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Religious Education Program



Have you registered your child for CCD this year?

If not, please scan this QR Code for our online registration form.



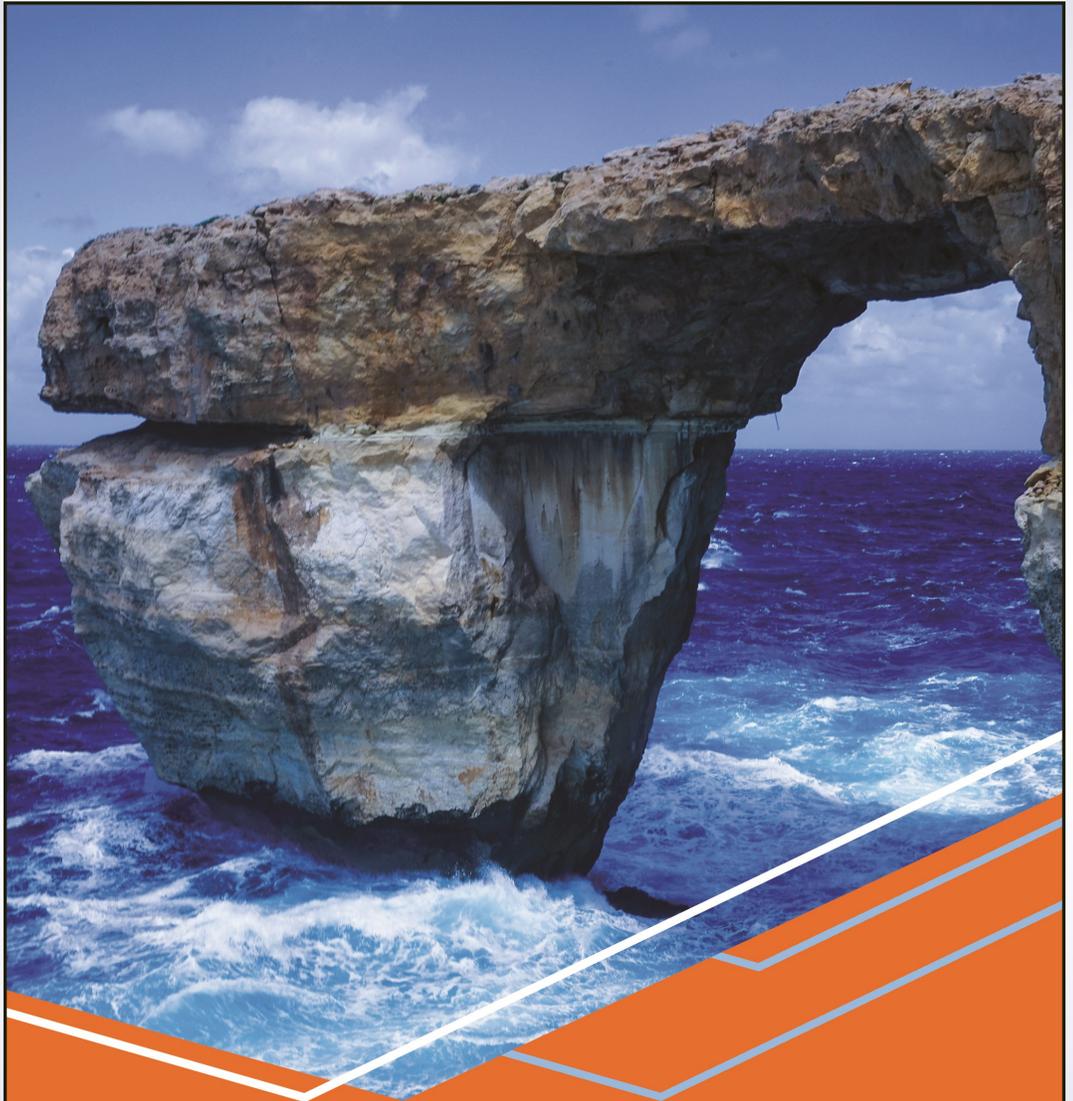
Class start dates:
 Preschool -5th: September 8th @ 10am
 6th - 12th: September 15th @ 11:30 am

We welcome all new families to our Religious Education program and request that you become a registered parishioner. All families must register with the parish before children may be registered in the CCD Program. You may visit the Parish office during office hours to fill out the paperwork.

