



EMMANUEL

God With Us



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NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ISSUE

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WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

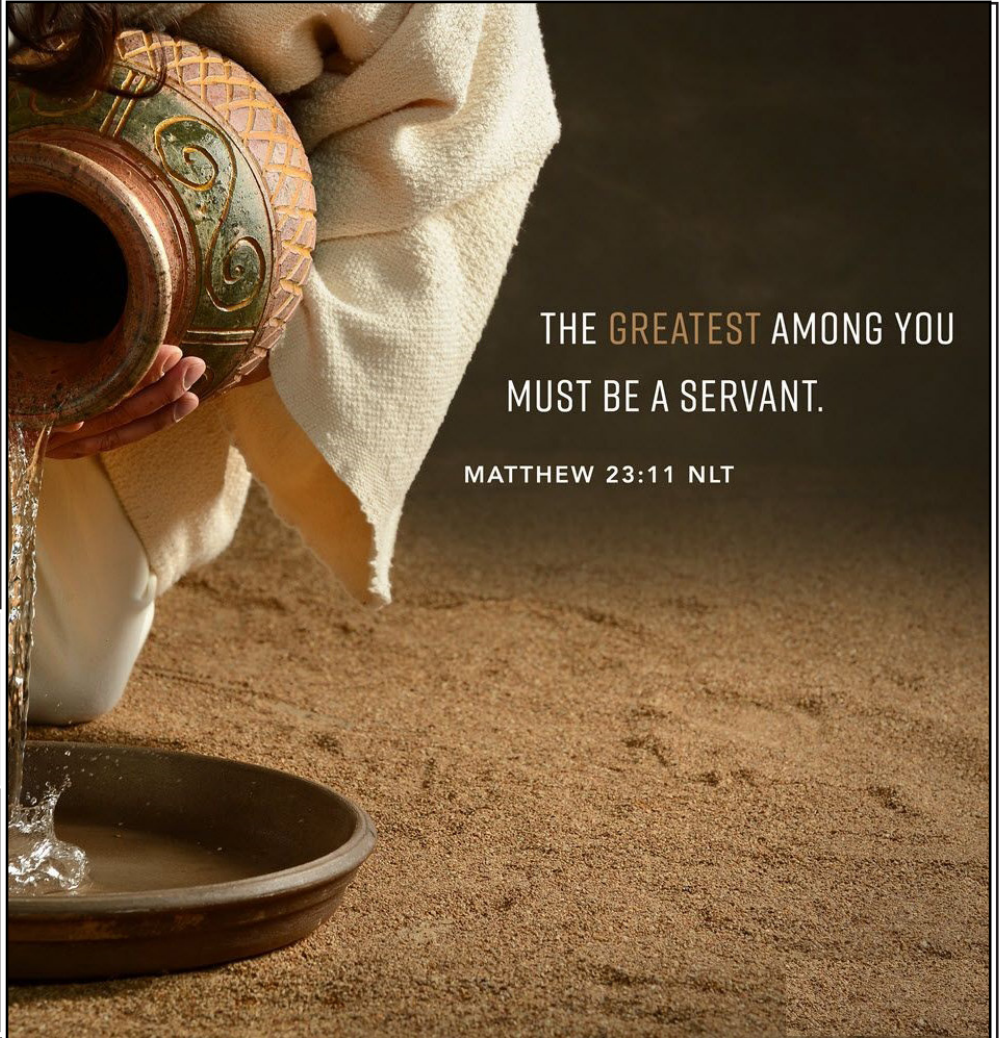
Mon - Thurs 7:30A; 8:30A
Fri - 7:30A, 8:30A, 6:00P

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



THE GREATEST AMONG YOU
MUST BE A SERVANT.

MATTHEW 23:11 NLT



BELOVED PARISHIONERS. Please take the time to read Father Zamora's letter addressed to all of us. Live, give, serve! (**PAGE 4**)

INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR

Emmanuel Parish veterans might want to check out **PAGE 12** of this issue. The Mayor of Delray Beach is inviting you to a Delray Beach Downtown event to honor veterans.

TO OUR C.C.D. PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Please take time to visit our Religious Education (**page 13**); to celebrate our kids as they grow in the faith, and for timely announcements that pertain.

