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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.



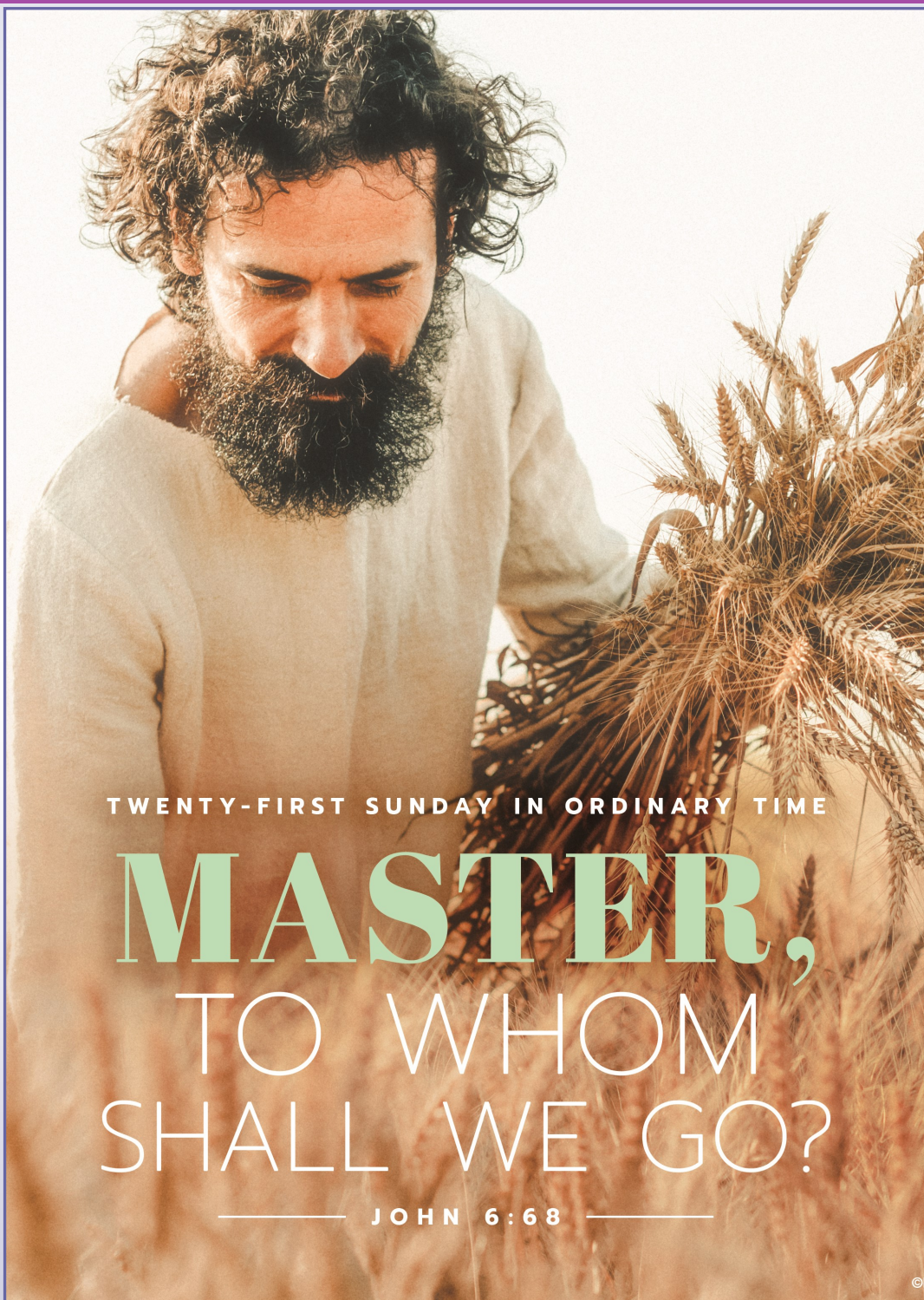
Class start dates:
Preschool -5th: September 8th @ 10am
6th - 12th: September 15th @ 11:30 am

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.

As parents of CCD-eligible kids,
should we merely bring them to
class in preparation for First
Communion or Confirmation?
See page 13.

**The Pilgrimage to Fatima and
Lourdes (with Barcelona)**
sponsored by the Emmanuel La-
dies 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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASTER,
TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?

