

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A VOICE CRIES OUT:
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:00am - 4:00pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Thursday 7:30am & 8:30am
Friday: 7:30am, 8:30am & 6:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

4:00pm
5:30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00pm
6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every first Friday from 9:00am—5:55pm
Followed by the 6:00pm Mass

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick every Thursday following
the 8:30am Mass, or call the parish office

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 1:00pm. Schedule one month in
Advance. Contact Deacon Tony

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

GIFT SHOP HOURS (SUNDAY)

8:30-9:00am; 10:00-10:30am
11:30am-12:00pm; 1:00-1:30pm

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday at 2:30pm with Benediction

ROSARY GROUP

Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: Following the 8:30am Mass,
3:15-3:45pm & 5:00-5:20pm, or by appointment

*Welcome to Emmanuel Catholic Church
Parish Family
God is with us*

Parish Mission Statement

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 one 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.

Parish Organizational Chart

Most Reverend Gerald M Barbarito

Bishop of Palm Beach

Rev. Gaudioso Zamora

Pastor

Clergy

Parish Vicar Rev: Theodore Ihedoro

Deacon: Deacon Anthony Cuseo

In Resident: Rev. Joseph Papes

Weekday & Weekend Associates:

Msgr. Leonard Badia & Rev. Timothy Canaan

Weekend Associate: Rev. David Carr

Staff

Bookkeeper: Simi Sahu

Secretary: Stella Sadolfo

Receptionist: Maria Steger

Property Manager: Edward Shannon

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Parish Ministries

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation: Dcn. Tony Cuseo

Religious Education: Jean Krokus

Children of Divine Mercy: Melissa & Annette

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr. Theo

Lectors: Fr. Theo Hospitality/ Ushers:

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

Altar Servers:

Music: Linda Coz, Bill Stafford,

Clanaven Baldonado & Mens Choir

Altar Flowers: Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments:

Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman & Nancy McDonald

Homebound: Joan J. Saccio

Hospital Ministry: Fr. Theo

Youth Group:

Gift Shop: Gail Sullivan

Parish Organizations

Ladies Guild: President Patti Gomez

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight Bob Albertson

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 2020

Is 40: 1-5,9-11 / Ps 85: 9-14 / 2 Pt 3: 8-14 / Mk 1: 1-8

God was silent after the death of the last of the writing prophets. The Jews took the silence to mean that the spirit of prophecy had been quenched and only by the echo of His voice could God be heard. John the Baptist's voice broke the silence. John the Baptist was the voice of God but he was not God's word.

John the Baptist was at the service of Jesus just as the voice finds its fulfillment in having a word to announce. It was with a glad heart that John bid his disciples to follow Jesus that they might be disciples of the Word whose voice he was. John the Baptist was the most privileged among all the prophets. He did not only speak about the Messiah; he pointed to the Messiah as he spoke: "Behold the Lamb of God." He was not only the voice of the Word; he was also the hand that showed the way to the Word.

As the birthday of Jesus approaches, let us be more conscious of the fact that ours is also a ministry of being the voice and hand that leads to Jesus:

J – Joyful. We attract people when we are filled with joy in whatever circumstances we are in. But remember that only authentic joy inspires people to seek what we have in our hearts. That whom we have in our hearts is Jesus, the source of our deepest joy because we know that He works for the good of those who love Him.

O – We need to develop a sense of openness to God's grace. We must also remain open to the movement of God's grace in the lives of other people. This is most especially true with regards people whose attitude and lifestyle appall us because they are seemingly ungodly. St. Augustine once said, "Since God became human, we can be sure that in everything human there is something of the divine."

H – Holy. Words are powerful but the power of our personal example is the best catching force. Our personal holiness wins more souls than anything. By holiness we mean love, for Scriptures define holiness as the perfection of charity.

N – Nothing. Yes, strive to be nothing! So that God may be everything in your life. If love were a game, the score of your life needs to be always zero in favor of God. Let Him always score in your life. Let Him win the game. Let Jesus, in the spirit of Bl. Teresa of Calcutta's prayer, be the light that shines in and through you. Like John the Baptist, decrease so that Jesus may increase. Let us be like John the Baptist. If we strive to be like him, we shall be the voice and hand that bring many souls to the Lord. When His birthday comes, your gift to Jesus will be more precious than gold.



