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**WELCOME!**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Mass**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
 7:30am, 8:30am

**Friday**  
 7:30am, 8:30am, 6:00pm

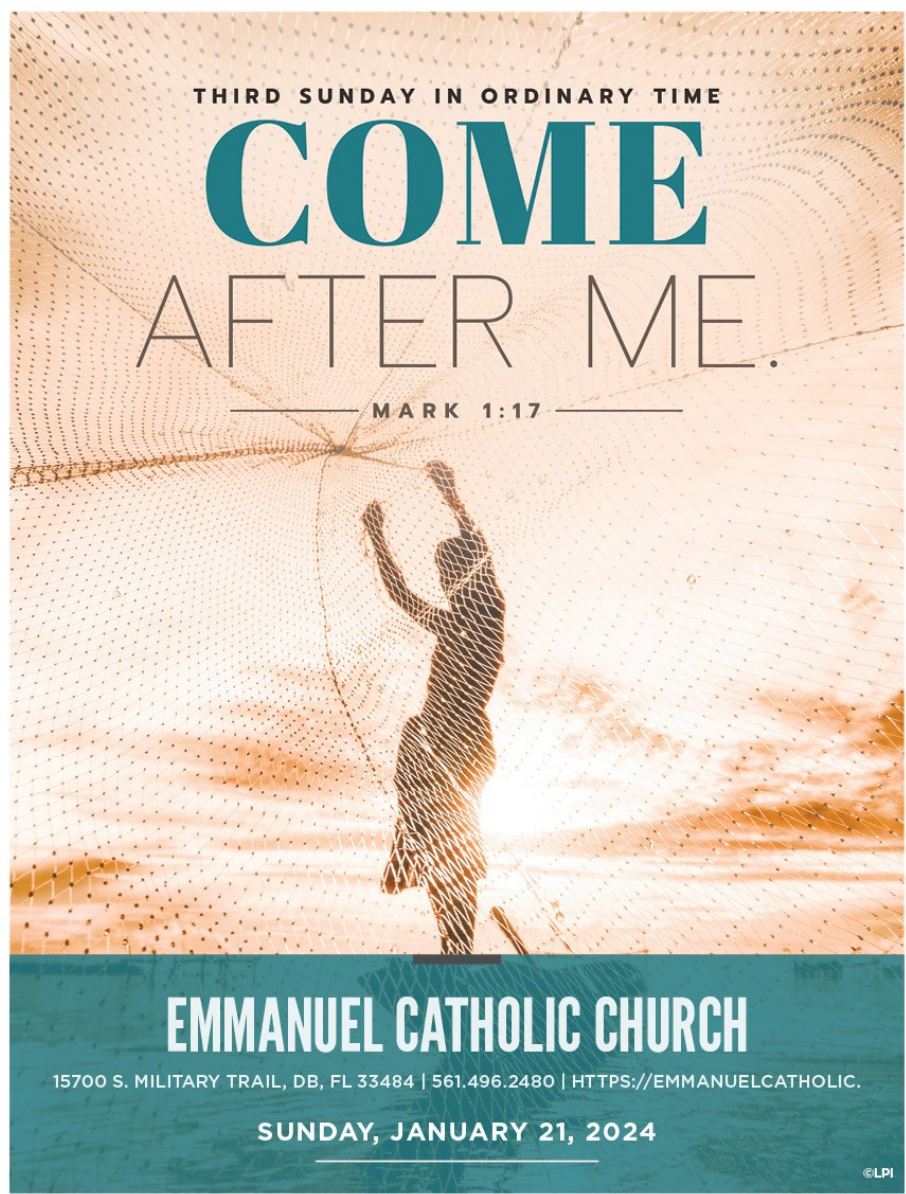
**Weekend Mass**  
**Saturday**  
 8:30am, Vigil 4:00pm, 5:30pm

