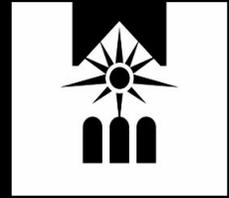




# EPIPHANY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

### Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am (Korean)

10:30 am

12:00 pm (Lithuanian)

Last Sunday of the Month

### Monday - Friday

7:30 am

### Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 am & 7:00 pm

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## Confessions

### Monday - Friday

8:00 - 8:30 am

### Saturday

4:00 - 4:30 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday

5:30 - 6:30 pm

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 17, 2017

### Monsignor Godfrey Mosley

#### SACRAMENTS & PARISH SERVICES

##### Infant Baptisms

Please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with the pastor.

##### Marriage

Please call at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Marriage preparation and instruction are required.

##### Sick Calls

Please call if any parishioners are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick.

##### Religious Education (CCD) for Children

For those ages 7 to 10, preparing for First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office.

##### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

For those who would like to join the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

##### Adult Confirmation

Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

##### Parish Membership

New parishioners are encouraged to register using the registration forms in the vestibule.

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Offices are closed every Monday and Friday.

**MEDITATION  
ON TODAY'S READINGS  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***How often must I forgive?*** (Matthew 18:21)

In his very first Sunday homily as the Holy Father, Pope Francis proclaimed, "This is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy" (March 17, 2013). Since that day, he has repeated over and over the marvelous truth that God's mercy has no bounds. That's precisely the problem with the heartless servant in today's Gospel: his mercy had limited, clearly defined boundaries. How boundless is God's mercy? The best way to answer that is to consider what our lives would be like without it. Imagine a world with no tenderness, no forgiveness, no compassion. Imagine being bound in your sin and selfishness, your guilt and shame, with no way out. Now imagine God sacrificing himself not only to rescue you, but to offer you the promise of eternal life with him in heaven. That's how boundless his mercy is. That's how deeply he loves you.

Struck by the depth of God's love, how can we do anything but bow down to him in worship and show that same mercy to the people around us?

Mercy is not just an abstract idea or a nice theory. It's a concrete reality. It's not just a message that we can choose to live out when it's convenient for us. God's mercy for us is meant to be at the heart of how we think and act toward each other. It's meant to be the characteristic that sets us apart in a world caught up in self-righteousness, division, and unforgiveness. It's the best way we can reveal God's love and invite people to taste it themselves.

Peter asked Jesus, "How often must I forgive?" (Matthew 18:21). He was looking for a solid number of times, after which he was off the hook. He was asking about the rules. But for the one who has grasped the depths of God's mercy, rules and limits no longer matter.

May we all taste this mercy more deeply today so that we can become more merciful as well.

***"Thank you, Jesus, for showering me with your love. Lord, help me to be more merciful."***

**The WORD Among Us**

**COLLECTIONS**

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the September 10 collection total was unavailable at the time of printing.

*Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$4,100.00*

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUMMER SUSPENSIONS**

**From July 1-October 1**

*NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION*

*NO FIRST SUNDAY HOSPITALITY*

*NO 12:00pm LITHUANIAN MASS*

**2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL** If you have not yet made your pledge or outright gift to the **2017 Cardinal's Appeal**, there is still time to do so at <https://appeal.adw.org>. **SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Matthew 6:33)**

As autumn approaches, please prayerfully contemplate enrolling in **Epiphany Catholic Church's Secure Automatic Electronic Offertory Program**. Signing up will allow you to ensure that your gifts to Epiphany will always be received. Enrollment forms are available the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at (202)965-1610, or write to [parish@georgetownepiphany.org](mailto:parish@georgetownepiphany.org).

**Please pray for those members of our parish family, who are most in need of our special intentions:**



Mary Kelly, Minnie Ruth Ford, Madelyn Cabatic, Frances Sadowski, Joseph Caponio, Anna Staszewicz, Thomas Peters, Veronica Chang, Risa Daniels, Steven Kery, Anna Marie Kim, Mary Lou Lynch, Elizabeth Williams, Anna-Stina Ericson, and Melissa Overmyer.

