

EMMANUEL

God With Us



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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 ISSUE

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Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon – Thurs 7:30a; 8:30a
Fri 7:30a, 8:30a, 6:00p

WEEKEND MASS

Sat 8:30a, Vigil 4:00p, 5:30p
Sun 7:30a; 9:00a; 10:00a (CM*)
10:30a; 12:00N; 6:00p

*Children's Mass**

Confession

Saturday 9:00a
Other – By appointment

For where two or three
are gathered together in My Name,
I am there among them.



Matthew 18:20

**BUILD
BONDS
of fraternal
LOVE**

WEEK OF SEPT 10, 2023 CLERGY SCHEDULE AND OBSERVANCES

MONDAY 11

7:30A
FR. Zamora
8:30A
FR. Zamora

ST, CYPRIAN

TUESDAY 12

7:30A
FR. Carr
8:30A
FR. Timothy

BVM

WEDNESDAY 13

7:30A
FR. Carr
8:30A
FR. Timothy

ST JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM

THURSDAY 14

7:30A
FR. Zamora
8:30A
FR. Zamora

EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

FRIDAY 15

7:30A FR. Carr
8:30A FR. Timothy
6:00P FR. Zamora

OUR LADY OF
SORROWS

SATURDAY 16

8:30A FR. Carr
4:00P FR. Papes
5:30P FR. Zamora

ST CORNELIUS

SUNDAY 17

7:30A FR. Carr
9:00A FR. Carr
10:00A FR. Zamora
10:30A FR. Timothy
12:00N FR. Timothy
6:00P FR. Zamora

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

PATRIOT DAY

We will never forget



SEPTEMBER 11

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

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Tanya Kuppamala Ext. 1001 tkuppamala@emmanuelcatholic.church

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Joella Anastasi Ext. 1002 janastasi@emmanuelcatholic.church

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Edward Shannon Ext. 1006 maintenance@emmanuelcatholic.church

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& Christine Wilkens

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Deacon Anthony Cuseo

Religious Education

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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,

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 REGULAR 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

Do you want to make sure there have been
no sudden time changes to any event or
activity you want to join this week? Call the
parish office on business hours.

561.496.2480

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

11 Monday

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

12 Tuesday

6:30am Adoration
10:00am Faith Sharing (BC)
7:00pm KC Officers Meeting (CH)

13 Wednesday

6:30am Adoration
2:00pm School of Christian Formation
- Ecclesiology (BC)
4:00pm Soul Core (CH)

14 Thursday

6:30am Adoration
9:00am Anointing of the Sick (in Church)
3:00pm Holy Hour for Priests, Religious
Missionaries, & Vocations (Church)
7:00 AA Meeting (BC)

15 Friday

6:30am Adoration
6:30pm Taize (church)
6:30pm Knight at the Races (CH)

16 Saturday

9:00am Confession

All Day - Sat & Sun KC Membership Drive

DAILY READINGS FOR SEPT 10-17, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

PASTOR'S DESK

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BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy,
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us
who may need our assistance.

Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart
thankful for those who gave their lives
as first responders, as did the men and women
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

OCIA CLASSES

OCIA (formerly RCIA) classes will begin the Last Sunday of
September, please contact Deacon Tony to Register.
Anyone who desires to enter the church and/or receive the
Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation is welcome. For
those interested in registering for the classes, please
contact the Parish Office at 561.496.2480 with your contact
details, for Deacon Tony to call you back ASAP. Anyone who
desires to enter the church and or receive the Sacraments
of Eucharist or Confirmation is welcome.

ATTENTION LECTORS

There will be workshops for all lectors on Saturday,
September 23, 2023, at **St. Vincent Ferrer Parish**,
840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach from 9:15am -
11:45am. Doors will be opened at 8:30am for
registration. Please sign up at the Emmanuel Parish
Office before **September 21st**. Be advised that
lectors have a 3-Year term and, for those concerned,
are strongly encouraged to attend these scheduled
workshops

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Aug 28/23 (*next update will be on 9/17)

Offering collection	\$ 9,608.00
Second Collection	2,995.00
Subtotal	\$12,603.00

Online (8/21–8/25/23) \$ 595.45

*** early submission of copy due to Labor Day**



AUG , 2023

Goal	\$173,000.00
Amount made	132,268.99
Remaining	40,731.09

DIACONATE FORMATION

Deacon **Ronan Sarmiento**, a transitional deacon at
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton
Beach will be assigned here in our parish during
weekends as part of his diaconate formation in
preparation to the priesthood.

