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FEB 11
Prayer
Focuses
and
Observances:

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



**World Day
of the Sick**
FEBRUARY 11



REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

**Monday-Thursday: 7:30A,
8:30A Friday-7:30a, 8:30A,
6:00P**

BE MADE
CLEAN.

MARK 1:41

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASSES:

**SAT: 8:30A, VIGIL; 4:00P, 5:30P
SUNDAY: 7:30A, 9:00A, 10:00A*,
10:30A, 12:00N, 6:00P**

***Children's Mass
Confession: 9:00A**

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FEBRUARY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**

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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

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Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

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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



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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feb 12

6:30A Adoration
1:00P Movie

Tuesday, Feb 13

6:30A Adoration
10:00A Faith Sharing

Wednesday, Feb 14

6:30A Adoration
2:00P School of Christian Formation
4:00P SoulCore
6:30P Ladies Guild Meeting

Thursday, Feb 15

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

Friday, Feb 16

6:30A Adoration
6:30P Taize

Saturday, Feb 17

9:00A Confession
9:00A Lay Cistercians Meeting

Sunday, Feb 18

9:00A Ladies Guild Mass
1:00P OCIA Class
1:00P Baptism Class

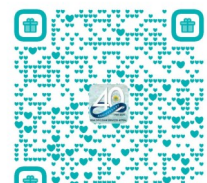
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February 01, 2024

Goal Amount \$ 169,000.00

Current Donation Total \$ 36,930.00

Balance Remaining \$ 132,070.00



THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. From then on, until Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the Easter Triduum of Christ's passion and death, burial and resurrection.

The ashes imposed on us on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return; and that, therefore, the entire life of a Christian should be marked by works of self-denial and generosity. The traditional discipline of Lent consists of constant prayer and reading of God's word. **Current universal practice consists of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat on Fridays, and works of mercy.** What is important, is that, through prayer and good works, we allow God's grace to bring about our interior conversion. The sacrament of penance should accompany our Lenten observance.

Take note of the Ash Wednesday schedule posted on the weekly clergy schedule posted on this same page. **For pastoral reasons, the imposition of ashes will be done right after the final blessing.**

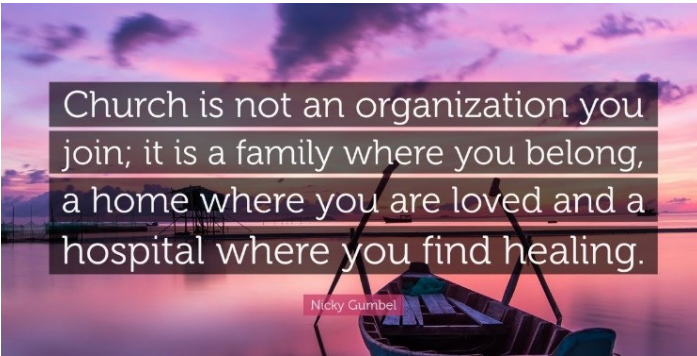
Be mindful of abstinence days.

Other than the additional posted masses during Lent season, we have **Stations of the Cross every Friday; in the morning at 9:00A in our beautiful Rosary walk (as weather permits) and at 5:30P inside the church following the Friday 6:00P mass.**

We encourage everyone to participate in all of our spiritual activities, on this season, as we journey together as a family towards Easter.

Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Pastor



CLERGY SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 12-18, 2024

Monday, Feb 12th

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

Tuesday, Feb 13th

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

Wednesday, Feb 14th

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Timothy
10:30A Fr. Leone 12:00P Fr. Carr
4:00P Fr. Theo 6:00P Fr. Zamora

Thursday, Feb 15th

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Zamora
12:00P Fr. Carr

Friday, Feb 16th

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Carr
12:00P Fr. Leone 6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, Feb 17th

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

Sunday, Feb 18h

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

February 4, 2024

First Collection	\$12,424.00
Second Collection	\$2,514.00
Subtotal.....	\$14,938.00
Online (1/29-2/2, 2024).....	\$1,291.03

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb 12

7:30am †Donat & Rhea Sylvestre by Family

*Ree Joy Baldonado/Birthday by Family

8:30am *Nancy Manesh by Norma & Vito Tarricone

†Herman Matos by Phyllis Lomitola

Tuesday, Feb 13

7:30am †Lynn Mega by Cookie Anastasi

†Agusta & Billy Simonton & Bill Mills by George Simonton

8:30am †Marano Family by Elisa & Kevin McDonnell

*George Simonton by George Simonton

Wednesday, Feb 14

7:30am †Eleonora Pace by Mario Pace

*Ernie Bane by George Simonton

9:00am †Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Christine & John

†Maria Pina & Giuseppe Giuliana by Rosalia Giuliana

10:30am *Diane Marry by Mark, Bernadette & boys

†Donald Marry by Mark & Bernadette

12:00pm †Steven Skolinsky by Natalie Skolinsky

*Victor & Kyla Caraballo & Children by Elsa Caraballo

4:00pm *Rita Morgan by Celia Blum-Guerra

*Pam Lee by Celia Blum-Guerra

6:00pm *Roxana Pacheco by Celia Blum-Guerra

*Celia Blum-Guerra by.....

