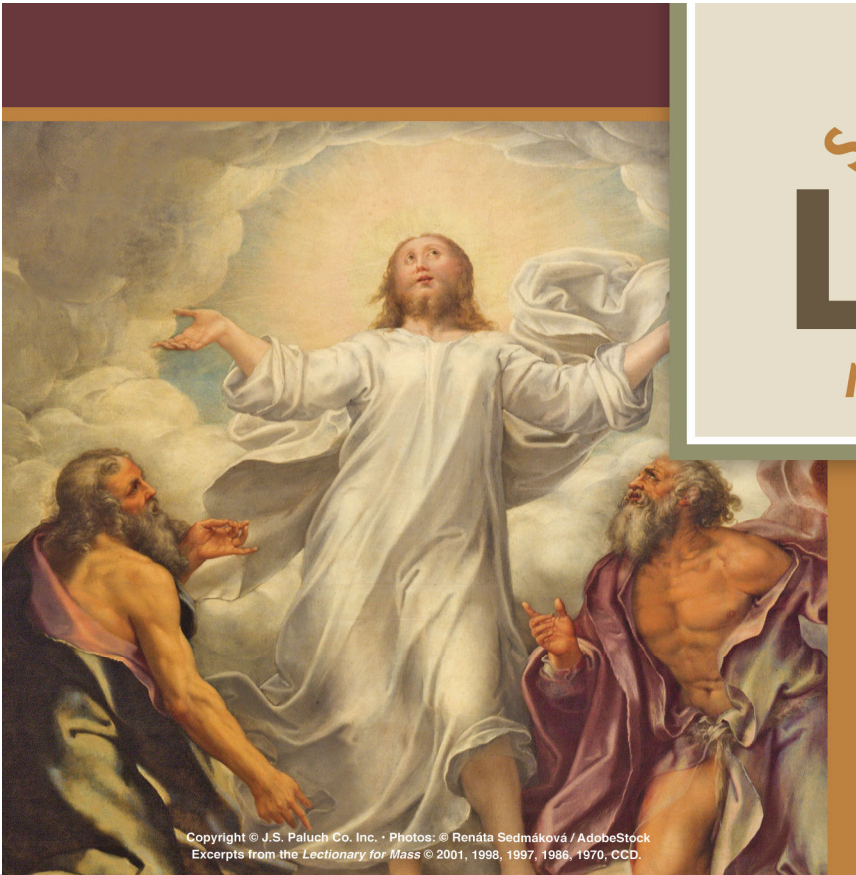


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## Second Sunday of LENT

March 13, 2022



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Then from the cloud  
came a voice that said,  
“This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him.”

Luke 9:35

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday  
8:00am - 4:00pm

### DAILY MASSES— Season of Lent

Monday - Thursday 7:30am, 8:30am, 12 noon  
Friday: 7:30am, 8:30am, 12 noon, 6:00pm  
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

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.

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## **Parish Organizational Chart**

Most Reverend Gerald M Barbarito

*Bishop of Palm Beach*

Rev. Gaudioso Zamora

*Pastor*

### **Clergy**

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

### **Staff**

Bookkeeper: Tanya Kuppamala ext: 1001  
Secretary: Stella Sadolfo ext: 1007  
Receptionist: Michelle Pullorkunnel ext: 1000  
Property Manager: Edward Shannon ext: 1006  
Pastoral Programs: Joella Anastasi ext: 1002

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<h3><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></h3>	<h3><b>Parish Finance Council</b></h3>
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## **Parish Ministries**

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation: Dcn. Tony Cuseo  
Religious Education: Jean Krokus ext:1005  
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, Ree Joy Baldonado,  
Clanaven Baldonado & Men's Choir

Altar Flowers: Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community  
Altar & Clergy Vestments:  
Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman & Nancy McDonald  
Homebound: Fr. Theo ext: 1004  
Hospital Ministry: Fr. Theo ext: 1004  
Youth Group:  
Gift Shop: Josephine Joan ext: 1009  
Blood Drive: Patti Gomez 561-293-9761

## **Parish Organizations**

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

## Second Sunday of Lent (C)

March 13, 2022

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 / Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1] / Lk 9:28b-36

A mother was diagnosed to have cancer. In order to save her life, she must subject herself to chemotherapy or surgical operation to prevent the disease from spreading to the other parts of the body. The problem was that she is six months pregnant. To save her life means she had to abort her child. Since abortion is legal in her country, many people pressured her to kill the baby in her womb so that she may live.

