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JOIN US FOR FRIDAY FISH FRY DURING LENT!

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

- Lk 6:43, 45

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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. It is also a day of universal Fast and Abstinence in the church.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES 3/5:

7:30 am , 9:00 am , 10:30 am , 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL MASSES: During the season of Lent we have additional mass at 12:00 noon Monday—Friday.



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

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Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

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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

Monday, March 03

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

Tuesday, March 04

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

Wednesday, March 05

(Ash Wednesday)

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

Thursday, March 06

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

Friday, March 07

(First Friday)

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... First Friday Adoration
4:30P..... Fish Fry
6:00P..... First Friday Mass

Saturday, March 08

(Food Drive Bag Distribution)

9:00A..... Confession
9:00A..... Lay Cistercians Meeting
6:30P..... Knights/Dinner & Dance

Sunday, March 09

(Food Drive Bag Distribution)

9:00A..... Ladies Guild Mass
1:00P..... Pre-Baptism Class
1:00P..... OCIA Class



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF YOU TEACH
YOUR CHILDREN
TO BELIEVE IN THE
TOOTH FAIRY, HOW
ARE THEY EVER
GOING TO BELIEVE
WHEN YOU TEACH
THEM ABOUT GOD?



'CAUSE WHEN
I TEACH THEM
ABOUT GOD
I'M TELLING
THEM THE
TRUTH...



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CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 03

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

Tuesday, March 04

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

Ash Wednesday, March 05

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Zamora
12:00N—Fr Leone 4:00P Fr. Carr
6:00P Fr. Timothy

Thursday, March 06

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Zamora
12:00N—Fr. Theo

Friday, March 07

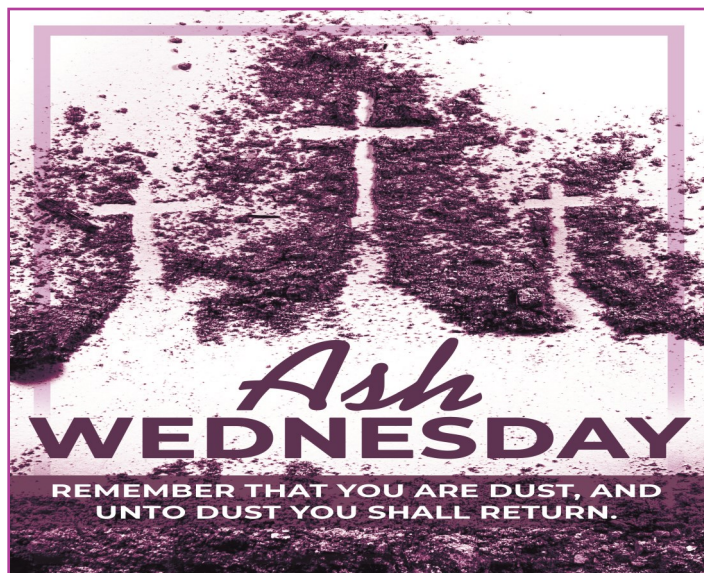
7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Carr
12:00N—Fr Timothy 6:00P Fr. Zamora

Saturday, March 08

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

Sunday, March 09

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



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

February 16, 2025

First Collection	\$ 15,047.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,874.00
Kids' Mass	\$ 610.00
Online (02/15)	\$ 1,800.37
TOTAL	\$ 20,331.37

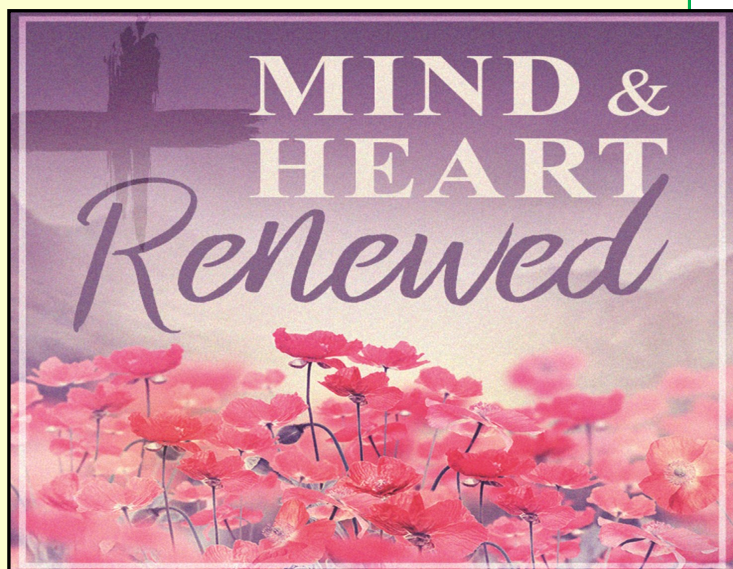
February 23, 2025

First Collection	\$ 14,622.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,477.00
Online (02/22)	\$ 1,535.31
TOTAL	\$ 17,634.31



Goal Amount for Emmanuel	\$185,000.00
Current	\$ 16,965.08
Remaining Balance	\$ 168,034.92

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!



