



Visitation Catholic Parish

100 NE 191 Street ~ Miami, Florida 33179

Website: www.visitationmiami.org | Email: office@visitationmiami.org
(305) 652-3624

MASS/SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ~ Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (English)
Sunday: 8am & 10am (English),
12 Noon (Spanish), 2pm (Créole)

CONFESSION

Thursday & Saturday: 8:30am-9:30am
Sunday: 11:30am - 11:55am

ROSARY

Monday - Saturday @ 7:30am

ADORATION

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:30am-9:30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:30-9:30am

INFANT BAPTISMAL

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office to schedule

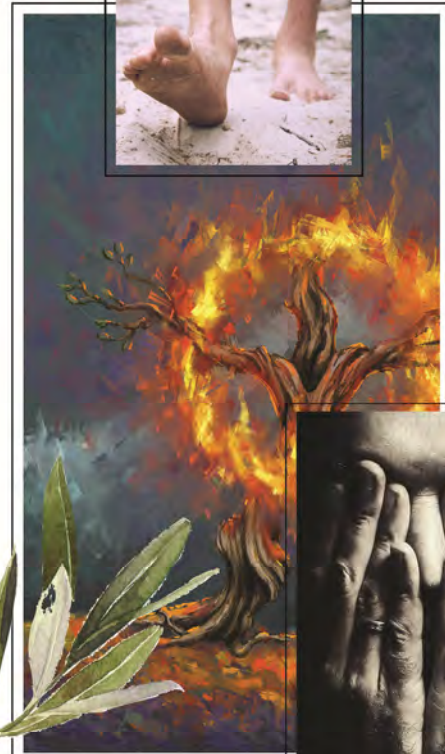
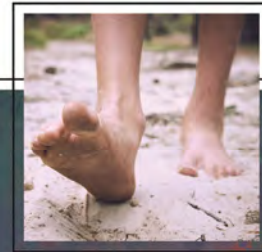
MARRIAGES

Please contact the parish priest



MARCH 23, 2025

Third Sunday
of Lent



God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

~ Exodus 3:4, 5

MINISTRIES

MINISTRY LEADER

JOANNE LAMBERT, CONTACT

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

ISABELLE EDMOND, CONTACT

Thursday's 8:00pm -9:30pm | Parish hall
Haitian Creole

CHOSEN YOUTH MINISTRY

LESTER KELLY, CONTACT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JAMES WHITTERS, GRAND KNIGHT

Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month
1:30pm | Activities room

LEGION OF MARY

SYLVIE PARIS, CONTACT

Saturdays 8:30-10:30am | Activities room

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

SHIRLEY SEQUEIRA, CONTACT

If someone you know is pregnant & needs help or you would like to volunteer or donate new baby items please call 786-452-0266.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERING

GROUP MINISTRY

NILDA RODRIGUEZ, CONTACT

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

JOHN WEST, CONTACT

Food distribution 2nd & 4th Wednesday
from 9am-12pm.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

ELLA BROWN & DEBBIE GADSON,
CONTACTS

Meets the 4th Saturday of the month
@ 6pm in the parish hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MARTA VOZZI, DIRECTOR
dre.visitation@gmail.com

Tues 9:30am-12:30pm
Wed 4:00pm-7:00pm
Fri 9:30am-12:30pm
Sat 2:30pm-6:30pm

OFFICE

Monday ~ Friday
8:30am - 1:00pm & 1:30pm - 4:30pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Eliseus Ezeuchenne, Pastor
Rev. Bernard Kirlin, Spanish Mass
Yanic Elie, Sacristan
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

THE SEASON OF

Lent

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them"

(Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103 *or Psalm 95.*)

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:

1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*



SANCTUARY LAMP MARCH 22 - MARCH 28, 2025

†Leonise Ferdinand, †Olga Fabien,
†Olivia Ferdinand, †Johnny Ferdinand
†Adella Bain

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Masses For The Week



MARCH 22 - MARCH 29, 2025

SAT., MAR 22, VIGIL; VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5pm: †John Edward Storey by Peggy Bartish

5pm: Birthday Blessings for Maurice Chavannes by Ginette Chavannes

5pm: In Thanksgiving for Boris Pierre-Joseph Dormond by Maryse Israël

SUN., MAR 23, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8am: In Thanksgiving by Grace & Theo Simmons