To all parents registering for CCD. Please try re-registering using the new QR code above. The original QR code did not provide the option to submit the information you entered. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Welcome back to our Elementary School students! Grades 6-12 will begin classes on **Sept 15th** & will have classes on the **22nd** this month as well!

The Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (with Barcelona) sponsored by the Emmanuel Ladies Guild, scheduled for May 18-May 27, 2025, has just **6 remaining seats available** for purchase. If you are interested in joining the tour, do reach out to any active member of the guild for details ASAP.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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

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Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

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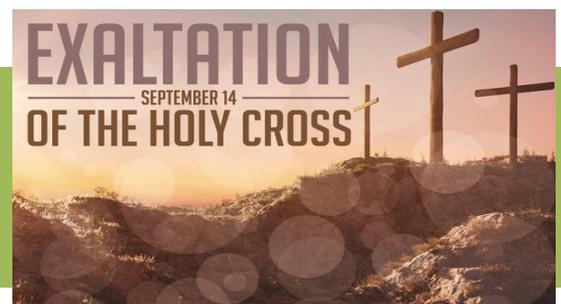
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd



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, Sept. 09

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

Tuesday, Sept. 10

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

Wednesday, Sept. 11

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

Thursday, Sept. 12

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

Friday, Sept. 13

6:30A.....Adoration
6:00P.....Taize
6:30P.....Night at the Races

Saturday, Sept. 14

Knights Membership Drive (all masses)

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

Sunday, Sept. 15

Knights Membership Drive (all masses)



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 during business hours.

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HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL

Mark records Jesus' healing of the deaf man with the use of the healing word in the native language of Jesus—the Aramaic word "ephphatah." Jesus opens the ears of the deaf man and consequently restores his speech.

Note that the deaf man does not go by himself to ask for healing. The people bring him to Jesus. This is an example of vicarious faith. One is healed because of the faith of other people. Their faith is not just for themselves, but also for others who need help.

The healing of the deaf--mute fulfills Isaiah's prophecy (1st reading) which lists, as signs of the Lord's coming: the eyes of the blind opened, the ears of the deaf cleared, the lame leaping like stags and the tongue of the dumb singing.

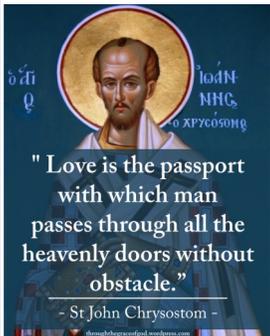
The miracles performed by Jesus for those who were deaf, mute, blind and lame are at the root of the church's concern for the disabled.

Pope St. John Paul II writes in his encyclical letter **Laborem Exercens**, "In spite of the limitations and sufferings affecting their bodies and faculties, they point up more clearly the dignity and greatness of man" (n 22) The compendium of the Social Doctrine of the church states, "Since persons with disabilities are subjects with all their rights, they are to be helped to participate in every dimension of family and social life at every level accessible to them and according to their possibilities." (n 148).

"He has done all things well," people remark. Their words echo what God has done in the story of creation. At the end of each day, God saw that all was good. With Jesus we have a new creation, a new life. When healing takes place, a person is re-created and becomes whole again and is able to take part in the beauty of creation.

— Fr. Z

Saint of the Day - Saint John Chrysostom (c. 349 – September 14, 407)



The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means "golden-mouthed") from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing

but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His lifestyle at the imperial court was not appreciated by many courtiers. He offered a modest table to episcopal sycophants hanging around for imperial and ecclesiastical favors. John deplored the court protocol that accorded him precedence before the highest state officials. He would not be a kept man.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as

much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Aloof, energetic, outspoken, especially when he became excited in the pulpit, John was a sure target for criticism and personal trouble. He was accused of gorging himself secretly on rich wines and fine foods. His faithfulness as spiritual director to the rich widow, Olympia, provoked much gossip attempting to prove him a hypocrite where wealth and chastity were concerned. His actions taken against unworthy bishops in Asia Minor were viewed by other ecclesiastics as a greedy, uncanonical extension of his authority.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople and took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

