

# EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Fifth Sunday of **LENT**

April 3, 2022



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“Let the one among you  
who is without sin  
be the first to throw  
a stone at her.”

John 8:7

### 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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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

### **Parish Finance Council**

## **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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
**April 3rd, 2022**  
**Is 43: 16-21 / Ps 126: 1-6 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8: 1-11**

In our Gospel today, a woman was caught in adultery. She might have been discovered by her husband. The neighbors may have heard the squabble and immediately news got around the neighborhood. People like scandals. They do not like to be the last one to know. So, they all came. They were there to enjoy the gossip and to join in the condemnation. They thought, they were all righteous.

Treated like a thing without feelings, the woman was dragged to Jesus' presence. They did that not because they didn't know what to do. They knew the Law of Moses should be applied to her: "if a man is discovered having relations with a woman who is married to another, both the man and the woman whom he has had relations shall die" (Deut. 22:22).

But they wanted to hit two birds with one stone, so to speak. If Jesus would say that the woman should be pardoned, it would mean he was breaking the Law of Moses and he was even encouraging people to commit sin. If he said that she should be stoned to death, he would lose his reputation of being a friend of sinners; he would even possibly come into collision with the Romans who forbade any Jew to carry out the death sentence on anyone.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. Some scriptural commentaries suggest that he was writing in the dust the sins of the very men who were accusing the woman. Others suggest that his very heart was filled with agony seeing the lust of the Pharisees and the scribes, the cruelty of the people, and the shame of the woman.

Whatever be the reason, the teachers of the law and the pharisees continued to demand an answer from him. Jesus must have looked at them one by one with eyes that penetrated the very depths of their hearts and souls. Breaking the eerie suspense, Christ said: "Let the man among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

The people might have stared at each other. They might have gazed on themselves and the stones they clutched in their hands. One by one, as the Gospel relates, the crowd left, beginning with the eldest down to the youngest. They realized that they too had also sinned and deserved to be on the spot where the woman was to be stoned.

Only Christ and the woman remained. As St. Augustine puts it: "Relicti sunt duo: Misera et misericorsia" (Left are two: the misery and the mercy). "Has no one condemned you?," asked Jesus. "No one, sir," she answered. Jesus said, "Nor do I condemn you. You may go. But from now on, avoid this sin." Christ was saying in effect, "I know you have messed your life. You have been given another chance. Prove that you can do better next time."

In the first reading, Yahweh said through the prophet Isaiah: "No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See I am doing a new deed..." (Is. 43: 18-19). In the second reading St. Paul said: "I forget the past and strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upward to receive in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14)

Life, as they say, is a race. But it is not a 100-meter dash. Some run fast while others may run slowly. Some may get lost in the racetrack and some may even fall along the way. Whatever it may be, Christ wants us to keep running, finish the race and conscious of his mercy whether first or last, claim the crown of victory which is ours through the forgiveness and salvation of Christ, our Lord.



## April 3rd 2022 - Weekly Mass Schedule

### 3 SUNDAY

**7:30am** Amy Lemon by A.M., & \*Genna Reneé Lucibella by Sal Mastroeni, & †Lorraine Dignelli by Michael Dignelli  
**9:00am** Knights of Columbus by Council 13338, & †George and Frank Untener by Wife and Mother  
**10:00am** No Intention  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Felicia and Theodore Facciuto by —, & †Mary and Bill Walsh by Children and Grandchildren  
**6:00pm** †Georgianne Strompf by Debbie and Wendy, & †Margaret and Gustave Jarvis by Grandson Bob

### 4 MONDAY

**7:30am** †Gerard and David Abrami by Fran, & \*Ricarda Vargas by Elsa Caraballo  
**8:30am** †Frank Davis by Wife Barbara, & †Rosario Pappalardo by Daughter Rose  
**12:00pm** †Susan Angell Malone by Bill and Bette Freeman, & †Susan Angell Malone by Kathy Hayes and Family

### 5 TUESDAY

**7:30am** †Elda Garcia by Denise Cavallo, & \*Robert Colvin by Natalie and Bill Flanagan  
**8:30am** Patsy Langone by Cusumano Family, & †Miranda Wasserman by Rosann and Peter Sepulveda  
**12:00pm** †Catherine Snyder by Her 3 Daughters, & †Aiden Colangeli by Anne and Gerry Gerhard

### 6 WEDNESDAY

**7:30am** †Maria Hernandez de Gaviño by Gaviño Family, & †Barbara Giannettino by Mitch and Marsha Frey  
**8:30am** †Susan Malone by Camille and Lou Gilardi, †Alex Impagliazzo by Diane Mendez and Family  
**12:00pm** †Angelo Messina by Family

