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**OCTOBER 29, 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

### **HEADS-UP**.

Next Sunday, Nov 5th, will be the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daylight Saving Time Ends, and will kick off the National Vocation Awareness Week.

## In Flanders Fields

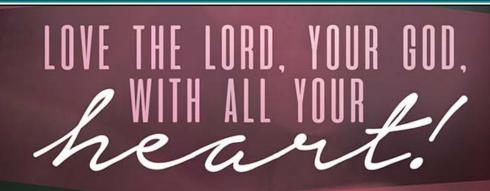
n Flanders fields, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you from failing hand we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We should not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields. John McRae



**KNIGHTS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS** Page 14



#### JUNK IN A TRUNK SALE AT EMMANUEL ON NOVEMBER 4TH

Rent space or rent a table to sell unused stuff just gathering dust at your house. **Details on Page 11** 

**FOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL** Thanks to our beloved parishioners and volunteers who pitched on.

Check out the **Religious Education** page on tips for how to celebrate Halloween the Catholic Way. Page 13.

### FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME

Rev. James

Rev. Christopher Rev. Raymond STACK HUBERT



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# 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

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**Lectors** Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

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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,

### Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

**Gift Shop** 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

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# PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

NT	<b>30 Monday</b> 6:30 am 1:00 pm <b>31 Tuesday</b> 6:30 am	Adoration Movie Mondays Adoration		
	10:00 am	Faith Sharing		
	01 Wednesday	All Saints Day		
	6:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm <b>02 Thursday</b>	Adoration Ladies Guild Cornhole Tournament School of Christian Formation Soul Core		
	6:30am 9:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Anointing of the Sick Holy Hour for Priests, Religious, Missionaries, & Vocations AA Meeting		
	<b>03 Friday</b> 6:30 am 9:00 am 6:30 pm	Adoration First Friday Adoration Taize		
	<b>04 Saturday</b> 9:00 am 10:00 am	Confession Junk in the Trunk		
	<b>05 Sunday</b> 9:00 am 0:00 am 1:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mass Junk in the Trunk OCIA Class		

My Strength

PSALM 18:1

# 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

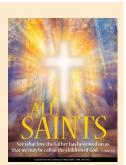
Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

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

# PASTOR'S DESK

### 04 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Wednesday)

On the Solemnity of All Saints Day, we honor all the saints and all those not officially canonized friends of God who are with him rejoicing in eternal glory. All men and women from all times and places whose lives have been deeply changed by the Beatitudes.



These Holy Men and Women of God show us that holiness is not only

possible but is our perennial calling. They invite us to follow them, so that November 1st will be, in the future, your Feast Day and mine.

#### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (Thurs)

As we commemorate all the faithful departed, it is not death that we focus on, but life - life eternal. We remember our departed loved ones, not so much because of their worldly accomplishments, but because of their simple deeds of care and concrete acts of kindness that have touched our lives.

Love is not love, they say, until you give it away.

The real gifts are time, care, attention, help, assurance, support and friendship; all simple deeds of love that we remember of our beloved departed.



### PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE SCHEDULE OF MASSES, SHOWN BELOW, FOR October 31st AND November 1st.

#### **OCTOBER 22, 2023**

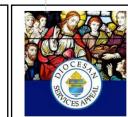
 Offering Collection
 \$
 11,537.00

 Second Collection
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 2,362.00

 SUBTOTAL
 \$
 13,899.00

 Children's Mass
 \$
 378.00

 Online (10.16.23-10.20.23)
 \$ 1,734.95



### **October 13, 2023**

Goal	\$
Amount made	\$
Remaining	\$

\$ 173 ,000.00 \$ 136, 410.99 \$ 36,589.01

CLERGY SCHEDULE AND DAILY OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 29,2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
29 7:30a Fr. Carr 9:00a Fr. Carr 10:00a Fr. Theo 10:30a Fr. Zamora 12:00n Fr. Theo 6:00p Fr. Zamora	30 7:30a Fr. Zamora 8:30a Fr. Timothy	31 7:30a Fr. Theo 8:30a Fr. Carr 5:00p Fr. Zamora All Hallows Eve	01 7:30a Fr. Theo 9:00a Fr. Carr 10:30a Fr. Theo 12:00p Fr. Timothy All Saints' Day (Feast Day)	O 2 7:30a Fr. Theo 8:30a Fr. Timothy All Souls' Day
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	NC	DTES
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## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