THIRTY FIRST 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

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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

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

06 Monday

6:30 am Adoration
1:00 pm Movie Mondays

07 Tuesday

6:30 am Adoration
10:00 am Faith Sharing

08 Wednesday

6:30 am Adoration
2:00 pm School of Christian Formation
4:00 pm Soul Core

09 Thursday

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

10 Friday

6:30 am Adoration
6:30 pm Taize

11 Saturday

9:00 am Confession
9:00 am Lay Cistercians Meeting

12 Sunday

9:00 am Ladies Guild Mass
1:00 pm OCIA Class
1:00 pm Baptism Class

Many people
mistake our work
for our vocation.
Our vocation is the
love of Jesus.

Mother Teresa

PASTOR'S DESK

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DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I would like to thank you for all your support to our annual diocesan services appeal (DSA). This year, our goal was \$173,000.00 and, so far, we have collected \$136,510.99.

We only have two months left before the appeal ends for 2023.

For those who have not yet contributed to the DSA, we would greatly appreciate your contribution as soon as possible.

To those who have already contributed, I say "Thank you!"

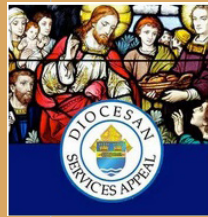
If you would care to contribute more, your generosity would be a great boon: not only to reaching our parish goal for the year 2023; but also, and more importantly, to bolster and maintain the effectiveness of our pastoral programs in addressing the needs of the diocesan faithful.

Once again, thank you so much!

Father Zamora

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Offering Collection	\$	10,267.00
Second Collection	\$	2,426.00
SUBTOTAL	\$	12,693.00
Children's Mass	\$	276.00
Online (10.23-10.27.23)	\$	984.88



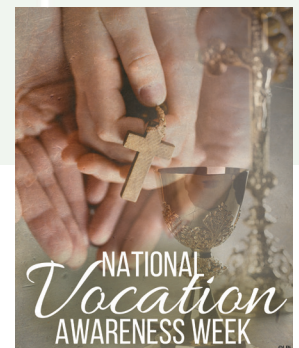
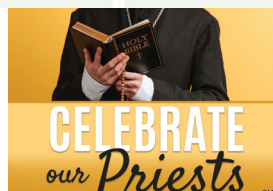
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Goal	\$ 173,000.00
Amount Collected	\$ 136,510.99
Remaining	\$ 36,489.01

CLERGY SCHEDULE AND DAILY OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
05 7:30a Fr. Zamora 9:00a Fr. Theo 10:00a Fr. Theo 10:30a Fr. Carr 12:00n Fr. Carr 6:00p Fr. Theo St Leo the Great	06 7:30a Fr. Zamora 8:30a Fr. Carr St. Nicholas Tavelic & Companions	07 7:30a Fr. Theo 8:30a Fr. Timothy St. Didacus ELECTION DAY	08 7:30a Fr. Carr 8:30a Fr. Timothy Blessed John Duns Scotus	09 7:30a Fr. Theo 8:30a Fr. Zamora Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	NOTES	
10 7:30a Fr. Zamora 8:30a Fr. Timothy 6:00p Fr. Theo St Leo the Great	11 8:30a Fr. Zamora 4:00p Fr. Carr 5:30p Fr. Carr St. Martin of Tours VETERANS DAY	12 7:30a Fr. Theo 9:00a Fr. Leone 10:00a Fr. Zamora 10:30a Fr. Timothy 12:00n Fr. Timothy 6:00p Fr. Theo		

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NOVEMBER 6-12, 2023 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

05

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

NOV 06 MONDAY

7:30A † Gerard & David Abrami by Fran
8:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA

* Caraballo-Raygada Families by Elsa Caraballo
ALL SOULS NOVENA

NOV 07 TUESDAY

7:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA
8:30A † Rose Buerkert by Carol

ALL SOULS NOVENA
† Dorval & Henry Family by Marie Anne Dorval

NOV 08 WEDNESDAY

7:30A * In honor of S. Joseph by Cannon Family
8:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA

† Maggie Hilferty by Christine & John Wilkens
ALL SOULS NOVENA

NOV 09 THURSDAY

7:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA
8:30A

ALL SOULS NOVENA
* Peter Santiesteban by Evelyn Santiesteban

NOV 10 FRIDAY

7:30A † Schweska Family by Sally Rabbitt
8:30A ALL SOULS NOVENA
6:00P FOR PRIESTS

† Marilyn Spinosa Weinberg by Alba Barbosa
ALL SOULS NOVENA
FOR PRIESTS

NOV 11 SATURDAY

8:30A * Alexandra Conde Green by Alexandra Conde Green
4:00P BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30P † Donna Petricone by Husband

† Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hudson by Daughter
BOOK OF THE DEAD
† Lucia Cardona by Daughter & Grandkids

NOV 12 SUNDAY

7:30A * Laura Laurent Xavier by Alexandra Conde Green
9:00A † Pietra & Francesco Spallino by Daughter
10:30A PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00N* Cedric Cassagnol by Parents & † Jeanette Newberry
by Karen McCarthy
6:00P * Eulalia Calvo de Gonzales by Carla Gonzales Rios
(healing)

† Marilyn Spinosa Weinberg by Alba Barbosa
† Lillian Devivio by Vincent Crici
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
Living & deceased 4th degree KoC Assembly 2003 by
Al Attard
* Lafontant Family by Cassagnol Family

UNSCHEDULED

* Johnny Constantinou by Carol Schwab
* Rafael Rivera by Carol Schwab
* Nancy & Danny D'Angelo by Carol Schwab
* Helen Crespi by Carol Schwab
* Carolyn Giovannini by Ladies Guild
† Miriam Diiorio by Patrick & Robert
† Carol Tuohy by Lillian & Donal Dennehy
† Anonymous by Joella Anastasi
* Nancy Rossi Smith/healing by Barbara Rossi
† Donald Smith by Barbara Rossi
† Betty Quinal by Baldonado Family
† Pam Zanona by Maopin Family

† Miriam Diiorio by Christine & John
† Miriam Diiorio by Christine & John
† Marianne Ashenbrenner by Marianne Hoover
† Helen Fedor by Marianne Hoover
† Anthony Caroll by Frank Chiavetta
† John McGettrick by Jim & Una Kerrigan
† Pedro Serrano by Christine Shento
* Carol Buerkert by Clara Depko
* Carol Chapman by Clara Depko
* Linda Aldrich by Clara Depko
* Liz Rothman by Clara Depko
* Nancy McDonald by Clara Depko

ALTAR FLOWERS

† Maura Chipa
by Pilar/daughter

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

Today I wanted to share with you all something rather unusual. It was inspired by a poem by the poet Denise Levertov. Levertov was a poet who in the late years of her life converted to Catholicism. She wrote a poem reflecting on the title 'Lamb of God'. I was so touched by this poem that I wanted to share my insights of it. A disclaimer here is that none of this is very original. All the credit needs to go to the poet who sparked all my thoughts.

In the poem Denise Levertov reflects on the odd nature of a lamb being a title or symbol to speak about God. God who is all knowing, all powerful and all good is associated with a lamb? It's rather strange when you think about it. Anyone who has spent any time around sheep will know that they are not the brightest creatures in the world. In fact they're pretty dumb. And yet Jesus, who is God himself, is referred to as a lamb? Levertov goes on to speak of other paradoxes which the imagery of a lamb brings up when you speak the Lamb of God. Lambs are timid helpless creatures scared of anything that is new or unusual. Even full grown sheep won't go near something or someone which they are unfamiliar with. And yet God, who is all powerful chooses to be linked to a lamb?

What the poem brought up for me was this deep sense of the humility of God. God is not proud. He is not concerned with being viewed as the most powerful, the most intelligent, the most well liked or popular, the greatest and most impressive specimen. Instead, God chooses to be the littlest when he comes into the world. God chose to become the lowest of the low. What is more humble and helpless than a lamb? The dependence of a lamb upon others to care for it nurture it.

If this is what God is like then what does it mean for us as Christians? The profound littleness of God made man, of a God who chooses to be called a lamb. This should give us all pause and make us wonder what kind of God it is we believe in and what it means for our lives. If we are called to follow such a God what are our lives supposed to be like? The paradox of a God who is so great and yet chooses to become small and poor taking on the helpless nature of humanity is the God who we follow and worship. It is this God that we are called to imitate and love. What a scandal and yet what an invitation.