He will be here on Saturday,
September 30th through Sunday, April 28th of 2024.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

We will begin a pre-baptism class for parents and
God parents which will meet on the second Sunday
of each month at one pm in the big class room.
Please contact the office for more information.



DECLINE TO SIGN

AN EXTREMELY GRAVE INITIATIVE IS
UNDERWAY IN FLORIDA THAT SEEKS TO
ERASE PRO-LIFE PROTECTIONS BY
BANNING GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF
ABORTION IN OUR STATE CONSTITUTION.



FLORIDIANS SHOULD NOT
SIGN THE PETITION.

DECLINING TO SIGN IS NOT IMPEDING THE
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS; IT IS TAKING A STAND
AGAINST WHAT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE STATE
POLICY.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

SEPT 11 - 17, 2023

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SEPT 11 MONDAY

7:30A * Christopher Sikora by Mom

8:30A * Lex Beal (Healing) by Mark & Gail Vlasek

† Michael Francis O'Dwyer by Anna & Al Perfetti

† Alice Claire Sorrelli by Joseph Sorrelli

SEPT 12 TUESDAY

7:30A † Joseph Moran by Mary Ann Mitchell

8:30A † Sam Suppa by Angela & Mark

† Peter Saccaro by Anna & Al Perfetti

† Thomas Sr. & Helen Alce Flint by Flint Family

SEPT 13 WEDNESDAY

7:30A † Agnes Verlander by Cookie Anastasi

8:30A † Anthony Amoriello by Rae Amoriello

† Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son

† Caroline Prestigiacomo by Christine

SEPT 14 THURSDAY

7:30A † Shoure Lafontant by Maud & Raymond Cassagnol

8:30A † John & Yolanda Scarpelli by Children

† Lucille Lerman by Cookie Anastasi

† Yvonne Price Madnick by Jean Blacker

SEPT 15 FRIDAY

7:30A † Juan Peraza by wife

8:30A † Thomas Czechanski by Mark & Gail Vlasek

6:00P FOR PRIESTS

† Cecilia Rovnyak by Rose & Family

† Herman Guzman by Jennifer De Bussey

FOR PRIESTS

SEPT 16 SATURDAY

8:30A * Gia Cardova & Ezekjal by Guzman Family

4:00P BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30A † Donna Petricone by Husband

† Arcedio Guzman & Faustina by Guzman Family

BOOK OF THE DEAD

† Stephanie Serota by Julie Reif

SEPT 17 SUNDAY

7:30A * German Sandoval by Rice Motta Family

9:00A † Mary A. Vlasek by Mark & Gail Vlasek

10:30A PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00N † Irma Toscano Parker by Mother & Father

6:00P † Realino Santoro by Santoro Family

† Vicki Mack by Nancy Godden

Living & deceased 4th degree KoC Assembly 2003 by Al Attard

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

* Julie Anne Cannon by Cannon Family

† Michael Carhevale by Santoro Family

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UNSCHEDULED

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* Chickie Stender by Anne Marie Riviuccio

† Marian Antonacci by Phyllis Smith & Howard Klohr

† Ellen Gennaro by Strompf Family

† Michael Comar by Mary & Frank Eardley

† Ronald Ferrugia by Phyllis & Joe Raymond

† Patti Tocci by Anne & Gerry Gerhard

* Thanksgiving by Kwensky Dornevil

* Thanksgiving by Nathanaelle Dornevil

* Thanksgiving by Emmanuelle Dornevil

* Thanksgiving by Widline Brisus

* Thanksgiving by Mario Fleury

* James Hallinan by Carol Schwab

* Helen Crespi by Carol Schwab

* Linda Kelly by Carol Schwab

† Rita Schaltenbrand by Christine Shento

† Maureen Duffy by Mamie & Frank Eardley

* Dominic Prince by Price Family

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ALTAR FLOWERS

* Michael & Clare Lemar by A.M.