#### **OCT 30 MONDAY**

7:30A \* Ernesto Roman by Martina DeBoise 8:30A \* Ted Vargas by Alyssa & Robby Beck

#### **OCT 31 TUESDAY**

- 7:30A \* Nicolas Varona by Cannon Family
- 8:30A † Maura & Celia Chipa by Pilar Diaz
- 5:00P † Anthony Tominello by Donna Gottdenker

#### NOV 01 WEDNESDAY

- 7:30A † Nadarajan Family by Nadarajan Family
- 9:00A † Graser Family by Ellen DeMario
- 10:30A + Nelly Lavado by Family
- 12:00P † Steven Skolinsky by Natalie Skolinsky

#### NOV 02 THURSDAY

7:30A † ALL SOULS NOVENA 8:30A

† Pacienza, Rosato, & Wilkens Family by Children

#### **NOV 03 FRIDAY**

7:30A † John, Walter, & Angela Dajczak by Daughter & Sister 8:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA FOR PRIESTS 6:00P

#### **NOV 04 SATURDAY**

8:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA 4:00P BOOK OF THE DEAD 5:30P 5:30P † Leo Wlliam Brennan by Children NOV 05 SUNDAY

#### **† ALL SOULS NOVENA** 7:30A

- † Suzanne Impagliazzo by Paul Impagliazzo 9:00A **PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS** 10:30A 12:00N † James Roberts by wife
- † Carmelo Dominguez by wife 6:00P

† Rose Ferguson by James & Una Kerrigan † Theresa Hudson by sister-in-law

† Margaret Payne by daughter & † Joe McAuvic by Mother

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† Ernest & Aline Caouette by Family

*†* Leonel Sandoval by Sandoval Family

- † John, Walter & Angela Dajczak by Daughter & Sister
- † Avolio-DeSanto Families by Rose & Family
- \* In honor of St. Joseph by Cannon Family
- \* Sofia Varona by Cannon Family

**† ALL SOULS NOVENA** † Leodegario Ganzon Sr. by Daughter

† Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner **†** ALL SOULS NOVENA FOR PRIFSTS

ALL SOULS NOVENA BOOK OF THE DEAD † Fiore Sasiri by Lisa Carnevale

† ALL SOULS NOVENA

- † Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A **PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS**
- \* Liberation of Haiti by Raymond & Maud Cassagnol
- † Alfred Bukowski by Bukowski Family

### UNSCHEDULED

* Elizabeth Canzone by Rose	* Eva Dubreuil
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* Marie Fusco by Rose	* Eva Dubreuil
* Marjorie Giaquinto by Rose	† Maura & Cecilia Chipa by Pilar Diaz
* Sandi Kirkpatrick by Carmella Donnino	† Lilly McDonough by Joel & Lorraine
* Margie Giaquinto by Carmella Donnino	† Lilly McDonough by Joel & Lorraine
* Fran Abrami by Barbara Rossi	† Eardley by Flatterty Families
† Marie Rapisardi by Barbara Rossi	* John Bernard A Bengua by Family
† Brandon Pais by Mary & Rudolf Dsouza	* Joselito A Bengua by Family
† Anthony D'Costa by Mary & Rudolf Dsouza	* Lenny A. Bengua by Family
† George Meier by Dorothy Deedy	† Margaret Defore by Arlene & John Gallo
* Kadia Pierre	† Barbara Hayden by Dorothy Deedy
* Kadia Pierre	† Robert David Miller by Sylvia & Jerry Galanti

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

### VIGIL LIGHTS

† Nathan & Margaret Villanova by Judy Katsalidas

#### SHRINE FLOWERS

\* Rose Baldonado

### FIXING MY EYES ON THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF MY FAITH

Recently I was praying with a passage from the Gospel of Matthew. It was Matthew chapter 6:25-34

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil".