SCHEDULED INTENTION

Monday, March 03

7:30am †Andrea Colon Santiago by Martina DeBoise *Kayla Graham by Soledad Robinson
8:30am †Robert J. Petricone by Brother †Alice Claire Sorrelli by Joseph Sorrelli

Tuesday, March 04

7:30am *Milagro C. Hidalgo by Soledad Robinson †John Trepanier by Woodruff Family
8:30am *Kelly Lau-Kee & Chris Iofreda by Mr. & Mrs. Sandoval †Danny Carusso by Nawal Agamie

Wednesday, March 05

7:30am †Theresa Antao by Christina †Barbara Higgins by Paul Higgins
9:00am †All Souls in Purgatory by _____ †Rafael Urdaneta by Wife
10:30am †Pacienza & Rosato Families by Christine & John †Steven Skolinsky by Natalie Skolinsky
12:00pm †Terence Flynn by Anne & Gerry Gerhard †Anna & Leonard Look by Larry & Michaelene
4:00pm †All Souls in Purgatory by _____ *Nicholas Caracciolo by Mom
6:00pm †Alejandro & Nenita Simbajon by Bella Simbajon †All Souls in Purgatory by _____

Thursday, March 06

7:30am *Milena Watt/birthday by Maria Watt †Barbara Egan by Josefina McMahon
8:30am †Mary & Bill Walsh by Children †Rudy & Frances Biola by Angela & Mark
12:00pm †Sharon Wilcox by Camille & Lou Gilardi †John Trepanier by Woodruff Family

Friday, March 07

7:30am †Sophie Groccia by Gary & Barbara Morris *George Simonton/Thanksgiving by Ernie Bane
8:30am *Comparato Family by Tom & Dolly Comparato †Charles King by Pat King
12:00pm †Sandra Salz by Mother, Gloria Sheridan †Michael Mallardi by Albanese Family
6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS** **FOR PRIESTS**

Saturday, March 08

8:30am *Rice-Motta Families by _____ †Christine Thurman by Family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm *Thanksgiving/Blessing by Bozidar & Berta Pesa †Albert Joseph Aniello Jr. by Mother & Sister

Sunday, March 09

7:30am †John Trepanier by Woodruff Family †Tony Cangelosi by Tom & Clara Depko
9:00am *Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild †Disna Facciuto by Theresa Facciuto
†Patricia Nelson by Andrew & Mary Cook †Stephen Massaroni by Andrew & Mary Cook
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Donna Petricone by Husband †Richard Boscia by Boscia Family
6:00pm *Amale Anderson by _____ *James & Nora Demars by _____

UNSCHEDULED

*Clara Depko by Ladies Guild †Doreen Romano by Dorothy Deedy †Doreen Romano by Carol Schwab
_ †Doreen Romano by Patricia & Sal Pagano †Donald Korneski by Marianne Hoover
†Doreen Romano by Frank & Mary Eardley
†Doreen Romano by Robert & Anne DePalma *German Sandoval by Dorothy Deedy

