

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



Pledge to Protect & Heal



PAGE 4 J. Steger:
I Believe in Miracles

PAGE 8: Ree Joy
New Crossword with
Hidden Puzzle

in **this**
issue

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PAGE 10: Ladies Guild

Sign up for the tour to the Holy Land

PAGE 11 - 12 Jerome Plummer

Three pieces of Caravaggio's art left!

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

02 PARISH FAMILY | GOD IS WITH US



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
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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

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

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Josephine Joan Ext. 1009

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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

03 Monday

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

04 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration
 10:00am Faith Sharing

05 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration
 4:00pm Soul Core

06 Thursday

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

07 Friday

6:30am Adoration
 6:30pm Taize

08 Saturday

9:00am Confession



BECAUSE YOU AND I BELIEVE ... IN MIRACLES

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A | PS 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 | ROM 6:3-4, 8-11 | MT 10:37-42

As I write this reflection I am sitting in northern Canada on an indigenous reservation. I have been here for the last week on a mission trip praying for and working with the indigenous people. I had heard many things about the problems on indigenous reservations before I came here. I had never experienced it first hand though. The poverty and hunger, drug and alcohol addiction, violence and hopelessness manifest in countless suicides. I have been seeing all of it as I have been here and it has been overwhelming. I have been asking the Lord how can this change? It needs to change! Your people are suffering and dying here! What are you doing?

These and countless other thoughts and feelings have been in my mind and heart all week. In the midst of my questions and even demands to God on behalf of this place the Lord has been speaking to me. He has been showing me how in the midst of such brokenness He is working profound miracles and preparing the ground for even greater works. He spoke to me and said that "These people will be a great people which all of the nations of the world will look upon as a people devoted to my name. They will go out to the ends of the world to proclaim the Gospel and the glory of my name. They will be a people peculiarly my own".

When the Lord told me this I was shocked. How could this happen? That in the midst of such profound and destitute circumstances anything could change. And yet, this whole week I have begun to see the change before my very eyes. The workings of the Lord are quiet and subtle, so faint that if you turn your gaze from Him for even a second you will miss it. Even though it has been subtle it has been profound to the point of bringing me to tears. I have felt and known the profound depths of the Lord's heart for these people.

It is not a heart just for these people though. It is a heart for the whole world and especially for me. I realize that the Lord loves me and is working as

profound a miracle in my life and heart as He is working in theirs. I have just as deep a need for healing and wholeness as the people I have been with. So I bring up this question for each of us: where do you need the deepest healing? Just like these people the Lord speaks over each of our lives and says to us that He will never abandon us, that we are His beloved and every one of us is peculiarly His own.

Let the Lord speak into the deepest places of my life and yours, of your family and mine, of my community and yours. Places where there seems to be no chance of change are the places where the Lord desires to do His greatest work. It is not with our goodness and our greatness that He will do his work. Rather it is in the midst of our inner poverty and brokenness that he desires to do his work. He is a faithful God who never abandons his people and He will not abandon us. So have faith and believe that even in the hiddenness the Lord is working a miracle.

