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God's Unfolding Story of Love

The clergy, staff, Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas!

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

**WORLD
DAY OF
PEACE**

31 DEC	NEW YEAR'S DAY VIGIL MASS 5:00P
01 JAN	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES 7:30A, 9:00A, 10:30A, 12:00NOON
03 JAN	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY VIGIL MASSES 4:00P, 5:30P
04 JAN	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 7:30A, 9:00A, 10:30A, 12:00N, 6:00P

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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.

BISHOP OF PALM BEACH

MOST REVEREND GERALD M. BARBARITO

CLERGY

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Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove

Legion of Mary

Maude Cassagnol

Men's & Women's Emmaus

Joe & Kathy de Santo

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–1:30pm

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday 8am–1pm

Saturday Closed

Fourth Sunday of the Month 10am–1:30pm

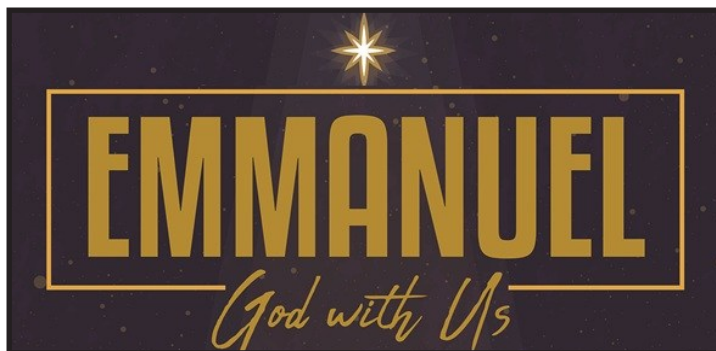
NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

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 on business hours.

561.496.2480

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 29 (Parish Office Closed)

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary Meeting
7:00P..... Young Adult Group

Tuesday, December 30 (Parish Office Closed)

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing

Wednesday, December 31 (Parish Office Closed)

6:30A..... Adoration

Thursday, January 01 New Year's Day Holy Day of Obligation (Parish Office Closed)

Friday, January 02 (Parish Office Closed)

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... First Friday Adoration
6:00P..... First Friday Mass
6:30P..... Taize Holy Hour
7:00P..... Young Group Holy Hour

Saturday, January 03 (Parish Office Closed)

9:00A..... Confession
6:15P..... Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, January 04 (Parish Office Closed)

9:00..... KoC Mass
1:00P..... OCIA
1:00P..... Legion of Mary Rosary



SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29

7:30am †Giuseppe Birardi by Mario Pace †Tita Bodewig by Claudia Pardo
 8:30am *Rebecca C. Nardiello/Birthday by Gail Vlasek *Lee Family by Lee Family

Tuesday, December 30

7:30am *David Alejandro Robinson by Soledad Robinson *Maud Cassagnol by -----
 8:30am †Aniano Malubay Jr. by Marilyn Penserga †Phyllis Lomatola by Ann Keenan

Wednesday, December 31

7:30am †Marisu Abad Sahun by Martina †Barbara Long by Clara & Tom Depko
 8:30am †Capizola Family by Josephine Krokus *Stephanie & John Pignetti by Linda Aldrich
 5:00pm †Pacienza, Rosato & Wilkens Families by Christine & John †All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 01

7:30am †Haley by Pilar †Kate Dierenger by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt
 9:00am †Joseph Bilotta by Nancy Bilotta & Family †Katherine Sansone by Guy Sansone
 10:30am *Liberation of Haiti by Cassagnol Family *Baldonado Family/Thanksgiving by -----
 12:00pm †All Souls in Purgatory *Maria Fernandez & Family by Theresa Picinich

Friday, January 02

7:30am †Barbara Long by Dorothy Deedy †Richard Spizzirro by Clara & Tom Depko
 8:30am †All Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer †John, Walter & Angela Dajczak by Jennifer
 6:00pm FOR PRIEST FOR PRIEST

Saturday, January 03

8:30am †Tom Schalms by Josephine Krokus *Grandchildren/Krokus Family by Josephine Krokus
 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
 5:30pm †Wayne Waldron by Patricia Waldron †Deceased/Bukowski-Urbanowicz Family by Phil Bukowski