Reflection

John Chrysostom's preaching, by word and example, exemplifies the role of the prophet to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. For his honesty and courage, he paid the price of a turbulent ministry as bishop, personal vilification, and exile.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 7th

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

Sunday, Sept. 8th

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

Monday, Sept. 9th

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

Tuesday, Sept. 10th

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

Wednesday, Sept. 11th

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

Thursday, Sept. 12th

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

Friday, Sept. 13th

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

Saturday, Sept. 14th

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

Sunday, Sept. 15th

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

Grandparents Day



THE LEGION OF MARY is a new ministry in Emmanuel. Although, they have not scheduled their first meeting as of yet, they plan to meet Wednesdays at 6PM.

Meetings will include the recitation of the Holy Rosary, other Marian prayers and faith sharing. Part of their apostolate is to visit the sick and the dying.

This ministry is open to all men and women in the parish. If you are interested, please call the parish office for details!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DSA UPDATE - June 20, 2024

Goal Amount	\$ 169,000.00
Current Donation Total	\$ 114,351.98
Balance Remaining	\$ 54,648.02

CHURCH OFFERINGS

August 25, 2024

First Collection	\$ 8,627.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,507.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,134.00
Online (8/24/2024).....	\$ 1,173.07

August 18, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,929.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,091.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 13,020.00
Online (8/17/2024).....	\$ 1,524.73

NOTE: Sept 1st and Sept 8th collection figures will be posted Sept 15, as the printers have requested early submission of the Sept 8th proofs for Labor Day.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept. 09

7:30am †Timothy Brisson by Family *David Stromp by Clara & Tom Depko
8:30am *Charlotte Vlasek by Mark & Gail Vlasek *Albert Fernandes by Mari Fernandes & Family

Tuesday, Sept. 10

7:30am †Laureano Baldonado by Family †John King by Arthur Stromstedt
8:30am *Roy Lemar by A. M. *Henry & Stephanie by Margaret Maj

Wednesday, Sept. 11

7:30am *Christopher Sikora by Mom/Jennifer †Frank Cuevas by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestre
8:30am †Miriam Dilorio by Friends

Thursday, Sept. 12

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise †Sam Suppa by Angela & Mark
8:30am †Alice Claire Sorrelli by Joseph sorrelli *Margaret Maj & Family by Margaret Maj

Friday, Sept. 13

7:30am †Agnes Verlander by Cookie Anastasi *Amelia Graham by Soledad Robinson
8:30am †Anthony Amoriello by Wife †James Cassidy by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestre
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Sept. 14

8:30am †Kathleen Casey by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestre *Albert Fernandes by Mari Fernandes & family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Alfrieda Nugent by Sylvia Galanti †Jerry Galanti by Family

Sunday, Sept. 15

7:30am †Jeanne Marie Magner by Donna Weber †Dioselina DePulido by Martha/Daughter
9:00am †Editha Gidseg by Didi Gidseg Living & deceased/KoC 4th degree Assembly 2003 by Al Affard
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Lenor Rodriguez by Gloria Tello †Thomas Fogli by Friends
6:00pm †John & Yolanda Scarpelli by Robert *Fr. Leonard Dim by Christine & John

UNSCHEDULED

*Eva Dubreuil *Kadia Pierre †Stan Puddicombo by Donna McMahon *Cynthia Martin by Marie Guzman & Family
*Darren Guzman by Marie Guzman & Family *Laura Lea Cornett by Marie Guzman & Family
*Stephanie Burghoffer by Marie Guzman & Family †Thullen Family by Lori Davanzo
†Dottie Geilfland by Barbie Joe Creasy
†Elma Pramila by Rudolf & Mary Dsouza †James Cassidy by Dorothy Deedy *Farah by Celia
*Alejandro Blum by Celia *Ana Blum by Celia *Ricardo Blum by Celia *Xavier Blum by Celia

ALTAR FLOWERS

*A.M. By. A.M.

VIGIL LIGHTS

*A.M. By A.M.