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

David & John	Cynthia Martin	Roshan
Lenore Curatolo	Francis Martin	Karen Jensen
Marilyn Boyle	Hermoine D'Cruz	Cynthis Martin
Andrea Anastasi	Brigitte Knops	Garry Solomon Ilda
Shelly Fiorini	Toni Kreamer	Sosa Botero Carlos
Ed Bush	Gerry Gerhard	Tobon Jill
Bob Oberholzer	Euclides Cerutti	Forshey Gerry
John Wilkens	Samuel Gonzales	Santilli Gail Hill
Scott Ellison	Victorio	Chrissie Budrick
<i>Evangeline</i>	Ray Wolff	Frank Dazzo Dina
<i>Ezeilo</i>	<i>Patricia Tripi</i>	Quelch Stewart
Michael Gehres	<i>Giraldo</i>	Librizzi Thomas
Karen Sullivan	Ida Giannettina	Land Agatha Saccio
Sean Zahul	Tom Hickey	Robert Albertson
Darren Guzman	Josette Weber	Rafael Botero
Mary Lou	Vincent Rizzo	Albert Fernandes
<i>Connie</i>	Louis Perticone	Doreen Romano
<i>Panepinto</i>	Ann Cavaseno	Britney Closson
Amalia Mazzolin	Charles C. Tufano	Jeanette Gallegos
Leon Martin	Angela Discepolo	Adriana Elejalde
Joe Delagami	Anna Halford	<i>Oswaldo Cesar</i>
<i>Rose Marie</i>	Sal Yanello	<i>Monasterio Michael</i>
<i>Regner</i>	Victor Rivera	Cecere Jahaziel
Michael Manuele	William Lindner	Roldan Abigail Chin
Carla Ruiz	<i>Lisa Della</i>	<i>-Lenn Gertrudis</i>
Benjamin Robelo	<i>Femina</i>	<i>Rivera Martinez</i>
Karen McCarty	<i>Maria E. Quiñones</i>	Merrill Tucker
T.J. Genzale	<i>Mercado</i>	Debra Tucker
Dave Ruiz	Diane Daniels	Maggie Dazzo
Victoria Robelo	Carmen Jones	Martha Gutzman
Ms. S.	Bill Hamilton	Noah Altherios
Rose Borsella	Ralph Senese	Debra Serritella
Lexie Helgerson	Ramona	Joseph Reategui
David Smeraldo	Ash Gaballah	Anthony Spirito
Janette Cole	Karen Ramey	Rhea
<i>Steven Martin</i>	Tom Tripi	Raecher
<i>Sikes</i>	Mary Ann	Doug Rodgers
Gianna Pagan	Lisa Payne	Doris Vourinen
Suzanne Puleo	Marilyn Green	<i>Sister Veronique</i>
<i>Sr. Frances Vass</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>DCSO</i>
<i>OSC</i>	<i>Salamone</i>	Danny Berciles
Mary Loveland	Phyllis Lomitola	<i>Elizabeth Lanza-</i>
Sam Falcone	Maria Amaro	<i>Hajko</i>
Patricia Golstein	Aniela Ignaczak	Eleanor Hemmer
Taylor Dosh	Lillian Campayno	Joseph Lauria
Marilyn Martino	Terry Schwinge	Judy Lew
Gulshan Modena	Tom D'Amico	Ernie Skelton
Maggie Dolan	Gabriel Zamora	Carlotta
<i>Amelita Coz-</i>	Vincent Blum	<i>Josefa & Dolores</i>
<i>Zarraga</i>	Ricardo Blum	<i>Echavarria</i>
Heather Martin	<i>Gina Marie B.</i>	Amparo Longalong
Taiilor McGee	<i>Cohen</i>	Annie Lee
Ronald Griffiths	David Strompf	Eugene Langel
Margie Giaquinto	Sal Hanono	Delma Langel
Maria Fernandez	Chris Angotti	William Ward
Raphael Roman	Heather Smith	Cindy Free
James Ezeilo	Jason Smith	Gaetano Sansone
Brenda Ezeilo	Ronald Merhige	

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 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

"It shall happen as God shall choose, for assuredly we depend not on our own power but on the power of God."
– St. Perpetua

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. From then on until Easter Sunday the church celebrates the Easter Triduum of Christ's passion and death, burial and resurrection.

Lent is characterized by penance for our past sins, works of mercy and personal preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Vigil. Thus Lent has two features: Penitential and Baptismal. Our tears of penance renew in our hearts and souls the water of baptism.

The ashes imposed on us on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return and that therefore the entire life of a Christian should be marked by works of self-denial and generosity. The traditional discipline of Lent consists of constant prayer and reading of God's



word, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat on Fridays and works of mercy especially to those who have less in life.

What is important is that, through prayer and good works, we allow God's grace to bring about our interior conversion. The sacrament of penance should accompany our Lenten observance.

Holy Week is the high point of the Lenten season. It opens with the blessing of palms and the Gospel reading of the Passion and death of our Savior. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem ended on Calvary, but we know that Good Friday led to Easter Sunday.

The biblical readings and prefaces extol the virtue of conversion of life, the need to fulfill our baptismal promises, joyful acceptance of daily trials for the love of God and unselfish service to all who need our assistance. – **Fr. Zamora**

Saints of the Week—Saints Perpetua and Felicity (d. 203)

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."



Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Reflection

Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. Consider Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who with her family, was forced into hiding and later died in Bergen-Belsen, one of Hitler's death camps during World War II. Anne, like Perpetua and Felicity, endured hardship and suffering and finally death because she committed herself to God. In her diary, Anne writes, "It's twice as hard for us young ones to hold our ground, and maintain our opinions, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God."