8am: Action de Grace to St, Joseph by Alta Alexis & family

8am: Action de Grace by Marie Maude Georges & family

10am: Birthday Blessings for Kenneth Barrie by Sylvie Paris

10am: †Marisol Acosta b the Marian Center

10am: Birthday Blessings for Yanic Elie by Yolette Francois-Nau

12pm: †Hilario Vazquez by Hija y familia

12pm: †Celmira Cruz by Rosa Granthon

MON., MAR 24, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8am: Birthday Blessings for Grace Simmons by the Simmons family

8am: †Harry Victor by the Victory family

8am: †Irene Kovalcin by Daisy, Mary, Debbie, Shirley & Jeannette

TUES., MAR 25, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8am: In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus by Roseline Benoit

8am: Birthday Blessings for Arielle Manuel by the Manuel-Delva's

8am: In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of Prague by Jeannette Montout

8am: †Kimberly Arata by John West

WED., MAR 26, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8am: †Elvia Lubin by Wislene Moreau

8am: †Amy Monica Sawyer by Crystal A. Sawyer

8am: †Irene Kovalcin by Daisy, Mary, Debbie, Shirley & Jeannette

THUR. MAR 27, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8am: Birthday Blessings Carmen Aviles by Gilberto Aviles & family

8am: Birthday Blessings Walter Aguilar by Aguilar family

8am: Birthday Blessings Viviana Aviles by Gilberto & Carmen

FRI., MAR 28, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8am: Special Intention for the Surpris family by Marie Surpris

8am: †Norma Valliana by the Garcia family

8am:

SAT., MAR 29, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8am: Birthday Blessings for Cuthbert Cuffy by Sylvie Paris

8am:

8am:

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF



Ann Marie Deflys, Joan Mapp, Jeshawn Davis, Wendis Williams, Debbie Gadson, Rondrick Casimir, Gabriel Vegeman, Juliana John, Walter Lambert, Emilie August, Millicent John, Zachary & Lauren Lambert, Brian Blondun, Liliana Drouet, Carmen Marcano, Marcus Clare, Susan & Joseph DeBiase, Martha Vanegas, Porfirio Burgos, Jo & Tom Pender, Liliana Drouet, Amelie Joseph, Carole Jeanty, Thomas Frye, Jeannette Carter, Juan Marrero, Marcelina Figueroa,

Please notify the parish office to add or remove a name



ONE IN FAITH



ONE IN HOPE



ONE IN CHARITY

2025 + ABCD

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

OUR 2025 PARISH GOAL \$54,573.00

WE ARE SHORT (\$14,011.00)

Please join us in support and make a commitment and contribute to the ABCD TODAY!

Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference! Thank you and God bless you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

The Parable of the Fig Tree

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down." Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



Word search grid containing words related to the parable.

Table with 5 columns: YEARS DOWN, PLANTED, FERTILIZE, THREE, FIND, USE, DIG, LOOK, VINEYARD, SOIL, PARABLE, LEAVE MAN ALONE, TREE, FRUIT TOLD, FIG CUT

Havana Nights 2025 event advertisement including details on date, time, location, and ticket prices.



"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."



Stations of the Cross

7PM each Friday during Lent

Praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions.

Table with 2 columns: TITHES & OFFERINGS, MARCH 16, 2025. Rows include Mass (\$4609.00), Building Fund (\$245.00), Candles (\$95.00), and Poor box (\$79.50).

The annual Havana Nights event is scheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Charity (La Ermita), 3609 S. Miami Ave., Miami. Hosted by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, this event raises much-needed funds for the Unaccompanied Minors Program of Catholic Charities. Havana Nights, which brings together more than 200 people, is a night of fun and includes hors d'oeuvres, dominoes, drinks, music and cigars. Various sponsorship opportunities are available, as well as individual ticket sales starting at \$100 per person. To learn more and register online visit www.adomdevelopment.org/havananights or call 305-762-1051.



This sacred time invites us to reflect on our spiritual journey. It's a moment to embrace renewal and hope, as we respond to God's call in our life. The readings for Third Sunday of Lent Year C remind us of His enduring presence and the transformative power of faith.

