

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 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

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020**

Is 61: 1-2a. 10-11 / (Ps) Lk 1: 46-50, 53-54 / 1 Thes 5: 16-24 / Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Today is "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday of "rejoicing." The whole Liturgy today overflows with joy. In the first reading, we hear of the prophet Isaiah exclaiming: "I rejoice heartily ' the Lord; my God is the joy of my soul!" The responsorial psalm makes us join Mary in her song of joy, the Magnificat. And St. Paul admonishes his community in the second reading: "Rejoice in the Lord always."

St. Paul also indicates how a community that wants to bear witness to joy and make it credible to others must conduct itself. He says: "Your kindness should be known by all men. ' The Greek word for "kindness" signifies clemency to the capacity to know how to believe and to show oneself to be lovable, tolerant and hospitable. It is necessary that we first rediscover the human value of this virtue, which is at risk or even nearly extinct in the society in which we live. Kindness is a relief in human relationships. Family life would be so much better if there were more kindness in our gestures, in our words and above all, in the, sentiments of our hearts.

Kindness is indispensable above all for those who want to help others find Christ. St. Peter told the first Christians to be "ready to give a reason for their hope," but adds immediately: "But this must be done with sweetness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15 ff)— with kindness.

How do you speak for the light? You speak for the light by allowing it to shine through you. You speak for the light through your deeds, through what the light accomplishes in you. To speak for the light is to be a witness to its presence in you. You do not even need to speak; the light will speak through you, through your life, through your witnessing.

John the Baptist is presented as one who speaks for the Light. In clear terms, he claimed not to be the Light. He did not grab the limelight for himself. Instead, he highlighted Jesus Christ, the true Light of the world.

As the third week of Advent begins today, the call of John the Baptist is to focus our whole selves on Jesus, the Light. His coming is imminent and no time should be wasted in preparing our selves for His dawning. How?

L—I—G—H—T means 'Live In Generosity, Holiness and Truth.' This is what we must do as we focus our selves on Jesus.

Learn to be generous. Begin by appreciating our blessings in life and stop comparing our selves with others. Then, only with the eyes of Jesus, we look at others who are not blessed as we are so as to be moved to reach out to them and share with them our blessings in life. This is not possible unless we let go of all our inordinate attachments.

Strive for holiness. Do not aim to be popular or powerful. The call to holiness is more essential and lasting. Let us be saints together! And what does that mean? Scriptures define holiness as the perfection of charity Thus, to be holy means to be loving. While most people try hard to look lovely, let us strive to be loving instead. While some are only lovable, let us be loving always. While others will love only after they are loved, let us love even when we are not loved in return.

Be truthful. Be honest. Be pure. Jesus Himself declared to Pilate that it was for truth that He was born. Should we not live in truth if we really welcome Him? He who is truthful lives in the light. Jesus also said that he who does not live in the truth lives in darkness for fear that his deeds might be exposed.

If we live in generosity, holiness and truth, the Light, that is Jesus Himself, shines through us. Our lives will lead many others to Him who enlightens us. Speak for the Light. Live in the light.



December 13th, 2020 - Directory & Weekly Mass Schedule

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

14 MONDAY

7:30am †Joseph Anastasi by Cookie Anastasi & †Gerard & David Abrami by Fram
8:30am †Louis, Tina & Mario by Family & †Jose Velasco by Julie & Percy Cannon

15 TUESDAY

7:30am †Juan Peraza by Wife & *Andrea Colon by Martina DeBoise
8:30am *Candace Ritacco by Maksam Krykhtim & †Jose Antonio Velasco by Mark & Gail Vlasek

16 WEDNESDAY

7:30am †Henry & Maria Gavino by Gavino Family & †Dan Nguan Huann by Grace Wong
8:30am *Nancy Dell'Isola by Victor & †Mary Odom by Mark & Gail Vlasek

17 THURSDAY

7:30am *Candace Ritacco by Maksam Krykhtim & †Robert Dunn by Susan Fleming
8:30am †Eileen Margaret McKelliget by Marie Guzman & Family & †Joseph Battaglia by Cathy & Matthew Corcoran

