



# EMMANUEL

*God is with us*

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass

Monday - Thursday:

7:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

Friday:

7:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

### Weekend Mass

Saturday:

8:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday:

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. (Children's Mass)

10:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

### Confession

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Or by appointment

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## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Mt 24:42

## OUR LOCATION

 15700 S. Military Trail Delray Beach, FL 33484

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 [www.emmanuelcatholic.church](http://www.emmanuelcatholic.church)

## Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:00pm | Sat. - Sun. Closed

# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OUR MISSION

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 a 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.

## BISHOP OF PALM BEACH

*Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito*

## CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora  
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro  
Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes  
In Residence

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan  
Weekday/Weekend Associate

Rev. Fr. David Carr  
Weekday/Weekend Associate

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

## PARISH STAFF

### Bookkeeper

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

### RCIA & Sacramental Preparation

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

### Religious Education

Jean Krokus Ext. 1005  
[religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

### Lectors

Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

### Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

### 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, & Imelda Kirk

### Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

### Giftshop

Josephine Joan Ext. 1009

### Blood Drive:

Patti Gomez 561-293-9761

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Ladies Guild

President Carol Chapman

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### 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

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass  
 or call the parish office

### BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in  
 Advance. Contact Parish Office.

### 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 Sunday of the Month 10:30AM- 1:00PM  
 Second Sunday of the Month- **Temporarily Closed**  
 Third & Fourth Sundays of the Month 10am- 1:30pm

**NOTE:** Gift shop will be closed when the parish office  
 is closed

### ROSARY GROUP

Monday-Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

## PARISH EVENTS

### 28 Monday

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

### 29 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration  
 10:00am Faith Sharing

### 30 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration  
 4:00pm SoulCore

### 1 Thursday

6:30am Adoration  
 9:00am Anointing of the Sick (in Church)  
 3:00pm Holy Hour for Priests, Religious,  
 Missionaries, & Vocations

### 2 Friday

6:30am Adoration  
 9:00am- 5:55pm First Friday Adoration

### 3 Saturday

9:00am Confession



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

IS 2: 1-5 | PS 122: 1-9 | ROM 13: 11-14 | MT 24:37-44

As we are celebrating the first Sunday of Advent, our holy Mother Church is inviting us to make the right preparation for the coming Christmas for the right reason. This preparation primarily involves a spiritual renewal on our part, notwithstanding the material and festive trimmings that accompany it, so that we can spend a meaningful observance of the coming birthday of Christ. There is a danger that Christmas has become so commercialized that it loses altogether the true spirit and the real meaning of its salvific event. We are then enjoined to cleanse ourselves of our sinfulness, and to share the love that we received from the Father through his Son. Expect the birth of the Savior with a joyful heart for he comes to bring hope and redemption to mankind.

Many people are asking: "Why is it that I have a string of problems? (One is just over, and here, another one comes.)

I'd like to believe, that God, in his wisdom and goodness, provides us with constant trials, not only to make us better and stronger persons, but to make us uncomfortable with this life.

What do I mean? A person who is comfortable, who has no problems, is in a precarious situation to be dormant in his relationship with God. He might be so at home in this world that he forgets that there is another life, a fuller and perfect life awaiting him. Experience tells us

that if we are in a relaxing position like lying, we want to sleep; if we are in a comfortable bed, we can even fall asleep easily. Christ reminds us in the Gospel: "Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares. The great day will suddenly close in on you like a trap."

Thus, God gives us his wake-up calls in forms of trials or even tragedies, to keep us up and, about and yes, awake. This is to make us aware of the foolishness of being secure in this passing world, but not making ourselves secure before him. Let us not, however, be discouraged. After all, Christmas means the Redeemer came that he may be our strength and our salvation. Advent is an ideal time to accept Jesus into our lives. Let it be that we can receive joyfully the eternal friendship and the gift of salvation which he has freely offered to us.



# NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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## 27 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** †Vernon Vaz by Christina, & †Suzie Sheaffer by Sandra Kern and Family  
**9:00am** \*Thanksgiving for things seen and unseen by ----, & †John Mollica Sr. by Paula and Tom Rowlett  
**10:00am** Children's Mass (No Children's Mass This Week)  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Jonathan Chapel by Hilda Porrata Doria, & †Ottavio Verardi by Maria Carnevale  
**6:00pm** †Lucille Capuano by Frances Chiola, & \*Ana and Gerard Philbrick by Ana and Gene Fernandez

## 28 MONDAY

- 7:30am** †Angela Salazar by Brenda Koingsberg, & †Rice-Altschuler Family by Rice-Motta Family  
**8:30am** †Kazlene Seide by Mother,& †Acyr Sliva and Alda Lopez by Maria Morciglio

## 29 TUESDAY

- 7:30am** \*Frank Palladino by Martina DeBoise, & †Chago, Veronica, & Alvin by Martina DeBoise  
**8:30am** †Guillermina Colemanares by Carmen Montes, & \*Martha and Perry Rice by Carol and German

## 30 WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am** †Catherine Tran by Le Family, & †Motta-Sarmiento Families by Rice-Motta Family  
**8:30am** †Harding Family by Cynthia Martin, & †Roberto Lopez and Nelson Morciglio by Maria Morciglio

## 1 THURSDAY

- 7:30am** †Maria Lan by Le Family, & \*Patti Schwartz by Vicki Melito  
**8:30am** \*Marilyn Miller by Terry Proscia, & †Maureen McKenna by Paula and Tom

## 2 FRIDAY

- 7:30am** †Pauline C. Levandoski by Frank and Barbara Palladino, & †Maria Hernandes de Gavino by Gavino Family  
**8:30am** †Edward Meszaros by Ed and Kathy Meszaros, & †Souls in Purgatory by A Parishioner  
**6:00pm** Intentions of Presiding Priest

## 3 SATURDAY

- 8:30am** \*Thanksgiving for Things Seen and Unseen by ----, & †Sammy Zummo by Valarie and Peter Zummo  
**4:00pm** Book of the Dead  
**5:30pm** †Donna Petricone by Husband, & †Mary Gross by Children

## 4 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** \*Luppino-Leuzzi Family by Josephine, & †Madeline Brown by Anastasi Family  
**9:00am** \*Knights of Columbus by Council 13338, & †Souls in Purgatory by ----  
**10:00am** Children's Mass  
**10:30am** Parishioners & Benefactors  
**12:00pm** †Mary and Bill Walsh by Children and Grandchildren, & Living and Deceased 4th Degree Knights by Al Attard  
**6:00pm** †Raymond Liberatore by Wife,& †Miroslava Mercado by Phyllis Rizzi

## UNSCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

*Maria Giordano	by Lisa Carnevale
*Lina Maria Perugini	by Lisa Carnevale
*Luigi Giuliana	by Lisa Carnevale
*Jennifer Demusey	by Fan Abrami
†Nora Burke	by Rice-Motta Family
†William McCauley	by Ron & Stella Mandolfi
†Eduardo Cusion	by Marie Joy Blas
†Fernando Disca	by Marie Joy Blas
†Vera Margega	by Wolfe Family
†Nora Burke	by Fran Abrami

## FLOWERS & LIGHTS FOR THE ALTAR

### ALTAR FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Catholic Church

### VIGIL LIGHTS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Catholic Church

### SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Catholic Church

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

### 28 Monday

7:30am	Fr. Zamora
8:30am	Fr. Carr

### 29 Tuesday

7:30am	Fr. Theo
8:30am	Fr. Canaan

### 30 Wednesday

7:30am	Fr. Theo
8:30am	Fr. Carr

### 1 Thursday

7:30am	Fr. Leone
8:30am	Fr. Zamora

### 2 Friday

7:30am	Fr. Theo
8:30am	Fr. Canaan
6:00pm	Fr. Zamora

### 3 Saturday

8:30am	Fr. Theo
4:00pm	Fr. Carr
5:30pm	Fr. Carr

### 4 Sunday

7:30am	Fr. Theo
9:00am	Fr. Canaan
10:00am	Fr. Canaan
10:30am	Fr. Leone
12:00pm	Fr. Zamora
6:00pm	Fr. Theo