VIGIL LIGHTS

* Michael & Clare Lemar by A.M.

SHRINE FLOWERS

† John Nitti by Family

WASHED IN HIS BLOOD

Recently I was praying with a passage of scripture from the passion narrative of St. Matthew. The passage was Matthew 27:15-26. This is the passage in which Jesus is sentenced to death before Pilate. In which Barabbas is chosen by the crowd over Jesus. The section of the passage which made me stop and notice it though were the lines where Pilate tells the crowd that his hands are free of the innocent blood of Jesus. The crowd responds with such anger by saying, *"His blood be upon us and upon our children"*.

When I first read the passage I didn't know why I felt drawn to it. It is a rather unusual line to be drawn to given the anger and the rage of the crowd. In the tradition of the Church though, when you pray with scripture you are supposed to notice the places you feel drawn to, even if they are uncomfortable. This form of prayer is called *Lectio Divina* and has been practiced since the very earliest days of the Church. As Catholics we believe that the Word of God, Jesus, is present in the scripture. When we read the scriptures it is Jesus being made present to us. Our thoughts and feelings, memories and imaginations when brought before Jesus all come into contact with the person of Christ present in the scripture and he touches us.

It was this experience that happened to me when I read the line, *"His blood be upon us and upon our children"*. At first I didn't understand what the Lord was saying and doing through this passage though. It was such an unusual passage to be drawn to. As I sat with my confusion and lack of understanding the tone of the passage began to change however. I began to imagine myself in the crowd hurling the words of anger and rage at Pilate. As I yelled the words began to change. I began to yell for the blood of Jesus upon me not out of anger but out of desire. I began to ask the Lord for his blood to flow over me, to cleanse me. I began to experience, through the anger of the crowd, a deeper movement of the heart.

A wise priest once told me that underlying deep anger is even deeper grief. That is what I began to experience as I prayed with the anger of the crowd. Any anger that I had ever had at God, any resentment began to unleash the pain and the grief of my heart. So rather than being in a bloodthirsty rage, I became filled with remorse and sorrow. I was pleading that the blood of the Son of God would heal the pain, the grief and the sin of my life and my heart.

It was in this place that the Lord met me. I began to know in a deeper way that the Lord desired to shed his blood over me. All I have to do is call out to him, to confess my sin and my need for him and he will wash me in his blood. His blood is upon me and it makes me clean, it makes me new and it makes me whole. May the blood of Jesus be upon all of us.

- Joseph Steger

RECOGNIZE GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world.

Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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PRAYER LIST

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: **For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness : For men and women in Armed forces: AND FOR :**

Nancy Rossi Smith	T. J. Genzale
Brian Howland	Michael Manuel
Kathryn Fonseca	Sr. Frances Vass OSC
Andres Fonseca	Marguerite Dawson
Robert Wieder	Sam Falcone
Vivian	Patricia Golstein
Gary Petilio	Taylor Dosh
David & John	Marilyn Martino
Helen Cruz	Gulshan Modena
Carol Cella	Garrett Hadcock
Lenore Curatolo	Maggie Dolan
Anthony Smith	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Marilyn Boyle	Heather Martin
Garrett Hadcock	Amalia Mazzolin
Andrea Anastasi	Janet Waller-Woudenberg
Shelly Fiorini	John Sullivan
Fran Abrami	Rhsonald Griffiths
Ed Bush	Linda Rivera
Marcelino Danny Berciles	Margie Giaquinto
Harold Irang	

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.

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 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.

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

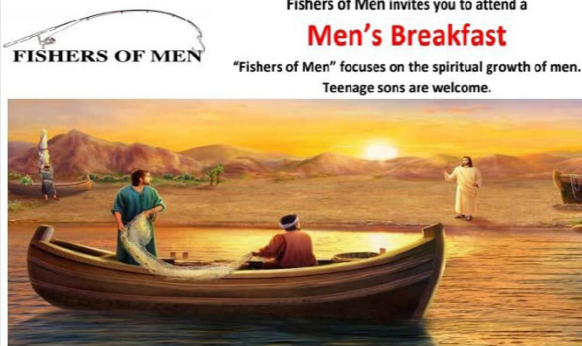
Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Composed by
Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles*



A SPECIAL INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP : FOR MEN AND TEENAGE SONS



James T. Dugard, Deacon at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Deacon at Respect Life in Miami, and Theology Teacher at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, will be our Guest Speaker.



