

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday 7:30am, 8:30am
Friday: 6:00pm Evening Mass
Saturday: 8:30am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

4:00pm
5:30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm
6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every first Friday from 9:00am - 5:55pm
Followed by the 6:00pm Mass
Morning Adoration 6:30am - 7:30am (Monday - Friday)

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick every Thursday following
the 8:30am Mass, or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 1:00pm. Schedule one month in
Advance. Contact Deacon Tony

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday 8am-1:30pm
Tuesday Closed
Thursday & Friday 8am-1pm
Saturday Closed
First two Sundays of the Month 11am– 1pm
Second two Sundays of the Month 10am– 1:30pm

ROSARY GROUP

Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: Following the 8:30am Mass, or by appointment

*Welcome to Emmanuel Catholic Church
Parish Family
God is with us*

Parish Mission Statement

Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, God is with us, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As one parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

Parish Organizational Chart

Most Reverend Gerald M Barbarito

Bishop of Palm Beach

Rev. Gaudioso Zamora

Pastor

Clergy

Staff

Parish Vicar Rev: Theodore Ihedoro
Deacon: Deacon Anthony Cuseo
In Resident: Rev. Joseph Papes
Weekday & Weekend Associates:
Msgr. Leonard Badia & Rev. Timothy Canaan
Weekend Associate: Rev. David Carr

Bookkeeper: Tanya Kuppamala
Secretary: Stella Sadolfo
Receptionist: Michelle Pullorkunnel
Property Manager: Edward Shannon
Pastoral Program Coordinator: Joella Anastasi

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Parish Ministries

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation: Dcn. Tony Cuseo
Religious Education: Jean Krokus
Children of Divine Mercy: Melissa & Annette
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr. Theo
Lectors: Fr. Theo Hospitality/ Ushers:
Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce
Altar Servers:
Music: Linda Coz, Bill Stafford,
Clanaven Baldonado & Mens Choir

Altar Flowers: Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community
Altar & Clergy Vestments:
Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman & Nancy McDonald
Homebound: Fr. Theo
Hospital Ministry: Fr. Theo
Youth Group:
Gift Shop: Josephine Joan

Parish Organizations

Ladies Guild: President Patti Gomez
Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight Russell R. Sylvestre

Feast of the Epiphany

January 2nd, 2022

Is 60: 1-6 / Pd 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 / Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12

In our Gospel reading today God used a special and unusual star which twinkled across the heavens, drawing the wise men from the east, all the way to Jerusalem. Embarking on a long journey, they left home and security behind, and experienced hardships as well as the momentary disappearance of the star. They were led on by the hope that at the end of the arduous search they would come upon the light of the world.

The perseverance of the magi inspires us on our long journey from this life to the kingdom. We can easily see God's presence in our good fortune and successes, but we feel abandoned by him in our times of trials and failures. On this feast of Epiphany, we are reminded that even in the trying moments of our existence, God's love is beaming. Like a star, through seemingly absent during storms and cloudy nights, it remains firm and shining. Like a star, though invisible during the day, it becomes visibly bright in the dark times of our life.

A Jewish girl hid in a cave to escape from the German Nazis during the Second World War. They found her dead body and the inscriptions that she had made on the walls of the cave which read: "I believe in the sun though I do not see it shining; I believe in love though it may be absent; I believe in God even if I do not see him."

When confronted with discouragement and fear, look at the heavenly bodies for they too testify to us of God's presence. As the Psalmist declares, "I look to no one else in heaven, I delight in nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart are pining with love, my heart's rock, my own, God for ever!" (Psalm 73:25-26).

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the eternal light that dispels the darkness of the world. As the prophet Isaiah suggests in the first reading, the gentiles, represented by the wise men, gathered to share the joy and transforming power of God's revelation. St. John says of this event: "The Word was the true light that enlightens all; and he was coming into the world" (Jn 1:9). Jesus, however, had foreseen that his presence will bring hostility from others as he said: "Light has come into the world and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil" (Jn 3:19).