Sunday, January 04

7:30am *Rosanne & Miguel Conty by Elsa Caraballo †Haley by Pillar
 9:00am *Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A †Suzanne Impagliazzo by Husband
 10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
 12:00pm †Rae Baldino by Grandchildren & Family †Dominick Riccardo by Son
 6:00pm †Lorene Maniscalco by Friends of the family †Realino Santoro by Family

UNSCHEDULED

†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt	†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt
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Altar Flowers

Vigil Lights

Shrine Flowers

PRAYER LIST

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 FOR:

Maggie Dolan	Thomas Land	Olga Galarza	<i>Walsh & Joseph</i>
<i>Amelita Coz-Zarraga</i>	Agatha Saccio	The Taffe Family	<i>Bonomo</i>
Heather Martin	Rafael Botero	<i>Alexander</i>	Nancy Kelley
Ronald Griffiths	Albert F. Romano	<i>Barone</i>	<i>Harvey</i>
Cynthia Martin	Britney Closson	Joanne Liantonio	<i>Shackman</i>
Francis Martin	Jeanette Gallegos	John Petrich	TJ Genzale
Hermoine D'Cruz	Adriana Elejalde	Mary Karten	Ronnie Falcone
Brigitte Knops	<i>Oswaldo C. Monasterio</i>	Luca Diomampo	<i>Michael Amalfi Jr</i>
Toni Kreamer	Michael Cecere	Michael Manuele	Raphael Roman
Gerry Gerhard	Jahaziel Roldan	<i>Robert</i>	
Euclides Cerutti	<i>Abigail Chin-Lenn</i>	<i>Wiczkowski Mady and Ruth Petersen</i>	
Samuel Gonzales	<i>Gertrudis R. Martinez</i>	Ann Carro	
Victorio	Merrill Tucker	Debbie Boburka	
Ray Wolff	Maggie Dazzo	Ricarda Vargas	
Josette Weber	Martha Gutzman	William Sheldon	
Ann Cavaseno	Noah Altherios	Steve Valtri	
Charles C. Tufano	Anthony Spirito	<i>Bernadette & Bucky McGann</i>	
Angela Discepola	Rhea Reacher	<i>Raymond Perez Sr</i>	
Anna Halford	Doug Rodgers	Jochi Castellui .	
Sal Yanello	Doris Vourinen	Steve F.	
Victor Rivera	<i>Sr Veronique DCSO</i>	Sean Zahul	
William Lindner	Eleanor Hemmer	Jeanne G.	
Lisa Della	Joseph Lauria	<i>Tania R. Espinosa</i>	
Femina	Judy Lew	Anne Noel	
María E.	Ernie Skelton	<i>Lisette Woodward</i>	
Quiñones	Carlotta	Juan Silva	
Mercado	<i>Josefa & Dolores Echavarria</i>	<i>Rocco & Susan Marcone</i>	
Diane Daniels	<i>Amparo Longalong</i>	Maria A. Carmen	
Carmen Jones	Annie Lee	<i>Rosa & Marie Vactorin</i>	
Bill Hamilton	Eugene Langel	Philip Charles	
Ralph Senese	Delma Langel	<i>Avangaline Ezeilo</i>	
Ramona	William Ward	Sal Cherch	
Ash Gaballah	Alexis Thompson	Jennifer Nicholas	
Karen Ramey	Griffin Bates	Antonia Hyde	
Mary Ann	Miriam Teixeira	Keith Melville	
Lisa Payne	Kevin Marshall	Mark Sinobio	
Marilyn Green	Andrea Anastasi	Joselito Bengua	
Joseph Salamone	John & Alma	Joan Egan	
Maria Amaro	Gardner Elaine	Richard Shannon	
Aniela Ignaczak	Garofano	<i>Michele Sambuco</i>	
Lillian	Julia Lea	Gregg Dollinger	
Campayno	Buddendorf	Fred Hoffman	
Terry Schwinge	Albertina Hughes	Bonnie Artman	
Tom D'Amico	Kamm Trumble	<i>Bob & Kathy Moran</i>	
Gabriel Zamora	Linda Beamish	Tom Trippi	
Vincent Blum	Quinn Morris	Carole Liantonio	
Ricardo Blum	Henry Morris	Rosemary Perez	
Gina Marie B.	Marcia Riopol	Mary Aloise	
Cohen David	Mumtaz Begum	Craig Artman	
Strompf	Lance Joseph	Michelle Duffy	
Sal Hanono	John Wilmere	Rose Borsella	
Heather Smith	Keith Johnson	<i>Catherine Shannon</i>	
Jason Smith	<i>Betty Lou Johnson</i>	Kelly Keyser	
Ronald Merhige	<i>Christine Thurman</i>	Freddy Bellise	
Roshan	Connie Panepinto	Daisy Allen	
Karen Jensen	Edwin Villarosa	Astrid Castañeda	
Cynthia Martin	Brian Sullivan	Jo-ann Suffield	
Garry Solomon	<i>Dominic Canazaro</i>		
Ilda Sosa Botero	<i>Kyle Buenconsejo</i>		
Carlos Tobon			
Jill Forshey			
Gerry Santilli			
Gail Hill			
Christie Budrick			
Frank Dazzo			
Dina Quelch			
Stewart Librizzi			