The portion I was reflecting on in this passage was the second section in which Jesus tells his disciples where their focus is supposed to be. It is supposed to be on seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness. When I was reading this and reflecting on it I began to ask the Lord what this really means?

As I asked this question, I remembered two things. One was another scripture passage from Romans 14:17 in which Paul says that,

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit".

The other was something a very holy and wise priest told me early on in my spiritual journey. He told me that the kingdom of God is the indwelling of Jesus within our hearts and Jesus is God's righteousness. When I remembered both of these things I started taking stock of my life and what I spend my time and energy seeking. Now most of you probably think Joseph is a seminarian, someone who is going to be a priest. He's doing great. But me being a seminarian and moving toward priesthood is no guarantee that my priorities are rightly aligned. I'm sure we have all seen priests that are not seeking Jesus. Priests who have lost their way and become apathetic or worse. So as I began taking stock the Lord began pointing out aspects of my life where I have lost my way and have begun worrying about other things. The Lord was telling me that I have to seek him first. I need to be concerned with the indwelling of Jesus within my heart before all else.

So often in life we get distracted by the multitude of things that we have to do. Many of them may be good and important, such as caring for our spouse and children, our work, even helping the poor and needy. But all of these things need to take a back seat to Jesus having first place in our life. Jesus even says in the passage that he will not leave us wanting when he says, "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you besides". God will take care of all the other stuff in our lives but he needs to be first otherwise he can't take care of the other stuff.

Even Mother Teresa once said that the only reason she was called to serve the poor was because that was where she saw the image of Jesus. She said, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." Her priority was Jesus first. She would spend two or three hours in prayer every day before she ever even went out into the streets to help the poor. Jesus was everything for her and he is supposed to be the same for us.

I invite you to pray with the Gospel of Matthew and ask the Lord where your priorities are. Are they the things of this world or is Jesus your only priority? Jesus wants to be everything for us. He wants to become our world, our whole life, our only love. He wants to be the first thing we think of when we awake in the morning and the last thing when we fall asleep. Everything about us is made to belong completely to Jesus.

- Joseph Steger

### Readings for the week of October 29, 2023



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# PRAYER WARRIORS

## **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 the Armed Forces: AND FOR:

Gary Petilio David & John Helen Cruz Carol Cella Lenore Curatolo Anthony Smith Marilyn Boyle Andrea Anastasi Shelly Fiorini Fran Abrami Ed Bush Margarito Danny Berciles Harold Irang Regina Schlossberg Arthur Chiusano Elizabeth L. Haiko Maureen Oberholzer **Bob Oberholzer** John Wilkens Scott Ellison Evangeline Ezeilo Nancy Rossi Smith Michael Gehres Karen Sullivan **Eric Albertson** Salvatore Pagano

Michael Manuele Sr. Frances Vass OSC Marguerite Dawson Mary Loveland Sam Falcone Patricia Golstein **Taylor Dosh** Marilyn Martino Gulshan Modena Garrett Hadcock Maggie Dolan Amelita Coz-Zarraga Heather Martin Taiilor McGee **Ronald Griffiths** Margie Giaguinto Maria Fernandez Raphael Roman Kathy Scaman Carol Brown James Ezeilo Brenda Fzeilo John Sullivan Michael DiBartolome Julia Prendergast **Brian Sullivan** Joan Albertson

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY 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 I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment 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 and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

### EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 07

## 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.

## **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.

### **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.

### **08** EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Saint Martin de Porres (December 9, 1579 – November 3, 1639)

"Father unknown" is the cold legal phrase sometimes used on baptismal records. "Half-breed" or "war souvenir" is the cruel name inflicted by those of "pure" blood. Like many others, Martin might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. It was said that even as a child he gave his heart and his goods to the poor and despised. He was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black but

also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother. That irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima's society.

When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines.

