



# EMMANUEL

*God with us*

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MARY OF MAGDALA  
CAME TO THE  
TOMB EARLY IN THE  
**MORNING.**

— JOHN 20:1 —

EASTER SUNDAY

E A S T E R S U N D A Y  
H E I S R I S E N

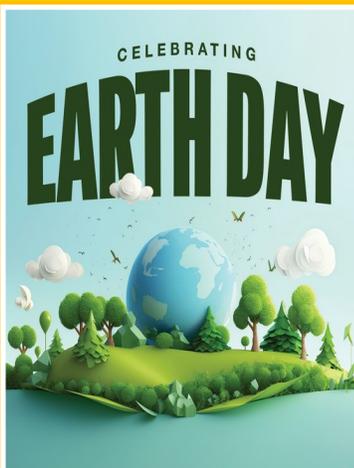
### PARISH FAMILY (Check-ins/Check-outs)

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### PARISH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Please help us update our Prayer Requests column on **PAGE 6**. We are running out of space for putting in new requests. We would like to ask everyone, particularly those who called in requests, for timely status updates.

*Divine Mercy*  
**SUNDAY**  
APRIL 27, 2025  
2:00PM SEE PAGE 12

# 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 [Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### 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](mailto:tkuppamala@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Secretary

Stella Sadolfo Ext. 1007 [secretary@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:secretary@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Property Manager

Edward Shannon Ext. 1006 [maintenance@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:maintenance@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Receptionist

Rose Marie Baldonado Ext. 1000 [receptionist@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto: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



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.

561.496.2480

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

8:00A.....Easter Breakfast  
10:00A.....Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 22

6:30A.....Adoration  
10:00A.....Faith Sharing  
7:00P.....KoC General Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

6:30A.....Adoration  
6:30P.....Taize

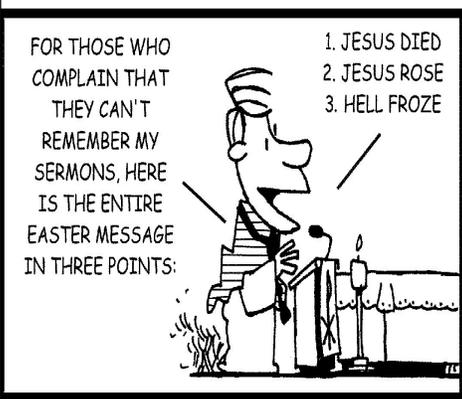
Saturday, April 26

9:00A.....First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

2:00P.....Divine Mercy Chaplet

EASTER



## CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

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

#### Overflow Masses

9:00A Fr. Theo    10:30A Fr. Theo  
 12:00P Fr. Horn

### Monday, April 21

7:30A Fr. Zamora    8:30A Fr. Zamora

### Tuesday, April 22

7:30A Fr. Theo    8:30A Fr. Carr

### Wednesday, April 23

7:30A Fr. Carr    8:30A Fr. Leone

### Thursday, April 24

7:30A Fr. Theo    8:30A Fr. Zamora

### Friday, April 25

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

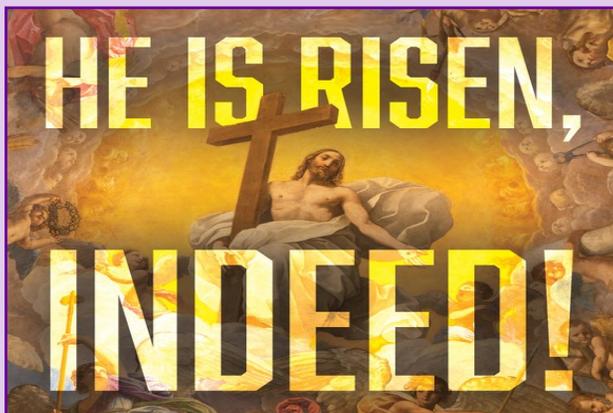
### Saturday, April 26

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

### Sunday, April 27

#### (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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



**7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:**

- 1 Send a surprise voice note (instead of a regular text).
- 2 Compliment three strangers.
- 3 Be a 'life lifter' by taking something off someone's plate.
- 4 Let them merge into traffic.
- 5 Share gratitude 'shout outs' on social media.
- 6 Leave sticky notes with inspirational messages in public areas.
- 7 Do something to intentionally make yourself smile.