December 6th, 2020 - Directory & Weekly Mass Schedule

6 SUNDAY

7:30am †Rose Plunkett by Husband, George & †Annette Hackett by Barbabra Blakey
9:00am †Frank Davis by Ella Miller & †Jaime Melo by Marlen Melo
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Diane Rose Brusca by Beverly Crispeno & †Raymond Liberatore by Wife, Vera Liberatore
6:00pm †Teresa Crisalli by Pat & Mike Johnson & Julie & Harry Layton & †Andrew Indelicato by Fami

7 MONDAY

7:30am †Anthony Catlander by Wife & †Henry Gavino Sr. by Gavino Family
8:30am Special Intentions by A.M & †Caroline & Anthony Manuele by Rose Manuele
5:00pm Frances & Anthony Ivancich by Daughter & *Charles William Reardon by Laura Lee & Marie Guzman

8 TUESDAY

7:30am †Teresa Crisalli by Cookie Anastasi & †Theresa Coris by Patt Robert
9:00am *Darren Guzman & Family by Marie & Herman Guzman & †Concetta Pappalardo by Daughter Rose
10:30am †Pat Semenza by Anne & Gerry Gerhard & †Maria Esperanza & Geo Bianchini by Julie & Percu Cannon
6:00am †Rose Marie Simeti by Mr. & Mrs. Cutrone

9 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Seculare Franciscans Living & Deceased by Martina DeBoise & †Maria Hernandez De Gavino by Gavino Family
8:30am †David Smith by Magi Family & *Birthday of Jennifer Demucy

10 THURSDAY

7:30am *Diane Brusca by Carol & Frank Brusca & *Emmanuel Munoz by Julie & Percy Cannon
8:30am *Candace Ritacco by Maksam Krykhtim & †Jose Antoni Velasco by Ladies Guild

11 FRIDAY

7:30am *Iris DeBoise by Martina DeBoise & †Elaine Kuper by Mr. & Mrs. Joel Loiz
8:30am *Hector & Herman Guzman by Marie Guzman & Family & †Elaine Kuper by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph & Theresa Tinelli
6:00pm For Priest's Intentions & *Ricardo & Nancy Arias

12 SATURDAY

8:30am Emmalis Dorval by Marie Anne Dorval & †Marie Naclerio by Rose & Tony D'Amato
4:00pm Intentions of the Book of the Dead
5:30pm †James Canazaro by Karen Glasser & †Diane Mercado by Miriam Diiorio

13 SUNDAY

7:30am †John A. Baccon by Loving wife, Mary Jane & †Teresa Crisalli by Cookie Anastasi
9:00am †Jim Godden by Ed & Rosy Zuraw & †Margaret Godden by Ed & Rosy Zuraw
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Victor Pacienza by Christine & John & †Mary & Bill Walsh by Children
6:00pm †Rosemarie DiNoto by Frank DiNoto & †Andrew Indelicato by Family

Unscheduled Mass Intentions

Fr. Theo	by Gail Sullivan
†Jose Antonio Valasco	by Fran Abrmi
Barbara Ferguson	by Fran Abrami

Prayer List

Susan Manuele	Marie Rapisardi
Michael Manuele	Christine Carty
Barbara Fales	Rose Borsella
Marie Rapisardi	Sophie K. Morton
Carol Groccia	Ricardo Arias
Laurier W.N DuBois	Henry Puente
Joseph Convy	Maria Puente
Robert Raduazzo	Angelina Costa
James Orlick	Homebound/Assisted Living
Walter Orlick	Candace Ritacco
Bill Gluck	Joseph Stanck
Larry Adrian	Carol Venezia

Weekly Updates

Our Weekly Offertory

Weekend Collection	November 22, 2020
Offertory Collection:	8,896.72
Second Collection:	1,037
Online Giving:	0.00
TOTAL:	9,933.72
Children's Mass:	150

2020 Diocesan Services Appeal

<p style="margin: 0;">Goal = \$166,000</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Amount Made = \$130,556</p> <p style="margin: 0; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Remaining = \$35,444</p>


Our Weekly Offertory

Weekend Collection	November 29, 2020
Offertory Collection:	9,290
Second Collection:	836
Online Giving:	87.13
TOTAL:	10,213.13
Children's Mass:	0.00

Flowers & Lights For The Altar

<p style="margin: 0;"><u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>VIGIL LIGHTS</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>SHRINE FLOWERS</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners</p>

Parish Events This Week

<u>7 Monday</u>	6:20am Adoration
<u>8 Tuesday</u>	6:20am Adoration 10:00am Faith Sharing
<u>9 Wednesday</u>	6:20am Adoration
<u>10 Thursday</u>	6:20am Adoration 10:00am Bible Study
<u>11 Friday</u>	6:20am Adoration
<u>12 Saturday</u>	9:00am Confession

Weekly Readings & Saints of the day

<p style="margin: 0;"><u>7 Monday</u> - St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>8 Tuesday</u> - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>9 Wednesday</u> - St. Juan Diego Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>10 Thursday</u> - International Human Rights Day; Hanukkah begins at sunset Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>11 Friday</u> - St. Damasus I Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19</p>
<p style="margin: 0;"><u>12 Saturday</u> - Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712</p>

Announcements

Prayer Before Communion

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as a partaker of your mystical supper O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for judgement or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is a truly your most precious Body & Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.