After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" When his priory was in debt, he said, "I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me."

Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin's life reflected God's extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister's house. Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a

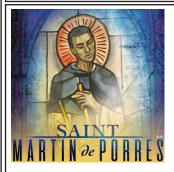
convent.

Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a "poor slave." He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

#### Reflection

Racism is a sin almost nobody confesses. Like pollution, it is a "sin of the world" that is everybody's responsibility but apparently nobody's fault. One could hardly imagine a more fitting patron of Christian forgiveness-on the part of those discriminated against—and Christian justice-on the part of reformed racists—than Martin de Porres.

> Saint Martin de Porres is the Patron Saint of: African Americans, Barbers, Hairdressers Race Relations, Radio, Social Justice



" Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God." -St Martin de Porres

### **REGARDING ADORATION**

There is no exact "right" prayer (or way to pray) during Adoration.

Fr. Josh of Ascension Press explains that Adoration is about imitating God:

"We want to imitate our Savior, Jesus Christ. Any time we spend time with people, we become more like the people we hang out with," he said. "The more we spend time with Jesus, the more we're going to be like Jesus. Consider that as a starting point: Merely being with Christ in the Eucharist helps us draw closer to Him, regardless of the prayers we offer.

Still, Adoration can be a powerful opportunity for transformative prayer. Adoration can involve any of the following prayers or meditations: **Holy Hour, Praying the Rosary, Lectio Divina** 

#### You can also say this prayer, courtesy of the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Your great love for us that keeps You day and night present in the Blessed Sacrament, full of compassion and love, waiting for us to visit You. I believe that You are really present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the depth of my heart, I adore You and I thank You for the many graces You have

given me. especially for the gift of Yourself in this Sacrament, for the gift of Your most holy Mother as my Mother and for the privilege of visiting You in this church at this time. My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I am sorry for my ingratitude and I now resolve, with the help of

Your grace, never to offend You again. I consecrate my entire self to You, my thoughts, my feelings, and all that I have. From now on, do whatever You want with me. All I ask for is Your love and strength to do Your Holy Will. Amen

# **POINTS TO PONDER**

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#### October 29, 2023 READINGS OF THE DAY First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 "You shall not molest or oppress an alien..." Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34-40 "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind..."

#### Questions of the Week

#### **First Reading**

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

#### Second Reading

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

#### - Mt 22:35-37

your mind."

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

One of them, a scholar

of the law, tested him by

asking, "Teacher, which

law is the greatest?" He

love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart, with

all your soul, and with all

said to him, "You shall

commandment in the

#### Gospel Reading

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?

#### LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

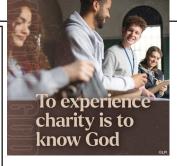
I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

– Father John Muir







#### A reflection and reiteration of the content from the letter sent out by the Rev. Mario Grech, the pastor chosen to head the Synodi:

The Laudato Si' Movement defines "synodality" as a "**journeying together** as the People of God. It indicates a way of listening to each individual person as a member of the Church to understand how God might be speaking to all of us."

The synodal journey does not just fall under the province of the ongoing assembly; it involves every baptized person and all churches. It is an event of prayer and listening; a unity of intent and the continuing insistence to invoke the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern the journey.

The path of discernment begins with knowing what Prayer is, or when to even start.

**Prayer is listening.** This calls to the parish to truly grow into a listening church; to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns to actively listen.

**Prayer is adoration.** The Pope has pointed out that many people have lost the habit and the notion of what it means to worship God.

**Prayer is intercession.** Intercessory prayer is not bending God's will to ours; it's about asking the Lord to enlighten us with the power of His life-giving Spirit so we might discern and do His will.

**Prayer is thanksgiving.** In recognition of the primacy of God's action and grace in all our works and in the life of the Christian community.

Only then, with God's grace, might we glimpse the road ahead of us.

One for all, all for one.