There are people who see Christ as a threat to their worldly values and ambitions. They consider him as an obstacle that convicts them as their bad actions and defeats their evil plans. Like Herod, some people may gladly destroy Jesus because he interferes on their way of life.

There are some who would have nothing to do with Christ. They can be so engrossed with their own affairs and beliefs that he means nothing to them. Like the chief priests and scribes, we can be nailed down with our own pride that we can only react with indifference to the Gospel and the Church.

The Magi, however, reacted with joy and adoration when the star finally led them to the presence of the Child Jesus. These people of knowledge and stature were filled with reverent worship as they prostrated themselves before the King of kings. They were people who sought faithfully the light of truth and once they found it, they humbly submitted themselves to it.

We are the modern day magi following the light of the Gospel that will eventually bring us to the fullness of Jesus. We look with the eyes of faith, sustained with hope, that on our pilgrimage in this life, God's love endures until the end. Let us also pray that we too may become stars to other people, that through our word and example, we can animate them to follow Jesus.



January 2nd, 2022 - Weekly Mass Schedule

2 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** †Gil Mazzolin by A.M, & †Jacquelin Heyburn by Rita, Missy, and Michelle
9:00am †Giuseppe Spallino by Sister Maria, & *Knights of Columbus by Council 13338
10:00am No Intention
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm In honor of Padre Pio by Fr. James DeVita, & †Frances Ferrara by Jean and Nunzio Squillante
6:00pm †Placido Rodriguez by Iris Knight, & †Joseph Francis Scollard by JoAnn Frank

3 MONDAY

- 7:30am** †Gerard and David Abrami by Fran, & †Agnes Verlander by Michael and Peggy John
8:30am †Casey Kowrach by Miriam Diiorio, & †Paula Krokus by Sundra and Andrew Wentzler,
 & †Macario Penserga by Marilyn Penderga

4 TUESDAY

- 7:30am** The O'Connor Family by Maureen Bruckner Davis, & *Aida Rodriguez and Lizi Ortiz by Martina DeBoise
8:30am †Glenn Ralph by Miriam Diiorio, †Kenneth Maltese by Linda Aldrich

5 WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am** Aida and Jesus Rodriguez by Martina DeBoise, & †Jeronimo Román by Martina DeBoise
8:30am †Michael Riutort by Iris Knight, & *James Sapounaskis by Kali Sapounakis

6 THURSDAY

- 7:30am** †Lilia Baldo by Lynnne, & *Andrea Colón Santiago and Grace Román by Martina DeBoise
8:30am Kali Sapounakis by JoAnn Frank, & *JoAnn Frank by Kali Sapounakis

7 FRIDAY

- 7:30am** †Levy Compas by Cecile Saien, & †Agnes Verlander by Butch and Loretta
8:30am †Florence Lovejoy by Camille and Lou Gilard, & †Lourdes Maria Machado by JoAnn Frank
6:00pm For Priests

8 SATURDAY

- 8:30am** †Carlos Henroid by Cannon Family, & †Sara Roby by Jerry and Teresa Roby
4:00pm Book of the Dead
5:30pm †William Huly by David and Marcia White, & †William Huly by Bill Bette Freeman

9 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** †Gil Mazzolin by A.M, & †Agnes Verlander by Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick
9:00am †Diane Brusca by Paula Clarke, & †Frances Ferrara by Rose Manuele
10:00am No Intention
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Mary and Bill Walsh by Children and Grandchildren, & †Jimmy Cozzi by Jean Denane
6:00pm Thanksgiving for Intention by EmTech, & †Joseph Anthony Mileti by Nancy Wilkinson and Alexander Elles

Unscheduled Mass Intentions

Prayer List

Thomas V. Fioto	by Rose
†Philip Fusco	by Rose
Deacon Anthony Cuseo	by Rose
†Phyllis Richards	by Rose
†Phyllis Richards	by Rose
†Susan Manuele	by Rose
†Susan Manuele	by Rose
†Catherine Kolkjorst	by Diane Greenfield & James Hennessy
Richard DeBella	by Uncle Thomas
Deacon Anthony Cuseo	by Dorothy Deedy
†John Jones	by Mr. & Mrs. John Hajko
†Chris Pierce	by Daniello Family
†Ina Cessa	by Carol Schwab