SHRINE FLOWERS

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 their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

David & John
Helen Cruz
Lenore Curatolo
Marilyn Boyle
Andrea Anastasi
Shelly Fiorini
Fran Abrami
Ed Bush
Margarito D. Berciles
Arthur Chiusano
Bob Oberholzer
John Wilkens
Scott Ellison
Evangeline Ezeilo
Michael Gehres
Karen Sullivan
Sean Zahul
Darren Guzman
Mary Lou
Connie Panepinto
Amalia Mazzolin
Leon Martin
Joe Delagami
Rose Marie Regner
Michael Manuele
Carla Ruiz
Benjamin Robelo
Karen McCarty
T.J. Genzale
Dave Ruiz
Victoria Robelo
Ms. S.
Dennis Gilbride
Rose Borsella
Lexie Helgerson
David Smeraldo
Janette Cole
Steven Martin Sikes
Gianna Pagan
Suzanne Puleo
Sr. Frances Vass OSC
Mary Loveland
Sam Falcone
Patricia Golstein
Taylor Dosh
Marilyn Martino
Gulshan Modena
Maggie Dolan
Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Heather Martin
Taillor McGee

Ronald Griffiths
Margie Giaquinto
Maria Fernandez
Raphael Roman
James Ezeilo
Brenda Ezeilo
Cynthia Martin
Francis Martin
Hermoine D'Cruz
Brigitte Knops
Toni Kreamer
Gerry Gerhard
Euclides Cerutti
Grace Cassagnol
Samuel Gonzales
Victorio Ray Wolff
Patricia Tripi Giraldo
Ida Giannettina
Tom Hickey
Josette Weber
Vincent Rizzo
Louis Perticone
Ann Cavaseno
Sue Madden
Hank Missig
Charles C. Tufano
Angela Discepola
Anna Halford
Sal Yanello
Victor Rivera
William Lindner
Lisa Della Femina Maria E. Quiñones-Mercado
Diane Daniels
Carmen Jones
Bill Hamilton
Ralph Senese
Ramona
Kathy Garrett
Rich Sotis
Ash Gaballah
Karen Ramey
Tom Tripi
Mary Ann
Lisa Payne
Marilyn Green
Joseph Salamone Slayder Salamone
Phyllis Lomitola
Maria Amaro

Aniela Ignaczak
Ronald Campayno
Lillian Campayno
Terry Schwinge
Tom D'Amico
Gabriel Zamora
Vincent Blum
Ricardo Blum
Gina Marie B. Cohen
David Strompf
Sal Hanono
Chris Angotti
Heather & Jason Smith
Terry Schwinge
Ronald Merhige
Roshan
Karen Jensen
Cynthis Martin
Garry Solomon
Ilda Sosa Botero
Carlos Tobon
Jill Forshey
Gerry Santilli
Gail Hill
Chrissie Budrick
Frank Dazzo
Dina Quelch
Stewart Librizzi
Thomas Land
Dorinda Johansson
Agatha Saccio
Linda Kelly
Robert Albertson
Patricia Pagano
Rafael Botero
Albert Fernandes

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.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS. God our Father, Creator of the Universe, and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before You as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm and safety. Father we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us. 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.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Grandparent's Day
- Monday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday:** Patriot Day
- Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world
of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today
and always.
Thank You for their
experiences, wisdom, and
insight.
Thank You for the gifts they
bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they
teach the next generations
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can be changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

"He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' — that is, 'Be opened!' — And immediately the man's ears were opened ..."
Mark 7:34-35

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

CHOOSING DEAFNESS

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler – especially a particularly strong-willed one – have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' – she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.

— Mother Teresa —

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Volunteers are a blessing to others and blessed in return!

The many volunteers who lead and assist our Religious Education Program make it possible for us to provide the valuable, potentially life-changing, programming families want and need. By leading or assisting, once a week during the school year, you can play an important role in our young people's lives, witness their growth, AND contribute to your own learning.

Please contact Jean or Sandra (561)496-2480 Ext.1005 or (religionseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) to find out more about current openings.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Each volunteer in the diocese must be screened through the Safe Environments Office. They will go through a background screening and protecting God's Children Program.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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FRIDAY SEPT. 13TH 2024

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OCIA PROGRAM

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a year-long process of prayer, learning, and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic, those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+.

