



EMMANUEL

God is with us

JANUARY 22, 2023

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

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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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mt 4:19

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OUR LOCATION



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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
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Rev. Fr. David Carr
Weekday/Weekend Associate

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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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

23 Monday

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

24 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration
10:00am Faith Sharing

25 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration
4:00pm SoulCore

26 Thursday

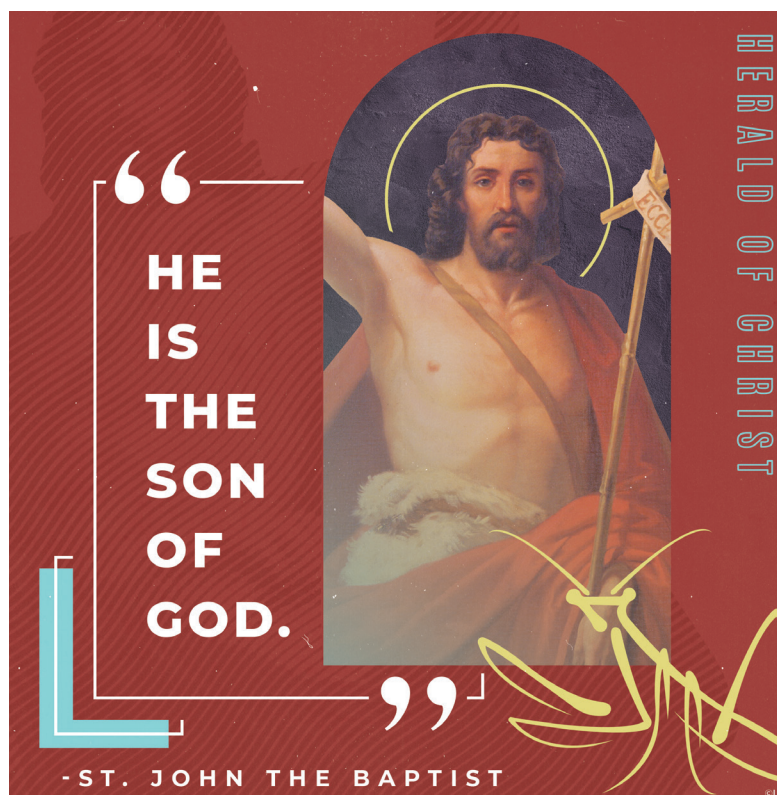
6:30am Adoration
9:00am Anointing of the Sick (in Church)
3:00pm Holy Hour for Priests, Religious,
Missionaries, & Vocations

27 Friday

6:30am Adoration
6:30pm Taizé

28 Saturday

9:00am Confession



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

04 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 22, 2023

IS 8:23–9:3 | PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 | 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 | MT 4:12-23

We are familiar with celebrations like the National Bible Week and Bible Sunday and activities like Bible distributions, Bible enthronements, exhibits, poster making, film showings, Bible quizzes, and the like. While these are helpful, the real challenge for us, Catholics, is to develop a culture of studying the Bible. This demands hard work. The approach may sound too academic, but there is no other way. We cannot make God speak to us richly if we lack the necessary tools to comprehend.

We develop confidence in dealing with the biblical texts by studying their historical backgrounds. In this way, we will avoid making tendentious and erroneous interpretations. Everyone should be reminded of this dictum, "Text without context is pretext." We will never see the light if we do not respect the nature of the text, the intention of the author, and the context of the reader.

"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew interprets this as the fulfillment of the prophecy in the First Reading: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." The light is Jesus, passionately proclaiming the Word of God, and the people once in darkness are now passionately listening to this rabbi from Galilee. His fellow rabbis teach that the most sacred activity is not worship or charity work, but the study of the Torah. They have a passion for the Word of God.

How can they keep God's Word if they do not know it?

Let us also learn from the Psalmist, Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked... the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps 1:1-2).

If we have a passion for the Word of God, we will surely see the light, and our nation will become great.