make kindness the norm  
 randomactsofkindness.org  
 #WorldKindnessDay #MakeKindnessTheNorm  
 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### March 30, 2025

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection  | \$ 14,942.00        |
| Second Collection | \$ 3,398.00         |
| Online (03/29)    | \$ 1,257.49         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 19,597.49</b> |

### April 06, 2025

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection  | \$ 16,752.00        |
| Second Collection | \$ 3,082.00         |
| Online (04/05)    | \$ 2,381.13         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 22,215.13</b> |

## DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

### March 27, 2025

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

**Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!**

(Palm Sunday counting will be reported next issue due to the printers' request for early submission of this issue. Thanks!)

## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 21

7:30am †John W. Dale by Jill & Michael Pagliuca †Anthony Furnari by Gambino Family  
8:30am †Deceased/Rodriguez-Santana Family by Haydee Rodriguez †Jose A. Renderos by daughter & family

### Tuesday, April 22

7:30am \*Kathy Sabat/Healing by Christine Shento †Ney Bezerra by Maureen & Peter Judge  
8:30am †Brian Cavanagh by Mother & brother †Jose A. Renderos by daughter & family

### Wednesday, April 23

7:30am †Antonio Adamo by Maria & Anthony Giocoli \*Gina Horecky by Alex Lee  
8:30am †Gentile Family by Mario Spilotros & Family \*Jessica Coral & Stella Dalby by Mom & Dad

### Thursday, April 24

7:30am †Nemesis Awit by Wife †Colette Corish by Family  
8:30am †Jose Renderos by Daughter & Family †Michael Hutchinson by German & Carol Sandoval

### Friday, April 25

7:30am †Jesus Manuel Rodriguez by Martina DeBoise †Gary Erlanger Davis by Frank Cottone  
8:30am †Patick Saieh by Sister Cecile †Philip Carlo by Family  
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, April 26

8:30Am †John & Anna Vartanian by Ted & Fran Souza †Theresa & Anthony Antao by Christina  
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
5:30pm †Jose & Lucia Cardona by Daughter & Grandchildren †Sharon Wilcox by Kathy Eastwick Hayes & Family

### Sunday, April 27

7:30am †Al Transleau & Family by A Friend †Joe Brisson by Family  
9:00am †Anacoreta Baldonado by Ruben & Dolly Perez †Julia Disca by Baldonado Family  
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
12:00pm †Pacienza, Rosato & Wilkens Families by Christine & John †John Trepanier by Woodruff Family  
6:00pm †Sharon Wilcox by Vincent Buononato †Annette Tormey by Lucarelli Family  
†All Souls in Purgatory by Dorothy Canazaro

## UNSCHEDULED

\*McCormick Family by McCormick Family †All Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich  
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†All Souls in Purgatory by Theresa Picinich †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich

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**

- |                     |                     |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Joe Delagami        | William Lindner     | Gertrudis Rivera |
| Rose Marie          | Lisa Della Femina   | Martinez         |
| Regner              | Maria E. Quiñones   | Merrill Tucker   |
| Michael Manuele     | Mercado             | Debra Tucker     |
| Carla Ruiz          | Diane Daniels       | Maggie Dazzo     |
| Benjamin Robelo     | Carmen Jones        | Martha Gutzman   |
| Karen McCarty       | Bill Hamilton       | Noah Altherios   |
| T.J. Genzale        | Ralph Senese        | Debra Serritella |
| Dave Ruiz           | Ramona              | Anthony Spirito  |
| Victoria Robelo     | Ash Gaballah        | Rhea Reacher     |
| Ms. S.              | Karen Ramey         | Doug Rodgers     |
| Rose Borsella       | Tom Tripi           | Doris Vourinen   |
| Lexie Helgerson     | Mary Ann            | SrVeronique DCSO |
| David Smeraldo      | Lisa Payne          | Danny Berciles   |
| Janette Cole        | Marilyn Green       | Eleanor Hemmer   |
| Steven Martin       | Joseph              | Joseph Lauria    |
| Sikes               | Salamone            | Judy Lew         |
| Gianna Pagan        | Phyllis Lomitola    | Ernie Skelton    |
| Suzanne Puleo       | Maria Amaro         | Carlotta         |
| Mary Loveland       | Aniela Ignaczak     | Josefa & Dolores |
| Sam Falcone         | Lillian Campayno    | Echavarria       |
| Patricia Golstein   | Terry Schwinge      | Amparo Longalong |
| Taylor Dosh         | Tom D'Amico         | Annie Lee        |
| Marilyn Martino     | Gabriel Zamora      | Eugene Langel    |
| Gulshan Modena      | Vincent Blum        | Delma Langel     |
| Maggie Dolan        | Ricardo Blum        | William Ward     |
| Amelita Coz-Zarraga | Gina Marie B. Cohen | Cindy Free       |
| Heather Martin      | David Strompf       | Gaetano Sansone  |
| Ronald Griffiths    | Sal Hanono          | Alexis Thompson  |
| Margie Giaquinto    | Heather Smith       | Griffin Bates    |
| Maria Fernandez     | Jason Smith         | Miriam Texeira   |
| Raphael Roman       | Ronald Merhige      | Kevin Marshall   |
| James Ezeilo        | Roshan              | Mary Elaine      |
| Brenda Ezeilo       | Karen Jensen        | Yemmen           |
| Cynthia Martin      | Cynthia Martin      | Andrea Anastasi  |
| Francis Martin      | Garry Solomon       | John & Alma      |
| Hermoine D'Cruz     | Ilda Sosa Botero    | Gardner          |
| Brigitte Knops      | Carlos Tobon        | Elaine Garofano  |
| Toni Kreamer        | Jill Forshey        | Julia Lea        |
| Gerry Gerhard       | Gerry Santilli      | Buddendorf       |
| Euclides Cerutti    | Gail Hill           | Albertina Hughes |
| Samuel Gonzales     | Chrissie Budrick    | Dale Hillman     |
| Victorio            | Frank Dazzo         | Kamm Trumble     |
| Ray Wolff           | Dina Quelch         | Karen Liljedahl  |
| Patricia Tripi      | Stewart Librizzi    | Linda Beamish    |
| Giraldo             | Thomas Land         | Quinn Morris     |
| Ida Giannettina     | Agatha Saccio       | Henry Morris     |
| Josette Weber       | Robert Albertson    |                  |
| Louis Perticone     | Rafael Botero       |                  |
| Ann Cavaseno        | Albert Fernandes    |                  |
| Charles C. Tufano   | Romano Britney      |                  |
| Angela Discepola    | Closson Jeanette    |                  |
| Anna Halford        | Gallegos Adriana    |                  |
| Sal Yanello         | Elejalde Oswaldo    |                  |
| Victor Rivera       | Cesar Monasterio    |                  |
|                     | Michael Cecere      |                  |
|                     | Jahaziel Roldan     |                  |
|                     | Abigail Chin-Lenn   |                  |

**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



## LEAVE IT IN THE TOMB

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above – not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul – but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure – maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### CHRIST IS RISEN—ALLELUIA!

On this Easter Day, we are joyful. From the blessed womb of Mary to the empty tomb of Jesus we have come to celebrate life,

Jesus is alive. Christ has risen from the dead. The love between God and humanity did not end in the tragedy of the cross. Darkness and death were overcome.

In the resurrection of Christ, St. Paul confidently wrote: *"Death has been swallowed up by victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?"* (1 Cor. 15:54-55).

Christ's resurrection gives us the needed hope to courageously face life in spite of everything. The good news is that nothing *"will separate us from the love of God, which we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord"* (Rom 8:39)

Nothing can vanquish us; not suffering or trials, not sorrow or tragedy, not failure or even death. We know instead that life is slowly unfolding with meaning and direction. Suffering and death we must experience, but Christ's resurrection teaches us that it will not be in vain.

Allow me to express my gratitude to our clergy, staff, different ministries of our pastoral council (finance council, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary) who worked hard during the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

To my beloved parishioners for living the Gospel of Christ and your support to our offertory and the Diocesan Services Appeal.

On this Easter Day, our hearts speak with gratitude to the Father for the love he has given to us. We know that our trust in him is not only in this world, but in the eternal life that his son has prepared for us. There is no room for discouragement and emptiness. We are Easter people; let us live that hope. Let us carry in our lives the Easter meaning.