And yet, following the example of Christ, she made a choice of life. She kept the baby. She made a choice of death, her own death. It is better for her, she thought, to die than to kill the child in her womb. It is better for her to die in order to save her son.

On January 25, 1993, she fell into coma and the baby was born by caesarian operation. She died eight hours later. On February 4, the baby died.

This created a great uproar in the community. The headline of the leading newspaper said, "To die for a son is useless." But the Catholic Daily demurred: "Don't say it was useless."

Was it useless? Maybe we may be tempted to say it was a useless death of a mother, a useless sacrifice because her baby died just the same. She could have saved her life and let the child die. But what would you think if you were that child?

Using the story as a point of reference to the true story of Christ, let us try to reflect very well on the same disturbing question: Was it useless? Christ chose death, an ignominious death of crucifixion, in order to save us. It was better for him to be like a wheat that falls and dies that it may bear much fruit. Our Lord made a choice of life by making a choice of his own death that we have life.

We know that Christ died on the cross because true love knows no bounds. True love is unconditional. He knew that in his death, there would be others follow his example, be willing to die like him may live. It is in entering into the suffering cross of Christ that we can share his glory and declare, "We are children of God."

This is the reason why Christ brought Peter, James and John to the mountain and transfigured before their eyes- his face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light. Moses, the great law-giver and Elijah, the great prophet, were there to recognize Jesus as the one of whom they dreamed and foretold.

This foretaste of Christ's glory gave hope to the disciples when their Teacher and Master died on the cross. It was this transfiguration which brought strength to them when it was their time to suffer and die. It is with that same hope that we should carry our own struggles and our crosses. Under the guidance of Christ's Spirit, we will not only overcome, but we will one day shine in glory as he did.

Let us pray that we can help in sharing that hope, the light on Mount Tabor, in this world of tears and pain. Let it shine among us and in the people around us.

By the lives we live, let us proclaim that Christ's death was not useless.



## March 13th 2022 - Weekly Mass Schedule

### 13 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** Michael Borg by A.M., & †Philip Carlo by Wife  
**9:00am** †David Dillion by Margie and Tony Prendergast, & †Susan Manuele by Rose  
**10:00am** No Intention  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Felicia and Theodore Facciuto by —, & Sal Cirella by Barbara Rossi  
**6:00pm** †Pam Link by Anne Gerhard, & †Jacqueline Lorraine Zuniga by Diane V. Demma

### 14 MONDAY

- 7:30am** Thanksgiving for blessings by Mike and Chris, & Alvin Ruiz by Martina DeBoise  
**8:30am** †Gino Fusco by Sadolfo Family, & †Rev. Ronaldo Damian and Iolene Brown by Foley Family  
**12:00pm** †James Marcou by Wife, & The Pavilion by —

### 15 TUESDAY

- 7:30am** †Juan Peraza by Wife, & \*Alvin Ruiz by Martina DeBoise  
**8:30am** Thanksgiving for blessings by Mike and Chris, & †Agnes Verlander by Butch and Loretta  
**12:00pm** †Bob Krokus by Josephine Krokus, & †Francesca Catania Longo by Mr. and Mrs. Camillo Catello

### 16 WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am** Thanksgiving for blessings by Mike and Chris & †Carlos and Angela Henroid by Cannon Family  
**9:00am** Linda Aldrich by Catherine and Sons, & †Maria Esperanza Bianchini by Cannon Family  
**12:00pm** †Agnes and Francis Martin by Hermonie D’Cruz, & †Giacchino by Mr. and Mrs. Camillo Catello

