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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

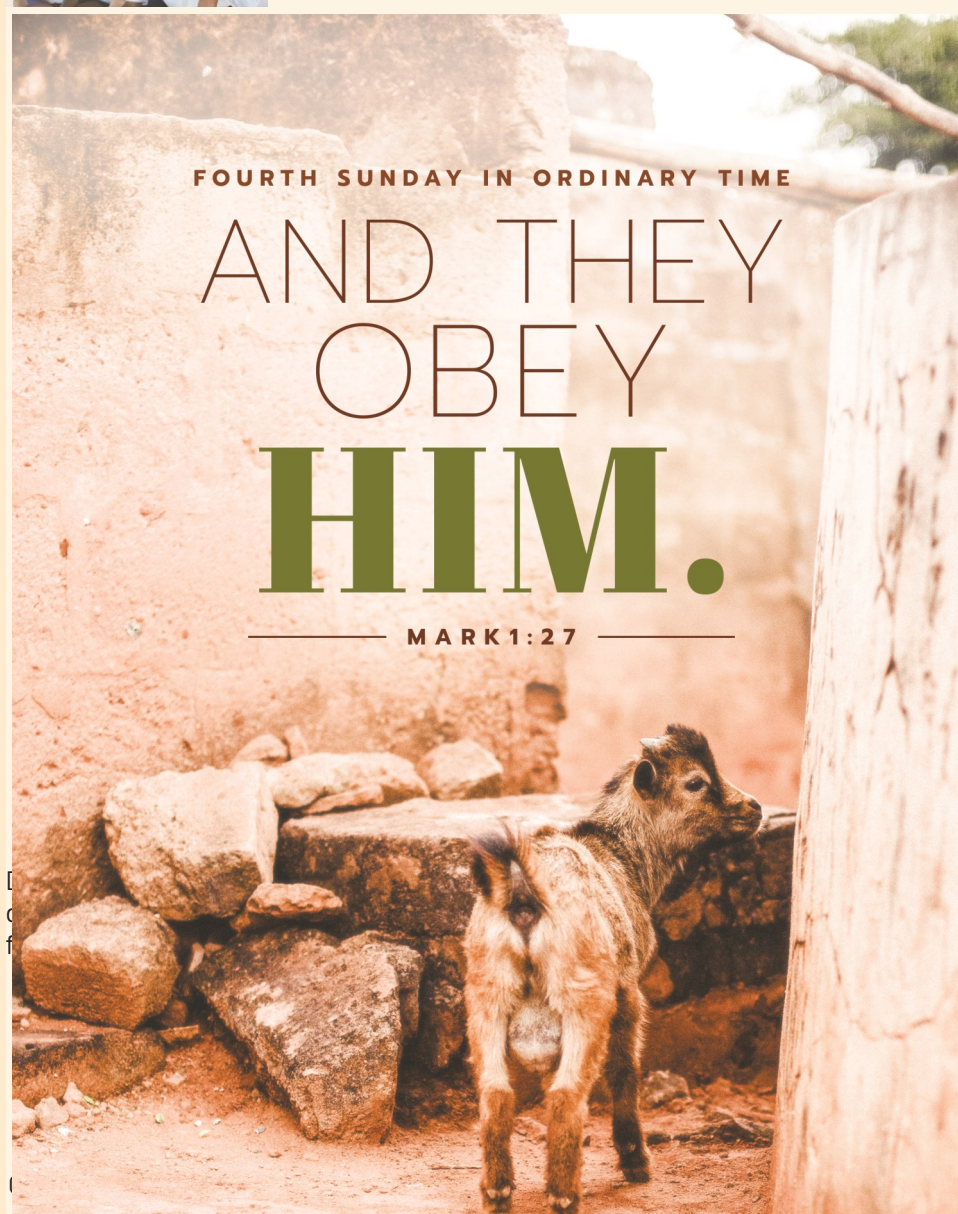
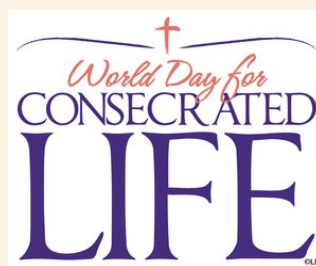
7:30am, 9:00am, **10:00am CM\***

10:30am, 12:00noon, 6:00pm

\*Children's Mass

### Confession

Saturday (9:00am)



In these days of tragedy and grief, let your healing rain down on our community. Strengthen those who have responded and tended to the broken. Hold the families who have known loss. Bring light into the darkness, as only you can redeem and make new. Amen.