St. Michael Prayer

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



Advent Wreath

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candle in particular symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the mid-point of advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lords first coming into the world and the anticipation of this second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Safe Environments

Diocese of Palm Beach's Commitment to the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults: The Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of minors and vulnerable adults in its care. Victims of abuse by Church personnel (clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers) are encouraged to contact law enforcement. Victims may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (561) 775-9558 to begin the necessary emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. For more information on diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse, as well as to view the "USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," visit www.diocesepb.org/safe-environments

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Advent for Teens & Kids

How to Advent for Teens & Kids

In order to get the best out of the season and Advent, we have to do a little more than deck the halls, shopping the malls and hanging out with friends. In a season of anticipation we need to spend a little more time on prayer and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. We need to look into our hearts and open our minds and see where we can share joy with others. Stop thinking about what's on your Christmas lists for a minute and try being Santa Claus to someone in need. Look for little ways you can help others. We can also look to others to help us grow closer to Jesus this season and preparing for Christmas. No one does Advent better than our Blessed Mother. She is one of the greatest of role models during this beautiful season. Just think, she prepared her heart for the coming of Jesus for 9 months. No one knows how to receive Christ like she did, fearlessly, boldly, gently, freely, purely, completely. Ask Mary to help open your heart to receiving our Lord at Christmas. Picture yourself walking alongside her as she journeys to Bethlehem, holding her hand and talking to her about the baby. How you can't wait to meet him.

As my friend Simi enlightened me to this wonderful phrase, "We need to try walking around with an attitude of gratitude". We need to make a habit to express thankfulness in all parts of our lives. Mary taught us the greatest lesson about humility and to make the best of what you have. There was no room at the inn for Jesus to be born and so Mary gave birth to Jesus among the animals and lay him a manger. Mary never uttered a word of complaint but made the site of Jesus' birth into one we remember today with beauty and reverence. So remember to take time each day to pray and to prepare our hearts to welcoming the coming of our sweet Jesus as an infant into this world.

Keep Christ in Christmas

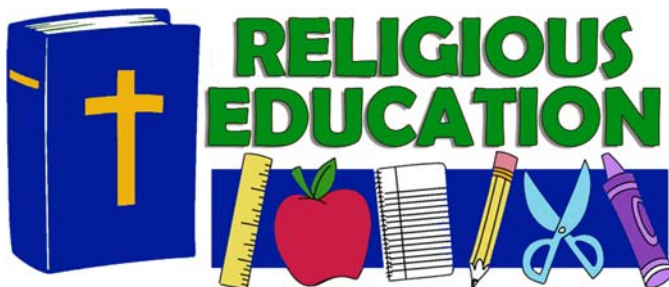
All students welcome to participate in the Knights of Columbus **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest. Applications and paper can be picked up from the office or at class on Sunday. Posters must be **11 x17 in size** and submitted by **Sunday December 13th**. Posters can be brought into class or turned into the office anytime up until 12/13.



Religious Education

For all Religious Education Students please make note of the changes to the upcoming classes:

December Classes will be as follows:
Grades Kindergarten through 5th December 6th, 13th & 20th
Grades 6th- Confirmation Class
December 13th & 20th



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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Originating in the 7th century, the feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" Pope Clement XI, in his Bull *Commissi Nobis*, established this solemnity for the entire church in 1708; patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Schedule of Masses

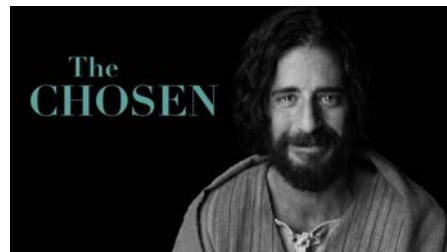
Monday December 7th at 5:00pm - Vigil Mass

Tuesday December 8th, Feast Day: 7:30am,
9:00am, 10:30am and 6:00pm



The Chosen

The Chosen is a drama about the life of Christ. This will be shown on Mondays in the big room at 1:00pm with discussion to follow.



Bereavement Ministry

Dear Family,

We have started our Grief Recovery Ministry during the month dedicated to all deceased souls. If you feel a need to help you heal, get support, or just share your grief over your loss, let Deacon Tony know. Leave your name and phone number in the office. You will be contacted for interview.

This will be kept in strict confidence. Our parish family will pray for your loved ones as we minister to your needs. We are one family in Christ, helping you over difficult times.

RCIA

Anyone who wishes to become a Catholic, or receive first Communion or Confirmation is invited to join RCIA. Please call Deacon Tony for further information.