18 FRIDAY

7:30am *Liza Marie Soriano by Maria Liza Soriano & †Carlos & Angela Henroid by Julie & Percy Cannon
8:30am *Candace Ritacco by Maksam Krykhtim & †Sister Bernadette Makely, O.P by Sister Barbara
6:00pm For Priest's Intentions

19 SATURDAY

8:30am †Joanna Swiatek by Jennifer Demeusy & *Michael, Claire & Laney Lemar by A.M
4:00pm Intentions of the Book of the Dead
5:30pm †June Sirotiak by Betty Powers & *Deceased Members of the Cauette & Sylvestre Families by Russell & Therese Sylvestre

20 SUNDAY

7:30am †Angie & Albert Verlie by Albert Jr. & †Lou Tavano by Barbara Rossi
9:00am †Frank & George Untener by Mom & Wife & †Felicitia Sanchez & Rafael Florez by Estebania Brea
10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors
12:00pm †Margaret & Nathan Villanova Family & †Tracy Szpilka by Camarda Family
6:00pm †Richard Joseph Urban by Ellen & Kevin Judge & †Andrew Indelicato by Family

Unscheduled Mass Intentions

Prayer List

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
Marie Rapisardi	Carol Groccia

Weekly Updates

Our Weekly Offertory

Weekend Collection	November 29, 2020
Offertory Collection:	14,755
Second Collection:	1,296
Online Giving:	493.68
TOTAL:	16,544.68

2020 Diocesan Services Appeal

Goal = \$166,000
Amount Made = \$132,901
Remaining = \$33,099




**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

Flowers & Lights For The Altar

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners

VIGIL LIGHTS

For the Intentions of The Anastasi Family by A.M

SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners

Parish Events This Week

14 Monday

6:20am Adoration

15 Tuesday

6:20am Adoration
10:00am Faith Sharing

16 Wednesday

6:20am Adoration

17 Thursday

6:20am Adoration
10:00am Bible Study

18 Friday

6:20am Adoration
6:00pm Taizé

19 Saturday

9:00am Confession

Weekly Readings & Saints of the Day

14 Monday - St. John of the Cross
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

15 Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,23;
Mt 21:28-32

16 Wednesday - Las Posadas begins
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

17 Thursday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

18 Friday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

19 Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

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.



Boy Scouts

Nicholas, Andrew & Gina Boden

These are students in our CCD program who are actively working towards becoming Eagle Scouts. We love seeing how our students shine inside and outside our program here at Emmanuel. Stop by their table after mass if you would like to buy some beautiful poinsettias!



Announcements

Advent for Teens & Kids

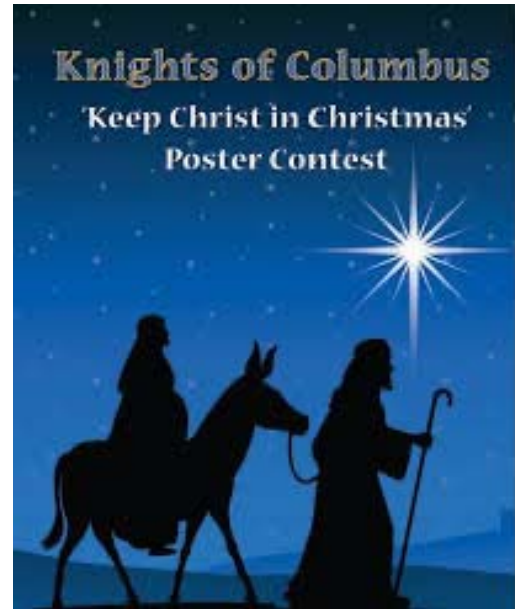
How to Advent for Teens & Kids

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.