- Joe Steger

(The poem "Lamb of God" is posted in PAGE 11 of this issue)

A HEAVY BURDEN, HARD TO CARRY

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

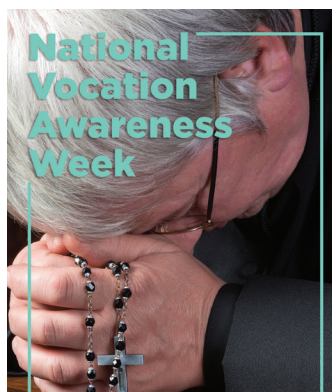
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or
4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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	Michael Manuele
David & John	Sr. Frances Vass OSC
Helen Cruz	Marguerite Dawson
Carol Cella	Mary Loveland
Lenore Curatolo	Sam Falcone
Marilyn Boyle	Patricia Golstein
Andrea Anastasi	Taylor Dosh
Shelly Fiorini	Marilyn Martino
Fran Abrami	Gulshan Modena
Ed Bush	Maggie Dolan
Margarito Danny	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Berciles	Heather Martin
Harold Irang	Tailor McGee
Regina Schlossberg	Ronald Griffiths
Arthur Chiusano	Margie Giaquinto
Elizabeth L. Hajko	Maria Fernandez
Maureen Oberholzer	Raphael Roman
Bob Oberholzer	Kathy Scaman
John Wilkens	Carol Brown
Scott Ellison	James Ezeilo
Evangeline Ezeilo	Brenda Ezeilo
Michael Gehres	Michael DiBartolome
Karen Sullivan	Brian Sullivan
Eric Albertson	Joan Albertson
Salvatore Pagano	
Sean Zahul	

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

SAINT OF THE DAY - ST. DIDACUS

08 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

San Diego (Didacus) de Alcala (c. 1400 – November 12, 1463)

Didacus is living proof that God “chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.”

As a young man in Spain, Didacus joined the Secular Franciscan Order and lived for some time as a hermit. After Didacus became a Franciscan brother, he developed a reputation for great insight into God's ways. His penances were heroic. He was so generous with the poor that the friars sometimes grew uneasy about his charity.

Didacus volunteered for the missions in the Canary Islands and labored there energetically and profitably. He was also the superior of a friary there.

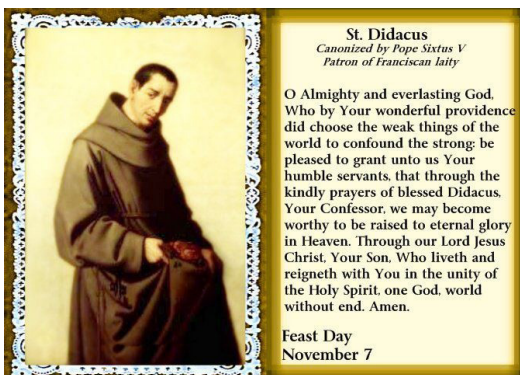
In 1450, he was sent to Rome to attend the canonization of Saint Bernardine of Siena. When many of the friars gathered for that celebration fell ill, Didacus stayed in Rome for three months to nurse them. After he returned to Spain, he pursued a life of contemplation full-time. He showed the friars the wisdom of God's ways.

As he was dying, Didacus looked at a crucifix and said: “O faithful wood, O precious nails! You have borne an exceedingly sweet burden, for you have been judged worthy to bear the Lord and King of heaven” (Marion A. Habig, OFM, *The Franciscan Book of Saints*, p. 834).

San Diego, California, is named for this Franciscan, who was canonized in 1588.

Reflection

We cannot be neutral about genuinely holy people. We either admire them or we consider them foolish. Didacus is a saint because he used his life to serve God and God's people. Can we say the same for ourselves?



Discerning Vocations

Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning “to call.” A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us.

The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage.

Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF = Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

ARE WE TAKING TIME TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE? Are the random acts of kindness, our passion to serve – are these founded on the profound moments of spiritual insight borne of our response to the Word, or do the things we do arise from the what we have lived through?

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:1-3

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

Questions of the Week

First Reading

The prophet Malachi informs the priests of Israel that God is aware that their instruction has caused many to stumble in their faith. Have you ever had to help someone who has lost their faith?

Second Reading

Paul expresses his gratitude to the Thessalonians for their openness to hear and believe the word of God taught by them. Who in your life might be open to hearing the word of God from you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus challenged the crowds and his disciples to be as servants to each other, acting always in humility. How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, Father Z. has been present at most of these events.

What always tickles me is to see him in his priestly blacks going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Fr. Ding!

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

ROLE OF CATHOLICS IN SOCIETY

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful – that is, not vowed priest or religious – we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





NEWS

The Knights of Blessed Mother Council awarded one of our new members,

Rich Peckio, his third degree membership certificate.

Pictured are Membership Director Chuck Dolce, Rich, and Grand Knight Luke VanHove



If any men of the parish are interested in joining the Knights, send an email with your contact info to

Chuck@BlessedMotherCouncil.com.