**Sunday**  
 7:30am, 9:00am, **10:00am CM\***  
 10:30am, 12:00noon, 6:00pm  
**\*Children's Mass**

**Confession**  
**Saturday** (9:00am)



**SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FESTIVAL**  
 Wonderful people getting ready for our Annual Parish Festival set for **February 9th and 10th.**  
**SAVE THESE DATES, EMMANUEL FAMILY!**



**Knights at the Races**

# 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.

## CLERGY

### Pastor

**Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora**

### Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

### In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

### Weekday/Weekend Associates

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

## PARISH STAFF

### Director of Finance

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

### OCIA & Sacramental Preparation

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

### Religious Education

Jean Krokus | Ext. 1005

[religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Lectors

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

### 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

### Giftshop

Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

### Blood Drive

Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

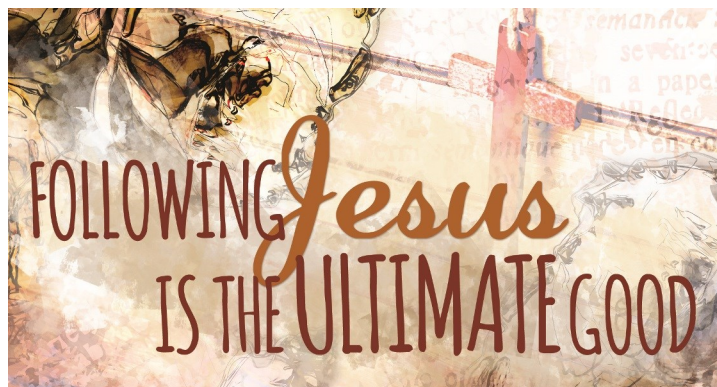
## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Ladies Guild

President Carol Chapman

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove



## PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

### 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-1:00pm**

**Tuesday Closed**

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

**Saturday Closed**

4th Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 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

### Monday, Jan 22

6:30A ..... Adoration  
1:00P ..... Movie

### Tuesday, Jan 23

6:30A ..... Adoration  
10:00A ..... Faith Sharing  
7:00P ..... KoC General Meeting

### Wednesday, Jan 24

6:30A ..... Adoration  
2:00P ..... School of Christian Formation  
4:00P ..... SoulCore

### Thursday, Jan 25

6:30A ..... Adoration  
9:00A ..... Anointing of the Sick  
3:00P ..... Holy Hour  
6:30P ..... AA Meeting

### Friday, Jan 26

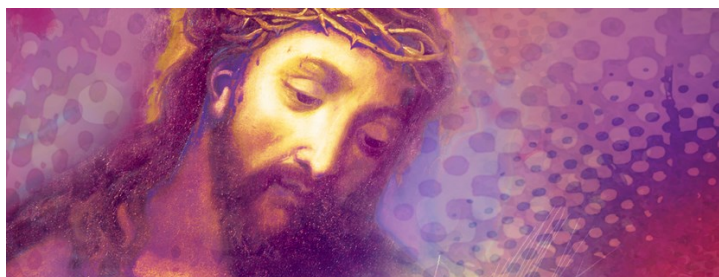
6:30A ..... Adoration  
6:30P ..... Taize

### Saturday, Jan 27

9:00A ..... Confession

### Sunday, Jan 28

1:00P ..... OCIA Class



**Holy Infant of Prague/ Santo Nino Fiesta Celebration** at Emmanuel Church on January 14, 2024 was well-attended!

## SCHEDULE CHANGES?

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**

TRANSFORMING ORDINARY MOMENTS

In the Bible are stories of brothers in conflict with each other. Think of Cain who killed his brother Abel. Remember Jacob who cheated his brother Esau out of his blessing. And not to forget the 11 guys who sold their brother Joseph into slavery. Sibling rivalry is an undeniable thing, then and now.

Jesus had no qualms in including brothers in his band of disciples.

There were many fishermen working on the lake of Galilee. The Jewish historian Josephus mentions that during his time as governor of Galilee, there were 330 fishing boats on that lake. But Jesus chose brothers from among these simple, uneducated fishermen— the brothers Simon and Andrew, John and James.