Joe Steger



JULY 2, 2023 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 05

DECEASED		BLESSING		GREEN AND BLACK DENOTE PRAYER TYPE			
BENEFICIARY		REQUESTER		BENEFICIARY		REQUESTER	
02 SUNDAY				SUNDAY 02			
7:30 AM	RICH FOWLER	BY CHRISTINE SHENTO		ANA VALDERRUTEN	LICET & AL		
9:00 AM	MARIE CRAPANZANO	BY SISTER		MARIE CRAPANZANO	BY SISTER		
10:30 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS						
12:00 PM	MARY & BILL WALSH	CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN		KARA KOTECKI	LAURIE KOTECKI		
6:00 PM	ALFRED BUKOWSKI	BUKOWSKI FAMILY		MARGARET VAN HOVE	BY MR & MRS JOHN HAJKO		
03 MONDAY				MONDAY 03			
7:30 AM	DONATO JR, WILLIAM, ARNOLFO & NATHAN GENELZA By I&M			GERARD & DAVID ABRAMI	FRAN		
8:30 AM	DONNA PETRICONE	HUSBAND		WILL VLASEK	MARK & GAIL VLASEK		
04 TUESDAY				TUESDAY 04			
7:30 AM	ANGELA MENZEL	MARTINE DEBOISE		ANN LYNCH	FAMILY		
8:30 AM	JOHN VINCENT VERDERAME	MOM AND DAD		OSCAR & LAURA MARTIN	HERMOINE D'CRUZ & FAM		
05 WEDNESDAY				WEDNESDAY 05			
7:30 AM	GRAZIELLA DFILIPPIS	BY GRAZIELLA MACCONE		PAT CIARA	ANN CURATOLO		
8:30 AM	STEVEN SKOLINSKY	BY NATALIE SKOLINSKY		PAUL VITULLI	ANN & GERRY GERHARD		
06 THURSDAY				THURSDAY 06			
7:30 AM	PAT MAHER	FE STOTT		JOSEPH TRIASSI	TOM & CATHY TRIPI		
8:30 AM	JOE DEFELICE	CLARA & TOM DEPKO		HOWARD LA ROSE	TED & FRAN SOUZA		
07 FRIDAY				FRIDAY 7			
7:30 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY	MARTINA DEBOISE		CYNTHIA CASSAGNOL	BY PARENTS		
8:30 AM	ROBERT LOPEZ	HAYDEE RODRIGUEZ		FRANK CORRENTI	DOROTHY CANAZARO		
6:00 PM	FOR PRIESTS						
08 SATURDAY				SATURDAY 08			
8:30 AM	VIVIAN BRENNAN	CHILDREN		DIANA & GEORGE KING (50TH ANN.)	GERMAN & CAROL SANDOVAL		
4:00 PM	BOOK OF THE DEAD						
5:30 PM	RUTH C. LEE	FAMILY		MARYELLEN CAWLEY	DAVE & MARCIA WHITE		
09 SUNDAY				SUNDAY 09			
7:30 AM	KIM DURMER	BY JAN DURMER		MARY MANNELLO	VINCENT BUONONARO		
9:00 AM	MICHELLE P.	BY ELSA CARABALLO		ELSA CARABALLO	SELF		
10:30 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS						
12:00 PM	KIM RENEE ROBERTS	BY MOTHER		FLORENDA MINUTOLI	ARMANDO MINUTOLI		
6:00 PM	MICHAEL CANAZARO	BUKOWSKI FAMILY		KEVIN GALVIN	BY FAMILY		

DECEASED		BLESSING	
BENEFICIARY		REQUESTER	
PRAYER LIST			
Nancy Rossi Smith	T. J. Genzale		
Brian Howland	Michael Manuel		
Kathryn Fonseca	Sr. Frances Vass OSC		
Andres Fonseca	Marguerite Dawson		
Margaret Hilferty	Sam Falcone		
Vivian	Patricia Golstein		
Carol Cella	Garrett Hadcock		
Lenore Curatolo	Maggie Dolan		
Anthony Smith	Melissa Trow		
Jo-Ann Alsgaard			

JULY 1 - JULY 09, 2023 CLERGY SCHEDULE							
1	8:30A	FR	THEO	5	7:30A	FR	THEO
SAT	4:00P	FR	TIMOTHY	WED	8:30A	FR	JOE PAPES
	5:30P	FR	TIMOTHY	6	7:30A	FR	DIM
	8:30A	FR	THEO	THU	8:30A	FR	DIM
2	9:00A	FR	THEO	7	7:30A	FR	THEO
	10:00A	FR	THEO	FRI	8:30A	FR	DIM
	10:30A	FR	ZAMORA	8	8:30A	FR	THEO
	12:00N	FR	ZAMORA	SAT	4:00P	FR	DIM
	6:00P	FR	ZAMORA	9	5:30P	FR	DIM
3	7:30A	FR	ZAMORA	MON	7:30A	FR	THEO
4	8:30A	FR	TIMOTHY	4	8:30A	FR	THEO
5	7:30A	FR	THEO	TUE	8:30A	FR	THEO
6	8:30A	FR	THEO	SUN	9:00A	FR	DIM
7	7:30A	FR	THEO	SUN	10:30A	FR	DIM
8	8:30A	FR	THEO	SUN	12:00N	FR	THEO
9	7:30A	FR	THEO	SUN	6:00P	FR	THEO

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL - 2023



Goal: \$173,000
Amount Made: \$130,032.99
Remaining: \$42,967.01



Congratulations, Fr. Gaudioso Zamora on your 33rd anniversary of your sacerdotal ordination!

Fr. Zamora was ordained to the order of priesthood on June 30, 1990, during the memorial of the first holy martyrs of Rome.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

June 25, 2023

Offertory Collection:	\$10,072.00
Second Collection:	\$1,810.00
Online:	\$2,224.31
Father's Day:	\$66.00

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Total:	\$15082.00

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ABSOLUTION CATECHISM CHRIST CORPORAL FAITH FAMILY HOPE LIGHT LIVES
 LOVE MATERECCLESIAE NUCLEAR OCTOBER ORDINARYTIME RECONCILIATION
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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 FROM STORMS

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 which may threaten us in the coming seasons.

Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain.

You alone bring peace, calm and safety.

Father, we thank You in advance, for You are our only refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles and patroness of our diocese, pray for us.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. 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

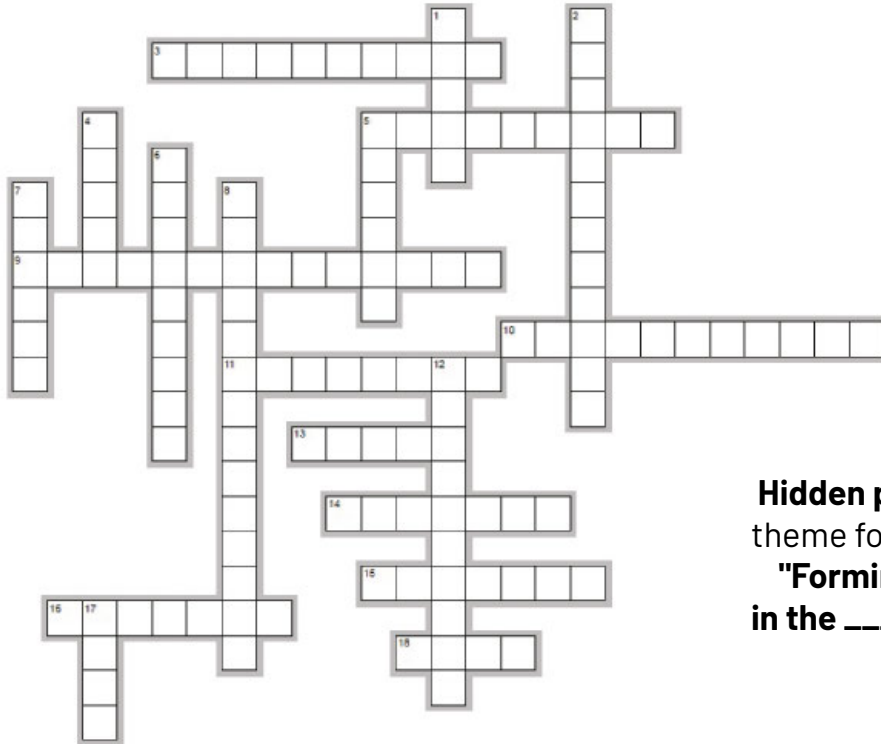
08 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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02 9:00am- Knights of Columbus Mass	03 6:30am -Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies	04 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 7:00pm- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting	05 6:30am -Adoration 9:00am- Feed the poor 4:00pm- SoulCore 6:30pm - Ladies Guild	06 6:30am -Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 10:00 - B.S. 3:00pm- Holy Hour	07 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- First Fri Adoration (church) 6:30pm- Taizé	08 9:00am - Lady Cistercians meeting (small classroom)
09 9:00am- Ladies Guild Mass	10 6:30am -Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies	11 6:30am - Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 7:00pm- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting	12 6:30am -Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	13 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	14 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé 6:30pm- Knight at the races	15
16	17 6:30am -Adoration 1:00pm- Monday at the Movies	18 6:30am -Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing 7:00pm- KoC Gen. Meeting	19 6:30am- Adoration 12:00pm- Ladies Guild directors meeting 4:00pm- SoulCore	20 6:30am - Adoration 9:00am- Anointing of the Sick 3:00pm- Holy Hour for Vocations/Mission	21 6:30am- Adoration 6:30pm- Taizé	22
23	24 6:30am - Adoration 3:00pm- Monday at the Movie	25 6:30am- Adoration 10:00am- Faith Sharing	26 6:30am- Adoration 9:00am- Feed the Poor Ministry 4:00pm- SoulCore	27	28	29
30 Fr. Theo ordination Anniv						

THE EMMANUEL CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

Bonus: Hidden Puzzle



Hidden puzzle phrase.* Contains the theme for Catholic Education Week 2023:
"Forming _____ of _____, _____ and _____ in the _____ of _____."
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Across