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#### **10** EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### WELLNESS SEMINAR



## Improving Emotional and Spiritual aspects of Celebrating the Holidays

SUNDAY November 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm Columbus Hall Emmanuel Catholic Church, ADMIISION IS FREE Sponsored by: The Blessed Mother Council Knights of Columbus #13888

Please sign projected guest list at the front of the church for planning seating and refreshments. For information contact Faith Director Armando Minutoli Chairman or Treasurer Peter Cavanaugh CO- Chairman.



FATHER TIMOTHY CANAAN, M.DIV., M.A.

Father Timothy has served the Diocese of Ogdensburg as its Vocation Director, Director of Admissions of Wadhams Hall Seminary-College and Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry. He has preached numerous Parish Missions and has been the retreat director for Commissioned Lay Ministers, and Vocation Candidates, Father Timothy's gift of preaching enables him to preach the gospel message through the use of real life stories and everyday situations.

### FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

### Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



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#### EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 11



### Emmanuel Catholic Church will be hosting a Junk in the Trunk Sale on Nov. 4th

You can reserve a space and sell that extra stuff you have cluttering your home, garage, or storage area. Anything from car parts to clothes. Pull your car in, set up a table behind your vehicle and let the sales begin! Crafters, home-based businesses & students are all welcome to come and sell your goods.

**WHAT CAN I SELL?** Household goods, furniture, antiques, toys, clothing, crafts...You can sell most anything except for alcohol, weapons, tobacco, food, or pornography. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act makes it illegal to resell any recalled baby merchandise.

**HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?** Sign up in advance at the church office. **\$15.00** to reserve a spot. **\$5.00** to rent a table (limited quantity of tables available). You must provide advance notice if you will be renting a table. Day of registration will be **\$20.00** per space.

You keep all the proceeds of what you sell. You must take everything with you and clean up your spot at the end of the sale.

FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO WANT TO SELL. We will waive the fee and provide a table for our Emmanuel CCD students who want to participate in selling their items. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to come and sell your treasures! Kids, it's a perfect time to sell some of your toys or belongings to make some Christmas cash!

# Please contact the church office by November 3rd, if you would like to reserve a space and or a table. Registration will also be available at the children's mass.

#### The Ladies Guild is hosting a bake sale in the Pavilion during the event!

This is a great place to sell your items without the hassle of having a garage sale! Bring a friend or two and have some fun.

All spaces/tables are nonrefundable and considered a donation to the Religious Education program.



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### **12** EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

ALL HALLOWS' EVE" is where the name of halloween comes

All Hallow's Eve because it is the eve of All Saints Day which is on November 1

The night before Nov.1 became known as *Allhallowe'en*, which was short before All Hallows' Day." It was then shortened to what we now know a:

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Our Religious Education Program is well underway and we have been doing something new this year. The Church teaches that parents are the first and primary educators of their children about the faith. For his reason we have begun offering a program every week on Sundays for the parents while their children are in class. The program is called Alpha and we are running it in both English and Spanish. We just finished our 4th session. If you or someone you know would like to join us please come. Th program is designed to be conversational with videos and discussion questions. It is also meant for people of any faith level even for people who have no faith but have an open mind. We meet in Columbus Hall every Sunday directly after the Children's Mass at 10:45am on Sundays which have Religious Education for the children. Please join us and keep us all in your prayers.



Its Fall...that beloved time of year where we mark the end of summer and the beginning of the harvest. But for parents it's marked more with school homecomings, football, fall sports and Halloween festivities. A time where our kids are exploring what costumes they want for Halloween and all the escapades that come with all Hallows eve. Before embarking on a fun night of dress-up and trick-or-treating however, we can incorporate more of a religious twist to Halloween this year verses the scary commercial side of it. Here are a few simple ideas to approach this Halloween 2023:

1. Participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project; put out a teal pumpkin and hand out food-allergy-safe treats. This is a simple way to make trick-or-treating safer and more inclusive for children living with food allergies. By placing a teal pumpkin on your doorstep signals that, in addition to candy, you offer non-food trinkets and treats that are safe for all trick or treaters. Oriental Trading online has a lot of great options to hand out. How about some fun rubber Jesus Loves me bracelets or pumpkin squish balls. Dollar tree offers some great options such as little toys and crafts as alternative to food/candy.

