

EMMANUEL

God With Us



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Your talent is
GOD'S GIFT to you.
What you **DO**
with it is your
gift **BACK** to **GOD**

- LEO BUSCAGLIA -

ARE YOU A STUDENT NEEDING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Check **PAGE 13** for info on how .

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by the Religious Education
Department. Info also on **PAGE 13**.

DEACON RICH SANTANA

dropped in with a word for all of us for
Thanksgiving, based on the gospel
reading. Check out **PAGE 11**.

YOU ARE INVITED

The annual Emmanuel
Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
is just around the corner!
November 23 @ 4pm.



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



There will be **no religious education
classes or children's mass today and Nov
26th**. Children's Mass and Class will
resume on **December 3rd** for grades
VPK-5th grades and Dec. 10th for grades
6-12th. Wishing all our students many
blessings for a fun filled and safe Fall
Break!

SAVE THE DATE

The annual **Christmas Flea Market and
Bake Sale** is coming up the weekend of
December 9th and 10th. Check inside for
details! **PAGE 10**

THIRTY 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
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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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

20 Monday

6:30 am Adoration
1:00 pm Movie Mondays

21 Tuesday

6:30 am Adoration
10:00 am Faith Sharing

22 Wednesday

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

23 Thursday

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

Thanksgiving Day (Office is closed)

24 Friday

6:30 am Adoration
6:30 pm Taize

Office & Gift Shop are closed

25 Saturday

9:00 am Confession
10:00 am Lector & Eucharistic M. meeting

26 Sunday

10:00am No Kid's Mass, No CCD
1:00 pm OCIA Class

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

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever **GIFT**
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10

PASTOR'S DESK

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EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY

It seems redundant to offer a mass in thanksgiving. That's what every mass is. The central part of the mass is introduced with the words "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God".

Surely, the mass includes many other themes. At times; it is a prayer of praise, it is prayer of petition, it is prayer for somebody who has died, it is a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection, it is a vehicle for preaching the gospel. In every instance though, it is a way to tell God thanks; thanks for his love, thanks for his blessings, thanks for all that he has done for us in Jesus, thanks for the faith and hope that we have.

Every day, certainly every Sunday, we are called to give remembrance and thanks. Sure, most of us have worked for what we have. But we forget that, if it weren't for the health, the intelligence, the opportunities, the work skills and

values we have been given, we would not have been able to accomplish much. We forget. And so we are reminded.

We are reminded by a tradition that goes all the way back to 1622 by a colony of settlers who were glad to have survived during that year. They had lost half of their colony the previous winter. This tradition was made a national holiday during another difficult time, 1863. It was the third year of the civil war.

It is unfair to say this of everyone, but it seems, sometimes, that the more we human beings are given, the less grateful we become. We are reminded by our faith that Thanksgiving is an attitude, an attitude that we are to carry with us all the time. It is an attitude that is a basic part of our personalities. It comes from humility—knowing that we are indebted to the goodness of our creator. It leads to joy. If you want to find joy, start by being grateful. We will only know how blessed we are when we start cultivating the virtue of gratitude.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

November 5, 2023

Offering Collection \$ 10,000.00

No amounts available for report on this section, as our publishers requested early submission because of the Holiday break. Report will be available next issue.

Children's Mass \$ 277.00
Online (10.30-11.03.23) \$ 2,133.78



November 06, 2023



Amount Collected \$ 100,000.00
Remaining \$ 36,389.01

CLERGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

19 SUNDAY

7:30a Fr. Theo
9:00a Fr. Timothy
10:00a (no mass)
10:30a Fr. Carr
12:00n Fr. Carr
6:00p Fr. Zamora

20 MONDAY

7:30a Fr. Zamora
8:30a Fr. Timothy

21 TUESDAY

7:30a Fr. Theo
8:30a Fr. Carr

22 WEDNESDAY

7:30a Fr. Carr
8:30a Fr. Leone

23 THURSDAY

7:30a Fr. Theo
8:30a Fr. Zamora

24 FRIDAY

7:30a Fr. Zamora
8:30a Fr. Carr
6:00p Fr. Theo

25 SATURDAY

8:30a Fr. Zamora
4:00p Fr. Carr
5:30p Fr. Carr

26 SUNDAY

7:30a Fr. Zamora
9:00a Fr. Theo
10:00a (No mass)
10:30a Fr. Zamora
12:00n Fr. Leone
6:00p Fr. Theo

NOTES



SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

NOV 20 MONDAY

7:30A * Iris Roman by Martha DeBoise

8:30A † Joseph Bilotta by Bilotta Family

† Judith Everrs by Son

† Joseph Bilotta by Bilotta Family

NOV 21 TUESDAY

7:30A † Sheldon Robinson by Family

8:30A * Francesco Varona by Cannon Family

† David Silva by Family

* Ines Cannon by Cannon Family

NOV 22 WEDNESDAY

7:30A † Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini/Cannon Fam.

