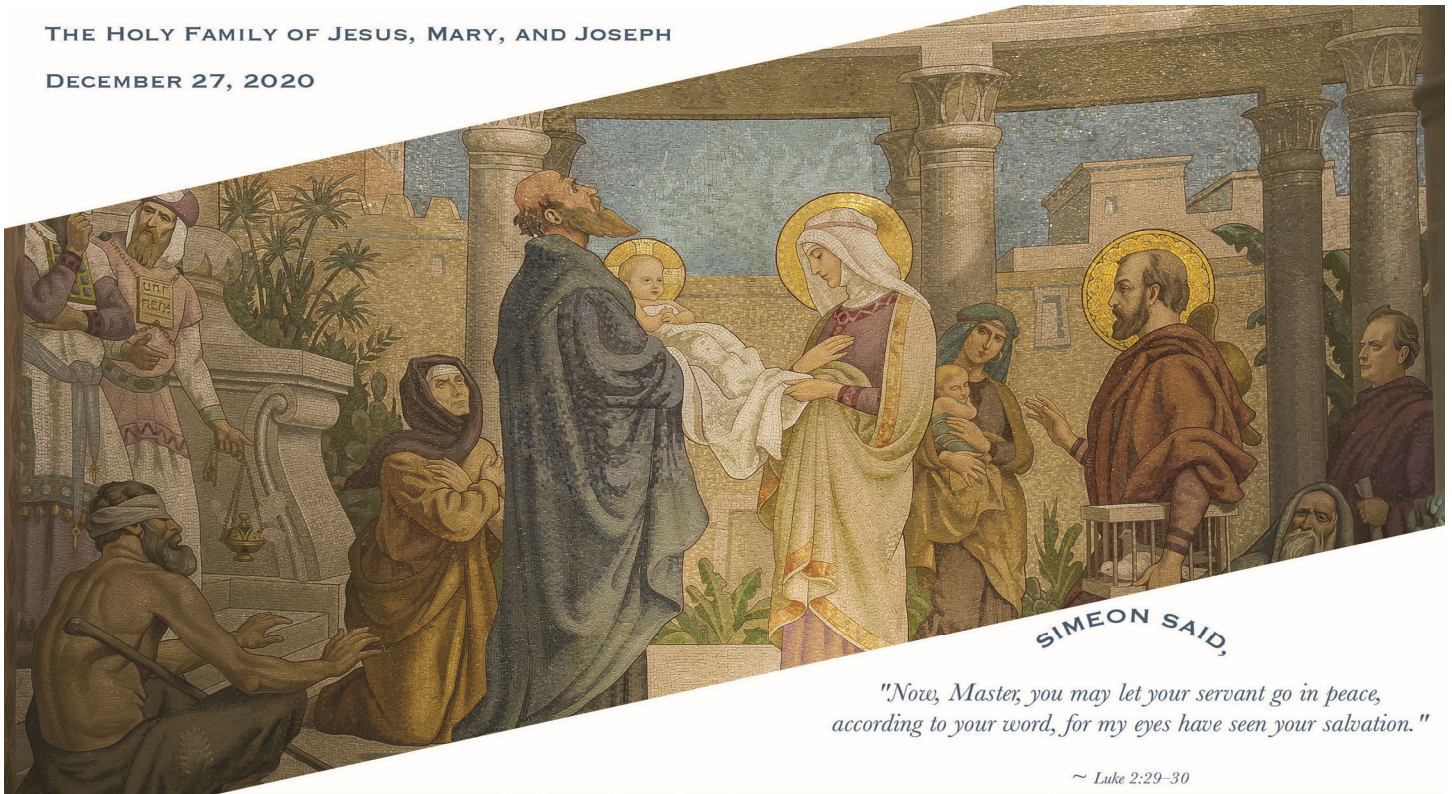


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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020



*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

~ Luke 2:29-30

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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27th, 2020

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128: 1-5 / Col 3: 12-21 / Lk 2: 22-40

The family is the door through which we enter into human history. The same door the Lord passed through to reach us. By becoming part of a human family, Jesus blest all families.

But what has become of many of our families today? The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is called the Holy Family. What makes theirs a holy family? Jesus, the Son of God, makes the union of Mary and Joseph holy. Is Jesus really in your family? If he is, how does he count in your family: a guest or head.

Our families today suffer from attack on all sides, legalizing abortion, divorce, same sex marriages truly run counter to our professed belief that a strong country begins by having strong families. The hedonistic attitudes that permeate mass media nowadays are gradually but surely eroding our family values. The family is rendered as an accident rather than the essence of coming into life.