In his *motu proprio* on 30th, September 2019, *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis declared that "the third Sunday in ordinary time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian Unity. A day devoted to the bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers" (8)



JANUARY 22, 2023 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 05

22 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** *Gregory Koop by Mother, & †Jennifer Hajko Balnis by Family
9:00am †Michael and Madeline Vittulli by Anne and Gerry Gerhard, & †Richard Pettignano by Margie Giaquinto
10:00am Children's Mass
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Souls in Purgatory by Berta Pesa, & †John Nitti by Winny Weisberg
6:00pm †Linda Scotti by Sandra Camhi, & †Dylan Santos by Joseph and Martha Sessa

23 MONDAY

- 7:30am** †Charles & Sylvia Somerville by Family, & †Gerard & David Abrami by Fran
8:30am †Maxine Hayes by Christine Shento, & †Theresa Weldon by Mike Weldon

24 TUESDAY

- 7:30am** *Billy Jones by A.M., & †Barbara Ralph and *Nancy Ralph by Family
8:30am *Ricarda Vargas by Elsa Caraballo, & †Dieujuste Dorlette by Myrlene

25 WEDNESDAY

- 7:30am** *Joe Jones Family by A.M., & †Emil DeSpirito by Marcie Bader
8:30am †Anthony DeFrancesco by DeFrancesco Family, & †Karen Raciti by Rosemary and David Parnigoni

26 THURSDAY

- 7:30am** †Bobby Desmet by Ted and Fran Souza, & †Frank Rufa by Wife
8:30am *Peggy and Patty Ralph by Family, & *Patty Ralph by Rice-Motta Family

27 FRIDAY

- 7:30am** *Rice-Motta Family by Monica Paez, & †Ludovic Beauharnais by Frumence Louissaint
8:30am †Rocco Telesca by Maria Mignano, & †Jonathan D. Chapel by Hilda Porrata-Doria, & *Larry Toole by Vicki Melito
6:00pm Intentions of Presiding Priest

28 SATURDAY

- 8:30am** †Bella P. Ganzon by Daughter, & †Bertha Castillo by Dimapilis Family
4:00pm Book of the Dead
5:30pm †Elanora and Angelo Messina by Family, & †Jorge Madan and Scott Abel by Family

29 SUNDAY

- 7:30am** †Richard H. Koop by Wife, & †Madeline Brown by Anastasi Family
9:00am †Richard Pettignano by Margie Giaquinto, & †Richard Pettigano by Ann Asbury
10:00am Children's Mass (No mass this week)
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Deceased Members of Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild, & *Bozidar and Berta by Berta Pesa
6:00pm †Haydee Pupo-Mir by Walter Wilczar, & †Arthur Obligin by Walter Wilczar

UNSCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

*Fr. Zamora	by Rice-Motta Family
*Plummer Family	by Rice-Motta Family
*Sacred Heart of Jesus	by Rice-Motta Family
*Immaculate Heart of Mary	by Rice-Motta Family
*Robert & Veronica Benabio	by Ron & Stella Mandolfi
*Debra Rocchio	by Ron & Stella Mandolfi
*Fr. David Carr	by ———
*Jill Bauman	by Carol Schwab
*Madison Koenig	by Carol Schwab
†George Moore	by Dorothy Deedy

FLOWERS & LIGHTS FOR THE ALTAR

ALTAR FLOWERS

For Intentions of Emmanuel Catholic Church

VIGIL LIGHTS

For *Paez- Castiblanco Family by Monica Paez

SHRINE FLOWERS

For Intentions of Emmanuel Catholic Church

CLERGY SCHEDULE

23 Monday

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

24 Tuesday

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

25 Wednesday

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

26 Thursday

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

27 Friday

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

28 Saturday

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

29 Sunday

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

PRAYER LIST

Madison Koenig
Jill Bauman
Louise Don
T.J. Genzale
Michael Manuele
Rosemary Anne Perkins
Sister Frances Vass OSC
Charles "Chuck" Cramer
Kim Swass
Catherine Durso
Brian Howland
Rosemary Foley
Martin Trahan
Allison P.
Heide Fielder
Norma Neumeister
Mary Ann Dibiase
Larry Davis
Mark Sinobio
John Commene
Debra Bennett
Jaime Holzman

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

January 15, 2023

Offertory Collection:	\$12,040.50
Second Collection:	\$2,787.00
Online:	\$886.50
Children's Mass:	\$585.00
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Total:	\$16,299.00

Pray
FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN



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.