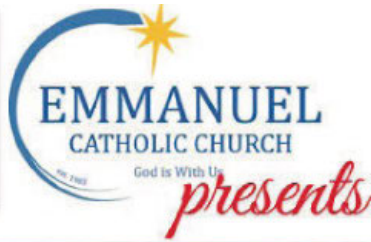
- 3. Adjective. Relating to, or suggesting religious belief emphasizing the powers of priests as essential mediators between God and humankind. Synonyms: priestly, apostolic, clerical, ministerial, and sacred.
- 5. a summary of the principles of Christian religion in the form of questions and answers, used for the instruction of Christians.
- 9. Two words. Latin title given to Mary, as officially declared by Pope Paul VI in 1964.
- 10. Mostly, it is the actual number, in words, of complete or partial weeks of ordinary time in any given year.
- 11. Under what classification does the Catholic list the following works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive, and bury the dead?
- 13. * journeys of our transformation to become more like Jesus, who has delivered us from evil, sin, and death.
- 14. Natural form of the family composed of a sacramentally married mother and father with their children
- 15. Which month of 2023 has been marked by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops as the Respect Life Month, the Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month?
- 16. Which Edward's surname is derived from the Gaelic word "seanachaidh," which means "skilled storyteller". Fancy knowing this superlative fellow's antecedents can be traced back to the early census roll of the great Kings of Scotland.
- 18. * To will the good of another

Down

- 1. *theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself
- 2. A part of the liturgical year in the liturgy of the Roman Rite. A time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.
- 4. * An image of the Holy Spirit
- 5. * True God and true man. The true patriarch and head of every Catholic home
- 6. In a word, the class the church lists the following works of mercy under: instruct the ignorant by sharing the gospel, help and counsel those who doubt, admonish sinners, patiently bear wrongs and offences, willingly forgive wrongs, comfort the afflicted, and pray for both the living and the dead.
- 7. central institution symbolically structured as a representation of the Catholic faith; a concept, a locus for making present, in a concrete and daily manner, the reciprocity and beauty of the love that characterizes God's life.
- 8. the Catholic faith has seven sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing the Sick, and what?
- 12. priestly removal of sins by authority via the confessional process
- 17. * theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery

with **Option 1** -- Three-Night **Jordan Post-Tour** Extension
with **Option 2** -- Three-Night Pilgrimage to **Rome Pre-Tour** Extension

April 3 - 11, 2024

SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

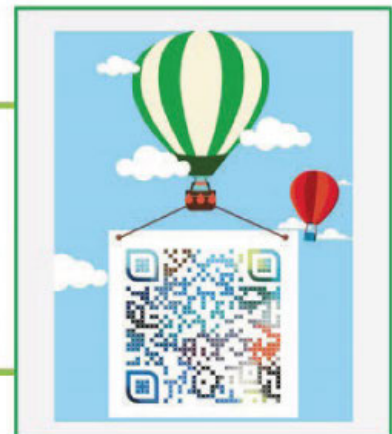
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 Time: 6:00 PM

Emmanuel Catholic Church,
15700 S Military Trl, Delray Beach, Florida, 33484

- Prices in brochure guaranteed until September 21, 2023
- Deposit of \$698.00 is due per person upon reservation
- Trip Insurance must be purchased at time of booking, not available after booking.
 - Deposits are refundable up until October 4, 2023
 - Final payment is due on February 3, 2024

For more information contact: Carol Chapman, President Ladies Guild
561-310-3229 or cchapman33453@gmail.com

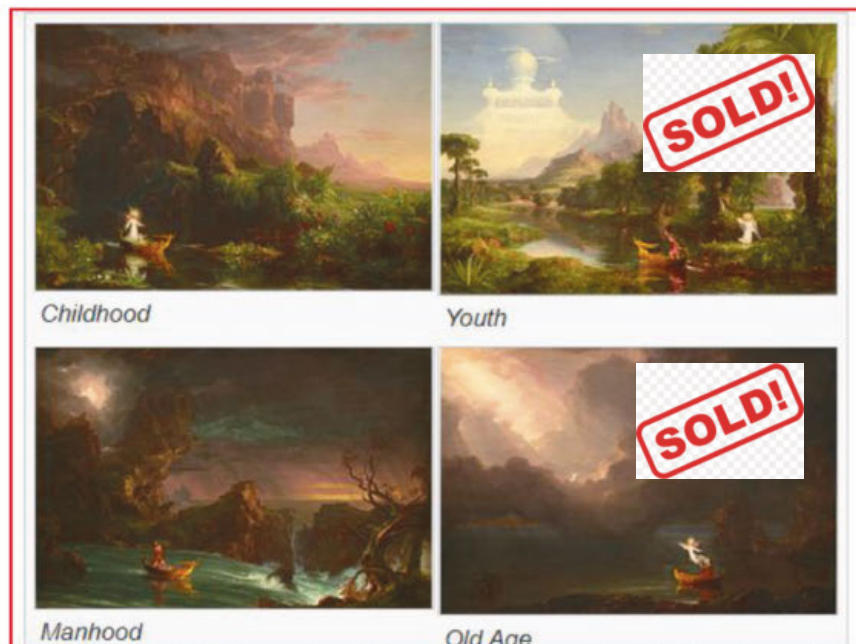
For further details on this trip,
point your phone camera to the QR code
to the right, follow the prompt to your
browser, and check out all the discounts, planned
stopovers for the trip, etc. You can also take a
photo of the same QR code to share with friends!