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O 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 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.

GRIEF SHARE AT ST VINCENT FERRER

- "Loss of Spouse" Special Event, January 4, from 1:00-3:00P
- SVF Grief Share Spring 2026 Session (14 Week Group) January 10th-April 18th 10:00A-12:00N every Saturday

**For more info or to sign up, visit:
SVF Grief Share Spring 2026 Session
Or call
SVF Grief Ministry
561.289.2542**

CLERGY AND MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28

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

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Leone
5:00P Fr. Zamora

Thursday, January 01

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

Friday, January 02

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

Saturday, January 03

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

Sunday, January 04

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 28

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-
9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2,
11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6
& 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
(Ps 128)

Second Reading:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel:

He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

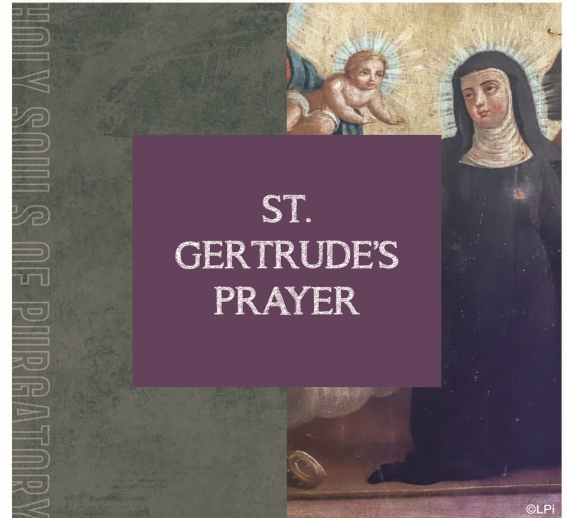
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
- Thursday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

PASTOR'S DESK

08 HOW CAN WE SERVE

Embracing the Gift of Family

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded of the profound significance that family holds in our lives. The Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—serves as a model of love, unity, and faith that extends beyond their time and into our contemporary lives. In this new year, let us reflect on how we can embody the values exemplified by the Holy Family as we embark on another journey around the sun.

The scriptural readings for this feast resonate with powerful messages about our relationships and responsibilities within the family unit. Sirach 3:2-6 teaches us that honoring our parents is not just a duty but a pathway to wisdom and fulfillment. As we enter the new year, let's commit ourselves to cultivate a spirit of respect and gratitude towards our family members. Whether it's through small acts of kindness or intentional conversations, we can reinforce the bonds that hold our families together.

Psalms 128 offers a beautiful depiction of the joys that a harmonious family can bring, where blessings flow from living in reverence and love. This year, let us seek to be instruments of peace and encouragement within our

families, fostering an environment where love flourishes. The happiness that comes from a supportive family can be a source of strength as we face the challenges of life.