## PRAYER LIST

Luigi Giuliana  
 Maria Giordano  
 Lina Maria Perugini  
 James Ezeilo  
 Enge Ezeilo  
 Betty Moore  
 George Moore  
 Gil Trauman  
 Gilligan Yeager  
 Fran Abrami  
 Sasha Gangemi  
 Tom Land  
 Ernie Galinis  
 T.J Genzale  
 Michael Manuele  
 Rosemary Anne Perkins  
 Sister Frances Vass OSC  
 Pat Ciara  
 Hunter Sharp  
 Maggie Dolan  
 Lisa Rossi Howland  
 Brian Howland

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

November 13, 2022

Offertory Collection:	\$12,085.00
Second Collection:	\$1,070.00
Children's Mass:	\$409.00
Online:	\$477.78
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Total:	\$14,041.78

## DIOCESAN SERVICE APPEAL



Goal: \$150,000  
 Amount Made: \$126,680.61  
 Remaining: \$23,319.39



## 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.

## PROTECTION AGAINST HURRICANES

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 hurricanes and illnesses which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. 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, God forever and ever.

Amen.

Mary Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.

## 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.



# PARISH CALENDAR

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# DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>01</b> 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	<b>02</b> 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am-5:50pm: First Friday Adoration	<b>03</b>
<b>04</b> 9:00am- Knights of Columbus Mass 10:00am- Children's Mass Grades K-5	<b>05</b> 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies	<b>06</b> 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 6:30pm- Ladies Guild Christmas Party	<b>07</b> 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	<b>08</b> 6:30am - Adoration 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission  <i>Office &amp; Gift Shop Closed</i>	<b>09</b> 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Ladies Guild Bake Sale & Flea Market 9:00am- Ladies Guild Mass 10:00am - Children's Mass All Grades	<b>12</b> 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies:	<b>13</b> 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing	<b>14</b> 6:30am - Adoration 4:00pm- SoulCore 7:00pm- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:30am - Adoration 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission 6:00pm- KoC Members Christmas Potluck Dinner	<b>16</b> 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00am- Children's Mass All Grades (Religious Education Christmas Party)	<b>19</b> 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies:	<b>20</b> 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing	<b>21</b> 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	<b>22</b> 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	<b>23</b> 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 6:30am - Adoration  <i>Office &amp; Gift Shop Closed</i>	<b>27</b> 6:30am - Adoration  7:00pm- KoC General Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30am - Adoration	<b>29</b> 6:30am - Adoration 12:00pm- Ladies Guild Board of Directors Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	<b>31</b>  Christmas Eve





**Advent Holy Hour: A Time for Waiting**  
**Presented by Fr. Timothy Canaan**  
**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**  
**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**  
**7:00 -8:00 PM**  
**Emmanuel Catholic Church**  
**Delray Beach, FL**

As we begin this holy season of Advent, let us take time out of our busy schedules to spend an hour in prayer and reflection on how we can Keep Christ in Christmas during this Advent time. Father Timothy will offer the reflection during the Holy Hour. Refreshments will be served afterward. This Holy Hour is open to all members of our parish family and beyond

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the new liturgical year of the Church, as we begin the season of Advent. Advent has a two fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities for Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. (Universal Norms, 39)

I invite you to join us in our Advent Holy Hour or Recollection titled *A Time for Waiting* on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 at 7:00-8:00pm in the Church. Fr. Timothy Canaan will offer the reflection during the Holy Hour. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and refreshments will be served afterward.

The choice to make this new liturgical year truly happy is yours to make. Chose to make this new liturgical year really happy, really blessed, and really grace filled by living through it. Celebrate every moment. Savor every grace. Benefit lavishly from all the sacraments. Ponder on God's Word each day. God gives us every means to make the year overflow with His blessings.