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions
of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular
for the intentions of the Holy Father.
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**

PARISH CALENDAR

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JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 	02 Office & Gift Shop Closed	03 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 6:30pm- Ladies Guild meeting	04 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	05 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	06 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am-5:50pm: First Friday Adoration	07
08 9:00am- Ladies Guild Mass 10:00am- Children's Mass CCD All grades	09 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies	10 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing	11 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	12 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	13 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	14
15 10:00am- Children's Mass CCD All grades	16 6:30am - Adoration Office & Gift Shop Closed	17 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing	18 6:30am - Adoration 4:00pm- SoulCore	19 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	20 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	21
22 10:00am- Children's Mass CCD grades K-5	23 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies:	24 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 7:00pm- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting	25 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	26 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	27 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé Holy Hour Church	28
29 10:00am- Children's Mass 12:00pm- Ladies Guild Mass	30 6:30am - Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies:	31 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing				

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Statement on Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 22, 2023

Today marks 50 years since Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that imposed by judicial "fiat" the most extreme abortion policy in the Western world. It deprived more than 63 million unborn children of their right to life and severely limited the ability of states to mitigate the harms of abortion through legislation.

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturned Roe, allowing elected representatives at the state level to once again protect women and their children from abortion. This is a fruit of prayer, born of a commitment to justice.

Millions of women and men, children, and families have experienced the heartbreak of abortion over the last five decades. We maintain a profound sense of sorrow and grief for both the tragic loss of unborn children since 1973 and that abortion continues in Florida today. Our ultimate goal is to foster a culture of life in which hearts and minds are changed so that abortion is unthinkable. We remain hopeful as Dobbs opens a new chapter in our efforts to engage all people of good will to protect women and children from abortion and empower women and vulnerable families in their times of need.

We applaud the restrictions enacted in the 2022 Florida legislative session to limit abortion to the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. The law mirrors the underlying Mississippi law at issue in Dobbs. It was a prudent and beneficial step for Florida as the U.S. Supreme Court considered the case. Our advocacy for the legal protection of life in the womb must continue to make the most of the opportunities presented by Dobbs. The legislature must enact further limits on abortion. The current legal challenge to the 15-week limit provides expectant hope. Like Roe, the Florida Supreme Court case wrongfully interpreting a broad right to abortion in the Florida Constitution may soon be overturned.

Additionally, Florida can do more to promote alternatives to abortion, particularly through the network of pro-life pregnancy help centers that assist women and families with young children. United with our fellow bishops across the United States in our support for the Walking with Moms in Need initiative, we continue to call on Catholics and people of good will to support and engage in the good work undertaken in these agencies.

We pray that Christ will guide us as we work collectively towards the full legal protection of every human life. May every child conceived be protected in law and welcomed in life.

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski

Archdiocese of Miami Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito

Diocese of Palm Beach Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane

Diocese of Venice Most Rev. John G. Noonan

Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes

Diocese of St. Petersburg Most Rev. William A. Wack, C.S.C.

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier

Diocese of St. Augustine Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado

Archdiocese of Miami



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Baptism



Congratulations to Alexander James on his baptism! Welcome to the Catholic Church and to our Parish Family!

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Hello fellow donors!

Did you know?

Giving blood stimulates the production of new red blood cells. Think of it as giving your body a little "tune-up".

Donating improves your cardiovascular health

Getting a pre-donation screening gives donors a health update

An average heart pumps 2,000 gallons of blood a day

Blood cannot be manufactured

A single car accident victim can require 100 pints of blood

One in three of us will need a transfusion in our lifetime

*MD Anderson Cancer Centers Blood Bank by the numbers:

"Each day, our cancer patients need about 200 units of red blood cells, and 600

units of platelets".