Vivat Jesus!

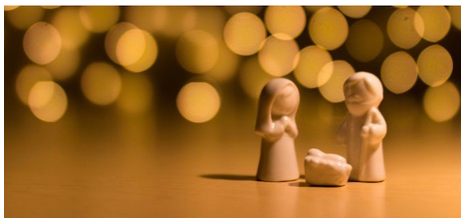
Prepare Your Heart and Home for Christmas

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

(For our Parish Family & Beyond)

Presented by **Fr. David Carr**
and

Sponsored by **The Knights of Columbus**



Thursday, November 30, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Emmanuel Catholic Church
Delray Beach, FL 33484**

As we begin this holy season of Advent, let us take time out of our busy schedules to spend an hour in prayer and reflection on how we can keep Christ in Christmas during this Advent time. Father Carr will offer the reflection and benediction during the Holy Hour

Refreshments will be served afterward.

THE LADIES GUILD ALL HALLOWS DAY COSTUME PARTY WINNERS

Selection for the Best Costumes for the night were made by event judges Sandy & Barbara. The winners were: **Cereal Killer** (Nancy McDonald); **Shepherd** (Tom Chapman); **Bag Lady** (Jan Kettlehut); and **Knight** (Dominic Scaduto).



THE LAMB OF GOD

Denise Levertov

Given that lambs
are infant sheep,
that sheep are afraid and foolish, and lack
the means of self-protection, having
neither rage nor claws,
venom nor cunning,
what then
is this 'Lamb of God'?
This pretty creature, vigorous
to nuzzle at milky dugs,
woolbearer, bleater,
leaper in air for delight of being, who finds in astonishment
four legs to land on, the grass
all it knows of the world?
With whom we would like to play,
whom we'd lead with ribbons, but may not bring
into our houses because
it would spoil the floor with its droppings?
What terror lies concealed
in strangest words, O lamb
of God that taketh away
the Sins of the World: an innocence
smelling of ignorance,
born in bloody snowdrifts,
licked by forbearing
dogs more intelligent than its entire flock put together?

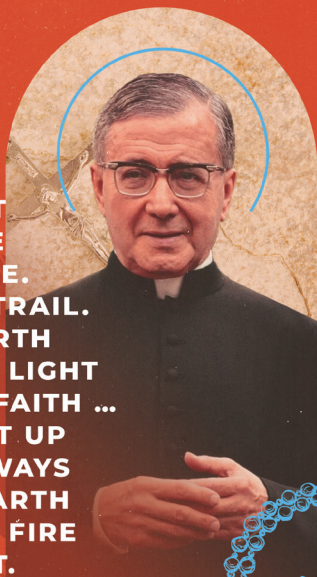
God then,
encompassing all things, is
defenseless? Omnipotence
has been tossed away,
reduced to a wisp of damp wool?
And we
frightened, bored, wanting
only to sleep 'til catastrophe
has raged, clashed, seethed and gone by without us,
wanting then
to awaken in quietude without remembrance of agony,
we who in shamefaced private hope
had looked to be plucked from fire and given
a bliss we deserved for having imagined it,
is it implied that we
must protect this perversely weak
animal, whose muzzle's nudgings
suppose there is milk to be found in us?
Must hold in our icy hearts
a shivering God?
So be it.
Come, rag of pungent
quiverings,
dim star.
Let's try
if something human still
can shield you,
spark
of remote light.

“

**DON'T LET
YOUR LIFE
BE STERILE.
BLAZE A TRAIL.
SHINE FORTH
WITH THE LIGHT
OF YOUR FAITH ...
AND LIGHT UP
ALL THE WAYS
OF THE EARTH
WITH THE FIRE
OF CHRIST.**

”

- ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ

PRIEST
AND FOUNDER**YOU ARE INVITED****MAGNIFICAT PALM BEACH's 20TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola
Family Life Center, [9999 N. Military
Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL](#)

November 12, 2023 at 2:00pm –
5:00pm lunch is being served

Speaker: Dr. Carol Razza

Cost is \$30 No walk-ins

Register by sending a \$30 check to
Cathy Dorsey, Treasurer. [2 Alnwick Rd
Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418](#)

SOUTH DEANERY - DECANATO SUR
BILINGUAL HOLY HOUR
SAINT JOAN OF ARC

PARISH LEVEL
 NIVEL PARROQUIAL

NOVEMBER 9, 2023
7:00PM
370 SW 3RD ST
BOCA RATON, FL 33432

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO UNITE AS A DEANERY
 UNA GRAN OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNIRNOS COMO DECANATO

The Eucharistic Revival invites U.S. Catholics of all ages to become part of a national movement to renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist. The revival is an opportunity for reflection Christ's gift of Himself in the Eucharist and our response to that gift.