In the general run of things, human beings, when faced with the completion of important tasks, tend to focus on external goals, will build teams consisting of people with the right social connections, those with the wealth of resources, and those with significant mastery and proven expertise.

Jesus was different. He looked at what the person would become in the course of following Him.

When Jesus called these brothers, He called them to Him from the ordinariness of daily tasks.

My point is, we don't have to wait until we are in church to be close to God and hear His call. God is present everywhere, even dullness of daily routine.

Spiritual writers call this transformation of daily work and routine as " sanctification of work ".

Follow me, was Jesus' simple invitation. He did not lecture them, or even tell them where He would lead them. And they did not ask what we would ask, "Why? Where to? What for?"

They just left everything behind and became Jesus' companions for the rest of their life.

Are we beset by all sorts of questions in our personal journeys?

Am I bored with my work and life? Am I aware of God's presence in my daily routine? What can I do to transform and sanctity my daily work?

If you have never bothered to listen deeply before, why not try this once? Seek His voice in the humdrum moments of your days.

"Come, follow me!"

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Pastor

CLERGY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Monday, Jan 22

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Carr

Tuesday, Jan 23

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

Wednesday, Jan 24

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Thursday, Jan 25

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Friday, Jan 26

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Leone 6:00P Fr. Zamora

Saturday, Jan 27

8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Zamora 5:30 Fr. Carr

Sunday, Jan 28

7:30A Fr. Carr 9:00A Fr. Timothy 10:00A Fr. Zamora  
10:30A Fr. Timothy 12:00N Fr. Leone 6:00P Fr. Theo

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DSA UPDATE

January 4, 2024

Goal .....	\$173,000.00
Amount Raised .....	\$144,892.99
Balance Remaining .....	\$28,107.01

December 31, 2023

First Collection .....	\$11,575.00
Collection Item .....	\$2,603.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$940.00
Online (12/30/2023).....	\$988.63

January 7, 2024

First Collection .....	\$17,316.00
Second Collection .....	\$2,691.00
Solemnity of Maey.....	\$280.00
Online (01/06/2024).....	\$1,761.53

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Note: Jan 14th count will appear in the Jan 28th issue

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan 22

7:30am †Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini by Cannon Family † Sharon Carney by Anastasi Family  
8:30am \*Gregory Koop by Mother † Alda Lopes & Acyr Silva by Maria Goretti

Tuesday, Jan 23

7:30am †Mary DelVeccio by Paul Stabile †Timothy Reese by Carol & John Trimble  
8:30am †Robert L. Pfeiffer by Diana Pfeiffer †Nelson Morciglio & Roberto Lopes by Maria Goretti

Wednesday, Jan 24

7:30am †Daniel Joseph Lane †Connie Romeo by Rose, Cliff, Eve & Ken D’Amato  
8:30am \*Ricarda Vargas by Caraballo Family \*Carol Buerkert by Clara Depko

Thursday, Jan 25

7:30am †Carol Cella by Cannon Family,†Jason John Colon by Carol Chapman †Adolfo Henriod by Cannon Family  
8:30am †Anthony DeFrancesco by DeFrancesco Family †Sr. Mary Clare Fennell by Dorothy Deedy

Friday, Jan 26

7:30am †Anthony Calobrisi by Anastasi Family †Connie Romeo by Rose,Cliff, Eve & Ken D’Amato  
8:30am \*Peggy & Patty by Family †Marie Rose Marconi by Janet Contrastano  
6:00am † For Priests For priests

Saturday, Jan 27

8:30am †Mary Hudson by Daughter, † Karen Yozallinas by Family †Jonathan Chapel by Hilda Porrata-Doria  
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
5:30pm †Elfrieda Nugent by Sylvia & Jerry Galanti †Beverly Nash by Ann Simpson

Sunday, Jan 28

7:30am †Johanna Anastasi by Anastasi Family †Angie & Albert by Albert Vertile  
9:00am †Bob Kosineski by Pauline †Constance Semenza by John & Linda DiNoto  
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
12:00N †Rosa Campisi by Francesca Atanasio †Mom Ann Koppie by Children & Family  
6:00pm †John Papale by Anthony Castro Vinci \*Noreen Kelly by Cathy Viola

