



# Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church

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**April 7, 2024—Low Sunday**

## 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



American Heritage Girl Bake Sale **TODAY**  
after both Masses!

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with some treats!  
Cash or check.



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](mailto:fgreen.tpa@rcahybrid.org)

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donation cans at any Mass  
to the box at the back of the church  
or the box in the social hall.

### **13th Annual Ave Maria University Marian Eucharistic Conference, May 10-12, 2024**

**“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord.”**

Featured speakers will include Fox News and EWTN’s Raymond Arroyo, Fr. Robert Sirico co-founder of the Acton Institute, “Women of Grace” Founder Johnette B. Williams, President and Co-Founder of “Foundation of Prayer for Priests” Kathleen Beckman. In addition to these great talks special Spanish sessions will also be offered including talks by Mother Adela Galindo, Founder of Servants of the Pierced Heart of Jesus, Fr. Joseph Mary Rogers SCTJM, Fr. Rafael Capo Director of the US Bishop’s Regional Office in Miami and Rev. David Vidal, Pastor of Ave Maria Catholic Church. Music ministry will be provided by Jon Nevin.

The cost is \$190 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and conference fee for the weekend all on the beautiful campus of Ave Maria University. For more information about our speakers or to register for this event visit [www.aveconferences.com](http://www.aveconferences.com).

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: A Glorious Easter!

This year it seemed that no sooner had the Octave of Epiphany ended than the 40 days of Lent began. The season of fasting had no more started than Archbishop Cordileone stopped by. No sooner had he departed than the Easter Triduum was upon us. And that, of course, meant early morning prayers and late night Masses leading into Easter Sunday itself. All without a breather, or so it seemed. What an exhausting but spiritually amazing way to begin the new calendar year! This year at the Easter Vigil and Mass we had 7 people come into the Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. Another wanted to enter but could not make it so we have rescheduled his entrance and he will be baptized next month. I am also scheduled, if the Bishop allows it, to confirm a few adults who are already Catholic but have missed receiving Confirmation for one or another reason. If you fit that category, call the office right away and maybe you can also receive the sacrament at that time. We bring people into the Church throughout the year, for, instead of forcing them to wait until fall to begin RCIA classes so that they can enter during the Easter Vigil, they simply each get on their own schedule of individual convert studies and when they are ready to enter, they enter. This year none of those entering were even aware of the others' studies or readiness but somehow they all decided that they were ready to become Catholic all together. Nice!

I haven't yet seen the diocesan statistics on parish Mass attendance for February. As you know, I hang up the new stat sheet in the social hall twice a year (each parish reports Sunday Mass attendance figures in October and February) and Epiphany has been steadily rising. We started out in July of 2015 with 87 total in attendance before the Traditional Latin Mass began being celebrated here and now regularly exceed 800 or 900 people each Sunday. I am not sure why we sometimes have a greater than 10% change in numbers for any given Sunday but we will often see 950 people one Sunday followed by 830 people the next. Once in a while some of it can be attributed to the American Heritage Girls or the Troops of St. George going on camping trips, but they have never had 100 people on their participation rosters. And, in case you are wondering, we do not count them in our official tally if they are gone during February or October, even if I go to the camp to celebrate Mass for them that weekend. We only count those physically present in the pews. All of that is just a lead-up to the new record attendance for Easter Sunday Masses. We broke the 1200 people mark for our three Easter Masses (one Vigil and two on Easter Sunday) for the first time.

The Easter Vigil this year was 4 hours+ long. The Traditional Rite of Baptism includes a lot of questioning of each sacramental candidate, a lot of blessings and exorcisms, plus other amazing signs and symbols in the ritual. A good portion of it can be done earlier in the day in order to shorten the length of the Vigil, but since we already have Tenebrae, confessions, and the Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday morning, it would have been more work than possible to arrange such a thing. It also would have deprived all of the parishioners the joy of experiencing all of that wonderful ceremonial baptismal preparation and Profession of Faith. Cutting corners and making things shorter or easier does not necessarily (or even usually) lead to a fuller grasp of—or desire for more of—the Faith! Of course, it makes for a late night when the Mass ends after midnight and the people don't just race for their cars to go home. There were 50 or more people still in the church and social hall when I finally went back to the rectory about 1:30 am. Several groups had brought picnic baskets with them and were breaking their Lenten Fasts with friends, new and old, something that has been a wonderful tradition in a parish where they can't simply walk to one of the neighboring parishioner houses down the block. But as for me, I simply told them that the last one to leave had to lock the doors and turn off the lights, for I still had to finish my breviary and try to sleep for a few hours before getting up to prepare for the morning Mass. I am now 60 years old and the early mornings followed by the late nights are getting to me more than they ever did when I was a "young" priest of 40 or 50. Fr. Mangiafico has twenty years on me and I am amazed at his stamina. He doesn't live at the rectory and doesn't ever accept the offer to spend the night even for big feasts like this but rather drives nearly an hour across the bay to his house, where he then has to finish his prayers as well, and then, after very little sleep, prays his morning prayers and makes the return trip to celebrate the 10:30 Mass. What a priest!