8:30A † Karen Yozallinas by Family

† Leon Saieh by Sister, Cecile Saieh by Sister, Cecile Saieh

† Herman Guzman by Marie & Darren

NOV 23 THURSDAY

7:30A † Eleanora Pace by Mario Pace

8:30A † Manuele & Pappalardo Families by Rose

† Yolanda Rizzo, Louis Mancino, Frances & John Mauro
by Michele & Peter Mauro

† Ed Meszaros by Ed & Kathy Meszaros

NOV 24 FRIDAY

7:30A † Jose Hidalgo Lavado by Family

8:30A † Frances & Rudy Biola by Angela & Mark

6:00P FOR PRIESTS

† Fidelia Hidalgo by Family

* Jeanne E. Nardiello by Mark & Gail Vlasek

FOR PRIESTS

NOV 25 SATURDAY

8:30A † Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Christine & John

4:00P BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30P † Eila & Rose Petricone by Son

† Cecilia Rovnyak by Rose

BOOK OF THE DEAD

† Eric Soroee by Family

NOV 26 SUNDAY

7:30A † Joe V. Pettit Jr. & Gloria Leone by Stanley L. Klunder

9:00A † Bill Stamper by Pam Lee

10:30A PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00N † Esther A. Gilbes-Lemas by Ortiz & Capozzi Family

6:00P * Caleb Philip Mundackal by Simi Sahu

† John Vozzella by Stanley L. Klunder

† Dulce Clarin by Friend

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

† William Middaugh by Dinoto Family

* Shon & Amala by Simi Sahu

UNSCHEDULED

* Eva & Olivia Strano by Price Family

* Eva & Olivia Strano by Price Family

* Rena & Durant Tardugno by Price Family

* Rena & Durant Tardugno by Price Family

* Rena & Durant Tardugno by Price Family

* Rena & Durant Tardugno by Price Family

* Rena & Durant Tardugno by Price Family

† Dave Menard by Lori Davanzo

† Carmine Gallo by Dorothy Deedy

† Dennis Mhyer by Ron & Stella Mandolfi

† Dennis Mhyer by Ray Luisi

* Josephine Joan Saccio by Rose

† Carmine Gallo by Arlene & John Gallo

* Dolores Ciaccio by Audrey & Al Krapf

* Cathy Langone by Audrey & Al Krapf

† Janet Lewis by Cannon Family

† Joseph Santoro by Cannon Family

† Paddy O'Riordan by Lillian & Donal Dennehy

* Joseph Fulginiti /healing by Carol Schwab

* Bobby Christos/healing by Carol Schwab

* Helen Crespi/healing by Carol Schwab

* Thelma Constantino/healing by Carol Schwab

† Lucy Baldivi by Rosanne Rivera

* Katie Depalma, Signey & baby/healing by Mary/ Frank Eardley

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

I have been to Europe two times in my life, and both times I have seen churches which were stunningly beautiful and centuries old. When you walk into one of these great cathedrals of Europe, your jaw drops in awe at the size and the overwhelming beauty of the structures. These churches are testaments of the faith of ages past. However, much of the time they are treated like museums, as now. When Mass or some other service is celebrated in them, only a handful of people can be seen participating.