### 17 THURSDAY

- 7:30am** †Carol Carroll by Elizabeth and Darrell, & †Iolene Brown by Cannon Family  
**8:30am** Thanksgiving for Blessings by Mike and Chris, & †Josef Frank by JoAnn Frank  
**12:00pm** †Sally Myers by Friends and Family, & †Irma Toscano Parker by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Toscano

### 18 FRIDAY

- 7:30am** Joseph Robert Raygada by Elsa Caraballo, & †Rosa Samiento by Rice-Motta Family  
**8:30am** †Elenora Pace by Mario Pace, & Thanksgiving for blessings by Mike and Chris  
**12:00pm** †Nina Fazzolare by Imperial Villa Friends, & †Paul Ianni by Friends from Sabal Pines  
**6:00pm** For the Intentions of the Celebrant

### 19 SATURDAY

- 8:30am** In honor of Padre Pio by Fr. James DeVita, & †Ferdinand D’Cruz by Hermoine D’Cruz  
**4:00pm** Book of the Dead  
**5:30pm** †Lui C. Bambace by Tom Bambace, & Schleicher Family by —

### 20 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** President Joe Biden by Our Family & \*Michelle Parrillo by A.M.  
**9:00am** †Tony Donnino by Carmella D., & †Judith Everts by Ramon Palmero  
**10:00am** No Intention  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Crescenzo and Christina Rosato by Granddaughter, & †Rose DeChicchio by Donna and Dan Baldowicz, & \*Guillermo and Jocelyn Carracaso by Barbara Rossi  
**6:00pm** †Anthony Pagliuca by Jill and Michael Pagliuca, & †Francesca Catania Longo by Mr. and Mrs. M. Sassani

### Unscheduled Mass Intentions

†Eileen Keyasko	by Zelda and Melvin Peckerman
†Germinal Luis	by Gabriela Luis
†Seamus McWeeney	by Philomena and Chris Dolan
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†Maryann Librezzi	by Angie and Pete Belice
*Terrance & Jessica Galvin	by Family
*Diane Fulginiti	by Carol Schwab
*Stephen Madden	by Carol Schwab
†Caroline Cagnini	by Emmanuel Pece
Wynne Family	by Patrick and Nora Flynn

### Prayer List

James Ezeilo	Michael Manuele
Evangeline Ezeilo	Rosemary Anne Perkins
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Janet Waller-Woudenberg	George Leutz
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Andrew Danza	Frank Perticone
William Andragna Sr.	José Martinez
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T.J Genzale	Anthony Marone




## Weekly Updates

### Our Weekly Offertory

Weekend Collection	March 6, 2021
Offertory Collection:	\$16,755.00
Second Collection:	\$2,928.00
Online:	\$990.80
Children's Mass:	\$256.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$8,815.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$29,744.80</b>

### DSA

<p>Goal = \$150,000          Amount Made = \$71,830          Remaining = \$78,170</p> 
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### Flowers & Lights For The Altar

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

For Romano Family by A.M.

#### VIGIL LIGHTS

For Romano Family by A.M.

#### SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parish

### Emmanuel Festival 2022

<p><b>Income = \$53,557.50</b>  <b>Expenses = \$6,505.82</b>  <b>Profit = \$47,051.68</b></p>
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### Parish Events This Week

<b>14 Monday</b>	
6:30am	Adoration
1:00pm	Monday at the Movies
<b>15 Tuesday</b>	
6:30am	Adoration
10:00am	Faith Sharing
<b>16 Wednesday</b>	
6:30am	Adoration
4:00pm	SoulCore
<b>17 Thursday</b>	
6:30am	Adoration
10:00am	Bible Study
3:00pm	Holy Hour for Priests, Religious, Missionaries, & Vocations
<b>18 Friday</b>	
6:30am	Adoration
6:30pm	Taize
<b>19 Saturday</b>	
9:00am	Confession

