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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

PARISH MINISTRIES

OCIA & Sacramental Preparation

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

Religious Education

Jean Krokus | Ext. 1005 religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church Sandra Gallegos <u>Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church</u>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

Lectors Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Men's Choir

Altar Flowers Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

Homebound / Hospital Ministry Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

PARISH STAFF

Director of Finance Tanya Kuppamala	Ext. 1001	tkuppamala@emmanuelcatholic.church
Secretary Stella Sadolfo	Ext. 1007	secretary@emmanuelcatholic.church
Property Manager Edward Shannon	Ext. 1006	maintenance@emmanuelcatholic.church
Receptionist Rose Marie Baldonado	Ext. 1000	receptionist@emmanuelcatholic.church

Gift Shop Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

Blood Drive Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

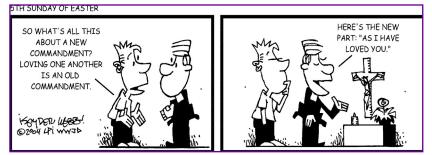
Finance Council

Parish Council PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary President Maude Cassagnol



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CALENDAR | 03

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?

Inquiries regarding possible adjustments (to date or time) of scheduled parish events or activities this week should be addressed to the parish office during business hours. Call us at **561.496.2480**.



Rev. Mr. Jude Ogochukwo Okeke , who was ordained on May 3, 2025 at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, WPB, is featured in our front cover.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 19

6:30A	Adoration
1:00P	Movie Mondays
6:00P	Legion of Mary Meeting

Tuesday, May 20

6:30A	Adoration
10:00A	Faith Sharing

Wednesday, May 21

6:30A	Adoration
4:00P	SoulCore

Thursday, May 22

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

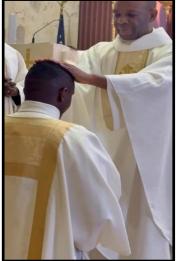
Friday, May 23

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7:00P	Young Adult Group

Saturday, May 24

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Sunday, May 25





PARISH LIFE

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Sunday, May 18

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

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 11, 2025

TOTAL	\$ 16,727.30
Online (05/11)	\$ 2,861.30
Second Collection	\$ 1,229.00
First Collection	\$12,637.00

May 04, 2025

First Collection	\$14,230.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,907.00
Children's Mass	\$ 400.00
Online (05/03)	\$ 2,273.56

TOTAL \$ 19,810.56

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL March 27, 2025

Goal Amount for Emmanuel	\$1	185,000.00
Current	\$	101,799.09
Remaining Balance	\$	83,200.91

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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*John Shaia/Healing by Christine & John Wilkens

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PRAYER WARRIORS

PRAYER LIST: WHISPER A PRAYER FOR ME | 06

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

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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 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



TO ALL CONCERNED: Please help us maintain the Prayer Requests Column with timely status updates. Thank you all!

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THE MEASURE OF LOVE

While the world teaches us to use and exploit people to our own advantage, Jesus enjoins to live in his love by loving one another as he has loved us.

Your husband may not be a perfect husband... yet you have to love him, unmeasured by the attitude or quality of how he meets your expectations... but in alignment with the principles that define Jesus' love for us.

Your wife may have her weaknesses and shortcomings, but as Jesus have so loved us, and continues to love us with an infinite grace, so must you love her.

You may have frustrations with your children, but you continue to love them in faithful resonance to the teachings of Jesus.

We are called to follow this principle of unconditional love in all our relationships with other people, those whose lives touch our own, even the influencers we follow on social media whose attitudes and opinions affect the growth of our character -- whether they are our friends or our enemies (real or imagined).

St. John wrote: If anyone says, I love God but hates his

Saint of the Week - Saint Rita of Cascia

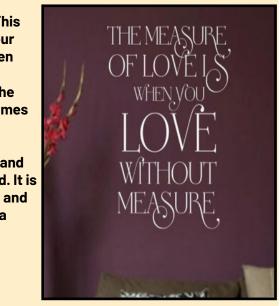
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brother, he is a liar. How can he love God whom he does not see, if he does not love his brother whom he sees?

In the offertory part of the mass, let us note and remember how the wine is poured into the chalice, and then a little water is added. The wine is strong and powerful. It represents the love of Christ. The water is

weak and powerless. This represents our love. But when the water is mixed with the wine, it becomes one with the water and is envigorated and strengthened. It is consecrated and raised up as a chalice of salvation.

- Fr. Zamora



was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Reflection

Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "If only" approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances—not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun.