Saturday, October 28, 2023
8:30am - 12noon

Signature Grand
6900 State Road 84, Davie, FL 33317

Cost \$30.00

Register by October 25th 2023

For more information:

Call **Joe de Santo 954.732.4479**

or call or email **Joseph Garagozzo 954.618.9288**

email: **fishersofmen111@gmail.com**

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



ALTAR SERVER
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship & other virtues. Being an altar server is a sacred privilege.

Altar servers have many duties preparing for mass by lighting candles, helping to set up the altar & assisting the priest during mass. This opportunity allows you to serve in the Greatest Miracle, where something extraordinary happens.

We welcome our youth to sign up to be Altar Servers. Sign up sheet to be located at the student sign in table in Columbus Hall.



SEPTEMBER 15, 2023. BYOB. Food. Fun. Racing. 50/50 with huge prizes. Hot dogs, kraut, beans, onions, and desserts. Only \$10.

Get your tickets now, available at the parish front office only!
Tickets will not be sold at the door at racing night.



Our next blood drive is set for **October 8, 2023** from **7:30A - 1:30P**. Consider donating to help save lives!

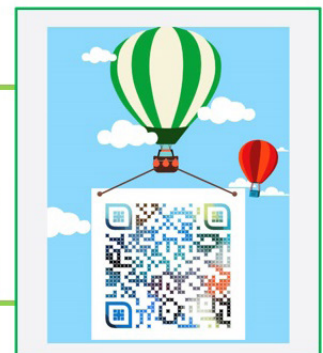


Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery

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

April 3 - 11, 2024

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!



LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

10 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear Diocese of Palm Beach faithful,

“As a Diocesan family, we continue to pray for all those so affected by the devastating wildfires which occurred this month in Maui, Hawaii. This loss of life, home and property is overwhelming and continues to be determined. In faith, we pray that the Lord’s healing presence will be a source of strength for our brothers and sisters in Maui at this time, and we invoke the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in a special way.

There is a great need for material assistance as expressed in a letter from the Bishop of Honolulu, Most Reverend Larry Silva. As Bishop Silva requests, financial assistance can be made directly to the Diocese of Honolulu to respond to the needs from the fires at <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

All of this is available on our Diocesan website, where the contributions can be made.

Above all, let us continue to pray.”

*-Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito,
Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach*

LEARN MORE:



EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

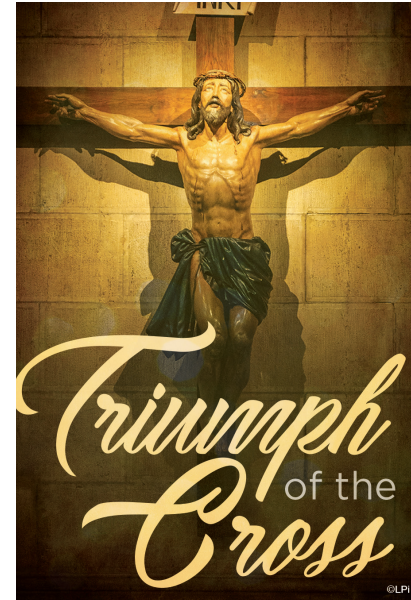
Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration



THE BLESSING OF COMMUNITY

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dear Parents,

It is that time again to register for 2023-2024 Religious Education Classes (CCD). Attached you will find the Registration Form. It is important that you complete all sections especially the EMERGENCY CONTACT Info. in the top right-hand corner. We must have a contact phone number and email address for you to provide you updated information throughout the school year.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

Registration Form: Complete a Registration Form for each child in your family.

Sacramental Grades: 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th. Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion and Confirmation is a two-year process. Therefore, students must complete first and second grade Religious Education classes before receiving First Holy Communion. Likewise, students must complete eighth and ninth grade classes before receiving Confirmation. The sacraments are a tremendous grace from God, which necessitate a thorough preparation before reception. If you have a child in grades 9-12 who did not attend Religious Education classes or a Catholic school last year, your child will need to enroll in our eighth-grade prep class this year. Please let us know if your child needs to be baptized, this is the first sacrament they must have prior to First Communion. We will make special arrangements to have your child baptized.