Let us pray for our families. Let us work together to defend and promote the sanctity of family life. Let us keep Jesus in our families. Let us have holy families like the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Three P's for a holy family:

P-Pray together. Have we not heard enough: "The family that prays together stays together"?

P-Play together. Do good things together. Involves every member of the family in any worthwhile project and learn the value of recreating together every so often.

P-Persevere together. do not let disappointments in life make any member of the family quit. Accept disagreements but do not allow them to divide you. Encourage one another and stand up together always.

Praying together, playing together and persevering together may not make families wealthier and more famous. But it certainly produces holy families. I would rather have a holy family rather than a wealthy or famous one. Since holiness is the perfection of charity, a family that is holy is a family rich in love. And it is love, not wealth nor fame, that makes a house a home.

Holiness is the perfection of love. The more loving we are to one another in the family, the holier our family becomes. Holy families are loving families at all times and in any circumstance. Holy families are not families spared from distress and pain. They are families where sorrows and disagreements are not taken as excuses for loving less and loving no more.

We keep our eyes fixed on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We consecrate our families to them. May we love as they love. May our families be holy too.



December 27th, 2020 - Directory & Weekly Mass Schedule

27 SUNDAY

7:30am Thanksgiving for the Hinterberger Family by Tess & *Anastasi Family by A.M

9:00am †Frances Egizi by Sister, Margie & †Robert Burns by Barbara Rossi

10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors

12:00pm *Penelope Mary Waters by Grandma & †Renato Andretta by Rosa Andretta

6:00pm †Walter & Gregory Dajczak by Jennifer Demeusy & †Stella Zaffarano by Barbara Soderberg

28 MONDAY

7:30am †Frank Williams by Family & *Jennifer Demeusy by Rice-Motta Family

8:30am *Candice Ritacco by Maksam Kryktim & †Sister Bernadette by Dorothy Deedy

29 TUESDAY

7:30am †James Clancy & Michael Canazaro by Dorothy

8:30am *Candice Ritacco by Maksam Kryktim & †Travis Knight by Arlene Vasquez

30 WEDNESDAY

7:30am For the Parishioners of Emmanuel Parish by Dorothy

8:30am *Candice Ritacco by Maksam Kryktim & *Dorothy Deedy by Rice-Motta Family

31 THURSDAY

7:30am †Juanito Boligor by Maria Liza Soriano

8:30am †Beatriz Caceres by Edgar Caceres

5:00pm No Intention

1 FRIDAY

7:30am Unborn Children by Babu Family

9:00am No Intention

10:30am No Intention

12:00pm †John Didolce, Victor Greco & Karma Ventola by Joanne Greco Didolce & *Samuel & Erma Ventola
by Joanne Didolce

2 SATURDAY

8:30am No Intention

4:00pm Intentions of the Book of the Dead

5:30pm †Michael Canazaro by Rosanna Livreri & Andrew Indelicato by Family

3 SUNDAY

7:30am Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise & *Mary Therese & Jack Leib by A.M

9:00am †Teresa Crisalli by Pat & Mike Johnson & Julie & Harry Layton & †Paul D. Bonanno by Knights of Columbus

10:30am Parishioners & Benefactors

12:00pm †Weber Lapomarede by Children

6:00pm †James Clancy & Michael Canazaro by Dorothy

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

Offertory Collection:

Second Collection:

Online Giving:

TOTAL:

NO
AMOUNT
DUE TO
EARLY
BULLETIN
DEADLINE

2020 Diocesan Services Appeal

Goal = \$166,000

Amount Made = \$132,901

Remaining = \$33,099



Flowers & Lights For The Altar

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners

VIGIL LIGHTS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners

SHRINE FLOWERS

For the Intentions of Emmanuel Parishioners



Parish Events This Week

28 Monday

6:20am Adoration

29 Tuesday

6:20am Adoration
10:00am Faith Sharing

30 Wednesday

6:20am Adoration

31 Thursday

6:20am Adoration
10:00am Bible Study

1 Friday

6:20am Adoration
6:00pm Taizé

2 Saturday

9:00am Confession

Weekly Readings & Saints of the Day

28 Monday - The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

29 Tuesday - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

30 Wednesday - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

31 Thursday - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

2 Friday - The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

3 Saturday - Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule

Kindergarten-5 th grade:	6 th -9 th grade
January 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	January 10 th -17 th
February 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	February 14 th 21 st
April 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	March 21 st
	April 11 th & 18 th

Please note this schedule is subject to change. We will provide updates based on changes due to Covid.

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."



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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New Years Mass Schedule

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

New Years Message

Trust More and Hope More A New Years Message From your Pastor

It's another New year and I guess nearly everyone of us asks the same question: what will this year bring? Apart from the good things, we also experienced the Covid-19 Pandemic, catastrophes, violence; there might have been the death of someone close to us; there were personal problems, problems in the family. We feel so vulnerable often helpless, in this our world and society. It is understandable then that most of us look with some anxiety toward the new year.