**Classes are held on Sunday
afternoons and starts at 1:00
PM**

Registration information will be provided through the parish office: P561.496.2480

Answers to specific questions will be given once we have your contact info.

Deacon Anthony Cuseo is the OCIA Program Director - P561.496.2480.

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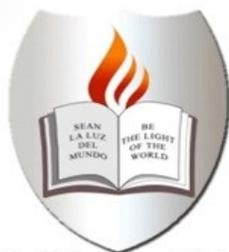
Thank you all for coming out to the Blood Drive! Twenty-Three donors registered, five were deferred, with a total of eighteen units collected! Everyone is so grateful for your Life-Saving Efforts! The Guild's next blood drives:

Sunday, Oct. 13th 730-130pm

Sunday, Dec. 11th 730-130pm

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN A RELAXED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT?

The School of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Palm Beach is offering a series of classes and programs for adult Catholics who wish to learn more about the rich traditions of their faith.



Faith on FIRE

Classes will be taught at Emmanuel Catholic Church. Each class meets from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons for a total of six classes (12 hours) taught during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

You may attend individual courses for credit or follow the entire three-year program which concludes with the granting of a certificate of completion awarded by Bishop Barbarito at the school's annual graduation ceremony.

The Diocese strongly recommends these courses for all the faithful, especially those serving in liturgical, educational and spiritual ministries.

The registration fee is \$10; textbooks range from \$10 to \$20 per course.

Courses for Fall, 2024:

Location: Emmanuel Catholic Church, 15700 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach

Instructor: Lily Potito

Social Justice: August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18

Spirituality: October 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20

Please contact Emmanuel Church, 561-496-2480, to register for courses, or you may register at the first class.

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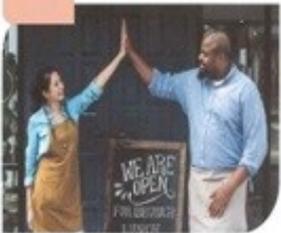


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"Does my child have to attend CCD if they are not in a Sacramental program preparing for First Communion or Confirmation?"

The answer is "YES!"

Would you keep your son / daughter out of school the years they are not taking a state school exam, SAT or ACT? Thus, why would you keep them out of CCD in a year when they don't receive a Sacrament? As important it is for the children to study math, science, and English each year in school; it is JUST as important that they study religion. Studying religion gives them a good moral foundation and builds character and priorities that they will have for the rest of their lives. Enrollment in our 3rd grade - 7th grade is just as important as the 2nd grade Sacrament class. We have 25-30 students in our First Communion class for the past few years and only 5-6 students in our 3rd grade class. It is our goal this year to bump up our registration in every grade. Our CCD program runs from Preschool through High School culminating with the student receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

We all know how busy families are and the conflict of schedules with travel sports/ dance etc. It's just as important to teach our children that Church is a priority, and their faith will get them through life's

challenges, trials, and tribulations. Being a mom of baseball players, I sit behind home plate and watch so many kids go up to bat and make a sign of the cross. I think it is fantastic that they know to look to God to help them get that homerun hit... but I wonder, how many of these kids are just modeling what they see their favorite athlete do or if they truly practice their faith? Do these children talk with God each day fostering a relationship with him? Do they offer up one hour a week to attend mass or CCD class to back up that gesture and show their gratefulness for their talent and successful hit? It's our job as parents to be good role models and make God a priority by promoting God all the time not just when we want that homerun hit. So let's help our kids to Live the light of Christ and deepen their faith by signing up for CCD classes. A solid faith - based education will give your child a moral compass and broader, healthier perspective on life. We welcome you to join our Religious Education program and see what a difference it makes in their lives. Ultimately our goal as parents is to provide a faith filled life for our children that teaches them how to strengthen their relationship with God and in turn provide them with the tools they need to ultimately one day get into Heaven. We look forward to helping you with this wonderful journey here at Emmanuel Religious Education Classes!

Registration is open now!



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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.¹ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

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