### 7 THURSDAY

**7:30am** †Maria Esperanza Bianchini by Cannon Family, & \*Thanksgiving for Rylie and Ryan by Martina DeBoise  
**8:30am** \*Charlene and Joseph Raygada by Elsa Caraballo, & †Frank DiNoto by Knights of Columbus  
**12:00pm** †Barbara Giannettino by Wendy and Debbie, & \*Compassion, Love God above all else by —

### 8 FRIDAY

**7:30am** \*The Catholic Church by —, & †Frieda Freshman by Cookie Anastasi  
**8:30am** †Sara Roby by Theresa and Jerry Roby, & †James DiGiovanni by A.M.  
**12:00pm** \*In honor of Padre Pio by Fr. James DeVita, & \*Schickendanz Family by —  
**6:00pm** For the Intentions of the Celebrant

### 9 SATURDAY

**8:30am** \*Garcia-Fuentes Family by Monica Paez, & †James and Nora Demars by Monica Paez, & †Georgianne Strompf by Mr. and Mrs. Davis Strompf  
**4:00pm** Book of the Dead  
**5:30pm** \*The Pavilion by —, & †Josephine and Matteo Caporusso by Yolanda Russo

### 10 SUNDAY

**7:30am** \*Anastasia Family by A.M., & †Pedro Julio Mancevo by Estebania Brea  
**9:00am** †Ann S. Bambace by Tom Bambace, & †Angela, John, and Walter Dajczak by Jennifer  
**10:00am** No Intention  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Anthony Facciuto by —, & †Elenora Pace by Mario Pace  
**6:00pm** \*Aaram, Zaven, Naman Barsoom by Mom, & \*Emmanuel Catholic Church by Dorothy

### Unscheduled Mass Intentions

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| †George Canberg       | by Lillian Fenton    |
| *Jan Durmer           | by Carol Schwab      |
| †Harold Dalton        | by Son               |
| †Dominico Semenitilli | by Wife              |
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| †Vincenza Cortina     | by Liana Semenitilli |
| †Giuseppe Cortina     | by Liana Semenitilli |
| †Angelo Cortina       | by Liana Semenitilli |
| †Dino Cortina         | by Liana Semenitilli |
| †Fernanda Cortina     | by Liana Semenitilli |
| †Teresa Cortina       | by Liana Semenitilli |

### Prayer List

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Kathleen Adragna  | Crystal B                 |
| Jamel Charles     | Samuel Ezeilo             |
| Dupe Charles      | Maggie Dolan              |
| George Leutz      | Margaret Hilferty         |
| Mary Carton       | Janette Waller-Woudenberg |
| Connie Panepinto  | Virginia Laut             |
| Frank Perticone   | Lauren                    |
| José Martinez     | T.J. Genzale              |
| Christine Leach   | Michael Manuele           |
| †Anthony Marone   | Rosemary Anne Perkins     |
| Marguerite Dawson | Joel Bartoshy             |

## Weekly Updates

### Our Weekly Offertory

| Weekend Collection    | March 27, 2022     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collection: | \$13,851           |
| Second Collection:    | \$3,153            |
| Online:               | \$573.13           |
| Children's Mass:      | \$272.00           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>         | <b>\$17,849.13</b> |

### DSA

Goal = \$150,000  
Amount Made = \$84,642  
Remaining = \$65,358



### Flowers & Lights For The Altar

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

For Mary Therese Lieb by A.M.

#### VIGIL LIGHTS

For Mary Therese Lieb by A.M.

#### SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parish

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



### Parish Events This Week

#### 4 Monday

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

#### 5 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration  
10:00am Faith Sharing

#### 6 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration  
4:00pm SoulCore

#### 7 Thursday

6:30am Adoration  
10:00am Bible Study  
3:00pm Holy Hour for Priests, Religious, Missionaries, & Vocations

#### 8 Friday

6:30am Adoration  
6:30am Taizé

#### 9 Saturday

9:00am Confession

### Clergy Schedule

#### 4 Monday

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

#### 5 Tuesday

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

#### 6 Wednesday

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

#### 7 Thursday

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

#### 8 Friday

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

#### 9 Saturday

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

#### 10 Sunday

7:30am Fr. Zamora  
9:00am Fr. Leone  
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 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.

### Gift Shop

Come visit our gift shop for all your religious goods!

### 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

## Announcements



### The Symbols of Lent and their Meaning

**Violet/Purple color:** This is a somber color for the Lenten season which signifies humility, willingness to repent, mourning for the sins and suffering with Jesus.

**Stones:** They remind us of Jesus' experience in the desert for forty days and being tempted by the devil. Jesus was tempted by the devil to change stones into bread but he did not heed to the devil. He remained steadfast and overcame the temptations. The stones symbolize austerity and rigor, desolation, misery and sadness.