### Clergy Schedule

#### 14 Monday

7:30am Fr. Zamora  
 8:30am Fr. Carr  
 12:00pm Fr. Canaan

#### 15 Tuesday

7:30am Fr. Zamora  
 8:30am Fr. Canaan  
 12:00pm Fr. Theo

#### 16 Wednesday

7:30am Fr. Theo  
 8:30am Fr. Carr  
 12:00pm Fr. Leone

#### 17 Thursday

7:30am Fr. Zamora  
 8:30am Fr. Theo  
 12:00pm Fr. Canaan

#### 18 Friday

7:30am Fr. Theo  
 8:30am Fr. Zamora  
 12:00pm Fr. Carr  
 6:00pm Fr. Leone

#### 18 Saturday

8:30am Fr. Theo  
 4:00pm Fr. Leone  
 5:30pm Fr. Zamora

#### 19 Sunday

7:30am Fr. Theo  
 9:00am Fr. Canaan  
 10:30am Fr. Carr  
 12:00pm Msgr. Badia  
 6:00pm Fr. Zamora

## 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

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.  
Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.  
Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.  
Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen



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.

## Announcements

# My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am pleased to share with you the 2022 Diocesan Services Appeal theme: *“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”* (Jn 20:21). Jesus speaks these words to His apostles after the Resurrection as He places the mission of spreading the Good News in their hands.

Like the apostles, we are also called to go forth and spread the Good News by showing our faith and good deeds to the world. One way to show our faith is by supporting the Diocese of Palm Beach’s offices and ministries underwritten by the Diocesan Services Appeal. Donations to the DSA stay local, financing 47 Catholic initiatives within our five counties. The funding protects the most vulnerable among us, from the unborn child to the elderly, provides food for those in our community who are hungry, sustains our Catholic schools, supports our seminarians preparing for the priesthood, and much, much more.

By supporting the DSA, you will help make a great difference, for which I would be deeply grateful. Your generosity will sustain our tradition of sharing and bringing hope to others. I prayerfully ask you to consider a gift to the DSA. Your participation in the appeal is a vital part of our ability to provide services for our diocese and for those in need. Above all, I ask for your prayers for the success of the DSA, even if you are not able to contribute at this time. As we are sent, we are all part of the family of faith.

With every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito

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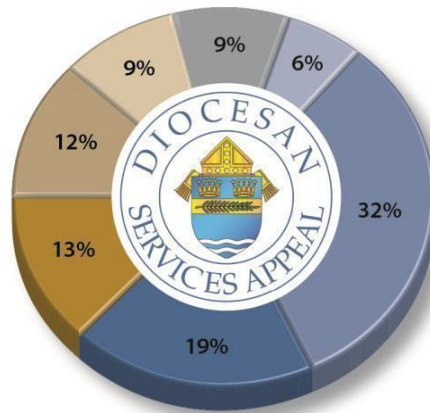
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## Announcements

### RCIA

Our RCIA candidates and their sponsors at the Cathedral for the Rite Election

Sheila Binder with sponsor Isabella Preble

Brad Amster with sponsor Lucia Villagomez



Join us in watching

# Jesus of Nazareth

— PART 2 OF 4 —

MONDAY MARCH 14TH

AT 1:00PM

FREE POPCORN!

MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN IN  
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## Announcements

### PRAYER TOUCHES THE HEART OF GOD

Please pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia and the Leaders of the World

As Ukrainians flee their homes due to the conflict with Russia, Catholic Relief Services and its partner, Caritas Poland, are assisting those in need. CRS and Caritas partners are on the ground in Ukraine and in bordering countries ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

We ask you to pray for those affected by this situation. If you are interested in supporting the relief efforts, direct donations to Catholic Relief Services online at <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>. You can also find this information on our website and social media if you would like to link directly to those sites.



### KoC Food Drive

There will be a Food Drive on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for the residence of Palm Beach County hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your generosity!



### Ladies Guild

LENTEN RETREAT will be Tuesday, March 15, beginning with 8:30AM Mass.

Following Mass, we have a speaker (Fr. Timothy), refreshments will be served. Confession will also be available to all who are interested.

Questions, please contact Miriam Diiorio: 561 243-9915

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

## Announcements

Ms. Julie lead our students through the Stations of the Cross. This is the best way to put into perspective and teach the students the “Why” of Lent and what the goal of Lent is. We spend Lent trying to become a better version of ourselves as Christians to recommit ourselves as followers of Christ on Easter morning. The Stations of the Cross helps them understand Jesus’ sacrifice and love for us.