Do you have an incredibly special person
you want to remember in an incredibly special way?
Memorialize your loved one!

Emmanuel Catholic Church is currently offering opportunity to dedicate six pieces of Fine art, including Solid-Faced Canvas, Gold Floating Frame, separate canvas with story to match the art. Placed in our church and a leaf on or giving tree in memory of the person of your desire.



The Voyage of Life is a series of four paintings created by the American artist Thomas Cole in 1840 and reproduced with minor alterations in 1842, representing an **allegory** of the four stages of human life. The paintings, **Childhood**, **Youth**, **Manhood**, and **Old Age**, depict a voyager who travels in a boat on a river through the mid-19th-century American wilderness. In each painting the voyager rides the boat on the River of Life accompanied by a **guardian angel**. The landscape, each reflecting one of the four **seasons of the year**, plays a major role in conveying the story. With each installment the boat's direction of travel is reversed from the previous picture. In childhood, the infant glides from a dark cave into a rich, green landscape. As a youth, the boy takes control of the boat and aims for a shining castle in the sky. In manhood, the adult relies on prayer and religious faith to sustain him through rough waters and a threatening landscape. Finally, the man becomes old and the angel guides him to heaven across the waters of **eternity**.

Contact Jerome Plummer 561-247-5448 or email at jp@bcs1.net

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Tree
Finished Size 25.5" x 17.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



Finished Size 25.5" x 17.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



3. Manhood - \$1,000.00 Gift / Leaf on Tree
Finished Size 25.5" x 17.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



4. Old Age \$1,000.00 Gift / Leaf on Tree
Finished Size 25.5" x 17.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



Only 3 +Art works remain!



5. The Calling of St. Matthew
by Caravaggio
\$2,000.00 Gift / Leaf on Tree
Finished Size 25.5" x 17.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



6. ~~The Conversion of St. Paul, 1601~~
~~\$2,000.00 Gift / Leaf on Tree~~
Finished Size 31.5" x 41.5" Solid-Faced
Canvas, Gold Floating Frame



STORY OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI

FEAST DAY: JULY 06

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. “No, God does not wish it,” she cried out. “It is a sin. You would go to hell for it.” Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger. Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria’s mother.

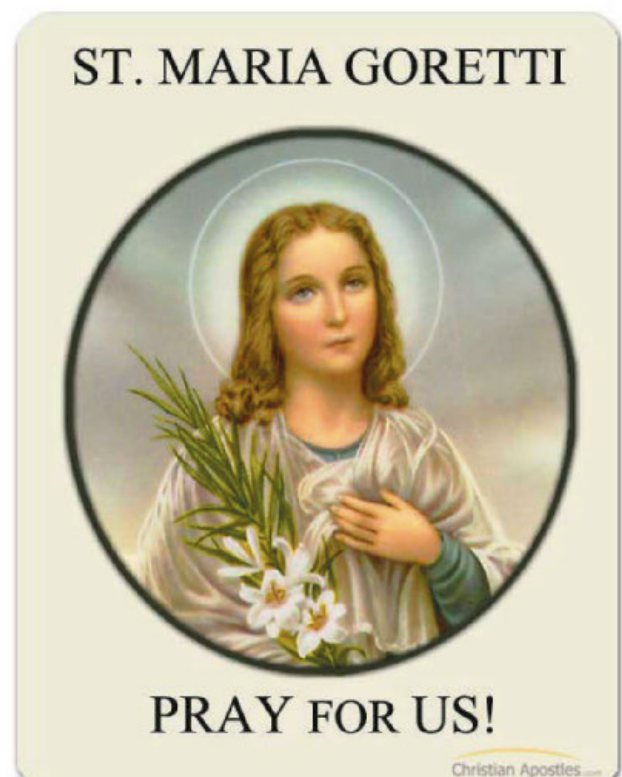
Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter’s. Three years later, at Maria’s canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

Reflection

Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God’s will was holiness, decency, respect for one’s body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love him—at any cost.

Patron Saint of:

Catholic Youth
Girls
Teenagers



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

14 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Congratulations and welcome to our Parish Family:



FIONA ANNE



AIDEN JAMES



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