Inez McClary	Katherine Guttridge
Cole Ezeilo	Joe Lacorte
Bruce Tomchin	Raphael Roman
Michael Mukulu	Bob Dore
Doria Flaherty	Tamika Joy Domond
Linda Volz	Melanie & Dan Hall
Larry Boyden	James Ezeilo
T.J Genzale	James Potter
Michael Manuele	Evangeline Ezeilo
Jay Turner	Deacon Tony Cuseo
Mike Morrissey	Rosemary Anne Perkins
José Martinez	Cole Theriault
Tony Cusumano	

Weekly Updates

Our Weekly Offertory

Weekend Collection	December 19, 2021
Offertory Collection:	\$11,451.00
Second Collection:	\$1,982.00
Online:	667.55
Children's Mass:	\$163.00
TOTAL:	14,263.55

DSA

Goal = \$158,000
Amount Made = \$160,610
Over Goal = \$2,610



Thank you for your support for our poor box every week as we continue to feed our sisters and brothers/poor families every Wednesday.



Flowers & Lights For The Altar

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parish

VIGIL LIGHTS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parish

SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parish

Parish Events This Week

3 Monday

6:30am Adoration
1:00pm Monday at the Movies

4 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration
10:00am Faith Sharing

5 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration

6 Thursday

6:30am Adoration
10:00am Bible Study
3:00pm Adoration with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Priests, Religious, Missionaries, & Vocations

7 Friday

6:30am Adoration

8 Saturday

9:00am Confession

Weekly Readings & Saints of the Day

3 Monday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

4 Tuesday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

5 Wednesday

St. John Neumann
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

6 Thursday

St. André Bessette
1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

7 Friday

St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

8 Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Announcements

Parishioner Registration Forms

Registering as an Official Parishioner of Emmanuel is very important to us and you! Attending Mass on a regular basis does not technically mean you are registered. You must fill out a form, which will be entered into our records. Please pick up a form at the back of the church and return it to the parish office. You may also call the office to verify if you are already registered or not. Thank you!



Prayer Before Communion

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as a partaker of your mystical supper O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for judgement or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body & Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer For The Pavilion Project

Loving Father, creator of all things, we come to you asking your blessing on the construction of our pavilion. We pray for all involved in this project from donors to those who will bring it to completion. We dedicate this endeavor through the intercession of St. Joseph the worker. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all our hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, and the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.
Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.



PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY AND
THEIR FAMILIES

Prayer to Saint Jude for Hope

God the Father, give me hope. Help me to know that your hope is alive in me as I offer kindness, forgiveness, and tenderness to others. I seek the calm that comes from trusting in your hope and your healing presence.

I trust that your servant St. Jude walks with me and in all the blessings and challenges of my life, and intercedes on behalf of my petitions.

St. Jude, fill my heart with hope.

Amen.

New Year Message

We begin a new year. It's been a difficult year in many ways. Yet we celebrate. Why? Perhaps because 2021 is over. Perhaps because we've made it this far in spite of problems and dangers. Hopefully, we celebrate also in gratitude for the good things that happened. And finally I think we celebrate because we are essentially optimistic people. We have hope in the future in spite of possible dangers and inevitable problems. Optimism is the only attitude a Christian can adopt because we believe in the goodness of God and his plans for our eternal happiness. St. Paul's statement in Romans has always been a source of strength and optimism for me: "For those who love God, all things work out for good." (Rom. 8:28). If I didn't believe that, I would be very depressed. Our optimism is grounded in reality. So we begin the year with prayer, the greatest prayer we have, the Mass, asking for God's blessing and help for the future.

I want to offer three ideas that are extremely important.

The first concerns how we answer the most profound questions about the meaning of life, the meaning of our own life and where our life is taking us. Popular culture, TV talk shows, the people we hang around with, the books we read, the variety of religious beliefs in the world today all gives us ideas as to why we're here and where we're going. Everything we do this year will be fundamentally guided by the answers we give to these questions. Even to make no decision about these basic life issues is to make a decision. Our faith tells us there is only one reliable answer: the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is God's Son who came to earth to show us the way to eternal life. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," he tells us. Any other way will lead us nowhere. That's why we pray, why we come to Mass, why we are encouraged to read the Scriptures, so we can be guided by his light, his wisdom, his truth.