Thursday, Feb 15

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise

†All Souls in Purgatory by Soledad Robinson

8:30am †Irma Toscano Parker by Mom & Dad

†Dennis Audette by Clara & Tom Depko

12:00pm *Rosanne & Miguel Conty by Elsa Caraballo

†Thomas Spatafora by Anne & Gerry Gerhard

Friday, Feb 16

7:30am † Corazon Malubay by Daughter

*Pedro & Evelyn Santiesteban by Evelyn Santiesteban

8:30am †Cristina & Crescenza Rosato & Family by Granddaughter

†Josephine Diaz by Martina DeBoise

12:00pm †America & Enrique Azua by Laura Azua

*Olga Galarza & Family by Elsa Caraballo

6:00pm For Priests

For priests

Saturday, Feb 17

8:30am †Rosario Pappalardo by Daughter Rose

*Baby Caraballo by Caraballo Family

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

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5:30pm †John Prokop by Family

†Manus Clancy by Family

Sunday, Feb 18

7:30am †Angie & Albert Verile by Albert Verile

†Stanley & Helen Klunder by Stanley L. Klunder

9:00am Victoria Golden Colton by Palma Greco

†Rosa Compisi by Palma Greco

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

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12:00N †Atanasio Family by Francesca Atanasio

†Vincent Facciuto by Terry Facciuto

6:00P *Timothy Caouette by Family

*Jason Coz by Coz Family

UNSCHEDULED

*Tom Hickey/healing by Ed & Jan Durmer

*Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb

*Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb

*Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb

*Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb

†John Dempsey by Lillian & Donal Dennehy

*Patricia Lofreddo/healing by Ladies Guild

†James Hoke by Gordon Family

*Elsie Allen 98th y.o. by Niece Barbara

†Fred Brodany by Laura & John Cotter

†Bryan Fitzpatrick by Francesca Fraine

†Harold Dalton by Bob Dalton

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	Ruth Kipperman
Victoria Robelo	Ida Giannettina
Ms. S.	Tom Hickey
Dennis Gilbride	Josette Weber
Jane McGinley	Nicholas Payamps
Barry Cohen	Rolyn Alvarado
Rose Borsella	Vincent Rizzo
Richard Stephens	

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.



Have a Prayer Request or Need a Pastoral Visit?

Contact us for a prayer request at (561.496.2480).

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Everyday Stewardship

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GET
YOUR
ASH
ON



5TH 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
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00	Joanne Elliott	6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
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:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."
(Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
(Mk 1:41-42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

SAINT OF THE DAY - ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

Reflection

Today, a new era has come for the Church in Japan. Although the number of Catholics is not large, the Church is respected and has total religious freedom. The spread of Christianity in the Far East is slow and difficult. Faith such as that of the 26 martyrs is needed today as much as in 1597.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/
1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”
— Mark 1:41

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

West Palm Beach 40 Days for Life at Presidential Women's Center

Spring 2024 | Feb 14 to Mar 23 | 9am to 5pm | Mon to Sat

All are welcome to join West Palm Beach 40 Days for Life Volunteers and come to the Cathedral of St Ignatius of Loyola, Feb 13, 2024 - 6:30pm to hear testimony from Ramona Trevino, renowned prolife speaker and author of *Redeemed by Grace: A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back*.

This is a KICK OFF RALLY for our local 40 Days for Life Lent Campaign that starts Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 to Mar 23, Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm.

We pray across from 100 Northpoint Parkway, 33407.

Experienced shift leaders change every two hours. Each campaign, women have left the abortion center to ask for our help. We ask you to sign up for one shift per week. Your presence may be the last sign of hope for the unborn and a first sign of mercy to these mothers.

Sign up in your parish or online:

www.40daysforlife.org/westpalmbeach

Or text WPB Leader at PWC:

Mary Ellen (561) 410-4337.

Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Brother Knights!

On Tuesday February 6, three Catholic gentlemen of Emmanuel Parish took their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and officially joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Mother Council is delighted to welcome our new brothers (left to right in front) David Strompf, Paul Miceli, and Jerry Caputo.

Vivat Jesus brothers!



If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, send your contact information to Chuck Dolce at Chuck@BlessedMotherCouncil.com



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of
Christ

with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love in them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





**CCD Reconciliation Group
Retreat**



Blessing the scapulars



**The kids at mass
with Fr. Carr**



First Reconciliation for all 2nd grade Sacraments Students Saturday February 17th, 2024 10:00am in the church. Students should arrive at 9:45am.

SAVE THE DATE!

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

Annual Anniversary Mass

Bishop Gerald Barbarito will celebrate the 40th 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.



Emmanuel Ladies Guild

is sponsoring a blood drive,
Sunday, February 11th, 2024.

7:30am to 1:30pm.

Donating blood is a generous thing to do. It helps people in need. The reasons are numerous: accident victims, malnutrition, cancer patients, sickle cell disease, pregnancy and childbirth, surgical procedures. It is safe to do, saves lives. and your heart health will thank you!

Walk-Ins welcome

Appointments appreciated. To book, or questions relating, please call Patti #561-293-9761

My name is father Paweł Kucharski, a missionary from Poland serving in northern Kazakhstan. I'm deeply grateful to your parish in Florida for joining me in prayer and worship. Your kindness and even help in learning English are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to your parish priests and pastor Gaudioso Zamora for his warm welcome. I invite you all to Kazakhstan, and for details, please get in touch with Piotr and Anita (ph. 772-307-5509). Thank you again, and you are in my prayers. Amen.



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 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!