— JOHN 6:68 —

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

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Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

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& Men's Choir

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

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Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

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Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

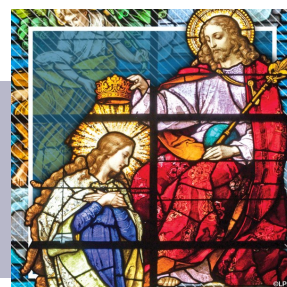
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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, Aug. 26

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

Tuesday, Aug. 27

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

Wednesday, Aug. 28

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

Thursday, Aug. 29

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

Friday, Aug. 30

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

Saturday, Aug. 31

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Sept. 01

9:00A.....KoC Mass

Officers of the LG will be speaking at all Masses on 8/24 & 8/25. They will have forms and membership cards for anyone interested in joining!!

Annual dues are \$15.00!!

**BLOOD OF CHRIST,
EUCCHARISTIC DRINK
& REFRESHMENT OF
SOULS, *save us.***



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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FAITH IS THE ANSWER

Today's gospel describes what must have been a very sad day for Jesus. John tells us most of Jesus' followers walked away from him. When he told them he was going to give them his flesh to eat and his blood to drink, they taught he was crazy.

As Jesus saw them leaving he asked his apostles if they wanted to leave too. What Jesus had been saying was so serious and so important that he was willing to let everyone walk away from him if they chose. There was no way to compromise on what he said, no way to water it down. The real bread he came to offer them was himself, he told them, and it was food that would give them eternal life.. Their response was: "this saying is hard; who can accept it" What was hard was their own minds. They wouldn't open their minds to something they couldn't understand. In all of this we get an ideal picture of what we call faith.

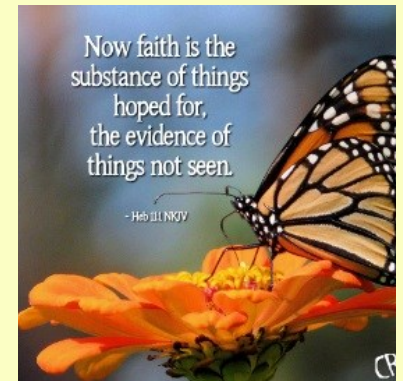
Faith is accepting what we cannot understand, what we cannot prove, what we cannot figure out. We just accept something as true because we trust Jesus who tells us it is so. Jesus didn't say to them, wait people, I'm just talk-

ing figuratively. I'm just talking symbolically, you misunderstand me. He knew there was no misunderstanding; they understood him perfectly and he let them go. We who believe in the Eucharist as the body and blood of Christ do not understand how it could be any better than any one else.

Theologians and philosophers have given it their best efforts but we still don't know how it can be. So it still comes down to faith. The apostles stayed with Jesus, not because they understood any better than the crowds, but because they trusted Jesus:

You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the messiah, the holy one of God.

— Fr. Z



Saint of the Day - Saint Monica (c. 330 – 387)

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed

him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his Confessions.

Reflection

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 24th

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

Sunday, Aug. 25th

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

Monday, Aug. 26th

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

Tuesday, Aug. 27th

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

Wednesday, Aug. 28th

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

Thursday, Aug. 29th

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

Friday, Aug. 30th

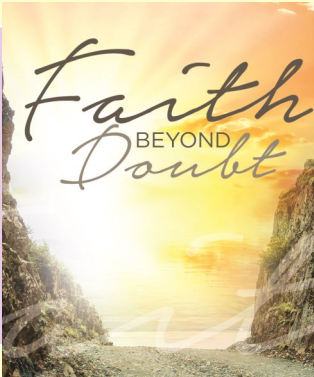
7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Carr
6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, Aug. 31st

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

Sunday, Sept. 1st

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



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 11, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,034.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,497.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,531.00
Online (8/10/2024).....	\$ 2,508.89

August 18, 2024

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

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug. 26

7:30am †James Cassidy by Judy Goetz †Kenneth Barry by Cindy Ericson
8:30am *Albert Fernandes by Mari Fernandes & Family †Rosario De La Rosa by Leute Family

Tuesday, Aug. 27

7:30am †Julio Castellanos by Ramon Palmero †Rudy Biola by Angela & Mark
8:30am †Msgr. Fiore by Carmella Donnino *Dr. Gerry & Marlon Bitar by Alexandra Conde Green