My second profound thought is about time. It is precious. Use it well. And if we haven't used it well in the past, it's not too late to start over.

Third thought is about the Blessed Mother Mary, the mother of God is our mother too. Many of us have experienced her maternal closeness and help. We cannot but thank her for carrying us through the difficulties of life and for protecting us from danger and harm. Jesus tells us "Do not be afraid". So have courage to face the future. Keep that Faith, keep that hope, keep that love.

Have a Blessed New Year 2022.

Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Announcements

Each Christmas season the Knights Of Columbus host a Keep Christ In Christmas Poster contest for all of our students. The contest is a fun way to promote the true spirit of Christmas through the eyes of our students. It gives them the opportunity to use their creativity and talent. We had 20 awesome and unique posters to judge this year! Thank you to all the students who participated!

Congratulations to
First Place Amelia Forchette
Second Place Xena Pereira
Third Place Sergio Gonzalez



Third Place



Second Place



First Place

Announcements

These are some of the completed projects this year. The concrete Rosary walk and grotto, new colored plants, sod, a new cross, and a new roof for our priests residence. All these happened because of your generosity. So **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** Miracles happens when everybody shares. We are still patiently waiting for the permit from the City of Delray to start our Pavilion Project and Parking Lot.

Fr. Zamora



Announcements

The CHOSEN

Join us in watching

The CHOSEN

SEASON 2
EPISODES 1 & 2

MONDAY JANUARY 3RD
AT 1:00PM

FREE POPCORN!
MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN IN
THE BIG CLASSROOM



Prayer To St. Michael

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE
WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF
THE DEVIL.
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE
HUMBLY PRAY,
AND DO THOU,
O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY
HOSTS,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
THRUST INTO HELL SATAN,
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL ABOUT THE WORLD
SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.
AMEN

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Story

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.

At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support.

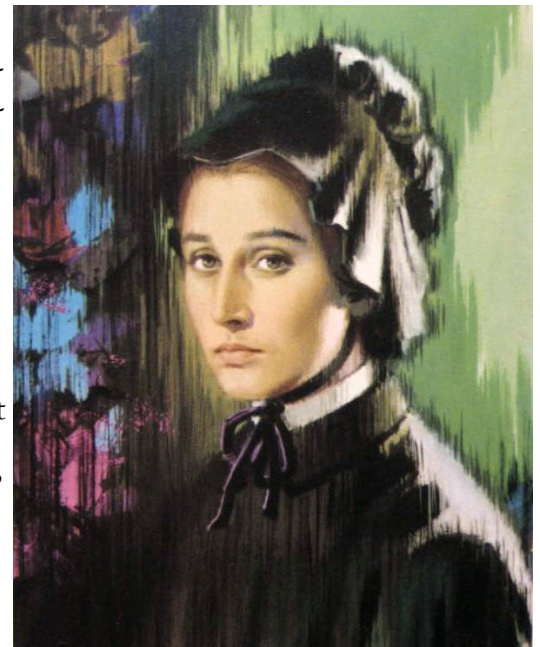
While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicism in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.

The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Reflection

Elizabeth Ann Seton had no extraordinary gifts. She was not a mystic or stigmatic. She did not prophesy or speak in tongues. She had two great devotions: abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote to a friend, Julia Scott, that she would prefer to exchange the world for a "cave or a desert." "But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own." Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will.



My First Christmas in Heaven



I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights,
like heaven's stars, reflection on the snow

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear for I am spending
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of
music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring for it is beyond
description to hear the angels sing

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside you hear
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart

So be happy for me, my dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year

I sent you a special gift from my heavenly home above I sent you each a
memory of my undying love

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold it was always more
important in the stories Jesus told

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do, for I can't count the
blessings or love he has for each of you

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear remember I am spending
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year



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