We pray for all in our EMMANUEL FAMILY facing trials!

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**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

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### 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

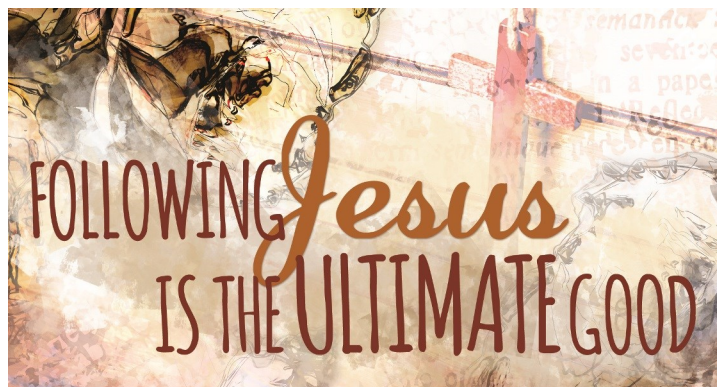
## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### 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 29

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

### Tuesday, Jan 30

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

### Wednesday, Jan 31

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

### Thursday, Feb 01

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

### Friday, Feb 02

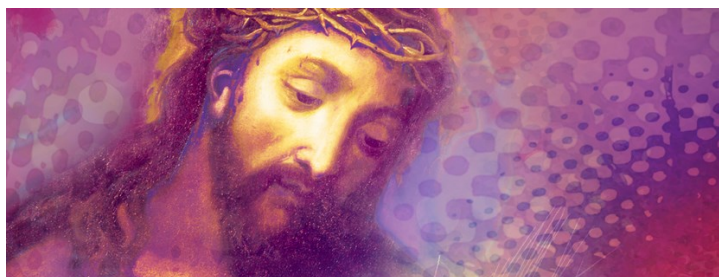
6:30A ..... Adoration  
9:00 ..... First Friday Adoration

### Saturday, Feb 03.....Tootsie Roll Drive

8:30A ..... Reconciliation Retreat  
9:00A ..... Confession

### Sunday, Feb 04.....Tootsie Roll Drive

9:00A ..... Knights of Columbus Mass  
1:00P ..... OCIA Class



## 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.

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NOTE THESE OBSERVANCES

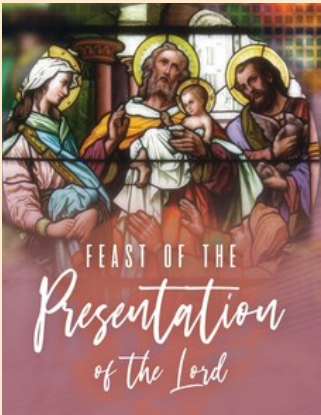
Friday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the blessing of Candles takes place.

This feast, originating in 4th century in Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th century under its title “Feast of the Meetings”, known also as Candlemas Day.

All are invited to bring candles with them to mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use. We have a designated table in front of the altar to place your candles.

Friday, February 2nd is also observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. It’s purpose is “to help the entire church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels “ as well as” to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” ( St.John Paul II,1997).

