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Profiles in Dedication



REV. FR. RONAN SARMIENTO

Details of his upcoming visit this month to be found on PAGE 4.



DEACON JACOB GWYNN

will be journeying with Emmanuel for his diaconate formation beginning this month till April 2025. See PAGE 4.

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.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

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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

Weekday/Weekend Associates

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

Music

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

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

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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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 23

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing
07:00P..... KoC General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 25

6:30A... .. Adoration
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, Sept. 26

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

Friday, Sept. 27

6:30A..... Adoration
6:00P..... Taize
7:00P..... Bingo Family Night

Saturday, Sept. 28

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:00A..... Fr.Ronan's Thanksgiving Mass



Is there a Franciscan inside of you?

Are you called to follow Jesus
in the footsteps of St. Francis of

Assisi? Contact us to learn more about our
local Secular Franciscan Fraternity.

www.StAnthonyOFS.com

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.

561.496.2480



CALM, COOL AND DEDICATED

REV. FR. RONAN SARMIENTO.



It's our pleasure to welcome back Fr. Ronan . On Sunday, September 29, Fr Ronan will celebrate a thanksgiving mass in our parish at 9:00 and 10:30 am in gratitude to God and in all our support to him during his diaconate formation here in our parish. A light reception will

follow in the pavilion as we congratulate Fr. Ronan.

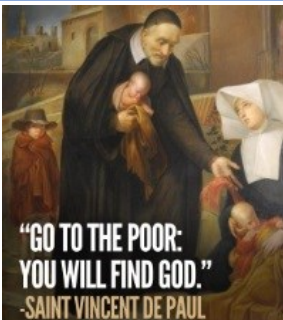


Fr. Llane Briese the Dean of Pastoral Formation of St. Vincent de Paul regional seminary in Boynton Beach assigned **Deacon Jacob Gwynn** to our parish for his diaconate formation in preparation for his priestly ordination. He will be with us every weekend starting this weekend till April of next year. The purpose of the pastoral formation for the deacon in configuration

(formerly 4th theology) is to provide an opportunity to integrate his years of formation and education and to reflect upon his overall seminary experience.

Throughout the diaconal year, he exercises the ministry of preaching and the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and marriage along with other liturgical, faith formation and ministerial activities within the parish setting. This constitutes the final phase of preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. WELCOME DEACON JACOB

Biography: Deacon Jacob Gwynn, a native Floridian, was born and raised in Palmetto, located within the Diocese of Venice in Florida. After graduating high school in 2016, he entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, and in 2020, continued his priestly formation at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. He is also co-sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as he pursues his calling to become a Navy Chaplain. Deacon Jacob will be ordained for the Diocese of Venice next year and will serve five years in his diocese before entering active duty



Saint of the Day

St. Vincent de Paul
(1580 – September 27, 1660)

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in

the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, “whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the

streets of the city.” He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been “hard and repulsive, rough and cross.” But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Reflection

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 21st

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

Sunday, Sept. 22nd

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

Monday, Sept. 23rd

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

Tuesday, Sept. 24th

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

Wednesday, Sept. 25th

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

Thursday, Sept. 26th

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

Friday, Sept. 27th

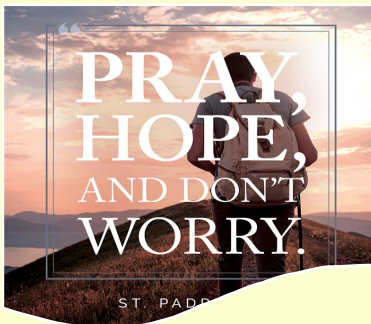
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6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, Sept. 28th

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

Sunday, Sept. 29th

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



Are You Called to Follow Jesus and Walk in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi?



Learn More about the Secular Franciscans!

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a worldwide group of men and women . . . married, single and diocesan clergy. Like St. Francis, we strive to bring the "GOSPEL TO LIFE" in our daily lives and to whomever we meet.

WHO WE ARE: We are called "Secular Franciscans" and are united in a worldwide Franciscan Order founded over 750 years ago by St. Francis of Assisi. Here in the USA, we have over 12,000 professed members. Worldwide there are about 300,000 lay Franciscans. The St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity is the local fraternity of Secular Franciscans and is located at St. Mark Catholic Church in Boynton Beach, Florida. We have about 15 permanently professed members and others in various stages of formation.