If your child is in 3rd grade or higher and has not yet received Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, they will need to enroll in their grade as well as the Sacramental Preparation Class. They will need to MEMORIZE the following prayers: Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Invitation to Communion & The Ten Commandments. Your child will be tested verbally along with written tests to ensure they know the prayers. So please begin now working with your child. Otherwise, a lot of time is taken during each class to ensure that all students know them individually. Please make sure you get a copy of the Prayer List and Parent Letter so your child comes to class already knowing the prayers!

Baptismal Certificates: Include a Baptismal Certificate for all students receiving a Sacrament (2nd grade: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, 9th grade Confirmation)

Fee: \$25.00 per student and may be paid by credit card through the office or in cash or check made out to Emmanuel Catholic Church. You may make one check for multiple students, just list the students name on the notation part of the check. Please attach payment to the Registration Form.

Registration Forms may be dropped off in the Church Office during office hours or mailed back to the Church addressed: 15700 South Military Trail Delray Beach FL 33484.

Contact me at religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church or 561-496-2480 Office Number if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your children in our classes again and we welcome you if you are a new family to our program!

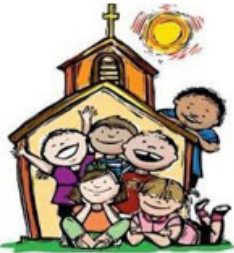
May God bless you and your family,

Jean Krokus
Director Religious Education



REGISTRATION FORMS

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 13



Have you registered for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation school year?

If not, please do so as soon as possible!

We are in the process of placing students into classes.

Our CCD Classes for all grades begin Sunday September 10th

We begin class with our 10:00am children's mass in Columbus Hall.

Elementary School children meet from every Sunday until 11:30am

**Middle School-High School students meet the 2nd and 3rd Sunday
each month from 11:30-1:00pm**

Registration Forms found in the back of the church and church office.

Registration also available first day of classes.

**Or scan the QR code on the left to get the forms and instructions
from our church website. Thanks!**



For Office Use Only:
Paid Cash: _____
Check # _____ Amt: _____
Fee per student \$25.00

Credit card

Last 4 digits _____

Emmanuel Catholic Church

Religious Education Registration Form

*EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

PHONE# _____

Name of
Contact _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____

Interested in Youth Group: Y N

First Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: (____/____/____)

Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Name of School: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Special Circumstances

Does your child have any allergies: (circle one) NO YES

If YES please explain: _____

If your child has an illness, allergy, learning disability, etc please let us know so that we can be attentive to his/her needs. Please use the back of this form to provide further details.

Fathers Name: _____
Mothers Name: _____

Preferred Method of Contact Cell or EMAIL:
Please print # or Email _____

Student Lives with: (circle all that apply)
Both Parents Mother Father Grandparents

Sacramental Information

Circle one. If YES please fill out all details

Baptism NO YES Church Baptized: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Reconciliation NO YES Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____

First Holy Communion NO YES Church: _____ City: _____ State: _____

If your child was **NOT BAPTIZED** at Emmanuel Catholic Church, **WE MUST HAVE A COPY** of his/her Baptismal Certificate provided. Please bring a copy to the first class or drop it off in the Church Office. Arrangements for Baptism can be done with Deacon Tony through the Church Office.

PARENTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS NEATLY AND COMPLETELY. WE MUST HAVE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION, EMAIL AND CELL

2023-2024 Registration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Registration is **closing** on September 30th 2023 for all students eligible to receive their Sacraments this year.

Preparation for the Sacraments is a two- year requirement. Students must have completed a year of religious education classes prior to being eligible for our 2nd Grade/ Sacraments class for First Holy Communion. Eligible Confirmation students must have attended the 8th grade pre-confirmation class. If your child completed the first- grade class or pre-confirmation class in another parish or school, they **must provide a letter of completion from that parish or school along** with their registration for Emmanuel Religious Education.

Registration can be filled out at the beginning of class on September 10th or 17th or picked up from the Parish Office Monday-Friday. **Make sure your child is registered today so they may prepare for the most important events in their catholic life!**



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