In Colossians 3:12-17, the message urges us to embody compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. As we enter the new year, let us strive to embody these virtues in our interactions, treating each family member with the love and respect that mirrors Christ's love for us. By doing so, we create a sanctuary of grace and understanding that allows every individual to feel valued and cherished.

Finally, in Matthew 2:12-15, 19-23, we see the Holy Family's example of trust and obedience to God's guidance. As we navigate the uncertainties of the new year, let us remain vigilant in seeking God's will for our families. Just as Joseph and Mary protected and cared for Jesus, we are called to nurture and safeguard our loved ones in faith and love. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, let's carry its message into the new year. May this year be one filled with opportunities to strengthen our familial bonds, reflect the love of Christ, and embrace the calling to serve one another within our families. Together, let us build a foundation of love that not only honors the Holy Family but also transforms our homes into havens of joy and faith.

PRIZE	AMOUNT	SPONSOR/CO-SPONSOR	COMPL. TICKETS
FIRST	\$5,000.00		96
SECOND	2,500.00	Anonymous	48
THIRD	1,500.00		24
CONSOLATION	200		6
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CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous/ Richard Sotis	6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous/ Ronald Mandolfi	6
CONSOLATION	200	The Chavez Family	6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous	6

BENEFACTORS: PLEASE CALL AND BRING IN THE PRIZE YOU ARE SPONSORING



DSA UPDATE – NOVEMBER 26, 2025	
Goal.....	\$185,000.00
Amount Collected.....	\$172,049.09
Remaining	\$12,950.91

Our Gifts to God December 14, 2025	
First Collection	\$ 12,353.00
Second Collection.....	531.00
Children's Mass.....	515.00
Online (12/13).....	2,507.24
TOTAL	\$ 15,906.24

HOLY FAMILY



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. We propose this year-end would be as good a time as any for self-evaluation, if only to see how we might best our personal ministries this coming year.

Do you see yourself as a "servant leader"? Do you understand the concept as it, perhaps, applies to your purpose-driven ministry? Read on, then, and, if you're sincere about your service focus, consider doing the self-assessment test below.

"A servant leader in the church ministry is an individual who puts the needs of the parish and its members first, exemplifying Christ-like humility, compassion, and service. They prioritize the spiritual growth and well-being of others, fostering a nurturing and supportive community. Through their leadership, they encourage collaboration, empower others to use their gifts and talents, and seek to fulfill the mission of the church by reflecting the love and teachings of Jesus Christ."

Servant Leadership Self-Assessment

Instructions: For each statement, rate yourself on a scale from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). At the end, total your scores to identify your leadership strengths.

1. I feel passionate about serving others in my community.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

2. I often take the initiative to help those in need, even if it's outside my immediate responsibilities.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

3. I enjoy mentoring or coaching others in their spiritual growth or personal development.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

4. I actively seek opportunities to volunteer in church or community service projects.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

5. I feel comfortable sharing my faith and helping others understand spiritual principles.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

6. I prioritize the needs of others and strive to be empathetic in my interactions.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

7. I regularly reflect on my actions and how they serve God's purpose in my life.

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

8. I feel that my personal strengths align with serving others (e.g., listening, organizing, teaching).

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

Scoring:

- **33-40:** Strong potential in servant leadership. You're motivated and active in serving others; consider taking on more leadership roles.

- **25-32:** Good inclination toward servant leadership, but may benefit from more involvement or training.

- **17-24:** Moderate engagement; evaluate specific areas for growth and seek guidance on how to pursue your calling.

- **8-16:** Reflect on your feelings towards servant leadership; prayerfully consider how you might engage more with your community and faith.

This assessment encourages self-reflection and can help individuals discern their unique callings related to servant leadership. Following the assessment, participants may want to engage in discussions or seek mentorship to further explore their potential in this area.

Biblical foundations: Mark 10:43-45, John 13:12-15, Philippians 2:3-8, Mark 10:43-45, 1 Peter 5:2-3

Suggested Extra Reading: **John C. Maxwell** books



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

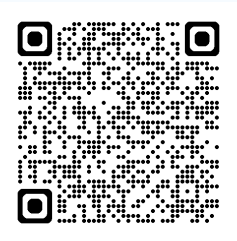
Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



January 1 - February 2, 2026

Keep going!