WHAT WE DO: We come together one Sunday each month to pray, socialize, rejoice and grow in our Franciscan vocation. We relate to one another as family members. We have no obligatory works, but we do have works that we call "Apostolates." These are works that everyone can do.

WHEN AND WHERE: We come together on the Third Sunday of every month for the 10:30am Mass at St. Mark Church in Boynton Beach, Florida, followed by our fraternity gathering at St. Mark Church. (We belong to different parishes but we all belong to the St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity that gathers at St. Mark Church.)

LEARN MORE: We warmly welcome visitors to join us and learn more about the Secular Franciscans at a fraternity gathering on the Third Sunday of the month, and look forward to hearing from you. Our contact information is below.



St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity

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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

September 8, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,797.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,249.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 12,046.00
Online (9/7/2024).....	\$ 2,417.18

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. 23

7:30am †Joseph Lam by Le Family
8:30am †Mark Gordon by Mother

†Holy Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich
*Marie Victorin by Margaret Maj

Tuesday, Sept. 24

7:30am †Hilda Everts by Ramon Palmero
8:30am †Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Daughter

*Mary Ann Romano by Didi Gidseg
Living & deceased/Irish Sisters of Mercy by Anita & Gene Fernandez

Wednesday, Sept. 25

7:30am *Nelson Coelho by Maria Watt
8:30am †Carol Ann Samela by Anne & Gerry Gerhard

*Nelson & Iris Coelho/68th wedding anniversary by Maria Watt & Fam.
†Kazimir & Margaret Rogus by Daughter

Thursday, Sept. 26

7:30am *Andrea Anastasi by A. M.
8:30am *Daniel Fernandes by Mari & David Fernandes

*Nelson Coelho/94th birthday by Maria Watt
†Dominic Cuzzo by Frank & Donna Femiano
*Jo-Ann Nassour

Friday, Sept. 27

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich
8:30am †Henry Saieh by Sister Cecil Saieh
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

†Maria Helena Glidewell by Daughter Monica & Family
†Holy Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich
FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Sept. 28

8:30am †Vera Buchholtz by Cookie Anastasi
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Ashraf Gaballah by Christine & John

*Linus Alo/birthday by Family
BOOK OF THE DEAD
*Mrika Boga/Thanksgiving by Mari Boga

Sunday, Sept. 29

7:30am †Agnes Verlander by Cookie Anastasi
9:00am †Erik Albertson by Mr. & Mrs. Hajko
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Fred Scotti by Family
6:00pm †Beverly Bennett by Family

†Angela Lamantia by Cookie Anastasi
†Erik Christopher Albertson by Barbara Rossi
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
†Florence Zino by Good friends
†William D'Silva by Family

UNSCHEDULED

*Patricia Pagano by Carol Schwab *Lucas Varela by Paula Varela *Lucas Varela by Paula Varela
*Gary Robinson by Paula Varela *Tomas Alberto Morales by Herb *Jose Maria Morales by Herb
*Buriel Family/Living by Herb †Patricia O'Brien by Jannet O'Brien

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

†Margaret & Nathan Villanova By Family

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 Regner Michael Manuele Carla Ruiz Benjamin Robelo Karen McCarty T.J. Genzale Dave Ruiz Victoria Robelo Ms. S. Dennis Gilbride Rose Borsella Lexie Helgersen 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 Tailor 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 Discepolo Anna Halford Sal Yanello Victor Rivera William Lindner Lisa Della Femina Maria 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 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 Smith Jason Smith Ronald Merhige Roshan Karen Jensen Cynthia 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
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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:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.
(Wis 2:20)

Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel:

"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The apostles argue, each one claiming to be the greatest of Christ's followers. But Christ shows them who is truly the greatest — a child, one who has no thought of his own importance, one who has no ambition. Let's seek to be like that child.

Observances for the week of September 22, 2024

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest;
National Migration Week
Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest r
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood 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 women of the parish are encouraged to join!!!

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

Prayer for Children

Dear Jesus,
Wrap the young members of
our family in your love.
They know how to love BIG,
even though they are still
small.
Their trust can inspire, their
faith can change hearts.
Help them to know you, now
and always.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Bearing Witness

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

*"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."
— Psalm 54:6*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

Answer:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded." Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC."

Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday:

Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

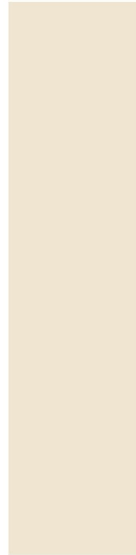
Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

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



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, **"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me"** (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE LINE

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

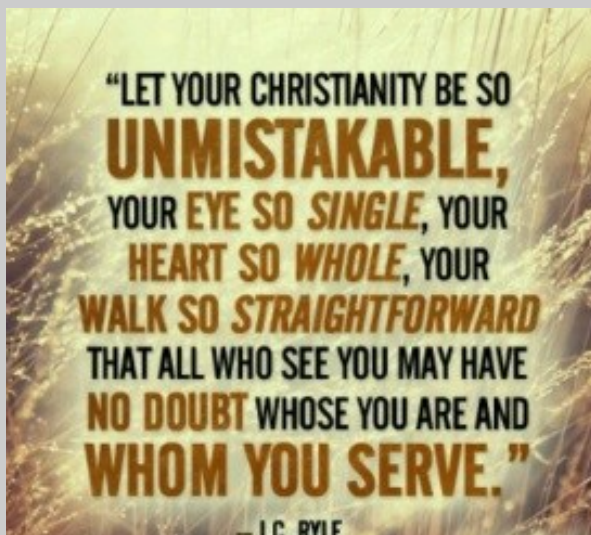
It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"

Jeremiah 1:5

West Palm Beach 40 Days for Life

Prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach.

FALL 2024 | Sept 25 to Nov 1 | 9am to 5pm | Mon to Sat
Sat, Nov 2, we close with a 10 am Eucharistic Procession

We pray across from Presidential Women's Center
(The abortion business in our area from 1980)
100 Northpoint Parkway, 33407

Park in Miracle House lot, 3115 45th Street, 33407

Bishop Barbarito will pray with us Thurs, Sept 26, 11am

We urge you to pray with us once a week across from the abortion center. We are present six days a week, 9 to 5 pm. Experienced leaders change every two-hours. In the past, women left the abortion center to approach our vigil and babies were saved. Kindly, sign up for one shift per week.

Join a prayer shift: 9-11am, 11-1pm, 1-3pm or 3-5pm.

Text or email: (561) 410-4337;

Palmbeach_40days@yahoo.com

Sign up in your parish or

online: www.40daysforlife.com/westpalm

Pray over this invitation. Your presence may be the last sign of hope for the unborn and first sign of mercy for the mother.

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!



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.

Emmanuel Catholic Church
15700 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33484
P561.496.2480 F561.496.5755

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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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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Spotlight your business information with print ads in our parish bulletin AND digital ads online, too! Not sure what your ad should display? Free ad design is included with your sponsorship.



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- 3. Short Call-to-Action**
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Together,

Opening Paths of Hope
with Br. Emile

Prayer
with songs from Taizé

Oct 25, 7pm

Emmanuel Catholic Church

Main Gathering
Oct 26, 8:15am - 10pm

Amoris Christi Campus

15820 S Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33484

A day to journey together to wellsprings of hope, praying with the songs of Taizé. With workshops to help us reflect and to share together on God's call to leave discouragement behind and to opt for hope. Brother Emile of the Taizé community will be with us and lead some of the reflection. Let's share stories, learn, and inspire hope together.

Meals provided. No cost, donations are welcome.



Registration form:
taizefl.paperform.co

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No cost. Donations
welcome.



REGISTRATION FORM
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Nitya Mathew : +1(650) 520-9587

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+1(870) 316-5599

Rejoicing with the families of our newest members baptized on Saturday September 15th. May the candles lit on this day light their spiritual life forever and may God look upon these children with joy and bless them abundantly:

*To baby Blanche Margaret Satterwhite on your baptism and God bless your older sister Eleanor as she prepares for her Confirmation this coming year.

*Stella Perna Strul as she received her first Sacrament of Baptism and is currently preparing for her First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this coming spring .

*To baby Raydjine Evarista. May this be the beginning of a long faith journey .

*To Annamaria George as she received her First Holy Communion on Saturday September 14th. Annamaria "May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within you".



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.



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.

Is there more to life than this



You're invited to ALPHA

ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. **ALPHA** takes people on a journey often leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Classes starting soon in both Spanish & English in Columbus Hall, immediately following Children's mass. Please look out for start date in the bulletin.

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Clases comenzarán pronto en español e inglés en Columbus Hall, inmediatamente después de la misa de niños. Esté atento a la fecha de inicio en el boletín.