## Announcements

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? 8 Reasons from Pope Francis

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

### 1. THEY ALLOW US TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM

“The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... **let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!** Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**2. THEY PUT US INTO THE STORY** “**And you, who do you want to be?** Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

### 3. THEY REMIND US THAT JESUS SUFFERS WITH US

“The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: **‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you.** I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life’ (cf. Jn 3:16).” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

### 4. THEY COMPEL US TO ACTION

“But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, **teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer,** who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

### 5. THEY HELPS US MAKE A DECISION FOR OR AGAINST CHRIST

“[The Cross] reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. **If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self,** because God never condemns, he only loves and saves.” —Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

### 6. THEY REVEAL GOD’S RESPONSE TO EVIL IN THE WORLD

“The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. **And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ:** a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness.” — Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

### 7. THEY GIVE US THE CERTAINTY OF GOD’S LOVE FOR US

“What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? **You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us.**” — Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

### 8. THEY GUIDE US FROM THE CROSS TO THE RESURRECTION

“O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: ‘Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. **Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him**’.” — Address, Good Friday, April 18, 2014



### Saint Louise de Marillac's Story

Born near Meux, France, Louise lost her mother when she was still a child, her beloved father when she was but 15. Her desire to become a nun was discouraged by her confessor, and a marriage was arranged. One son was born of this union. But Louise soon found herself nursing her beloved husband through a long illness that finally led to his death.

Louise was fortunate to have a wise and sympathetic counselor, Francis de Sales, and then his friend, the bishop of Belley, France. Both of these men were available to her only periodically. But from an interior illumination she understood that she was to undertake a great work under the guidance of another person she had not yet met. This was the holy priest Monsieur Vincent, later to be known as Saint Vincent de Paul.

At first, he was reluctant to be her confessor, busy as he was with his "Confraternities of Charity." Members were aristocratic ladies of charity who were helping him nurse the poor and look after neglected children, a real need of the day. But the ladies were busy with many of their own concerns and duties. His work needed many more helpers, especially ones who were peasants themselves and therefore, close to the poor and able to win their hearts. He also needed someone who could teach them and organize them.

Only over a long period of time, as Vincent de Paul became more acquainted with Louise, did he come to realize that she was the answer to his prayers. She was intelligent, self-effacing, and had physical strength and endurance that belied her continuing feeble health. The missions he sent her on eventually led to four simple young women joining her. Her rented home in Paris became the training center for those accepted for the service of the sick and poor. Growth was rapid and soon there was the need for a so-called "rule of life," which Louise herself, under the guidance of Vincent, drew up for the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Monsieur Vincent had always been slow and prudent in his dealings with Louise and the new group. He said that he had never had any idea of starting a new community, that it was God who did everything. "Your convent," he said, "will be the house of the sick; your cell, a hired room; your chapel, the parish church; your cloister, the streets of the city or the wards of the hospital." Their dress was to be that of the peasant women. It was not until years later that Vincent de Paul would finally permit four of the women to take annual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It was still more years before the company would be formally approved by Rome and placed under the direction of Vincent's own congregation of priests.

Many of the young women were illiterate. Still it was with reluctance that the new community undertook the care of neglected children. Louise was busy helping wherever needed despite her poor health. She traveled throughout France, establishing her community members in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions. At her death on March 15, 1660, the congregation had more than 40 houses in France. Six months later Vincent de Paul followed her in death.

Louise de Marillac was canonized in 1934 and declared patroness of social workers in 1960.

#### Reflection

In Louise's day, serving the needs of the poor was usually a luxury only fine ladies could afford. Her mentor, Saint Vincent de Paul, wisely realized that women of peasant stock could reach poor people more effectively, and the Daughters of Charity were born under her leadership. Today, that order—along with the Sisters of Charity—continues to nurse the sick and aging and provide refuge for orphans. Many of its members are social workers toiling under Louise's patronage. The rest of us must share her concern for the disadvantaged.





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