**We are on this daily journey together.
Keep up with your daily readings, and don't give
up if you are behind.
Come to the Lord as you are.**

Prefer to watch/hear daily videos
instead of reading a book?

Scan Here:



Congratulations to our *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster winners! Their beautiful artwork will be proudly displayed in the back of our parish throughout the Christmas season. All of our children did a wonderful job, and we extend our sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for organizing this event.



	1st Place:	2nd Place:	3rd Place:
Kinder & 1st	Kyla Pero	Kiera Pero	Cesar Ramirez
2nd Grade	Bella Ruci	Peter Pero	Vincenzo Unker
3-5th Grade	Gianella Ramos	Anamaria George	Gabriella Strassburg
6-8th Grade	Alden Dsouza	Azaily Maldonado	Lara Moreira
Best in Show Winner:	Leannah Pereira		

Thank You

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” — Proverbs 11:25

Many families were blessed this Christmas through your generous donations to our Giving Tree. We received heartfelt messages of gratitude from the families served by the **4Kids Foster Care organization**, which we joyfully pass on to you. Their tears of thanks reflected the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners.

Our diaper drive was also a tremendous success. Thank you for making such a meaningful impact on so many lives this season.

A special thank you to our anonymous angel who generously delivered four bags full of baby supplies (picture bottom left). We cannot thank you enough.

May God return you generous abundance a hundredfold!



School of Christian Formation
Diocese of Palm Beach, FL

KEEP GROWING IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY;
REGISTER FOR THE NEXT TWO COURSES!



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

Emmanuel continues to host the School of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Palm Beach. This program offers a series of courses for adult Catholics who wish to learn more about the rich traditions of their faith.

Our next course, **Christology**, will begin on **January 7**. The following

course, **Vatican II**, will begin on **March 4**.

Both courses will be taught by Lily Potito, M.A. Theology, Ave Maria University '21.

Each class meets from **2:00PM–4:00PM in the big classroom on Wednesday afternoons** for a total of six sessions (12 hours) per course.

Registration is \$10 per course; textbooks generally range from \$10 to \$20 per course. Please register at the first class.

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.



Keep Emmanuel Dry Campaign!

1997 was a great year. We installed Two new roofs.

Now 28 years later it is time to say goodbye to the old and make an investment in our future!

- Columbus Hall \$69,163.29
- Classroom building \$36,455.91

Grand total \$105,619.20

Being proactive and replacing roofs before they start to leak is the responsible move to make.

Please make a onetime tax-deductible gift, so we do not borrow the funds.

Please consider a onetime donation. Happiness is being on the giving end! You can place your tax-deductible donation in an envelope Mark it "Roof Help" and place it in collection basket or drop it off at the office. All donations are 100% tax deductible!

Rev. Gaudioso Zamora – Pastor





FAYA

FULLY ALIVE YOUNG ADULTS
EMMANUEL CHURCH

Join us
Mondays

7:00 PM

Enter through the Padre Pio Door

Are you a young adult (18–39) at Emmanuel Catholic Church seeking community and deeper faith? Join Fully Alive Young Adults, a group centered on growing in the spiritual life and better understanding the Catholic Faith.

What to expect:

- Guided discussions on the Foundations of Faith series by Ascension Presents
- Lectio Divina (Meditation and prayer using Sacred Scripture)
- Opportunities to serve the poor in local communities
- Casual hangouts for fun and games!

"The glory of God is man fully alive." –St. Irenaeus of Lyons



DOOR LOCATED TO THE RIGHT
OF THE PADRE PIO STATUE

My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,
reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music
can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, dear ones,

You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.
I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious
than pure gold.
It was always most important
in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other,
as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing or love
he has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas
and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

This poem was written by a 13-year-old boy who died of a brain tumor that he had battled for four years. He died on December 14, 1997. He gave this to his Mom before he died. His name was Ben.