Wednesday, Aug. 28

7:30am †Josephine Ihedoro by Joe & Kathleen DeSanto †Olga Carreras by Jeri & Sylvia Intelisano
8:30am *Joseph Hogan by Alexandra Conde Green †Richard & Helene Strassburger by Susan Fairchild

Thursday, Aug. 29

7:30am †Thomas & Helen McDonnell by Eddie McDonnell †John Vartanian by Ted & Fran Souza
8:30am *Albert Fernandes by Mari Fernandes Family †Franc Cuevas by KoC Blessed Mother Council

Friday, Aug. 30

7:30am *Roseanne Conty by Caraballo Family *Rosanne Vargas by Evelyn Santiesteban
8:30am †Souls in Purgatory by Friend †Marcelo Cabalquinto by Daughter †James Marcou by Eva Marcou
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Aug. 31

8:30am *Protection/Rice-Motta Family by Monica Paez †Michael Antonio by Thomas & Linda Clayton
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †David Simpson by Ann Simpson †Marguerite Dawson by Elizabeth Shannon

Sunday, Sept. 01

7:30am *Monica Rodriguez by Martha Rodriguez †Strong & Tucker Families by Strong Family
9:00am *KoC by Blessed Mother Council 1333A †All Souls in Purgatory by Soledad Robinson
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm *Deacon Miguel Muñoz by Edward & Jennifer †Rosa & Renato Andretta by Children
6:00pm †Michael Antonio by Thomas & Linda Clayton †Herman Guzman by Bob Budd

UNSCHEDULED

†Joan Rossi by Barbara Rossi †Donna Younger by Eller Family †Donna Younger by Eller Family
*Karen Bonzani by Barbara Rossi *Christine Lane Tracey by Barbara Rossi †Dot McMahon by Donna McMahon
†All Souls in Purgatory †Alfonsina Calabrese by Claudia Calabrese †Joseph Fanaro by Claudia Calabrese
†Attilio Calabrese by Claudia Calabrese *Ida Giannettine by Tom & Clara Depko †Maria Jose by Celia
*Pam Lee by Mothers in Brooklyn *Jaime by Celia *Jaime Trujillo by Celia *Thanksgiving/Lady of Mount Carmel 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	Taiilor McGee	Phyllis Lomitola
Helen Cruz	Ronald Griffiths	Maria Amaro
Lenore Curatolo	Margie Giaquinto	Aniela Ignaczak
Marilyn Boyle	Maria Fernandez	Ronald
Andrea Anastasi	Raphael Roman	Campayno
Shelly Fiorini	James Ezeilo	Lillian Campayno
Fran Abrami	Brenda Ezeilo	Terry Schwinge
Ed Bush	Cynthia Martin	Tom D'Amico
Margarito D.	Francis Martin	Gabriel Zamora
Berciles	Hermoine D'Cruz	Vincent Blum
Arthur Chiusano	Brigitte Knops	Ricardo Blum
Bob Oberholzer	Toni Kreamer	Gina Marie B.
John Wilkens	Gerry Gerhard	Cohen
Scott Ellison	Euclides Cerutti	David Strompf
Evangeline	Grace Cassagnol	Sal Hanono
Ezeilo	Samuel Gonzales	Chris Angotti
Michael Gehres	Victorio	Heather & Jason
Karen Sullivan	Ray Wolff	Smith
Sean Zahul	Patricia Tripi	Terry Schwinge
Darren Guzman	Giraldo	Ronald Merhige
Mary Lou	Ida Giannettina	Roshan
Connie	Tom Hickey	Karen Jensen
Panepinto	Josette Weber	Cynthia Martin
Amalia Mazzolin	Nicholas	Garry Solomon
Leon Martin	Payamps	Ilda Sosa Botero
Joe Delagami	Vincent Rizzo	Carlos Tobon
Rose Marie	Louis Perticone	Jill Forshey
Regner	Ann Cavaseno	Gerry Santilli
Michael Manuele	Sue Madden	Gail Hill
Carla Ruiz	Hank Missig	Chrissie Budrick
Benjamin Robelo	Charles C. Tufano	Frank Dazzo
Karen McCarty	Angela Discepola	Dina Quelch
T.J. Genzale	Anna Halford	Stewart Librizzi
Dave Ruiz	Sal Yanello	Thomas Land
Victoria Robelo	Victor Rivera	
Ms. S.	William Lindner	
Dennis Gilbride	Lisa Della	
Rose Borsella	Femina	
Lexie Helgersen	Maria E.	
David Smeraldo	Quiñones-	
Janette Cole	Mercado	
Steven Martin	Diane Daniels	
Sikes	Carmen Jones	
Gianna Pagan	Bill Hamilton	
Suzanne Puleo	Ralph Senese	
David Keyser	Ramona	
Sr. Frances Vass	Kathy Garrett	
OSC	Rich Sotis	
Mary Loveland	Ash Gaballah	
Sam Falcone	Karen Ramey	
Patricia Golstein	Tom Tripi	
Taylor Dosh	Mary Ann	
Marilyn Martino	Lisa Payne	
Gulshan Modena	Marilyn Green	
Maggie Dolan	Joseph	
Amelita Coz-	Salamone	
Zarraga	Slayder	
Heather Martin	Salamone	