Sincerely,

Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE ADVENT WREATH TRADITION & MEANING

For many Christians, Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the Advent season leading up to Christmas Day. Although Advent Wreaths are very popular, many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in this tradition

### DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Human history spanned long ages shrouded in the darkness of sin before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance to free us from its dominion. As the Messiah's "Advent" (or "coming") draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate, who comes to redeem the human race and make all things new (Rev. 21:5). It also reminds us that, as Christians, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us, You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

SHAPE: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us.

NUMBER: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. In our parish we have the pregnant mother Mary carrying her child Jesus in her womb.

COLOR: Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent

### THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.





Congratulations to Angel Eduardo on receiving the sacrament of baptism! Welcome to our Parish Family!



The Philippine Consulate and the Philippine American Society, Inc. would like to Thank our Parish Family for allowing them to use our facility for their outreach program. There were around one thousand Filipinos around Florida and the neighboring states who were able to renew their passports and had dual citizenship.

Thank you!

## WELCOME BACK SNOW ANGELS



Thank you for choosing Emmanuel as your Parish Family during the season. WE LOVE YOU!



We would like to welcome our newest lector Sal Deluca. Thank you for helping out at our Parish!

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

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## SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S STORY

**FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 30**

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

### **Reflection:**

All of us are called to "go and preach to all nations—see Matthew 28:19. Our preaching is not necessarily on distant shores but to our families, our children, our husband or wife, our coworkers. And we are called to preach not with words, but by our everyday lives. Only by sacrifice, the giving up of all selfish gain, could Francis Xavier be free to bear the Good News to the world. Sacrifice is leaving yourself behind at times for a greater good, the good of prayer, the good of helping someone in need, the good of just listening to another. The greatest gift we have is our time. Francis Xavier gave his to others.

### **Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of:**

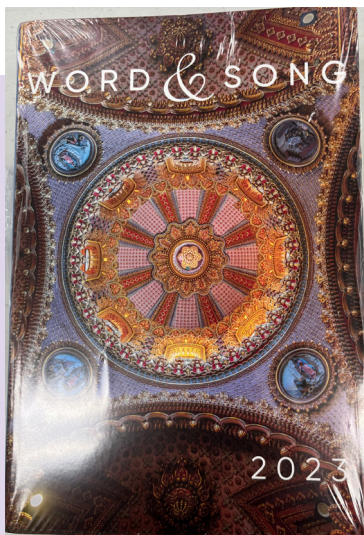
Japan  
Jewelers  
Missions  
Sailors





## Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Brother Knights!

On Tuesday November 15, four Catholic gentlemen of Emmanuel Parish took their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and officially joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Mother Council is delighted to welcome our new brothers (left to right in front) James Hagoney, Michael Mikulewicz, Dennis Maza, and Joe Stabile. Vivat Jesus brothers!

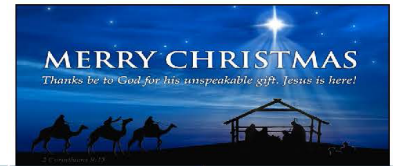


Our 2023 Missalette (Word and Song) and the Word Among Us are available on Saturday, November 26. Please leave the 2023 Missalette in the pews. **Don't bring them home.** For Word Among Us, Please take one copy. Thank you!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Kindergarten - 5th Grade Classes	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Class for ALL GRADES <i>Keep Christ In Christmas Posters DUE Today</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Class for All Grades	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas No class 	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	The Knights of Columbus sponsored KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS poster contest prizes awarded for best posters in age categories. All Posters Due December 11th.				



## Save THE Date!

Let us keep all of our students preparing for their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our prayers.

- Parent's please mark the following dates on your calendars:
- Saturday, February 4th Good Shepherd Retreat for all First Communion students
- Saturday, February 11th First Reconciliation
- Saturday, March 4th Confirmation Retreat TBD
- Sunday, April 23rd Confirmation with Most Reverend Bishop Barbarito 6:00pm
- Saturday, April 29th Jesus Day Retreat for all First Communion Students
- Saturday, May 6th First Holy Communion 10:00am