UNSCHEDULED

† Linda Turner by Bernadette Marry †Frank Snyder by Carol Schwab  
\* Leonard Paulson by Carol Schwab \*Brian Sullivan by Carol Schwab  
\* Martin Murray by Mamie & Frank Eardley \*Mag & Joe Strobel by Ellen Carver  
\*Carver Family by Ellen Carver



Altar Flowers

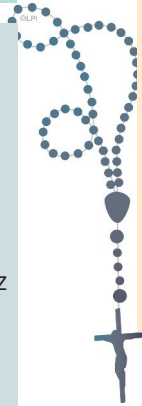
Vigil Lights

Shrine Flowers

## 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	Regner	Brenda Ezeilo
Helen Cruz	Michael Manuele	Brian Sullivan
Lenore Curatolo	Carla Ruiz	Joan Albertson
Marilyn Boyle	Benjamin Robelo	Cynthia Martin
Andrea Anastasi	Karen McCarty	Francis Martin
Shelly Fiorini	T.J. Genzale	Hermoine D'Cruz
Fran Abrami	Dave Ruiz	Brigitte Knops
Ed Bush	Victoria Robelo	Toni Kreamer
Margarito D Berciles	Ms. S.	Gerry Gerhard
Arthur Chiusano	Dennis Gilbride	Ricardo Gonez
Maureen Oberholzer	Jane McGinley	Euclides Cerutti
Bob Oberholzer	Barry Cohen	Grace Cassagnol
John Wilkens	Rose Borsella	Samuel Gonzales
Scott Ellison	Sr. Frances Vass	Victorio
Evangeline Ezeilo	OSC	Ray Wolfff
Michael Gehres	Marguerite Dawson	Patricia Tripi
Karen Sullivan	Mary Loveland	Giraldo
Eric Albertson	Sam Falcone	Victor Rivera
Salvatore Pagano	Patricia Golstein	Ruth Kipperman
Sean Zahul	Taylor Dosh	Ida Giannettina
Darren Guzman	Marilyn Martino	Tom Hickey
Mary Lou	Gulshan Modena	
Connie Panepinto	Maggie Dolan	
Amalia Mazzolin	Amelita Coz-Zarraga	
Leon Martin	Heather Martin	
Joe Delagami	Tailor McGee	
Dennis Audette	Ronald Griffiths	
Rose Marie	Margie Giaquinto	
	Maria Fernandez	
	Raphael Roman	
	James Ezeilo	



## SELECTED PRAYERS

### 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.

### 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.

**Have a Prayer Request or Need a Pastoral Visit?**

Contact us for a prayer request at (561.496.2480).

## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

### Joe Stegler

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine" is a phrase that I'm sure most of us are familiar with. It is from a song which most of us would have learned when we were children in Sunday School or with the nuns in Catholic School. The song is based on the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew 5:14-16.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

When most of us hear these words what thoughts does it conjure up? For many of us we probably think of doing and acting in a particular way which measures up to some sort of moral or ethical standard of what or how we think a Christian is supposed to act. The text itself seems to point towards this when it speaks about good deeds. Is this all that this Gospel passage is telling us or is there more to it though?

While the moral and ethical reading of the passage is an important aspect it does not tell the whole story. Doing good deeds is not the purpose of our life as Christians. If it were then we could be secular atheists or agnostics who live morally upstanding lives, which many of them do a much better job at than many Christians. But that is not the point. The point is that we are supposed to have a light, something within us, that shines out so brightly that it is like a city on a mountain top or a lamp on a lampstand in the dark. No one can ignore it. And not only can they not ignore it, but they are drawn to it.

In the ancient world anything outside of cities or places of human settlement could be quite terrifying. There were wild animals and robbers outside of the walls of human habitation. If you have ever been in true darkness even the smallest light makes a world of difference. The power that these two examples have to draw people speaks to the profound reality which Jesus is speaking of when he speaks about the light. But what exactly is that light?