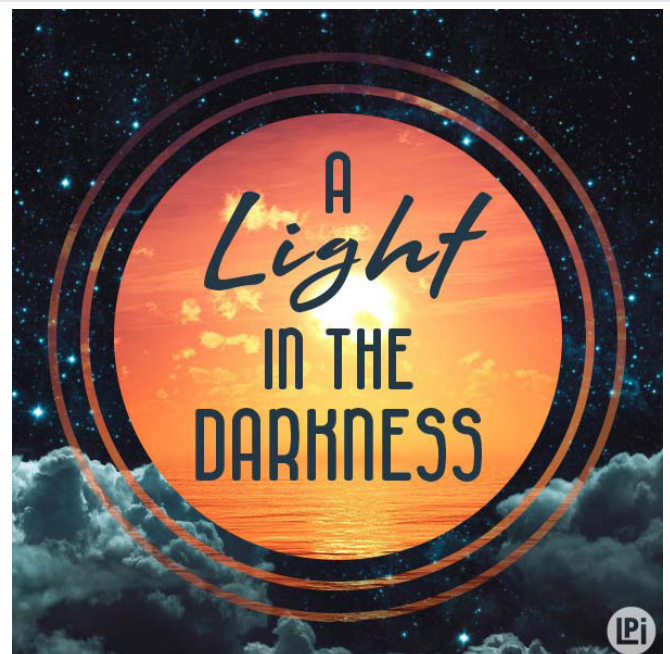
These structures, which were the result of profound faith and belief in Jesus Christ, have become lifeless shells. This is in stark contrast to the bustling and lively faith which once filled them. The story of these great cathedrals and churches of Europe highlights the European crisis (as well as the modern crisis) of faith. Packed churches 60 or 70 years ago have since been deserted. This image of a deserted church is very linked (for me personally) to the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris 4 years ago.

I can still remember where I was when my friend and roommate at the time came upstairs and told me to come down and see the news. One of the greatest churches of Christian Europe crumbled as the whole world looked on. In the ensuing days images and videos of people standing in the streets of Paris began to emerge. There were two that impacted me deeply. One was of a crowd of hundreds if not thousands of people watching as the cathedral burned. The crowd began singing a song to Mary in French. This crowd of people, many of whom probably hadn't been to church in years, began to sing to God. The second image that I saw, which deeply impacted me, was of the gold cross over the high altar in the midst of charred rubble.

These two images were very powerful because I realized and felt the Lord saying that, even though France is one of the most secularized countries in the world and the faith of its people seems to be dead, the Lord is still active and doing something. The video of people singing to Mary was a sign of life being drawn out of death. When I saw the image of the cross in the middle of the wreckage I felt the Lord saying that, even in the midst of so much destruction his cross still stands. I felt the Lord saying to me that, just as Notre Dame would be rebuilt so too would the faith of Europe.

Even though faith in the United States is not in the same state that it is in in Europe we are rapidly losing faith in this country. I am sure most of you have children, spouses, neighbors, friends, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews who no longer consider themselves Catholic or Christian. Looking at the landscape of our country the future can seem bleak. Just like the great cathedrals of Europe which are empty, our own churches are emptying out. All you have to do is go to an average parish in the Northeast and see churches which are strikingly empty on Sunday.

Rather than getting worried about this though, it is an invitation for each of us to examine our hearts in the power of the Holy Spirit and to deepen our faith. It is only a living faith that will fill our churches again. It is only a living faith that will make people want to return to the church. We can't rely on the faith and testimony of previous generations, however beautiful their testimony may be. This includes the testimony on the great churches and monuments of Christian history. Instead, we need to live out our calling as the body of Christ, the Church, to become a living testimony. We need to experience ourselves as temples of the Holy Spirit. We must become true worshipers of God. People who "worship in Spirit and truth"(John 4:24). This is the only thing that will turn the tide back to God. We must become living witnesses of God's power and love.



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:

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 D. Berciles	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Regina Schlossberg	Heather Martin
Arthur Chiusano	Tailor McGee
Maureen Oberholzer	Ronald Griffiths
Bob Oberholzer	Margie Giaquinto
John Wilkens	Maria Fernandez
Scott Ellison	Raphael Roman
Evangeline Ezeilo	Kathy Scaman
Michael Gehres	Carol Brown
Karen Sullivan	James Ezeilo
Eric Albertson	Brenda Ezeilo
Salvatore Pagano	Michael DiBartolome
Sean Zahul	Brian Sullivan
Darren Guzman	Joan Albertson
Mary Lou	Cynthia Martin
Connie Panepinto	Francis Martin
Amalia Mazzolin	Hermoine D'Cruz
T J Genzale	Brigitte Knops

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.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