Donating blood is a volunteer activity that's actually "good" for you

The number one reason donors give blood IS TO HELP OTHERS!

DATE: Sunday February 12, 2023

TIME: 7:30am to 1:00pm

LOCATION: Emmanuel Catholic Church 15700 Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33484

To book an appointment, (or any questions) please call Patti #561/293-9761.

Walk-Ins Welcome!

FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

We will be accepting donations for our Parish Festival Flea Market on January 17th, 24th, and 31st as well as February 7th during our office hours 8:00am -4:00pm. We will not be accepting any clothing items or furniture at this time!

Thank you for your generous donations!

More information about the parish festival can be found on page 13.



Church FESTIVAL

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We would like to invite the youth of our church to become part of our Altar Server Ministry and assist in the celebration of our masses. Being an altar server is a sacred privilege and special responsibility. Altar servers have many duties; preparing for mass by lighting candles, helping to set up the altar and assisting the Priest during mass.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server or would like to sign up for the training, please contact Jean at

jkrokus@emmanuelcatholic.church

We will begin training for Altar Servers at the end of the month. It will take place in the evening during the week.

We encourage students who have received their Confirmation to join us in this special ministry as well.

We look forward to seeing you participating in mass!

Sign ups will also be available after the children's mass in Columbus Hall.



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2023 Men's Rally
Saturday, January 28, 2023
8:30 am to 1:15 pm

Saint Ignatius Loyola Cathedral

9999 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Bishop Thomas Paprocki, JD, STD, MBA of Springfield, IL is an athlete and author of "Running for a Higher Purpose," and "Holy Goals." Bishop Paprocki, pro-life hero, advocate for the poor, marathon runner and hockey player will encourage us to set "Holy Goals" and strive for heaven. Matt Birk, Catholic husband and father of five children,

graduate of Harvard, former NFL all-pro football player, Super Bowl champion, and advocate for mothers and babies, will inspire us to follow Jesus and make a difference in our world. Bishop Gerald Barbarito, our wonderful bishop in Palm Beach will be with us for the entire day and will be the main celebrant and homilist for our closing Mass. Jim Wahlberg, a producer, writer, and director of films, and uses his talents and experiences to raise awareness about opioid addiction and point to the hope found in Christ. He is the author of The Big Hustle. He is the host of The Bottom Line Podcast. James has been married to his lovely wife Bennie for 30 years and they have 3 children.

To register: catholicmenforjesus.com or call Joe DeSanto at 954-732-4479

Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Palm Beach celebrating the Fest of the Infant Jesus (Santo Niño) Sunday January 8, 2023 at Emmanuel Catholic Church



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS' STORY

FEAST DAY: JANUARY 28

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic

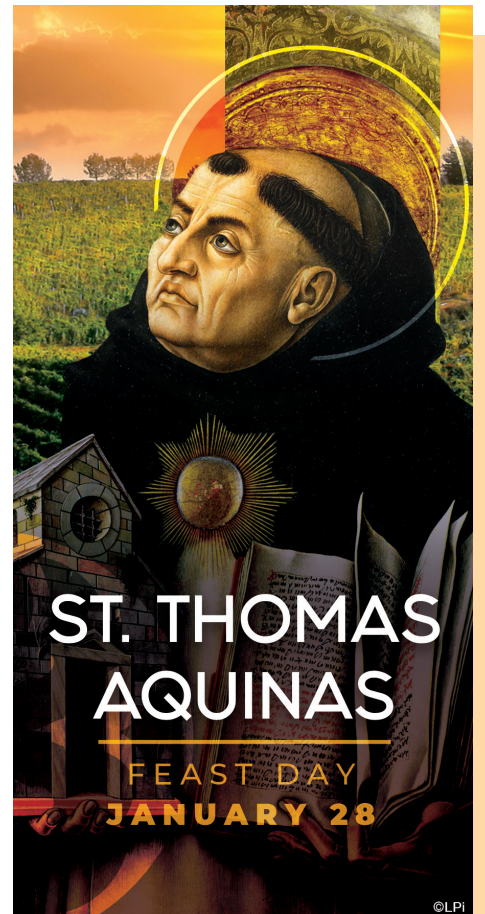
theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