ST. RITA & CASCIA

"Gaint of the Impossible"

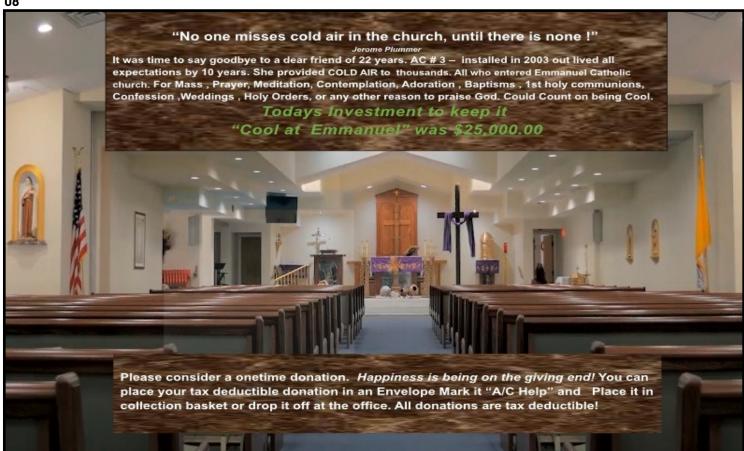
Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuc-

cessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Marriage on Mission

Marriage Enrichment Dinner - May 25

Topic: Godly Conflict Part 1: The If, When, Who, and Why

Join us for an evening dedicated to strengthening our marriages through faith, wisdom, and reflection.

Discussion led by Fr. Kevin McQuone

Based on the book *Resolving Everyday Conflict* by Peacemaker Ministries, this session offers a Scripture-based vision for approaching conflict in a healthy, grace-filled way. Handouts will be provided—no prior reading required!

 Date: Sunday, May 25
 Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 Location: Fulmer House – Jupiter Farms (Address will be e-mailed after pot-luck sign-up 2)

Contact Cindy Fulmer with questions: 561-629-3889

Sign up to bring a dish to share:



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May 8, 2025

Bishop Barbarito's Statement on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

"On his passing, I reflected upon our beloved Pope Francis as a Pope of surprises in so many ways, and in continuing with that I can honestly say that Pope Leo XIV is a Pope of surprises as well.

With so many others, I was convinced that the choice of a Pope from the United States would be most unlikely, but it seems that Pope Francis, from heaven, has given us another surprise. I am delighted by the choice of this man, who possesses so many spiritual gifts, pastoral competency, and linguistic talents.

Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian priest who spent much of his ministry as a missionary in Peru. He has worked in the Vatican for a number of years and is a true man of the Church in every way. A Pope is chosen by the Holy Spirit, and the office that he holds has nothing to do with his nationality or country of origin. He is a Pope for all Catholics all over the world.

There is no question that Pope Leo XIV will serve with the same zeal, effectiveness, and holiness that so many of our recent extraordinary Popes exhibited within our times. We join in fervent prayer for Pope Leo XIV as he undertakes his new ministry of unity for the Church."



WE MUST STRIVE TO BE A MISSIONARY CHURCH, ONE THAT BUILDS BRIDGES, ONE THAT EMBRACES DIALOGUE, AND ONE THAT WELCOMES ALL WITH OPEN ARMS. POPE LEO XIV



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

- I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people
- and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

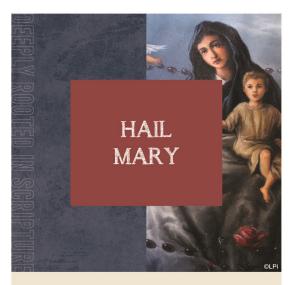
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, Explained!

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

REFLECTION

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING)

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. *This is how all will know that you are my disciples.*

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic Life Explained Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is allpowerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealously, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

LITURGICAL LIFE

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15:12-17

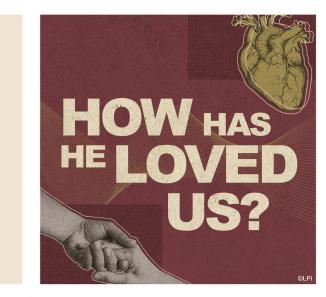
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH LIFE



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THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our annual Baby Shower for Birthline so successful!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



Prayer for Vocations

Bountiful Father, / your Son Jesus, urged us to pray for laborers for your harvest. /Grant, we pray, / an abundance of priests and consecrated men and women / to care for the needs of your Church / in the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles,/ pour out your Holy Spirit upon our families. / May we encourage each person / to discern and follow the vocation / to which you have called them. / We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





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