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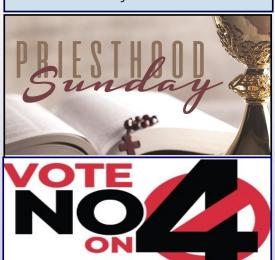
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Bishop Gerald Celebrates His 30th Anniversary as a Bishop.

Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito received the Plague of Appreciation during the end-of-summer get-together of the diocesan priests, which our parish hosted, and to celebrate Priesthood Sunday. Congratulations, Bishop!



The Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (with Barcelona) sponsored by the Emmanuel Ladies Guild, scheduled for May 18-May 27, 2025, has just 3 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.





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. Timothy Canaan Rev. Fr. David Carr

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Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Clanaven Baldonado & Men's Choir

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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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

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol



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 during business hours.

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PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:00A/10:30AFr.Ronan's Thanksgiving Mass

Monday, Sept. 30

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

Tuesday, Oct. 01

6:30A......Adoration 10:00A.....Faith Sharing 06:30P.....Ladies Guild Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 02

6:30A...Adoration 4:00P.....SoulCore 6:00P Legion of Mary (BC)

Thursday, Oct. 03

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

Friday, Oct. 04

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

Saturday, Oct. 05

9:00A......Confession 5:30P.....Birthline Walkathon

Sunday, Oct. 06

9:00A.....KoC Mass 1:00P......OCIA Class 2:15P.....Pet Blessing





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HAVE JESUS, WILL TRAVEL

Jesus is telling us every good deed, even the least, will bring good things to us. Jesus reminds us also in today's gospel that every evil deed will bring us harm. That's why he warns us to get rid of evil in our lives now. He does not want us to literally cut off parts of our bodies (we would all be going around with parts missing if we did), but he is telling us even if something is near and dear to us, if it causes us to sin, we must not delay in changing things around.

Fortunately when we repent of our sins, God forgets the wrong we have done. But he won't forget our good deeds. At the time of Jesus, the villages were rather small and people could better look out for one another. In our modern world we live in a village as large as the whole world and there are so many people in need that sometimes it's overwhelming. But we can't just close our eyes and hearts and we have to help as best we can with a cup of water or a kind word. As people struggle under their crosses, we can reach out to help them. Looking into their eyes, we may see the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth.

We have hundreds of opportunities to do good throughout the day. In our own parish family we have different ministries that you can help especially to our outreach program for the sick and many more. Another very good thing we do here is we pray. More things are accomplished through prayer than any of us can imagine. Whatever good things we do will be a blessing for someone, but it will be a blessing for ourselves as well. Every little thing we do is important. Even if our love is not received in a grateful manner, we will not lose our reward. —Fr 7





Saint of the Day Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (January 2, 1873 – Septem-

ber 30, 1897) "I prefer the

monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, The Story of a Soul, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven do-

ing good on earth."

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Her parents, Louis and Zélie, were beatified in 2008 and canonized in 2015.

Reflection

Thérèse has much to teach our age of the image, the appearance, the "self." We have become a dangerously self -conscious people, painfully aware of the need to be fulfilled, yet knowing we are not. Thérèse, like so many saints, sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love. She is one of the great examples of the gospel paradox that we gain our life by losing it, and that the seed that falls to the ground must die in order to live.

Preoccupation with self separates modern men and women from God, from their fellow human beings, and ultimately from themselves. We must re-learn to forget ourselves, to contemplate a God who draws us out of ourselves, and to serve others as the ultimate expression of selfhood. These are the insights of Saint Thérèse, and they are more valid today than ever.

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Saturday, Sept. 28th

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

Sunday, Sept. 29th (Priesthood Sunday)

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

Monday, Sept. 30th

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

Tuesday, Oct 1st

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

Wednesday, Oct 2nd

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

Thursday, Oct 3rd

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

Friday, Oct. 4th

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

Saturday, Oct. 5th

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

Sunday, Oct. 6th (Respect Life Sunday)

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





STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DSA UPDATE - Sept 20, 2024

Goal Amount	\$ 169,000,00
Current Donation Total	
Balance Remaining	\$ 47,618.02

CHURCH OFFERINGS

September 22, 2024

First Collection	\$ 11,591.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,648.00
Subtotal	\$ 14,239.00
Online (9/21/2024)	\$ 1,865.99

September 15, 2024

First Collection	\$ 9,686.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,438,00
Subtotal	\$12,124 00
Online (9/14/2024)	\$ 1,276.76

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 16-SEPT 22, 2024 | 06

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept. 30

7:30am *Victor Caraballo by Caraballo Family *Noel Picinich by Grandma

8:30am *Mary Alice & Greg Taurdot by A. M. *Daniel Fernandes by Mari & David Fernandes

Tuesday, Oct. 01

7:30am †All Souls in Purgatory by Soledad Robinson †Gerard & David Abrami by Fran Abrami

Wednesday, Oct. 02

7:30am †Filomena Terranova by Ramon Palmero *Anastasi Family by A. M.