The revival is broken into three phases over three years. The diocesan phase, the parish phase and the mission phase. Also, the National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, rekindling devotion to the Eucharist, the service and summit of our lives

As part of the diocesan phase of our eucharistic revival, I invite and encourage you all to this great opportunity to unite as a deanery.

The Mayor of the City of Delray would like to share an upcoming event. Delray Beach is planning a Veterans Day Honor Ceremony on Saturday November 11th at 9AM. We would like to recruit Veterans from the community to be honored that day. They will have a ceremony and an honorary presentation by the Mayor along with lunch. I would like to ask if you can extend the invitation to the Emmanuel Catholic Church Community and if any Veterans would like to be honored that day they can contact me directly or you can send me their names and contact information. I have a flyer attached that can be displayed to let the parishioners know about the event and who to contact.

The ceremony is a great opportunity for the Delray Beach Community and the Mayor to thank them for the service they have provided to our Country.

I have attached a flyer and the details are below.

Event: Veterans Day – Honoring All Who Have Served
Date: Saturday November 11, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: The Field House at Old School Square DelRay Beach.

Please call me if you would like to discuss the details.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM
 THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

★ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH 2023 9:00 AM ★

THE FIELD HOUSE, OLD SCHOOL SQUARE

If you would like to participate as an Honorary Guest recognized by the Mayor of Delray Beach
 Please contact Michele Pandolfo pandolfom@mydelraybeach.com 561-243-7010



DEAR CCD PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

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 this 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. The 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.

I teach
Sunday School
what's your
superpower?

Have you ever considered teaching in Sunday School classes? If you feel this particular calling to serve and, considering your qualifications or reservations, reach out to **Jean** at email: religionseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church.

A big shout out and thank you to all our wonderful Knights of Columbus Brothers and volunteers who joined us Saturday morning for our Trunk or Treat Car Show! We are grateful for all the hotdogs you made and the generosity of your time and assistance in making this day great fun. The Religious Education department is grateful for your generous donation and support! We greatly appreciate our students, especially Landon Dsouza & the Pereira sisters who come out to lend a hand in the games and all that you do each and every Sunday to make our program special.

Thank you also to The Corvair Car Club and Dee's Road Rascals for cruisin in and adding to our trunks for treating. Best in show winning the coveted pumpkin trophy was Paul's gruesome jeep loved by all the kids. Second place went to Robert's 2023 Ford and 3rd place went to Sammy for his 2013 Camaro and people's choice was Donna's Halloween Ford Truck.

Our families helped mix up some Halloween fun with their creative trunks adorned with pumpkins and skeletons and lots of treats. We had Ghostbusters, Mario Brothers and Jesus-inspired cars for trick or treating and festive games to add to the day. We were up to our eyeballs with candy and fun... "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on both evil and good" Proverbs 15:3 . Thank you to all that participated in this wonderful day!



There are more event photos that we will post on future bulletins. As it is, we can only post representations when we can.

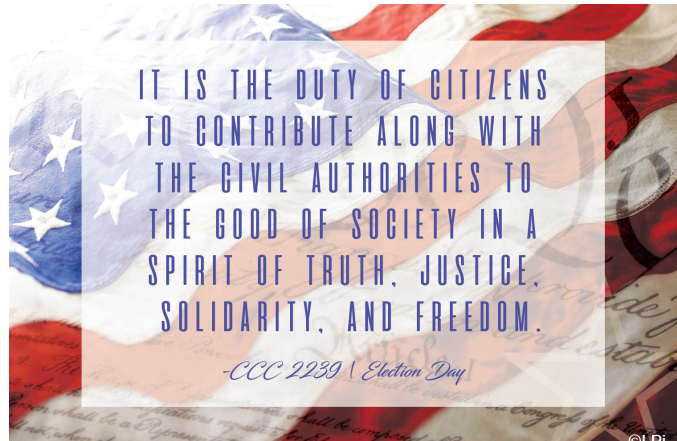
POPPIES

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 WW1 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.