Every life, every beginning starts with birth. Birth never happens without a mother. On Friday January first, we begin the new year 2021 and on that very first day of the new year, the church celebrates the feast of the Blessed Mother under the title "Mother of God" Mary is rightly called the Mother of God because, Jesus her son is God. Both cannot be separated from each other. Mary's motherhood began when in Nazareth she gave her fiat (let it be done to me according to your word.) But when she stood some decades later beneath the cross of her son, her maternal vocation and mission received another dimension. With the words "Woman behold your son" and "Behold you mother" Jesus gave his mother to his future community, represented by this beloved disciple. The mother of God also became our mother.

Mary the mother of God and our mother, was the best mother one can imagine. She always stayed close to her son, especially when he was in danger, when he was persecuted even when he was in his last agony. We now look at the moving scene of mother and child in Bethlehem. We also look ahead to that moment when Mary was given the task to care for us as a loving mother. Many of us have experienced her maternal closeness and help. We cannot but thank her for carrying us through the difficulties of life and for protecting us from danger and harm.

Every year we celebrate Christmas and every year we are reminded that God is Emmanuel, God is with us. St. Paul admonishes, if God is with us who can be against us. Live this truth and have no fear, God is always in control. Instead of fear, trust more and hope more and be happy knowing that God is always with us and our mother Mary who is there to embrace us. Amen.

Have a blessed New year to everyone!
Fr. Gaudioso Zamora



MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights,
like heaven's stars, reflection on the snow

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear for I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of
music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring for it is beyond description
to hear the angels sing

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart

So be happy for me, my dear ones, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year

I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above I sent you each a
memory of my undying love

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold it was always more important
in the stories Jesus told

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do, for I can't count the
blessings or love he has for each of you

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear. Remember I am spending
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Poster Contest

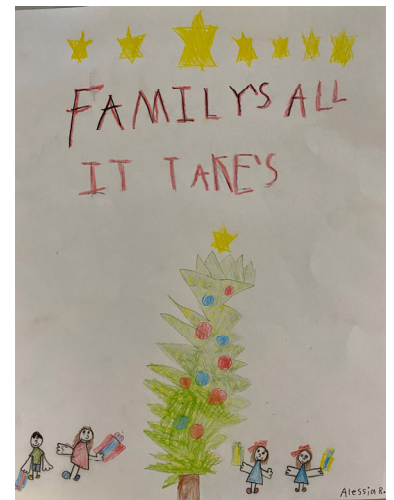
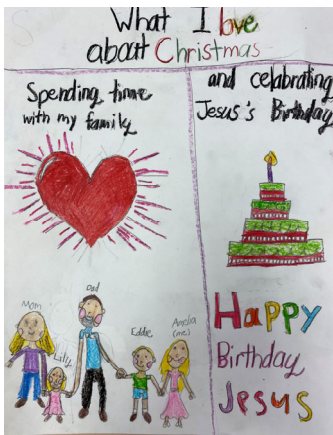
Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest sponsored by our wonderful Knights of Columbus!

Beautiful Posters done by:

Carter Crespo
Alden DSouza
Amelia Forchette
Annelise Gleaton
Teagan McPherson
Robben Santos

Heather Santos
Rayna Pereira
Xenia Pereira
Alessia Rosilla
Nicholas Capizola
Joseph Capizola



Saint of the Week

Saint Thomas Becket's Story Saint of the Day for December 29

A strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil, and so became a strong churchman, a martyr, and a saint—that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170.

His career had been a stormy one. While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II. When Henry felt it advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs. Nevertheless, in 1162 he was made archbishop, resigned his chancellorship, and reformed his whole way of life!

Troubles began. Henry insisted upon usurping Church rights. At one time, supposing some conciliatory action possible, Thomas came close to compromise. He momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court and prevented them from making direct appeal to Rome. But Thomas rejected the Constitutions, fled to France for safety, and remained in exile for seven years. When he returned to England he suspected it would mean certain death. Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!" Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral.

Thomas Becket remains a hero-saint down to our own times.

Reflection

No one becomes a saint without struggle, especially with himself. Thomas knew he must stand firm in defense of truth and right, even at the cost of his life. We also must take a stand in the face of pressures—against dishonesty, deceit, destruction of life—at the cost of popularity, convenience, promotion, and even greater goods.