Through stories like the calling of Moses, we see how divine intervention shapes our path. This year, let us focus on living out our faith with purpose. It's a time to grow, repent, and prepare for the blessings ahead.

As we navigate this season, let's remember that every moment is an opportunity for spiritual growth. Embrace the journey, and let your faith guide you toward a deeper connection with God.

Overview of the Third Sunday of Lent Year C

The readings for this time encourage deep introspection and renewal. They guide us to examine our hearts and embrace the transformative power of faith. This day in the liturgical calendar is a call to pause and reconnect with God's enduring presence.

Setting the Stage for Spiritual Reflection

Through the readings from Exodus, Psalm 103, and 1 Corinthians, we are invited to reflect on God's mercy and patience. These scriptures remind us of His love and the importance of repentance. They set the stage for a season of prayer and devotion.

The story of the burning bush in Exodus highlights God's call to holiness. Psalm 103 speaks of His forgiveness, while 1 Corinthians emphasizes the need for faithfulness. Together, they create a reflective atmosphere for spiritual growth.

The Significance of Lent in Our Lives

Lent is a time to seek renewal and divine mercy. It invites us to turn away from distractions and focus on our relationship with God. This season is marked by prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness, helping us grow in faith and love.

As we journey through this period, we are reminded of God's patience and His desire for us to bear fruit. The readings for this Sunday lent guide us toward a deeper understanding of His grace and the call to live with purpose.

The Burning Bush Story: Divine Call and Holy Ground

Moses' encounter with the bush is a timeless story of divine intervention. While tending his flock at Horeb, he saw a bush that burned but was not consumed. This miraculous sight symbolizes God's presence and His call to holiness.

God instructed Moses to remove his sandals, for the ground he stood on was holy. This act of reverence reminds us to approach sacred moments with humility and awe. The place became a meeting point between the divine and the human.

In this moment, God revealed His name as "I AM," signifying His eternal presence and power. This revelation underscores His authority and His desire to guide His people. The bush serves as a reminder that God's voice can be found in unexpected places.

Moses' Encounter and Its Modern-Day Implications

Moses' experience teaches us to recognize sacred moments in our own lives. Just as the bush was a sign of God's presence, we too can find divine intervention in everyday situations. The ground we walk

on can become holy when we open our hearts to God's call. The revelation of God's name reminds us of His unchanging nature. In a world of uncertainty, His power and presence remain constant. This story invites us to listen for His voice and respond with faith and action. Today, we can apply this lesson by seeking out sacred places and moments in our lives. Whether it's through prayer, reflection, or acts of kindness, we can honor God's presence. The bush story encourages us to live with purpose and reverence for the divine.



The Parable of the Fig Tree Explained

In the parable, a man plants a fig tree in his vineyard. After three years, he finds it barren and considers cutting it down. The gardener pleads for more time, promising to nurture it and give it another chance to bear fruit.

This story symbolizes God's patience and His desire for us to grow spiritually. The tree represents our lives, and the fruit signifies the good works and faith we are called to produce. It's a reminder that God gives us opportunities to change and thrive.

Repentance and the Promise of New Growth

Jesus uses this parable to emphasize the urgency of repentance. He says, "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:1). This call to action invites us to reflect on our actions and seek renewal.

The gardener's plea for more time highlights God's mercy. Even when we fall short, He offers us grace and the chance to start anew. This narrative encourages us to take responsibility for our spiritual



growth and make the most of the time we are given. For example, if we've neglected prayer or acts of kindness, this parable urges us to recommit. It's a call to cultivate our hearts and lives, ensuring we bear fruit that honors God.

Reflecting on God's Mercy and Patience

God's mercy and patience are central themes in our spiritual journey. These divine qualities remind us of His unwavering love and the time He gives us to grow. Through scripture, we see how His compassion transforms lives and calls us to embody these traits.

Lessons from Psalm 103

Psalm 103 beautifully captures God's boundless mercy. It describes how He forgives, heals, and crowns us with steadfast love. This passage invites us to reflect on His compassion and seek His grace in our daily lives.

The psalm also highlights God's patience. He does not treat us as our sins deserve but offers us time to repent and recover. This teaches us to approach life with humility and gratitude for His enduring care.