Reflection:

We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

Saint Thomas Aquinas is the Patron Saint of:

Catholic Colleges and Universities
Educators/Teachers
Philosophers/Theologians
Students



Dear Parishioners,

Once again it is time to turn our attention to our Annual Parish Festival and Raffle. Despite the uncertainties the pandemic has ushered into our lives, we remain ever more certain of rejoicing in the Lord, always, and our love for one another as a Parish Family. The dates for the 2023

Annual Parish Festival are Friday, February 17 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm & Saturday, February 18

from 8:00am-8:00pm. We will be having a flea market in Columbus Hall Saturday February 18^o

From 8:00am - 8:00pm and we will be having a bake sale and coffee on Friday 4:00pm to

8:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am until the raffle drawing at 7:30pm. Details can be found on our Parish Website as well.

Our Festival and Raffle is the single biggest fundraising effort we make each year. I am writing to ask you for your continued support and participation in the upcoming raffle. We hope each of your families will purchase or sell at least one book of raffle tickets. Please feel free to sell to neighbors, friends, other family members, and/or co-workers! The cost of each ticket is \$10.00 or \$50.00 for a book of 6 tickets. I have enclosed one sheet (two books) of tickets with this letter.

This year, we have chosen again to have cash prizes:

1st Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$2,500

3rd Prize: \$1,500

10 Consolation Prizes of: \$200 each

Please return the tickets with your donation. Additional tickets are available at the parish office.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 18th at 7:30pm.

I thank you with all my heart for your continued support of our Parish and I look forward to sharing the good times with you at the Festival! We would also like to thank Lorne and Sons who generously covered the cost of printing the raffle tickets.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

2023 Emmanuel Parish Raffle Sponsorship

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Complimentary Tickets</u>
First Prize	\$5,000	Anonymous	96
Second Prize	\$2,500	Anonymous	48
Third Prize	\$1,500		24
Consolation Prize #1	\$200	Fr. Zamora	12
Consolation Prize #2	\$200	Barbara Rossi	6
Consolation Prize #3	\$200	Deacon Tony	6
Consolation Prize #4	\$200	PA Snow Angel	6
Consolation Prize #5	\$200	Allan & Marisol	6
Consolation Prize #6	\$200	Nancy Silvestri	6
Consolation Prize #7	\$200		6
Consolation Prize #8	\$200		6
Consolation Prize #9	\$200		6
Consolation Prize #10	\$200		6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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January 2023



O Star of Wonder Star of Light
"When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was."
Matthew 2:9b

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 No Classes	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany, 12th Day of Christmas commemorates how a star led the three kings or wise men, to the baby	7
8 Mass & Class for All Grades	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Mass & Class for All Grades	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Mass & Class for Kindergarten - 5th grade	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Mass & Class for Kindergarten - 5th grade	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	All Confirmation Students should have Baptismal Certificates handed in as well as Saint Reports & Sponsor Forms				

Upcoming Important Dates:

We ask that you keep our students preparing for their sacraments in your prayers. Please save the dates for the upcoming Sacraments as follows:

First Communion Students:

Saturday February 4th Good Shepherd Retreat 8:30-12:30pm
 Saturday February 11th First Reconciliation in the church. 10:00am
 Families to attend and are invited and encouraged to do confession as well.
 Saturday April 29th Jesus day Retreat 8:30-12:30pm
 Saturday May 6th, 2023 First Holy Communion (Students to arrive 9:15am and Mass promptly 10:00am)



Confirmation Students:

Saturday March 4th, Confirmation Retreat time TBD
 Sunday April 23rd, 2023 Confirmation with Most Reverend Bishop Barbarito 6:00pm Mass
 Sponsors and Confirmandi to be present for 5:15pm for line up