Announcements

Annual Financial Report 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020

	Year to Date		
REVENUES:		CHURCH EXPENDITURES	
Offertory	625,269.44	SALARY - RESIDENT & VISITING CLERGY	108,480.61
Parish Development Fund	117,246.00	SALARY - MUSIC MINISTRY	66,603.78
Food Festival & Raffle Tickets	57,005.66	SPECIAL PROJECTS	9,773.62
Donations and Bequests	61,436.29	LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	15,571.79
Special Projects	33,820.13	CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS	7,084.36
Fish Fries	3,870.08	ALTAR FLOWERS	3,573.77
MAIN SOURCES OF INCOME	898,647.60	MAINTENANCE PAYROLL	70,380.83
Altar Flowers	412.00	TAX - DRAINAGE ADVALOREM	3,749.28
Votive Stands	16,606.33	CLERGY AUTO INSURANCE	6,491.10
Stipend Revenues	13,598.38	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES	291,709.14
Religious Education	1,332.50	RECTORY TABLE	11,373.96
Stole Fees	17,056.00	RECTORY HOUSEHOLD	25,728.23
Gift Shop Income	4,758.60	RECTORY UTILITIES	7,728.93
Emmanuel Ladies Guild Income	14,546.66	TOTAL RECTORY EXPENDITURES	44,831.12
Memorial Candles	4,985.00	SALARIES - OFFICE	137,938.36
Youth Ministry	226.50	SALARIES - RELIGIOUS ED	45,516.68
Bank Adjustments	1,177.14	DIOCESAN NON-PAROCHIAL COLL.	29,647.51
Interest Income DSF	19,039.21	PROPERTY/ LIAB. INS.	46,337.00
Rent	6,250.00	EMPLOYEE HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE	89,294.06
MISCELLANEOUS OTHER INCOME	99,988.32	EMPLOYEE PENSION	42,996.15
Missionary Cooperative Collection	8,467.00	DSA COMMITMENT	14,073.82
DSA collections through parish	10,500.00	MISSION COOPERATIVE COLL.	8,467.00
Diocesan Special Collections	27,437.00	REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE-BUILDING	63,653.69
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS (SENT to DIO-	46,404.00	REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE-GROUNDS	71,265.22
		FOOD FESTIVAL & RAFFLES	15,157.85
		FISH FRIES	3,486.26
		PARISH FUND RAISING EXPENSES	19.78
		CCD	1,942.83
		MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	505.23
		MEMORIALCANDLES	240.00
		PROGRAM EXPENSES	4,919.09
		GIFT SHOP EXPENSE	2,361.92
		EMMANUEL LADIES GUILD EXPENSES	13,307.99
		RCIA, YOUTH MIN. & OUTREACH	3,201.01
		SCHOOL SUBSIDY	10,650.00
		DONATIONS	6,733.95
		STEWARDSHIP/ FUNDRAISING	6,285.19
		PARISH RETREATS/ MISSIONS	482.60
		PARISH VEHICLE REGISTRATION	61.90
		OFFICE EXPENSES	23,984.01
		SALARY - SOCIAL SERVICES	35,605.83
		UTILITIES	25,503.74
		PARISH/STAFF LUNCH	177.91
		FICA PAYROLL TAX	42,687.13
		CLERGY CONT'D ED/RETREAT	111.30
		BEREAVEMENT EXPENSES	191.07
		BANK FEES/CHARGES	2,012.83
		TOTAL PARISH EXPENDITURES	748,818.91
			1,085,359.1
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7
			(40,319.25)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,045,039.9		
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Note

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget will be available for review at the parish office on the week of January 4, 2021 during office hours.

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 para pader pronto: contra In tormentas Dios Padre nuestro, Creador del Universo y Señor de toda la creación, humildemente nos presentamos a ti, con tu amor y tu misericordia. Te pedimos que nos guides de los peligros que nos puedan amenazar en la vida cotidiana. Protágenos de todo terror y de la ansiedad que nos causan las tormentas y danos confianza ardiente en Tu amor y misericordia. Solo Tú tienes el poder de mandar al mar, al viento y a la lluvia. Solo Tú traes paz, calma y seguridad. Padre, te agradecemos de antemano, pues tu eres nuestro 'Mica refugio. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reige contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen. María, Reina de los Apóstoles y Patrona de nuestra Diócesis, ruega por nosotros.

Bondye Papa nou, ou menm Id kreye ayel It ak tabs, ou meom ki Bondye kreyasyon'an, nou kanpe devan'w tou piti, nou menm Id ou an , pou nou di'w maxi pou tout renmen ak pwoteksyon ou ban nou You mande ou pou ou pwoteje ou an sewn siklon k'ap vini'en. Ban nou pwoteksyon ou kont tout sa ki vle fa nou pa, kont tout angwas a ban nou p'ou l'afwa 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, pask 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, lapriya 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.