Happy Easter! – Fr. Zamora



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

### The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: *God*. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. *Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?*

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. *He's left us*, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### TO OUR BELOVED SNOW ANGELS

Thank you for choosing Emmanuel Parish as your parish family during the season.

Our deepest gratitude for actively helping us in the different spiritual and social events in our parish; your support to our offertory and to our Diocesan Services Appeal, and by participating in all of our different ministries and pastoral programs.

I know that most of you will go back to your home state after Easter. Do let us keep each other in our prayers! Keep in touch; you can always use the contact page in the parish website to drop us a note or two:

[www.emmanuelcatholic.church](http://www.emmanuelcatholic.church)

Have a safe trip and May God Bless You and your families! Until next season...  
- Fr. Zamora

### The Diocese of Palm Beach

joyfully announces the Ordination of

**Rev. Mr. Jude Ogochukwo Okeke**  
to the

**Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ**

through the imposition of Hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by  
His Excellency

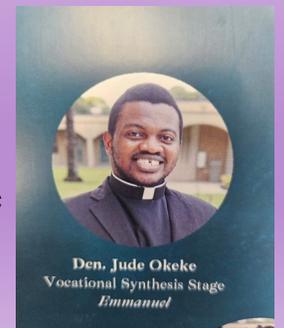
**The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito**  
Bishop of Palm Beach,

Saturday May 3, 2025 at 11:00AM  
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola,  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

### Mass of

**Thanksgiving.**  
Sunday, May 11,  
2025

Emmanuel Catholic  
Church  
at 9:00 AM and  
10:30AM masses



## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

#### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

#### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

#### Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,  
and told them,  
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

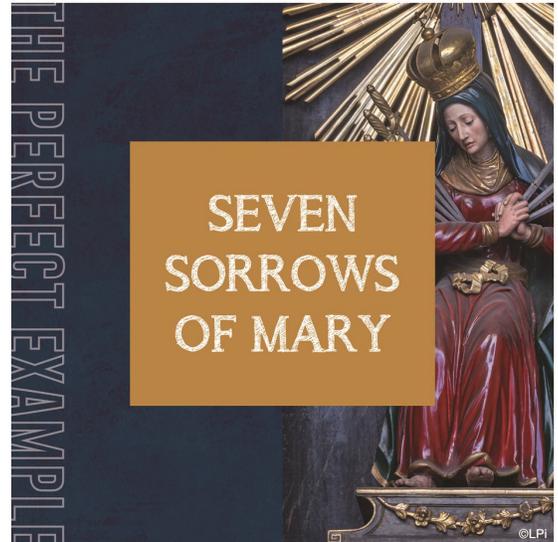
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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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 April 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



### Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

### Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!  
Our Lord is victorious!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/  
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

### Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/  
Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:35-48

### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,  
25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday:

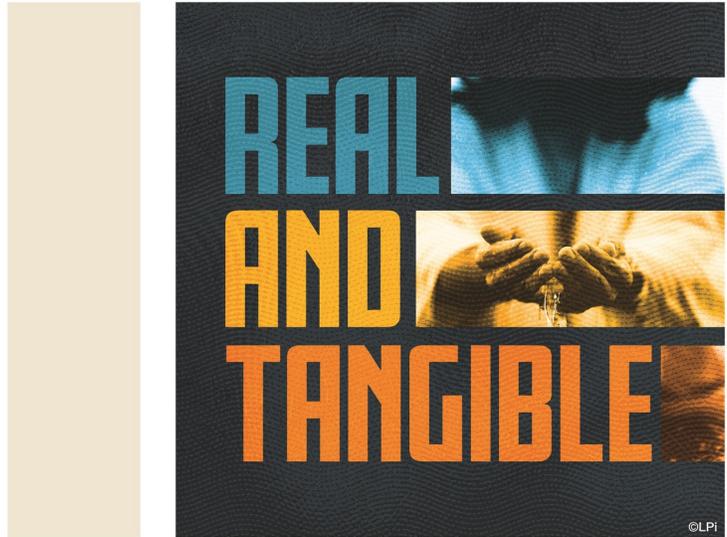
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,  
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

### Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

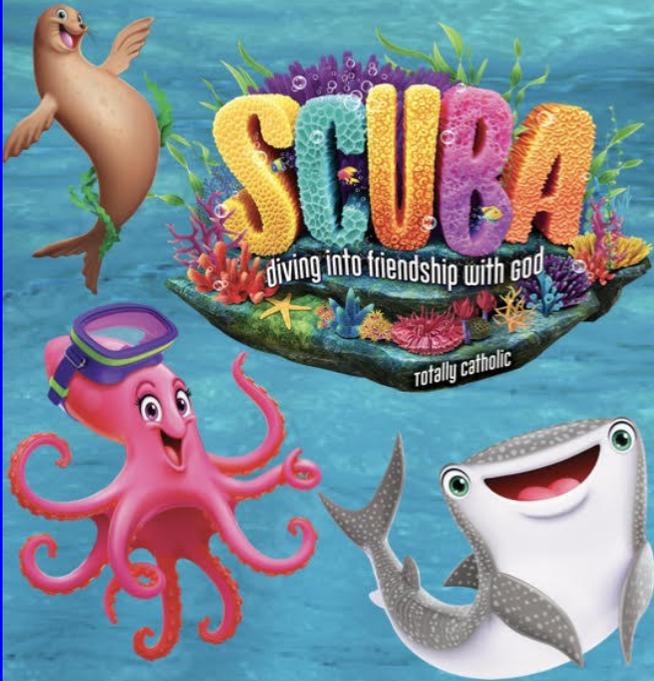
When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7)**. Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— *Father John Muir*

# Vacation Bible School (VBS) - June 6-8th



Registration is now open for our VBS Summer

**REGISTER NOW**

Program, which will be held from June 6th to 8th for children in Pre-K through 5th grade at our parish. On Friday and Saturday, drop-off will be at 9:30 AM, with pick-up at 3:30 PM. On Sunday, drop-off will be at 9:00 AM, and pick-up will be at 12:40 PM. To register, simply scan the QR code above. Registration is completely FREE! Don't miss this opportunity for your children to kick off their summer with this three day event filled with engaging, fun, interactive faith-based activities. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



We're looking for parents as well as junior high & high school students to volunteer for our VBS Summer Program from June 6th to June 8th! This is a great opportunity to earn community service hours while helping children grow in their faith and learn about God through fun activities. Volunteer hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. We hope the youth of our parish will answer the call and help us make this one of our best summer programs yet. To sign up, simply scan the QR code above!

# DONATIONS NEEDED



Dear Parishioners,

We are reaching out to our generous community to request your support in covering the costs of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer program for children. This program is offered free of charge to families, as we believe that financial barriers should not prevent children from participating in this opportunity to engage in fun, faith-based activities while strengthening their spiritual growth.

If you are able to contribute, we would be deeply grateful for any donation. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office, or to make other arrangements, please contact Jean or Sandra in the Religious Education Department at 561-496-248 Ext. 1005..

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025 @ 2:00PM  
EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

\*\*\*Please join us in our Celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday starting at 2:00 pm

### PROGRAM:

#### Ceremonial Procession:

1st in Procession: Main altar server leads with the book of the Gospels held high.

2nd in Procession: Altar server carries Divine Mercy images.

3rd in procession: Altar server carries petitions

4th in Procession: Priest carries relic of Saint Faustina and places it on the altar,

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (O Salutaris)

##### **1st Reading (Diary 699)-**

to let all know what Jesus said to Saint Faustina about this day. the FEAST OF MERCY.

**2nd Reading (Diary 1572)-** the explanation of the 3 o'clock prayer

**3rd Reading (Diary 47)-** the explanation of the Divine Mercy image,

##### **Blessing the Images of the Divine Mercy**

(page 35 of Divine Mercy Booklet)

Priest approaches the images while altar servers hold holy water and candles.