PARISH LIFE— ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

Emmanuel Parish

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL

St. Paul said, "In everything that you do; Give Thanks to God." Indeed, To God Be the Glory! Thank you Lord for all the Blessings that you have given us, especially the great success of our Annual Parish Family Festival. It's such a joy to me to see how, year in and year out, successful we are in those activities where and when we truly become a true team, sharing together the 3 T'S: Time, Talent and Treasure. That makes us a true Family of God.

Special **THANK YOU** to all our Donors for the Prizes of our Big Raffle!

Congratulations to all the winners!

Again, and always, thank you to the Group Leaders and volunteers of our Food Booths (American, Italian, Indian and Filipino), to Mary, Terri, Ann, Irene and all volunteers for the Flea Market, the members of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild, Linus for the music, and to those who entertained us, Eddie Shannon and members of the Staff, Lorne and Son's funeral home who sponsored the raffle tickets and, most of all, to all of you my Dear Parishioners.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Pastor

KIDS CORNER



PARISH LIFE— ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Casimir
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Friday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins



Devotions, Explained!

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.

Prayer for Interior Life

Dear Jesus,
Fill my heart so full of
goodness that it produces your
goodness.
Let my thoughts, words, and
actions reflect you.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday:

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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BEAR THE FRUIT
OF GOD'S LOVE



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Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves.

The Log in Your Eye

Today's Gospel is a big favorite of non-Christians — or Christians who don't like being told what to do.

That trusty ol' *remove the wooden beam from your own eye* line is a classic. *Mind your business, Christians! You're not perfect either.*

And that's entirely true. None of us are perfect. We've all got logs in our eyes. We can't approach life acting like we have the answers simply because we follow Jesus.

Jesus has the answers, and we have Jesus.

The real problem with having someone remove a splinter from my eye, if he himself has a log in his eye, is not that he has no business removing the splinter from my eye. It's that he can't see clearly to do it. His own eyesight is occluded.

If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, or a scandal in the community that should be addressed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves. To address the problem as it exists within our own souls, so that we ensure we are seeing clearly. Then, if we reach out to pluck the splinter, we will do so with clear eyesight.

He wants us to worry as much about our own souls as we do about other people's.

We tend to look at the world and feel anxious — so much evil! So much hate! So much sin! We pray, *God, when will you change it?*

And He whispers back: *I will change it here. Now. In your own heart. You just have to ask.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained



Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “out of the dust of the ground” and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

FIRST COMMUNION CLOSET



We are seeking donations of gently used or new First Holy Communion outfits, including dresses, suits, veils, and shoes, for children in our First Communion class. Many families struggle with the cost of these outfits, and we want to help make this special occasion accessible for all. Our class includes both 2nd graders and pre-teens who may need larger sizes. Please ensure items are cleaned and ready to wear. To donate, contact Jean or Sandra at religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church or drop off donations at the church office during office hours. Your generosity will help make a child's First Holy Communion even more memorable.



We will have First Communion items available for purchase, including veils for girls and ties for boys. Consider shopping with us! We also offer a variety of other items above that would make wonderful gifts for our First Communicants. Thank you for supporting our parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to our First Communion Class for reaching an important milestone on their spiritual journey by receiving their First Reconciliation! This brings them one step closer to the joyous celebration of their **First Holy Communion on April 26th at 10am**. Here are some pictures from this meaningful day. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Communion.

Aria Toote, Camila Catalan, Charlotte Brooks, Colin Mallard, Elisa Rosillo Seijas, Franklin Roldan, Gianna Berlinger, Isabelle Smith, John Paul Gonzalez, Jose Aguirre Jr., Josue Rosales Cobazin, Michael Pieroni, Montserrat Catalan, Moses Pierre Louis, Nikolai Sakiman, Phillip De Negri Albarran, Sofia Eloise Retuta, Alicia Gomez Ramirez, Ann Marie Belliard, David Perez-Rulfo, Dennis Maza, Gianna Crespo, Pietro de Negri Albarran, Samara Shackleton, Jordy Valladares, D'Angelo Crespo, Diamitz Gonzalez Rivera, Emerson Gomez Ramirez, Enyer Aldani Cano Merida and Jeffrey Pozo

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN



SPRING FLING OFFERINGS: MENU -- Chicken Marsala over Pasta, Roasted Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Soft Drinks (BYOB!) **Music by DJ Linus.**

Saturday, March 8, 2025 @ 6:30PM. Columbus Hall.
Tickets are \$25PP. Available in the Church office.



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Are you a young adult at Emmanuel Catholic Church seeking community and a deeper faith? Join Fully Alive Young Adults (FAYA) for guided discussions with The Rescue Project. Engage in meaningful conversations about faith, build community, and discover what it means to live fully alive. Don't forget to bring a journal and pen!

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