The text says that we are the light. It says, "You are the light of the world". So clearly it is us. What is it about us though that shines and makes us the light of the world? It is friendship with Jesus Christ, and through him friendship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is the abiding presence of the Holy Trinity, the Godhead, within us who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. There is a caveat though. While all of us have the light of Christ alive within us by nature of our baptism our willingness and or ability to engage in that relationship determines how bright of a light we are. The greatest saints of the Church were not people who did fantastic things. Rather, they were people who gave themselves completely to Christ. He became everything for them.

We are also invited into this great adventure of becoming the close companions of Jesus. As we draw closer to him and let our hearts gradually be given over to him more, the light within us will grow brighter until we are completely set ablaze.



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

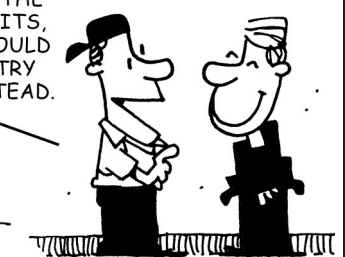
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#### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I REALLY DON'T  
THINK I'M CALLED  
TO BE A PRIEST.



BUT I LOVE THE  
BLACK OUTFITS,  
MAYBE I SHOULD  
BE A COUNTRY  
SINGER INSTEAD.



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ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioner

Once again it is time to turn our attention to our Annual Parish Festival and Raffle. This is a parish event as we rejoice in the Lord for giving us this great opportunity to come together as a parish family.

**The dates for the 2024 Annual Parish Festival are Friday, February 9th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm & Saturday, February 10th from 8:00am-7:30pm.** We will be having a flea market in Columbus Hall, food, bake sale and coffee, and car show. Details can be found in our bulletin and on our parish website as well.

Our Festival and Raffle is the single biggest fundraising effort we make each year. I am writing to ask you for your continued support and participation in the upcoming raffle. We hope each of your families will purchase or sell at least one book of raffle tickets. Please feel free to sell to neighbors, friends, other family members, and/or co-workers! The cost of each ticket is \$10.00 or \$50.00 for a book of 6 tickets. I have enclosed one sheet (two books) of tickets with this letter.

This year, we have chosen again to have cash prizes:

- 1st Prize: \$5,000
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500
- 3rd Prize: \$1,500
- 10 Consolation Prizes of: \$200 each

Please return the tickets with your donation. Additional tickets are available at the parish office. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 10th at 7:30pm.

I thank you with all my heart for your continued support to our Parish and I look forward to sharing the good times with you at the Festival! We would also like to thank Lorne and Sons who generously covered the cost of printing the raffle tickets.



Prize	Amount	Bulletin	Complimentary Tickets
First Prize	\$ 5,000.00		96
Second Prize	\$ 2,500.00		48
Third Prize	\$ 1,500.00		24
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
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OPEN RAFFLE SPONSORSHIP SLOTS

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,  
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;  
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

### Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

### Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

## Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Saturday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



## Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

## Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,  
When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

#### Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

#### Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30

#### Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2/Mk 16:15-18

#### Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mk 4:35-41

#### Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

*"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

#### Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

To learn more, visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).



## AN INVITATION

(For Men and Boys over age 12)

**"Best Catholic Men's Rally Ever!"**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024 (8:30A-1:15P)**

**St. Ignatius Cathedral**

### INSPIRING SPEAKERS:

**Father Jonathan Meyer**

National Preacher for the Eucharistic Revival

**Kevin Wells**

Former sports writer for the Tampa Tribune and author of "Priest and Beggar" and "Priests We Need to Save the Church"

**Bishop Gerald Barbarito**

Main Celebrant and Homilist for the closing mass

For more info: **Call Jim Manhardt (772)321-3886**

To register, visit: **catholicmenforjesusflorida.com**

**St John the Evangelist Catholic Church** presents

**A Marriage Retreat with Johnette and Jack Williams**

EWTN Television and Radio Hosts

**"Thriving in Marriage in a Post-Truth Culture"**

**Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00A-4:00P (8:00A Check-in)**

Married and engaged couples are invited to a day of celebration of their relationship together with Christ Jesus.