##### **Blessing & Offering of petitions**

Priest offers the petitions in prayer and blesses them with Holy Water,

Song: There is a Longing

**4th Reading (Diary 708)-** Trusting in Jesus

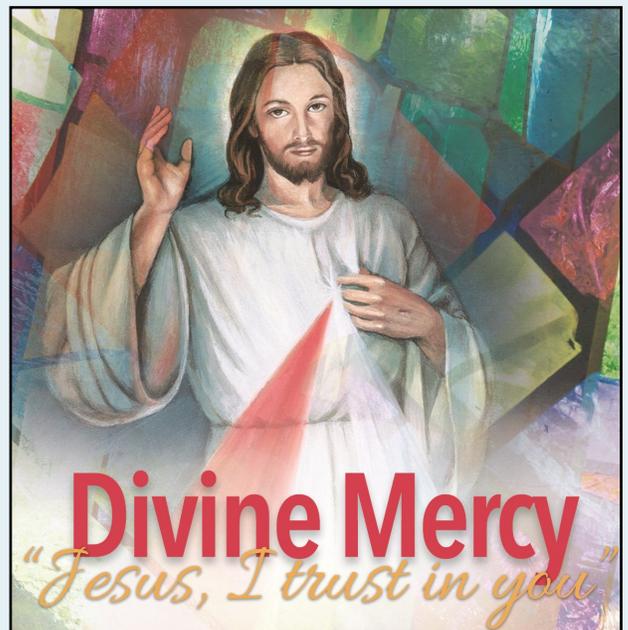
#### **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (to be sung)**

Benediction

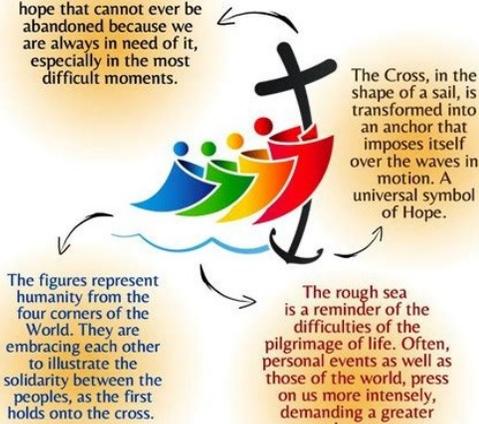
(Tantum Ergo)

(Holy God We Praise Thy Name)

\*\*\*Please bring your images of the Divine Mercy and write your petitions at home and put it in the basket at the front door of the Church and the priest will offer it to the Lord.



The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.



The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION  
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS  
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

**The Parish Lenten Mission with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope"**

presented by **Fr. Timothy Canaan** on April 7,8,9 was an Inspiring and uplifting experience for everyone who filled up the rafters with belting out *Rory Cooney's "Do Not Fear to Hope"*. We thank Fr. Timothy for his inspirational talks all three nights! We also thank everyone who attended even if some had to remain standing up by the aisles! May we never ever fear to hope!

**LADIES GUILD**

**Blood Drive Schedule:** June 8th, August 10th, October 12th, and Dec 14th from 7:30 to 1:30p.  
**Thank you for your blood donations on 4/13!**

We will set up our bassinet in the church vestibule for your donations to **Birthline** the whole month of April. Baby through Toddler gifts are greatly appreciated!

Ladies Guild **installation of officers** (2025 -2026)

will be held at the **10:30A Mass on Tuesday, April 29th**, followed by lunch at Nino's Restaurant on Jog Road. The cost of the luncheon is **\$20** for paid Ladies Guild members, and **\$35** for guests!!  
**Please drop off your money at the church office in an envelope marked Ladies Guild Luncheon with your name (guest name) on the outside, and the amount enclosed.**  
**Please drop off by April 22.**



EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO ITS FIRST

*Men's Emmaus Retreat*



September 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

- 15820 Military Trail, Delray Beach, FL 33484
- emmaus.men.emmanuel@gmail.com
- (954) 732-4479 Text / WhatsApp

Registration



**Amen**<sup>TM</sup>

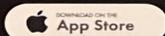
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GO OUT AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS CHRIST IS RISEN!



# INTERNATIONAL MARIAN FEST



Join us for the annual celebration  
honoring our Blessed Mother!

Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito will lead a procession around the rosary lake, followed by floats of Our Lady from various countries. The rosary will be prayed in several languages and there will be Eucharistic Benediction. This year, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will be crowned by the Legion of Mary.

**MAY 4, 2025**  
**2:00 PM**

**EMMANUEL CHURCH**  
**15700 S. MILITARY TRAIL**  
**DELRAY BEACH**