**PETS, GARDENS, and BLESSINGS** Bring your pets to the gardens of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land for the annual ***Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 30, 10:30am***. All are welcome and pets will receive a St. Francis medal. The blessing is held annually near the October 4 Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. For more information, please visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or call 202-526-6800.



**SAVE THE DATE** There will be a ***"Paint and Sip"*** fun-raiser on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, from 6:00pm-8:00pm**, in the Parish Hall. This special event will feature expert art instruction, complimentary wine, and the painting supplies to create your own masterpiece. Space will be limited; registration is required. The fee per person is \$40.00. For more information, please visit our website at [www.georgetownepiphany.org](http://www.georgetownepiphany.org), call the Parish Office at (202)965-1610, or send an e-mail to [parish@georgetownepiphany.org](mailto:parish@georgetownepiphany.org). We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a most enjoyable evening!



**FIRST SUNDAY HOSPITALITY**

This fall, there will be an opportunity to share food and fellowship with other parishioners on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, and bring favorite finger foods. To get involved, please write to [parish@georgetownepiphany.org](mailto:parish@georgetownepiphany.org) or call the Parish Office at (202)965-1610. ***Our first gathering will take place on Sunday, October 1, immediately following the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome!***

**SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR CONCERT** On Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00pm, the Sistine Chapel Choir will present a concert at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This highly-accomplished group of 30 boys and 22 men sing for the Holy Father’s liturgies under the direction of Maestro Massimo Palombella. Officially called the Cappella Musicale Pontificia Sistina and affectionately known as the “Pope’s Choir,” this group is considered the most prominent and oldest choir in the world, dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century. This event is free and open to the public, and no tickets or reservations are required. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or call 202-526-8300.

**DEDICATION of ROSARY WALK and GARDEN** On Saturday, September 23 at 2:00pm, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will dedicate its new Rosary Walk and Garden with a Mass and procession. This outdoor prayer space will feature mosaic depictions of the Mysteries of the Rosary, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Fatima children, and an almost life-sized crucifix statue, all along a winding path through a beautiful garden. This event is free and open to the public, and no tickets or reservations are required. For more information please visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or call 202-526-8300.

**DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY** Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a “Domestic Church Day” with the theme of "Strengthening the Family with Mary" on Saturday, September 23 from 12:30pm-5:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Road NE). This half-day family retreat will offer reflection on how Mary walks with families, featuring dynamic catechesis sessions for all the members of the family, spiritual devotions including a multi-cultural Rosary in front of a hand-embroidered Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Vigil Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. The day will conclude with fun cultural activities and pupusas, tacos, and tamales. The cost of attendance is \$10 per adult and free for children under the age of 18. Parking is free. To register, please visit [www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com](http://www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com).

**PARISH MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 16 Vigil	5:00 p.m. Jerome Charles Payne
Sunday, September 17 <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:30 a.m. Special Intention 9:00 a.m. Korean 10:30 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors
Monday, September 18	7:30 a.m. Special Intention
Tuesday, September 19 <i>St. Januarius</i>	7:30 a.m. Special Intention
Wednesday, September 20 <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i> <i>St. Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</i>	7:30 a.m. Special Intention
Thursday, September 21 <i>ST. MATTHEW</i>	7:30 a.m. Special Intention
Friday, September 22	7:30 a.m. Special Intention



**POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION for SEPTEMBER:** *PARISHES* That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS (RCIA)** Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Or was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? The ***“Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” (RCIA)*** prepares and accompanies adults for entering the church. To obtain more information, please call the Parish Office at (202)965-1610 or write to [parish@georgetownepiphany.org](mailto:parish@georgetownepiphany.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)** If you are interested in enrolling your child in Religious Education (CCD) please call the Parish Office at (202)965-1610 or write to [parish@GeorgetownEpiphany.org](mailto:parish@GeorgetownEpiphany.org). Classes will be held from 9:00am to 9:45am, and will begin on Sunday, September 17. The fee per child is \$40.00.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**Beginning in October, our new Christmas cards will go on sale. Illustrated with an image of the beautiful Epiphany stained glass window above the altar, they celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.