8:30am †Paula Krokus by Krokus Family †Pasquale "Sal" Ammirati by Ann Keenan

Thursday, Oct. 03

7:30am *Patrick Corish by Family †Andrea Colon Santiago by Martina DeBoise

8:30am *Daniel Fernandes by Mari & David Fernandes †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich

Friday, Oct. 04

7:30am †Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer †John, Angela & Walter Dajczac by Jennifer

8:30am †Efren Bartolome by Wife †Anna Vartanian by Ted & Fran Souza

6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Oct. 05

8:30am †Anthony Rivieccio by Sister †Anthony Rivieccio by Sister 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm †Donna Petricone by Husband †Bob & Eileen Trahan by Family

Sunday, Oct. 06

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich *Carver Family by Ellen Carver

9:00am *Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A †Vincent Facciuto by Terry Facciuto

†Angela Fassert by Julie Mondello

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00pm †Cristina & Crescenzo Rosato & Family by Granddaughter †Rosa & Renato Andretta by Children

6:00pm †Alex Adamowicz by Eddie & Carolyn Segura †James Cassidy by David & Marcia White

UNSCHEDULED

*Gail Vlasek by Ladies Guild *William Koenig by Carol Schwab *William Koenig by Carol Schwab †Marie Claire Meier by Dorothy Deedy *Judy Ward by Clara Depko *Carol Buerkert by Clara Depko *Sr. Bartbara by Clara Depko *Carol Chapman by Clara Depko *Nancy McDonald by Clara Depko

ALTAR FLOWERS VIGIL LIGHTS SHRINE FLOWERS

PRAYER LIST: WHISPER A PRAYER FOR ME I 07

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

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 Reaner

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 Taiilor McGee Ronald Griffiths

Margie Giaquinto Maria Fernandez Raphael Roman James Ezeilo Brenda Ezeilo Cvnthia 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

María E. Quiñones-Mercado

Diane Daniels Carmen Jones Bill Hamilton Ralph Senese Ramona Ash Gaballah Karen Ramey Tom Tripi Mary Ann Lisa Payne Marilyn Green Joseph

Salamone Slavder 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 Smith Jason Smith 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 Kathy Gambardella Joe Gambardella Doreen Romano Mark Vlasek Gail Vlasek Britney Closson Jeanette Gallegos

Adriana Elejalde

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:

"Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.

For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk 9:39-40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace.

Observances for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome. Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday



This new Parish Organization known as **Legion of Mary, Praesidia name: Ark of the Covenant**, will meet every Wednesday evening beginning on September 18, 2024 at 6:00PM in the large classroom. They will have Legion prayers and will report on their spiritual works such as visiting nursing homes, Hospice and the homebound handing out sacramentals to those who might have requested them. Our Pastor, Fr. Zamora, has been assigned Spiritual Director! Maude Cassagnol will be the President and Ann-Marie Knight will be the Vice President. A Secretary and a Treasurer will be elected.

There are no "dues", but a "Secret Donation Bag" will be passed around to cover the minimal supplies, etc!!

All men and women of the parish are encouraged to join!!!

For further information, please contact Maude Cassagnol @ (561) 860-5806.

Prayer of Service

Dear sweet Jesus.

Every day you give us is a gift. We know endless gifts from

your hands.

Even our attempts to "give back" to you often become new doors of graces in our

ives.

Help us to serve you more fully,

more deeply.