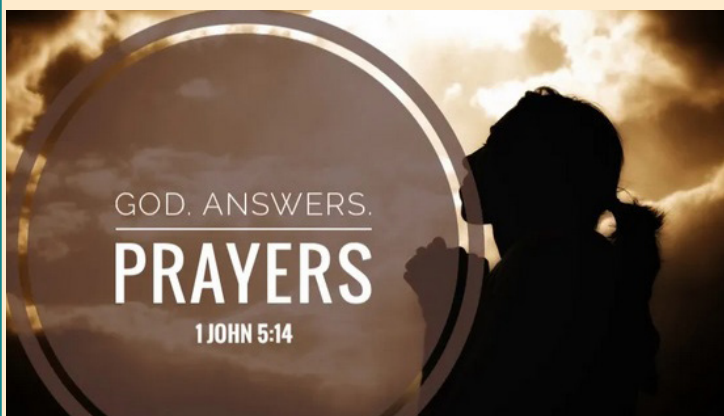
O Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am the first.

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.



SAINT OF THE DAY - BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO

08 EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saint of the Day for November 23
(January 13, 1891 – November 23, 1927)

"¡Viva Cristo Rey!"—Long live Christ the King!—were the last words Pro uttered before he was executed for being a Catholic priest and serving his flock.

Born into a prosperous, devout family in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, Miguel entered the Jesuits in 1911, but three years later fled to Granada, Spain, because of religious persecution in Mexico. He was ordained in Belgium in 1925.

Father Pro immediately returned to Mexico, where he served a Church forced to go "underground." He celebrated the Eucharist clandestinely and ministered the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics.

He and his brother Roberto were arrested on trumped-up charges of attempting to assassinate Mexico's president. Roberto was spared, but Miguel was sentenced to face a firing squad on November 23, 1927. His funeral became a public demonstration of faith. Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.

Reflection

When Fr. Miguel Pro was executed in 1927, no one could have predicted that 52 years later the bishop of Rome would visit Mexico, be welcomed by its president, and celebrate open-air Masses before thousands of people. Pope John Paul II made additional trips to Mexico in 1990, 1993, 1999, and 2002. Those who outlawed the Catholic Church in Mexico did not count on the deeply rooted faith of its people, and the willingness of many of them, like Miguel Pro, to die as martyrs.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR EVERY DAY MOMENTS:

" What Remains "

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was. "Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."

1 Thessalonians 5:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



ARE WE TAKING TIME TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE?

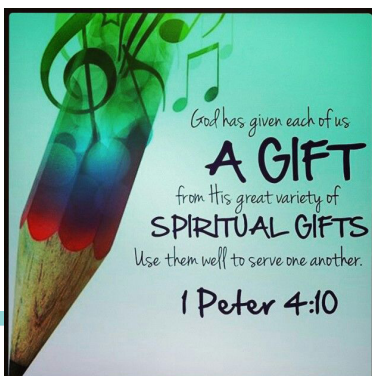
Are the random acts of kindness, our passion to serve – are these founded on the profound moments of spiritual insight borne of our response to the Word, or do the things we do merely spring from past trauma or unforgettable joy?

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr



**When you use the
gifts God has
given you, it's an
act of worship.**

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

Questions of the Week

First Reading

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





NEWS

Congratulations and
Welcome to Our New
Knights!

On Monday November 6, four Catholic gentlemen of Emmanuel Parish took their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and officially joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Mother Council is delighted to welcome our new brothers (left to right in front) **Gerry DaSilva, Jim Gormly, Billy Albert and Rich Sotis**. Vivat Jesus brothers!



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 Parish **Faith Sharing Group** found time to take a group shot to share with us, while they shared Faith Food and refreshments.



Christmas
TREES FOR
Sale

Tis the Season to get your Fresh Cut Christmas Trees
at Emmanuel Catholic Church!
Starting Friday November 24th
come and pick out your Christmas tree
and evergreen wreaths for sale
in the parking lot of the church.
More details to follow!

THE LADIES GUILD

will hold its annual Christmas Flea Market and Bake Sale at the Columbus Hall on the weekend of December 9th and 10th. The Flea Market will run from 8AM on Saturday until 6PM, and then reopen at 9AM on Sunday until 2PM. An announcement will be forthcoming regarding drop-off dates!!! There will be many different Christmas items available at very reasonable prices, as well as delicious goodies!!! Please come and support us!