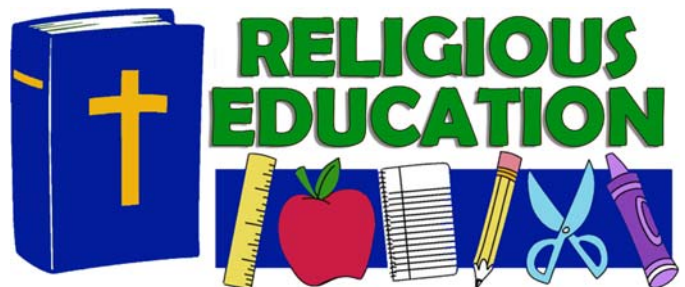


Religious Education

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



Announcements

Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting Dates: 1st Tuesday of the month

January 5, 2021
February 2, 2021
March 2, 2021
April 6, 2021
May 4, 2021

Rosary @ 6:30 Business @ 7:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85627711921?pwd=Rmp2T3ZFZ1NHTVhJR3NCY1BBMXhuQT09>

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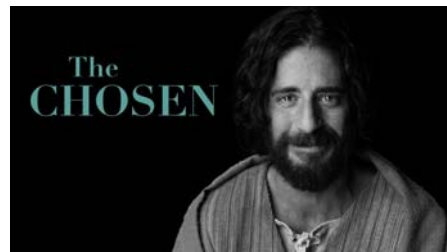
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Find your local number: [Video Conferencing, Web Conferencing, Webinars, Screen Sharing](#)

Ladies Guild

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

Christmas Schedule



Christmas Schedule 2020

Confessions

Monday, December 21 9-9:30AM, 5:30-6PM

Tuesday, December 22 9-9:30AM, 5:30-6PM

Christmas Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 22 4:00PM, 5:30PM, 10:00PM

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM

New Year's Vigil Mass

5:00PM

New Year's Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM

To make us all safe and comfortable, there will be an overflow mass in all our Christmas Masses (if necessary) it will be at the shrine of our Lady (Grotto) or in Columbus Hall. The members of the ministry of hospitality are there to help you with regards to protocols.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

WATCH

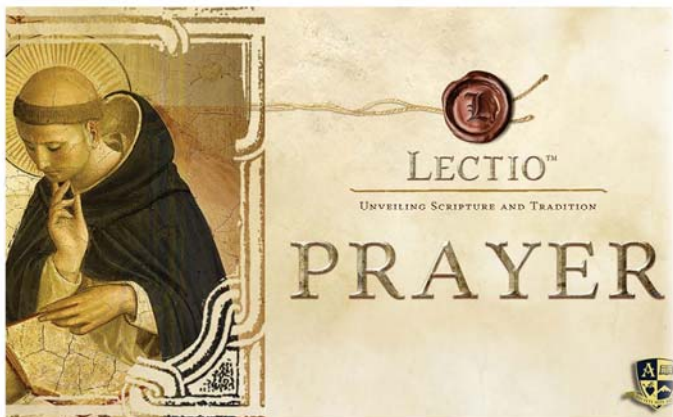
SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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EPISODE 5

ST. TERESA
OF ÁVILA



LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

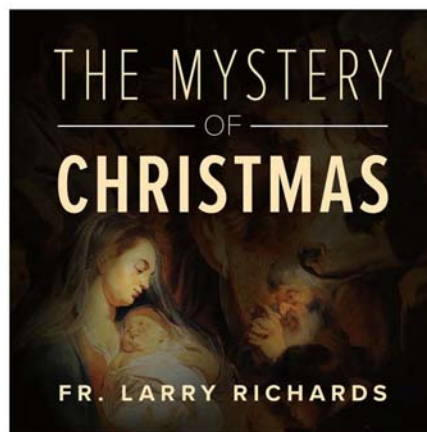
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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Saint of the Week

Saint Lucy's Story Saint of the Day for December 13

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name *Lucy*.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Reflection

If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a genuine authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.



Announcements

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 païr pronto: don eontra In tormentas Dios Padre nuestro, Creador del Universo y Setor de rode la creación, 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 tormentas 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 Psnona 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, lapriyi 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.