Amen.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, tempus ordinarium, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday:

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday:

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday:

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12







Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

- Father John Muir

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

BREAKING THE STEWARDSHIP MOLD

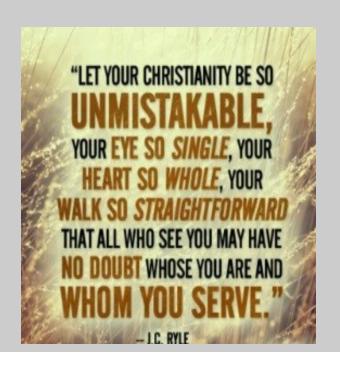
Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

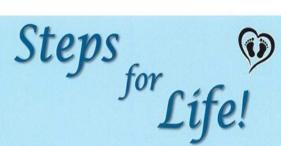
Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Praying for and Supporting pro-life, pro-woman, pro-family efforts at Birthline/Lifeline



SATURDAY, October 5, 2024

Join us beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Rosary Walk,

Pizza and Fun

at

Emmanuel Catholic Church 15700 S. Military Trail Delray Beach 33484

An annual PRO-LIFE event for families, schools, and youth groups! Come support our local pro-life resource!

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Scan here to RSVP!

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For more information, call 561-732-0570 or email kbowers@ccdpb.org



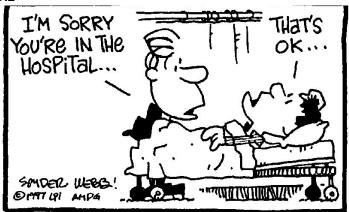
Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

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!

PARISH LIFE

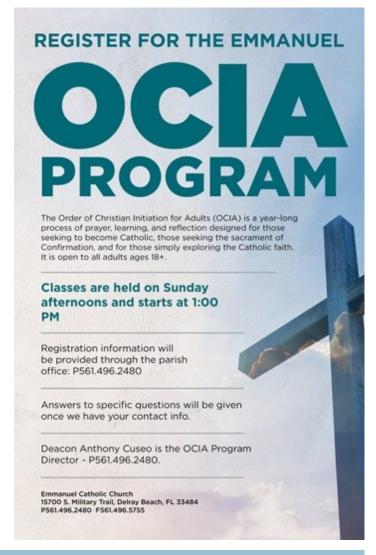
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Thank you all for coming out to the Blood Drive! Twenty-Three donors registered, five were deferred, with a total of eighteen units collected! Everyone is so grateful for your Life-Saving Efforts! The Guild's next blood drives:

> Sunday, Oct. 13th 730-130pm Sunday, Dec. 11th 730-130pm





In Memory of Gister Mary Clare Fennell 10/13/1945—11/11/2023



"While I was on vacation in Ireland earlier" this month, I went to Kinsale and visited the Mercy Convent where Sister Mary Clare lived. It was a very nice clean modern building. I met and chatted with some of the Sisters - one of whom came to the US with Sister over 40 years ago. I learned of Sister's fondness for all of us in the parish, especially FR Tim Sokol, FR Zamora, FR Theo and, of course, her good friend Father Carr. I was privileged to visit her grave and prayed for her and for all of us. I remembered her saying "do not think of them as dead, they have just changed their address." Thank you Sister for teaching us how to follow Christ. Pray for us! "

- Deacon Tony Cuseo

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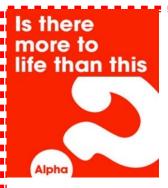
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14 | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Alpha is a series of sessions meant to help us deepen our faith or introduce faith to those who have none at all. If you come to Church every Sunday but still feel like there is something more you need then join Alpha. If you know a friend who has been away from Church for a long time or

has never been to Church but is open to something more, to something new then invite them to Alpha.

Alpha is an 11 week series with one full Saturday commitment that is for the novice and the experienced, the young and old. It is for anyone who has a questioning mind and an open heart.

Register today! We will be running the series in English and in Spanish according to the schedule below. Every Sunday except for the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend. There will also be one full Saturday for a more in depth experience.

October (11am - 12:30pm every Sunday)

6th - Is There More To Life Than This?

13th - Who Is Jesus?

20th - Why Did Jesus Die?

27th - How Can I Have Faith?

November

3rd - Why and How Do I Pray?

10th - Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

17th - How Does God Guide Us?

23rd - Full Day (Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm. \$10 per to cover the cost of lunch.)

*Who Is the Holy Spirit

*What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

*How Can I Be Filled With The Holy Spirit

*How Can I Make The Most Of The Rest Of My Life? 24th - How Can I Resist Evil?

December

8th - Why and How Should I Tell Others? 15th - Does God Heal Today? 22nd - What About The Church?

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact us at religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church to register.





Join us Sept 29th at 10:45am for the installation and dedication of the Padre Pio statue in the garden by the crucifix. The Padre Pio statue was graciously donated by

Frank & Donna Femiano and family.