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.

The most powerful weapon
against trials.
The most effective medicine
against sickness.
AND
The most valuable gift
to someone you love.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD,
for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.
(Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Many followers of Jesus could not accept his teachings. To those that remained, he posed a simple question: "Do you also want to leave?" He asks us the same, every moment of every day. Let us answer with confidence, in all that we do: "Only you have the words of eternal life."

Observances for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Monica
Wednesday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer of Declaration

Lord,
In the season when faith is hard,
help me to be as bold as Peter
who picked you above all others
saying, "To whom shall I go? You
have the words of eternal life."
You're my God.
I'm yours.
There is nowhere else I would
rather be.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy, I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was *why* she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown.

Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like — it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due north. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a Voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the Voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

When Christ asks, "Do you also want to leave?" he is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday:

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday:

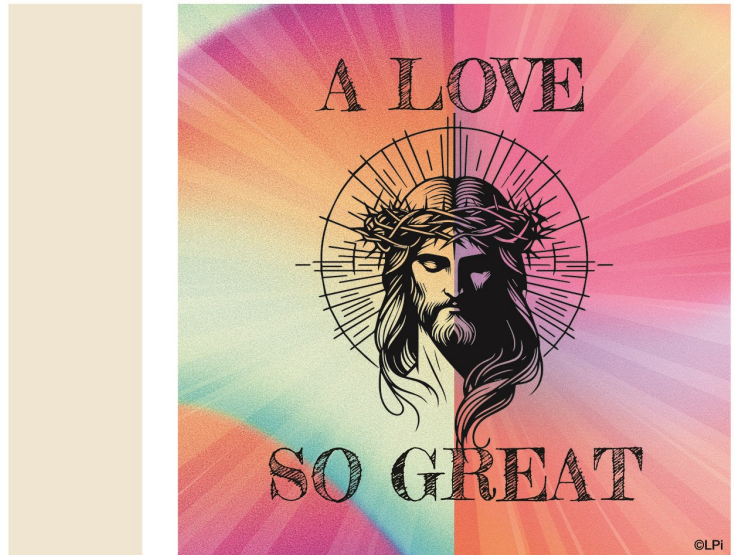
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

SUBMISSION AS STEWARDSHIP

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so – but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross – the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission – of laying down what you have for the good of the other.



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 religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) to find out more about current openings.

We are currently in need of a 4th & 5th grade teacher for this upcoming school year.

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.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

has announced their first retreat
of the new season, themed

"Proclaim Liberty to the Captives!"

We invite ladies from all parishes to join us
in launching this season's inaugural retreat.

We eagerly anticipate your participation
and encourage you to bring a friend along for the ex-
perience.

Last Day To Book: September 5, 2024

Call 561-626-1300

Name of the event:

Women's Weekend Retreat

Cost per person: \$260

Date(s):

September 13 - 15, 2024

Time:

**Registration begins at 5 pm Friday and ends
after Mass on Sunday at 11 am.**

Location:

**Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center
1300 US Highway 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408**

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

REGISTER FOR THE EMMANUEL

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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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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Reach a local audience

You do good work, so advertise to a good audience – the people worshipping here throughout the week. Our community turns to local business ads when they're in need of services, ensure they can find you in our church bulletin.

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Ad sales from business owners help cover the printing cost of our church bulletin, so we may continue to spread good news. Think of it this way: we're on mission, together. We appreciate your support!

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Our parish's representative with LPI will take care of all of the details to help you succeed with bulletin advertising!

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This is usually delivered in the form of a catchy headline. Try to be short and succinct.
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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.ⁱ 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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