Our Faith Sharing group is meeting every Tuesday at 10 am in the large meeting room

Our Bible Study group meets every Thursday at 10 am in the Large meeting room

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Thank You

Congratulations and thank you to all for the great success of our thanksgiving dinner. Special thank you to Yovani Castellon our chef, all volunteers who helped prepare and pack the meals and to all who gave donations for our expenses.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.



The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saint of the Day for December 12

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

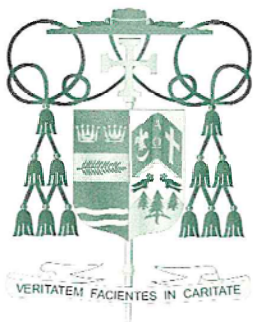
Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.



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Office of
THE BISHOP

November 19, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Much time has gone by since the coronavirus has manifested itself and affected our lives in manners we never imagined. I wish to assure you of my continued prayers during these challenging times and to thank you for your cooperation and assistance in regard to the protocols in place within our Diocese to ensure safety while attending church.

Many questions arise at the present time as to where we are going and what we should do. I would like to offer you as much assistance in regard to these questions but there is probably more uncertainty now, especially as the cases of the coronavirus continue to increase within our country and area, as we face an influx of winter residents and as the holidays approach. However, we have learned that, from the measures put in place within our Diocese, all of the Dioceses in Florida and throughout the United States, Catholic churches are among the safest places to be due to the caution that has been exercised.

In view of this, the protocols which are currently in place will remain in place with few exceptions. Your parishes will be informing you of possible accommodations for Christmas in regard to the use of parish halls and extra Masses to accommodate what we really cannot estimate to be the attendance for the day. ***In this regard, I am allowing the celebration of Christmas Vigil Masses to take place as early as 2:00 PM on Christmas Eve for whatever parishes wish to avail of this option.*** The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass remains in place should anyone feel uncomfortable to attend, especially if there may be a larger attendance.

One protocol that will change is that regarding the use of masks for public celebration. The present protocol highly recommends that they be used. However, in light of what we have learned about the safety of masks, the increasing of cases and to accommodate the needs of those present for Mass, ***masks will be required for all who enter the Church effective as of now.***

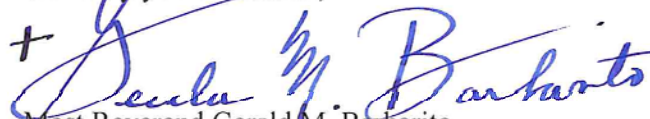
I, again, wish to thank you for your cooperation during these challenging months and assure you of my continued prayers.

Let us pray that a vaccine will become available as quickly as possible and that some semblance of normalcy will return.

May Thanksgiving be blessed for you and your families.

With every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ **Gerald M. Barbarito**
Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

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Prayer for Protection Against 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, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Oration pare paair pronto:don eontra In tormentas Dios Padre nuestro, Creador del Universo y Setter de rode la crcaci6n, humilckirante nos presentarnos a ti, comet hues tuyos, en action de pietas por m amoroso cuidado y proteccion. To pedimos qua nos guides de los !wreathes que nos puedan amenaxar en la ethane's tempered.. Protagenos de todo terror y de la andedad qua nos causan las tormcntas y danos confianza ardiente en Tu amor y misericordia. Solo To times el poder de mandar d mar, al viento y a la lluvia. Solo T5 trees pax, calms y seguridad. Padre, to agradecemos de antemano, puts tu era nuestro 'Mica refugio. Te lo pedimos pot Cristo, tu }Rio, qua vive y reitut contigo y el Espiritu Santo, un Dios, per los siglos de los siglos. Amin. Maria, Rcina de los ApOstoles y Psona do nuestra Diftcesis, ruega por nosotros.

Bondye Papa nou, ou menm Id krcyc ayel It ak tabs, ou meom ki Bondye kreyasyon'an, nou kanpe devan'w tou piti, nou menm Id oun an , pou nou di'w maxi pou tout renmen ak pwoteksyon ou ban now You mande ou pou ou pwoteje oun an sewn siklon k'ap vini'en. Ban nou pwotcksyon ou kont tout sa ki vle fa nou pa, kont tout angwas a ban nou pHs lafwa ak lesperans nan mama ak mizerikod ou'a. Sc ou menm sat ki gen pouvwa pou komande lanme'a, van A lapli. Se ou menm all ki kapab bay Jape ak pwoteksyon. Papa, non di'w misi davans, paskc Sc ou menm Id refij nou. You lapriya ou konsa nan non Jezi-Kri pitit ou, li maim ki vivan e ki ap komande SI-ISMM avak ou, Asa= ak Lespri Sen'an, yon sal Bondy., kounye'a c pou Iowan. Amen. Mari, ran Apot yo, ou meant ki patron Dyosez nou'an, Iapriyi pou nou.

Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.