**Sackcloth:** Sackcloth is a coarse, cloth in which the Jewish people made from goat's hair. Today it can be made from flax or hemp or other natural fibers to create a rough, woven fabric. The Hebrews wore sackcloth, together with wood ashes, as a sign of mourning or repentance or when praying for certain serious needs. Sackcloth can be worn under one's clothes as a scapular or vest and can be inexpensively but from burlap or rough cloth. Sackcloth traditionally figures in Lent as a symbol of repentance from sin. LORD, let me cloth myself in the sackcloth of repentance. My sins irritate my conscience as sackcloth irritates a body.

**Wheat:** At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist. The bread that became his Body was made from wheat. Jesus used wheat in a parable when He said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies it bears much fruit." Jesus used wheat in a parable to refer to himself and the death that he was about to undergo. The parable also can refer to us in that we have to die to ourselves so that we can be resurrected to new life in Jesus. Just as all the grains of wheat are crushed to make flour for one loaf, so all of us who follow Christ will, through our sufferings, be united in His Body the Church.

**Thorns:** It reminds us of physical suffering, loneliness and injustices in the world.

**Cross:** It symbolizes victory over death and salvation from sin.

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit"*

# Announcements

## Religious Education

On Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, Our confirmation students participated in a enlightening and fun Confirmation Retreat hosted by Jesus Youth, Sindhu Nadarajan and Jerome Plummer.

We are so thankful and blessed to have individuals who have guided our students on this journey to Confirmation this year. We are grateful for all you have done to prepare the students for Confirmation. A big thank you to their teacher Jerome Plummer for rousing the students to receive the Holy Spirit. To Father Zamora and Father Theo for confession so the students may receive the Spirit pure in heart, Sindhu, Brian & Swapna Mundackal, Tony & Monica Patteril, Yamile & Jithin George, Suraj Sajo, and Divya Abraham who lead the students in Ice Breaker games, skits, testimonies and adoration.

Here are some photos from this beautiful day.



## Announcements

### List of Confirmation Candidates

Helsy Aguirre-Gomez

Jose Alvarez

Myles Basso

Joseph Capizola

Daelene Decena

Jericho Elegores

Micah Elegores

Andrea Fusaro

Gabriel Fusaro

Joanna Garcia

Reidyn Gaviola

Caroline Kurzweil

Heather Kurzweil

Yaquelin Lopez

Christian Paone

Joseph Palermo

Logan Rodrigues

Natalia Rodriguez

Brisa Valdez

Citali Valdez

Yuritzzy Valdez



### PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Holy Spirit, strengthen our Confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter. Amen.



## Announcements

### Religious Education

Hello CCD families,

Our schedule for the remainder of the school year is:

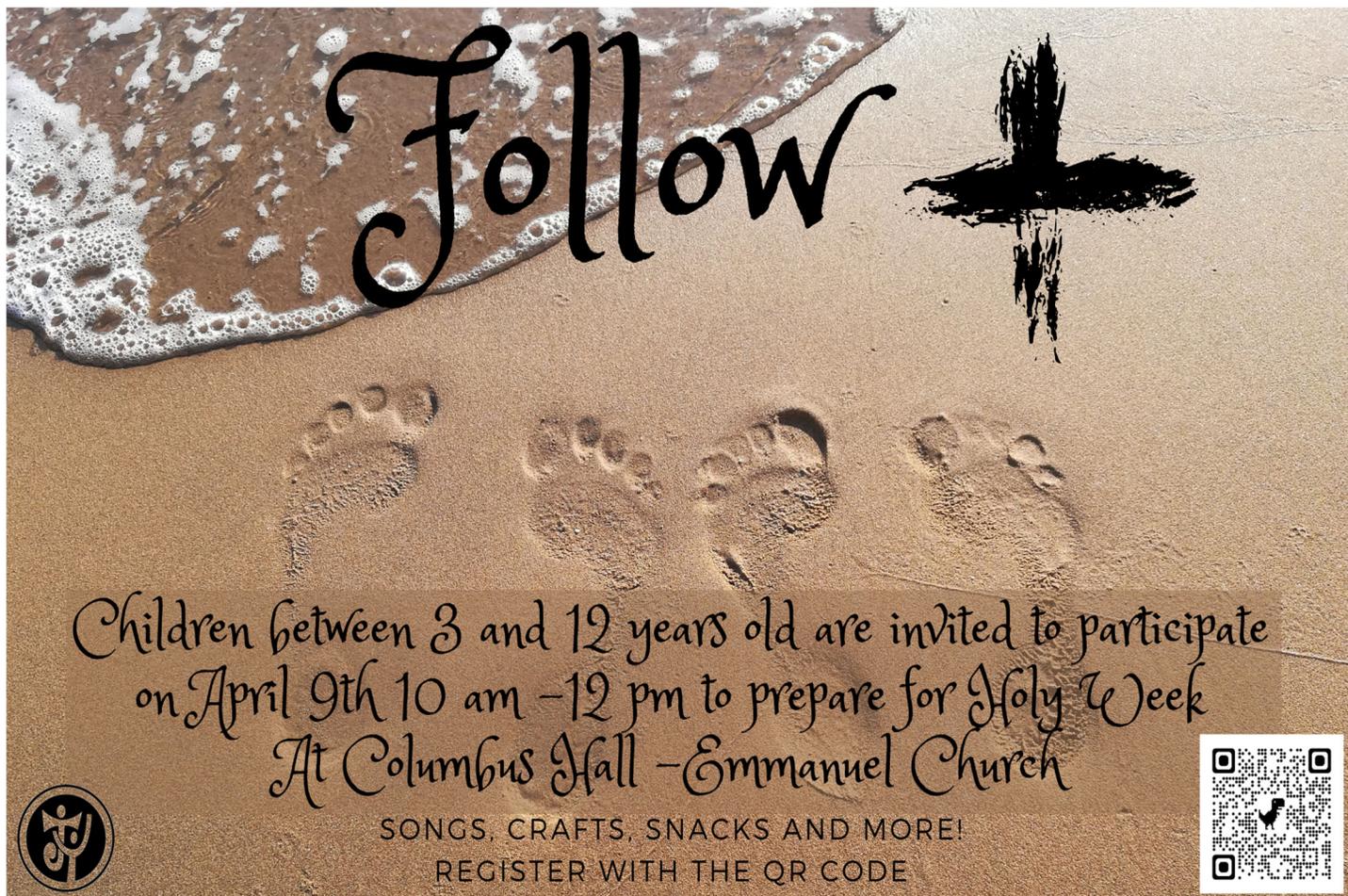
**Kindergarten-5th grade:** April 3rd, 10th, 24th. May 1st, May 8th