A REFLECTION ON MATTHEW 25:14-30**Deacon Rich Santana**

As children we are often made aware of the great discrepancy in the talents we have compared to some of our peers. Many years later, I still remember the disappointment I felt when I tried out for little league and did not make the team. I thought that I was just as good as everyone else, but the coaches thought otherwise.

Today it is more common that everyone makes the team, but I am not sure that is an improvement. I learned at an early age that as much as I loved the game, I would never be a baseball player. I could still enjoy the game – still do even though I am a Met fan – but I would have to channel my energies in other directions.

Our country was founded on the principal that all people are created equal in the eyes of God, and in the eyes of the law. But that does not mean that we are all the same.

God has given us each of us different gifts and talents. There are things that you can do that I cannot, just as there may be things that I can do that you cannot. But when we dwell too much on what we lack, we may waste the gifts that God has given us.

In today's parable a man is going on a journey. He summons his servants and entrusts his property to them – each according to his ability. One servant received five talents, another two and a third just one.

There is a little word game at play here. A talent was a form of money in biblical times, but in this context, I think Jesus is also referring to the personal qualities that each person has.

Compared to the others, the servant who received just one talent may have been a man of little ability – yet the master had a talent even for him. Our master – God – provides talents for all. This is just one reason why every life is precious.

The master leaves and the first two servants “went off at once and traded” with their talents. The man with five talents made five more, and the man with two talents made two more. The third dug a hole in the ground and buried his one talent.

I am sure that he thought that those with more talents could afford to take a risk – while he had to safeguard his

one. “If they lose one, they still have more to fall back on, but if I lose my one talent I am finished.”

Many of us are like this third servant. Because we do not see ourselves as possessing outstanding gifts and talents, we conclude that there is nothing we can do. And, like this servant we bury our talents in the ground.

Do you know someone who loves to sing, but will not join the choir because she is afraid that her voice does not measure up to some others? Or someone who would love to share his faith with young people but is afraid to teach religious ed because he feels that he does not know enough about the bible or theology? Because they may not be as gifted as some, they fail to share the gifts they have.

When the master returns, he demands an account from his servants. The first servant made a profit of five talents, the second only two, but each receives the same compliment from the master: “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

But the master is disappointed with the servant who brought back only the one talent and calls him a “wicked, lazy servant.” This servant failed to realize that if he had made just one more, he would also have been rewarded.

Among the other talents each of us may have there is one we all share – the gift of faith. Our responsibility, as people of faith, is not just to preserve and “keep” the faith. Our mission is to trade with it – to sell it to the people of our time. We must promote and add value to our gift of faith the way to preserve any talent that God has given us – including our faith – is to put it to work – at home, at work, at school – by displaying our faith proudly in everything we say and do.

A man once complained to God that despite his prayers he never won the lottery. One day he heard the voice of God: “You didn’t buy a ticket!”

The game of life is a lot like the lottery: “You gotta be in it to win it!” We are in it when we identify our talents and put them to work for the glory of God. Our prize will be hearing God say: “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Happy Thanksgiving
FROM PAT AND RICH

EMMANUEL'S PARISH FAMILY

looks forward to a **HAPPY**
Thanksgiving

and invites 1 and all to the dinner table

NOV. 23RD, THURS @ 4P

SAVE THE DATE
NO TICKETS NECESSARY

Free to all, but donations

are greatly appreciated.

“Dine in” or “To go” ; your choice! 😊

There
Is Always
Something
To Be
Thankful For



"Grant, O Lord of life, That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive "passage" comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us "now and at the hour of our death." Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!"

-St Pope John Paul II

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: religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church.

Student
Volunteers!



Does your teenager need Community Service Hours? We need volunteers! Come help celebrate Thanksgiving by lending a hand for our Thanksgiving feast held in Columbus Hall. Students should plan to arrive and volunteer from 3:00pm-6:30pm. Students will help set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact the office by November 22nd at 561-496-2480 to sign up. Students should wear black pants and a white shirt. Please bring your community service hour forms for sign off.

**ANNUAL KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**

Calling all student artists participate in this years Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Judging will be broken down into age divisions. All students must fill out a registration form and submit it with their poster. Posters should be 11"x17" and are available to pick up at Childrens Mass or Class. All **posters must be submitted by December 3rd** and have the artist's name and grade on the back of the poster. Posters can be turned into their teacher, at mass or in the office. Posters will be judged on Slogan, visuals and artistry and overall impact. Winners take home a prize and their poster is displayed in church!

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