Thank you all for making the beginning of this year such a holy one! I am hopeful that we will be able to continue to celebrate these spiritual seasons and feast days in the traditional manner that we have been doing for the past nine years. None of this is possible without you, the Faithful, eagerly embracing it and growing in holiness through it.

With prayers for your holiness,

Rev. Fr. Edwin Palka

## Latin Masses for the Week: April

- 8 Mon** **Annunciation of the BVM** (transferred from March 25)  
**9 Tues** Feria of Paschaltide  
**10 Wed** Feria of Paschaltide  
**11 Thurs** St. Leo the Great  
**12 Fri** Feria of Paschaltide  
**13 Sat** St. Hermenegild  
**14 Sun** **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**



## PARISH CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, April 7, **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

American Heritage Girls Bake Sale, after both Masses  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:45 a.m., Parish Room  
Exodus 90, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 1

Troops of St. George, 9:00 a.m., Classroom 3  
Burgers, Beer, and Breviary, 12:30 p.m., Campus  
Choral Vespers, 2:30 p.m., Church  
Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m., Church

#### Monday, April 8,

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

#### Tuesday, April 9,

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

Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,  
Zoom

#### Wednesday, April 10,

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

#### Thursday, April 11,

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

#### Friday, April 12,

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

#### Saturday, April 13,

Spiritual Motherhood Retreat, 8:00 a.m.,  
Church & Social Hall

Adult Catechism, CANCELLED

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

### NEXT 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

# 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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Tuesday—Friday from 7:30AM —3:00PM  
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## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal: \$128,653.00

Pledged: \$22,355.00 Paid: \$19,315.70



*This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in Loving Memory  
of NORA DARRIGO*

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“Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

### EASTER FLOWERS Remembering Their Loved Ones—

*Marcos & Janice Maldonado  
Susie Knight  
Wendy Smickel  
Candice DeVane*



Our Parish is collecting Spiritual Bouquets for Bishop Parkes for his 25th Ordination Anniversary. Spiritual Bouquets can be dropped off in a blue box in the Social Hall. The final day to drop off is April 15th.

### Save the Dates!

**\*\*Spiritual Motherhood Retreat  
April 13, 2024**

**\*\*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**

Please visit our website, under the Sacrament Prep tab in order to register for either First Holy Communion or Confirmation for this upcoming Spring.

Last day to sign up and pay for Spiritual Mothers Retreat on April 13th, with Johnnette Benkovic Williams and Father Palka. Johnnette will also be speaking at 1:30 on April 14th, in the church, for all parishioners. Please come and enjoy this time!

For details, contact Betty Bauer, [thankheavenfor11.jmj@gmail.com](mailto:thankheavenfor11.jmj@gmail.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday: 4-6-24**  
8:00 AM †Patricia Talsness by Bertha Frank  
5:00 PM All Parishioners  
**Sunday: 4-7-24**  
7:30 AM Lozada Family by Lourdes Lozada  
10:30 AM All Parish Volunteers  
**Monday: 4-8-24**  
6:30 AM Abuan Family by The Abuan Family  
**Tuesday: 4-9-24**  
6:30 AM †Jesus Alquizales by Lourdes Lozada  
8:00 AM Teresa Conrad—in thanksgiving by The Conrad Family  
**Wednesday: 4-10-24**  
6:30 AM J.H. Abuan by The Abuan Family  
**Thursday: 4-11-24**  
6:30AM Ryan Nelson & Nick Palka—Happy Birthday by Carole Palka  
8:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Daniel Ryan by Patricia Ryan  
**Friday: 4-12-24**  
6:30AM †Glenella & †Homer Clayton, Sr. by Claudia Barber  
**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

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

**Easter Offertory—\$15,576.00  
Online Giving—\$10,902.48  
Total—\$26,478.48**

### 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, Denny Bolton, 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, 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, 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, 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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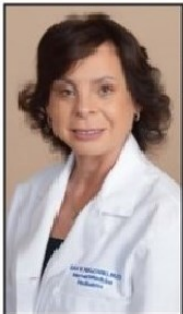
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