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Pastor

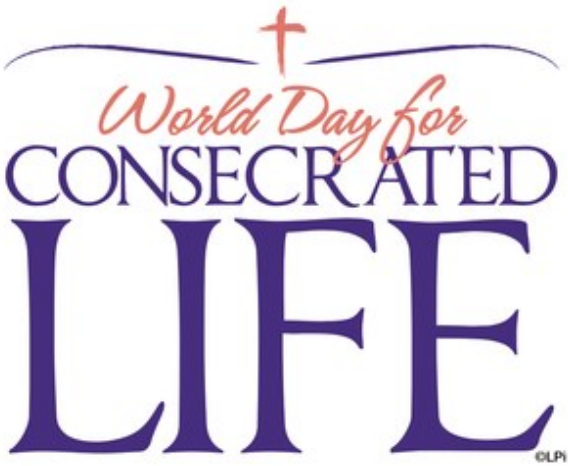


CLERGY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

Monday, Jan 29			
7:30A	Fr. Zamora	8:30A	Fr. Carr
Tuesday, Jan 30			
7:30A	Fr. Carr	8:30A	Fr. Timothy
Wednesday, Jan 31			
7:30A	Fr. Theo	8:30A	Fr. Leone
Thursday, Feb 01			
7:30A	Fr. Theo	8:30A	Fr. Zamora
Friday, Feb 02			
7:30A	Fr. Zamora	8:30A	Fr. Timothy
		6:00P	Fr. Theo
Saturday, Feb 03			
8:30A	Fr. Carr	4:00P	Fr. Leone
		5:30	Fr. Theo
Sunday, Feb 04			
7:30A	Fr. Theo	9:00A	Fr. Timothy
		10:00A	Fr. Timothy
10:30A	Fr. Carr	12:00N	Fr. Carr
		6:00P	Fr. Zamora

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 21, 2024	
First Collection .....	\$13,735.00
Second Collection .....	\$2,654.00
Online (01/15/24–1/19/24/2024).....	\$1,043.28
Thank you for your continued generosity and support!	



## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, Jan 29

7:30am †Angela Salazar by Sister Brenda

8:30am † Richard Koop by Wife

†John Velasquez by Lori Davanzo

† Valerie Femiano by Nicole Femiano

### Tuesday, Jan 30

7:30am †Carlos & Angela Henriod & Percy Cannon Sr by Cannon Family †Jimmy Follini by Marie Abbate

8:30am \*Barbara Wright by Friend †Patricia Gonsiorek by Ladies Guild

### Wednesday, Jan 31

7:30am †Mario Genduso by Joseph & Lori Kessler

8:30am † Gerard & Patricia Caouette by Family

†Andy Sivak by Pat King & Family

† Eugene & Leda Caouette by Family

### Thursday, Feb 01

7:30am †Bertha Yda Gutierrez Muñante by Anastasi Family

8:30am †Carol Groccia & Louise Covello by Barbara & Garry Morris

†John Hogland by Anastasi Family

\*Lorraine Wheeler by Tom & Clara Depko

### Friday, Feb 02

7:30am \*Joseph Diman Sr. by Family

8:30am † Mary Merdinger by Dorothy

6:00pm For Priests

\*Joseph Diman Jr. by Family

†Aniano Malubay by Daughter

For priests

### Saturday, Feb 03

8:30am † Andrea Battilana by Cookie Anastasi

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm †Donna Petricone by Husband, † Dorothy Cillo by Marnina

†Betty Moore by John & Christine Wilkens

BOOK OF THE DEAD

†Giuseppe Giuliana by Rosalia Giuliana

### Sunday, Feb 04

7:30am \*Julius Coz by Coz Family

9:00am \*KoC by Blessed Mother Council 1333A

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00N \*Messina Family by Francesca Atanasio

6:00pm \*Elizabeth M. by Christina

†Roseann Bruno by Mr. & Mrs. John Hajko

†Julia Martini by Pauline

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

†Rosa & Renato Andretta by Children

†Sr. Mary Clare Fennell by Linda & Ed DiMarco

## UNSCHEDULED

\*Samuel Gonzales Victorio by Carla Gonzales Rios

\* All Souls in Purgatory by Celia Blum-Guerra

\* Alain Dubreuil

† Michael DiBartolomeo by Dorothy Deedy

\*Martin Fabian by Celia Blum-Guerra

\* Eva Dubreuil

\*Kadia Pierre

† Richard Tenney by Rosaura Rivera

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

**PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION .** 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 TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER.** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

WHERE THE  
ROSARY IS  
RECITED  
THERE WILL  
BE DAYS OF  
PEACE AND  
TRANQUILITY.