Johnette and Jack will lead you through this special retreat day, in a fun way, to deepen your faith and vocation! Lunch is provided. We will have a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Renewal of Wedding Vows at 4:00P, followed by a Champagne Toast at 5:00P.

**Registration: \$75 per couple (Jan 26th, Registration Ends)**

**www.saintjohn-bocaraton.com/events or call Lisa at (561)**

**488-1373 X3. The Retreat will be at the Parish Hall.**

**10300 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL 33498**

JESUS YOUTH INVITES YOU TO

# ARISE

A MONTHLY PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS (9TH TO 12TH GRADE)

**JANUARY 27TH, 3-6PM**  
**EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Please contact either  
Tony: (914) 355-0169 | Joel: (630) 917-4974



## SAVE THE DATE!

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## Annual Anniversary Mass

Bishop Gerald Barbarito will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Masses for Married Couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage during the year 2024.

Watch your bulletin for details on how to register with your parish for this special celebration!

**Saturday**  
**February 10, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

St. Lucie Catholic Church  
280 SW Prima Vista Boulevard  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

**Saturday**  
**February 17, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

St. Jude Catholic Church  
21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33433

**Happy Anniversary!**

Sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family Life, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.  
For information and registration please contact the Parish office.





Women's Weekends	Men's Weekends
<a href="#">January 12 - 14, 2024</a>	<a href="#">January 26 - 28, 2024</a>
<a href="#">January 19 - 21, 2024</a>	<a href="#">February 2 - 4, 2024</a>
<a href="#">February 16 - 18, 2024</a>	<a href="#">March 15 - 17, 2024</a>
<a href="#">March 22 - 24, 2024</a>	<a href="#">April 12 - 14, 2024</a>
<a href="#">April 19 - 21, 2024</a>	<a href="#">June 2 - 4, 2024</a>
<a href="#">May 3 - 5, 2024</a>	

**Retreat Contact: Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center | 1300 US Hwy 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 Phone: (561)626-1300**

## SOULCORE

### A New Year's invitation for you!

#### "Get fit for Jesus"

It is so critical for us to seek and to grow daily in Jesus. Read the scriptures and go to Mass daily, if possible. To avoid becoming spiritual prey, "never cease praying" (1Thes 5:17) Grow strong in your holy faith through prayer in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20) As Jesus would do, love and forgive others. Serving others will bring you Holy Joy. Let's get in better "spiritual shape" required to be "ready to greet the Lord, when He comes again. At Mass we stand to sing, we sit to listen and learn, and kneel in reverence and adoration. But there's more we can do!  
Prayer: Father, help me. Give me the grace, energy, and desire to allow you to grow your new life within me.(Phil 2:13)

#### "Get fit for Jesus through Mary with Soulcore "

The Soulcore community invites you to prepare with us getting in **spiritual shape** required "ready to greet the Lord, when He comes again".

We move at soulcore, with gentle stretching exercises at your own fitness level (on a mat or chair).

We take deep purposeful breaths inviting the Holy Spirit and thanking Jesus. This reduces stress and tension.

We rest listening to the mysteries of the rosary, to scriptures and faith based meditations.

We are plugged in spiritually. We have to charge our cell phones and we have to charge our souls.

We pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We honor Mary and the rosary, intentions for our priests, the church, our families, and the world.

We encourage and pray for one another in good times and in turbulent times. Godly friendships are formed.

All ages are invited women and men, children and teens, at any fitness level. Exercise on a mat or in a chair.

Visit [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com) for more information and other USA locations.

Contact Soulcore leader Ramona Joachim 561-866-4820 for local class times and locations, and any questions you might have.

*Now is the time (2 Cor 6:2) to strengthen your mind, body and soul.*

*You will leave soulcore rejuvenated every time guaranteed. Where faith meets fitness!*