2nd grade Sacraments class: Jesus Day Retreat Saturday April 9th, 8:00am-12:00pm, First Holy Communion Saturday May 7th. 9:30am.

**6th-7th Grade:** April 10th, May 8th. These classes will meet with Ms. Julie from 10:30-11:30am

**8th Grade:** April 10th, May 8th. Class will be from 11:30-1:00pm in the large classroom

No class or children's 10:00am mass on Easter Sunday April 17th. Please attend the 9:00am family mass for Easter Service with fun activity immediately following mass.



*Follow*

Children between 3 and 12 years old are invited to participate  
on April 9th 10 am -12 pm to prepare for Holy Week  
At Columbus Hall - Emmanuel Church

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## Announcements

### Knights of Columbus

This month Grand Knight Rus Sylvestre awarded three Knight of the Month awards to Brother Knights who have distinguished themselves through outstanding efforts to serve both the council and the parish.

Brother John Desnoyers has served the council as Chancellor and headed up our Tootsie Roll drive for the past several years,

Brother Armando Minutoli was honored for organizing the council's first health/educational lecture on vascular health featuring renown vascular surgeon Dr. Joseph Ricotta.

Brother Tom Rowlett was honored not only for his constant support of council activities, but also for his efforts supporting other parish ministries – as a lector, extraordinary minister and on the ministry of hospitality.

Congratulations Brothers!



### *Penitential Service & Confession*

Friday, April 8, 2022 at  
6:30pm in the church

6 Priests will be available to  
hear confessions



### Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their annual baby shower for BirthLine/Lifeline we will collect items at our next meeting on April 5. We also have a basinet in the vestibule of Church to collect items from parishioners. All and any items are very much appreciated. The most needed items are listed below.

- Diapers ( Size: Newborn, 5 and 6 )
- Baby Towels and Washcloths
- Small Toy items for Infants
- Baby Wash/Shampoo/Lotion (Small or Medium)
- Car Seats
- Pack-n-Play

Thank you for your contributions  
to this worthwhile endeavor.

## Announcements

### **Holy Week Schedule 2022**

#### **Monday of Holy Week**

Masses: 7:30am, 8:30am & 12 noon

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Masses: 7:30am, 8:30am & 12 noon

\*Chrism Mass at the  
Cathedral of St. Ignatius 11:00am

#### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Masses: 7:30am, 8:30am & 12 noon

#### **Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**

Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration right after the mass in Columbus Hall, the place of reposition until 11:00pm (no confession)

#### **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Stations of the Cross at 9:00am (around the Lake)

#### **Celebration of the Lords Passion:**

The Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross & Holy Communion at 3:00pm (No Confession)

### **Easter Schedule**

#### **Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 12:00pm

#### **Easter Vigil Mass**

7:00pm

#### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Masses:**

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

Overflow mass outside by the Shrine of Our Lady  
(if necessary)

## Saint Isidore of Seville's Story

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages” because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

### Reflection

Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore's Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their understanding love for one another.





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