—ST. JOHN BOSCO

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

Contact us for a prayer request at (561.496.2480).

## EMBRACING CHANGE IN CHRIST

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done – or have not done – with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it – I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Everyday Stewardship

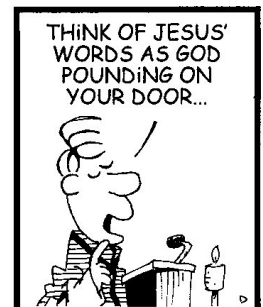
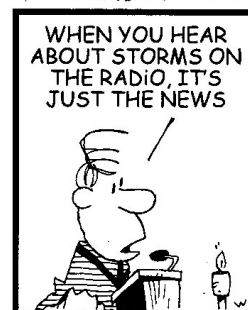
When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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	Anonymous	96
Second Prize	\$ 2,500.00	Anonymous	48
Third Prize	\$ 1,500.00	Anonymous	24
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	Anonymous	6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	Anonymous	6
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Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	AMR	6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	PA Snow Angel	6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	Nancy Silvestri	6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	Anonymous	6



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin,  
and will put my words into his mouth;  
he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,  
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

### Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

## Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Wednesday:** St. John Bosco, Priest

**Friday:** The Presentation of the Lord,  
World Day for Consecrated Life

**Saturday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;  
St. Ansgar, Bishop

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SAINT OF THE DAY - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

**Reflection.** We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7/Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### Saturday:

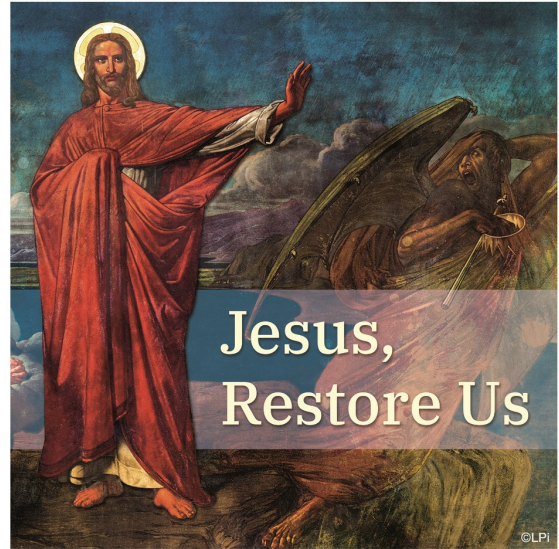
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/  
Mk 6:30-34

#### Next Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me.

"Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

*"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"*

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*  
— Psalm 95:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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

#### Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

#### Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.



## Day of Spiritual Renewal Retreat

AIM, St. Joan of Arc's outreach ministry serving the spiritual needs of adults with physical disabilities, is hosting a Day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday, Feb. 10, in the church's Mercy Center, 370 SW Third St., Boca Raton. The free retreat starts with arrival from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The day will include two spiritual talks by Father Kevin McQuone of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, group discussions, singing, prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch and light breakfast snacks will be provided.

AIM welcomes individuals with physical disabilities and those who may be experiencing more limited mobility due to aging. We also welcome those who want to learn more about our ministry or wish to help out with it. If you know anyone who may benefit from AIM, please tell them about this retreat that is tailored to their needs and provides the opportunity for spiritual renewal. Help us make 2024 a joyous year in their lives through love and friendship.

Participants are paired with "buddies" who assist them during the day. This retreat's theme is "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit," a great preparation for the upcoming Lenten and Easter seasons. For more information or to reserve a space, go to [AIMretreats.org](http://AIMretreats.org), or contact ministry leader Margarita Castellon at 954-821-6077 or [margcast@bellsouth.net](mailto:margcast@bellsouth.net).

HOSTING

## ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

**SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024**

**8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM**

Vendors Wanted!  
Application  
Deadline  
February 21, 2024

Vendors keep all  
profits!

Emmanuel Parish  
Outdoor Pavilion  
15700 S. Military Trail  
Delray Beach, Florida 33484



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**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](http://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!***