad Wilson (a familiar face for many) will be returning to Tampa as her assistant. We're thrilled to be working with them both!

Further information will be sent out, along with registration instructions, in the near future. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Anders Bergmann, FFSC
Choirmaster, The St. Dunstan Schola
Director of Music, Epiphany of Our Lord Church*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Monday: 4-29-24**
6:30 AM Martin McConnell & Family by The Abuan Family
- Tuesday: 4-30-24**
6:30 AM Smith Family by Abuan Family
8:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Juana Valdes
by Maria & Tino Fernandez
- Wednesday: 5-1-24**
6:30 AM Kate Ryan—Happy Birthday by Marc & Donna Ryan
- Thursday: 5-2-24**
6:30 AM John McConnell & Family by The Abuan Family
8:00 AM †Grace Williams by Michael & Amanda Prince
- Friday: 5-3-24**
6:30 AM Repose of the Soul of Genevieve Raulerson
by James Raulerson
- Saturday: 5-4-24**
8:00 AM †Maria Magdalene Hohmann by Bertha Frank
5:00 PM †Philip DiMarco by Frank & Pauline DiMarco
- Sunday: 5-5-24**
7:30 AM All Parishioners
10:30 AM †Kidane Tammene by Kidane Family

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

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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