2. Donate gently used costumes to a local thrift store or "fb marketplace sites" for families on a budget.

3. Bless your little ones with holy water before they go out to their Halloween celebrations, and pray the St. Michael Prayer. Explain (briefly) that they never need to be scared because God is on their side, triumphing over darkness and evil.

4. Your kids might want to carve traditional jack o'lanterns, but you might also challenge them to try some designs such as Saint 0 Lanterns. If you use a paper template to guide your carving, then the design possibilities are endless. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descending as a dove, crosses, angels, even the profiles of saints . . . if you can find a picture of it (or even a coloring page), you can trace it onto your pumpkin by pricking an outline through the paper with a pin or sharp knife. See the pumpkin carving prayer to say while carving your saint o lantern! Send us a photo of your special saint o lantern! 5. Dress up as your favorite Saint or encourage kids to dress up as someone they can be proud of. Send us a photo of your kids dressed up as saints for our next bulletin!

6. Hand out catholic saint treats: St Isadore's Pumpkin Patch hand out pumpkin themed treats, Animal Crackers/cookies for St. Francis, Caramel treats for Our Lady of Mt. Caramel, Flaming Hot Cheetos for St. Joan of Arc, Gumballs or chocolate eyeballs for St. Lucy, Swedish fish or gold fish for St. Andrew.

7. Make your kids homemade paper lanterns to take out trick-or-treating; use an LED candle, search online for "homemade Halloween lanterns,"

8. Send your trick or treater off with a blessing and a prayer: "God bless all the people whom we will meet. Let our visit with them be a pleasant treat. Whatever the costumes we wear tonight, may all your children be clothed with Christ. Protect us from danger and evil ways, that tomorrow with the saints we may give you praise."

9. Pray for the dead! It's traditional to pray for the dead, and especially the poor souls in purgatory, around All Saints Day and All Souls Day. If possible, visit a local graveyard to pray for the people buried there, and all the dead.

# FLANDERS FIELDS

### 14 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The weekend of November fourth and fifth, the Knights of Columbus will again be handing out poppies to everyone after Mass. This is in memory of the Veterans we honor on Veterans Day, which we celebrate on Saturday, November 11.

It's poppies that inspired the WW 1 poem "In Flanders Fields", in which the opening lines refer to poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the soil of the graves of the soldiers in the Flanders region of Belgium.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row That mark our place; and in the sky The larks still bravely singing fly Scarce heard amid the guns below



In 1920 The American Legion adopted the poppy as the official symbol of remembrance of veterans. Soon after the Royal British Legion did the same, as well as veterans groups from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and several other countries.

President Wilson initially called November 11, Armistice Day, since that's the date when in 1918, the armistice that ended World War One was signed. Many states had already made it a holiday. But in 1938, Congress officially made it a national holiday. And in 1954 under the Eisenhower administration "armistice day" was renamed to "veterans day" to honor veterans in World War One and two, and possibly the Spanish and French American wars if there any veterans from those wars left.

In 1960 they moved many holidays to the closest Monday. They would have made Veterans Day the second Monday in November. But the veterans, especially those who served in WW1, made a big fuss. They said no, no, no. November 11 is the day the First World War officially ended. And so there it stayed.

Naturally, there had to be protesters, who claimed the poppy was no more than a political symbol of war and conflict. When I was growing up the ushers in my parish handed out poppies every year on the Sunday before Veterans Day. I imagine it was Vietnam that caused that practice to stop. All of a sudden veterans didn't get the respect they deserved for their sacrifice.

Some suggested Memorial Day be the day we remember our soldiers, but again the veterans prevailed. Veterans Day remembers ALL who served not just the ones that died, but those who came home as well, many of them missing critical body parts or with serious mental issues. On Veterans Day we remember all of those who volunteered to protect this country in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Grenada, Vietnam, Korea, and WW2.

If you are a veteran reading this, we thank you for your service. God bless you and God bless America.