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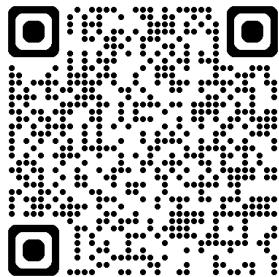
“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

**POPE FRANCIS**  
1936 – 2025



## **Bishop G. Barbarito**

Statement on Pope Francis' Passing



## **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.



# 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](mailto:religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church)

Sandra Gallegos | [Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:Sgallegos@emmanuelcatholic.church)

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Lectors

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### 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 Kupppamala | Ext. 1001 | [tkupppamala@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:tkupppamala@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 27**

**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

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

**Monday, April 28**

6:30A.....Adoration

1:00P.....Movie Mondays

6:00P.....Legion of Mary Meeting

**Tuesday, April 29**

6:30A.....Adoration

10:00A.....Faith Sharing

10:30A.....Ladies Guild Installation Mass

**Wednesday, April 30**

6:30A.....Adoration

4:00P.....SoulCore

**Thursday, May 01**

6:30A.....Adoration

9:00A.....Anointing of the sick

3:00P.....Holy Hour

6:30P.....AA Meeting

**Friday, May 02**

6:30A.....Adoration

9:00A.....First Friday Adoration

6:00P.....First Friday Mass

**Saturday, May 03**

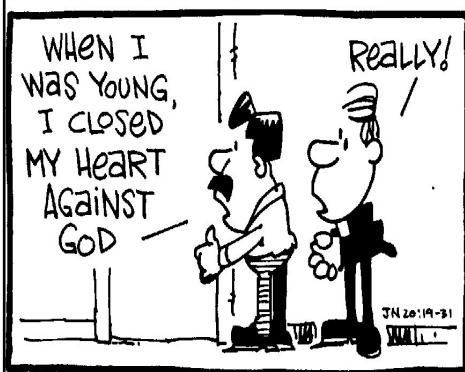
9:00A.....Confession

**Sunday, May 04 (Marian Festival)**

9:00A.....Knights of Columbus Mass

2:00P.....Marian Festival

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

**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

**Monday, April 28**

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

**Tuesday, April 29**

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Carr

**Wednesday, April 30**

7:30A Fr. Carr      8:30A Fr. Leone

**Thursday, May 01**

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Zamora

**Friday, May 02**

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

**Saturday, May 03**

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

**Sunday, May 04**

**(Marian Festival)**

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



Let us  
be renewed  
by God's  
mercy.

— Pope Francis

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## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**April 13, 2025**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection  | \$ 19,655.00        |
| Second Collection | \$ 4,458.00         |
| Online (04/12)    | \$ 1,686.86         |
| Children's Mass   | \$ 586.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 26,385.86</b> |

**April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection  | \$ 34,108.00        |
| Second Collection | \$ 4,299.00         |
| Online (04/19)    | \$ 3,088.24         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 41,495.24</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!**



## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 28

7:30am †Jovino Alesna by Daughter \*Jocelyn Barrozo/Birthday by Sister  
 †Tommy Schweska by Linda Aldrich & Soulcore group  
 8:30am †Susan Maria Pacienza & Family by Christine & John †William Kirkorian by Clara & Tom Depko

### Tuesday, April 29

7:30am †Arthur & Concetta Caraccia by Ted & Fran Souza \*David Fernandes/Birthday by Marie Fernandes  
 8:30am †Eleonora Pace by Mario Pace †Andrew Manuele by Rose Manuele

### Wednesday, April 30

7:30am †Bob Stott by Fe Stott †Valerie Femiano by Frank & Donna Femiano  
 8:30am †Fred Khrum by Diana †Jose Renderos by Gladys Ceballo

### Thursday, May 01

7:30am †Paul Keenan Jr. by Family †All Souls in Purgatory by Soledad Robinson  
 8:30am †Veronica Baumgardner by McManus Family \*Giankarlo Santiesteban by Evelyn Santiesteban

### Friday, May 02

7:30am \*Rosario Frasco by Family †Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer  
 8:30am †James (Scotty)Cassidy by Marianne Cassidy †John, Angela & Walter Dajczak by Jennifer  
 6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, May 03

8:30Am †Andrea Battilana by Cookie Anastasi †Jose Alejandro Hidalgo by Soledad Robinson  
 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
 5:30pm †Theresa & Anthony Antao by Cristina †Trevor Antao by Christina

### Sunday, May 04

7:30am †Evelyn Landinez by Lucarelli Family †Viviane M. Thompson by Gary & Barbara Morris  
 9:00am \*Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A †Lerna Awit/Thanksgiving /Birthday  
 \*Jerome & Carole Plummer/40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary \*Mary & Nikolai Markin/1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
 12:00pm \*Mary & Nikolai Markin/1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Fam Living/deceased 4<sup>th</sup> degree KoC by Assembly 2003  
 †Jose Dominguez by Family  
 6:00pm †Mark Gordon by Family †Ezra Shmaya by Pilar Valle

## UNSCHEDULED

†Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich †Antonio Picinich by Theresa Picinich  
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 †Tony Blanco by Sylvia Galanti †Richard O'Neill by Marianne Hoover  
 †Joe Sayour by Lillian & Donal Dennehy \*Tadeusz Szydlowski/Healing by Lori Davanzo  
 \*Thanksgiving/Allan, Marisol & Family

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

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

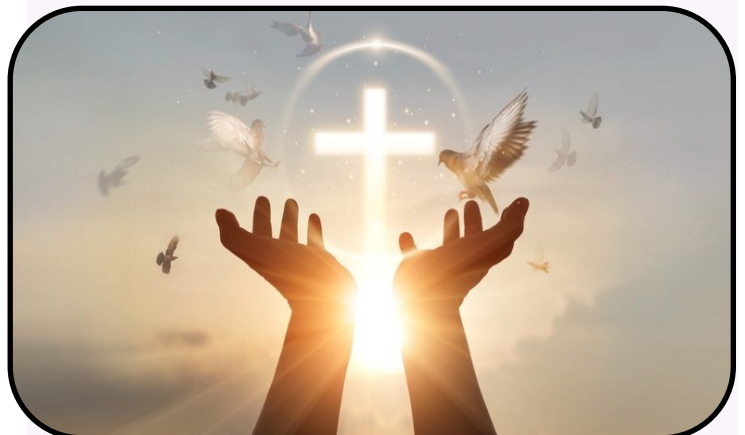
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| Joe Delagami      | Maria E. Quiñones | Maggie Dazzo     |
| Rose Marie        | Mercado           | Martha Gutzman   |
| Regner            | Diane Daniels     | Noah Altherios   |
| Michael Manuele   | Carmen Jones      | Debra Serritella |
| Carla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

**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.

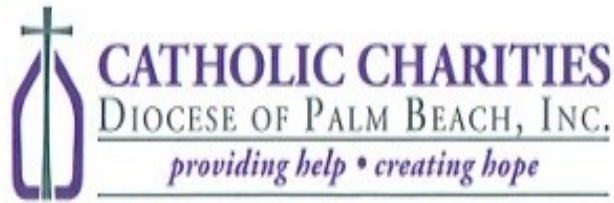
**PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY.** Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their 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



# PASTOR'S DESK

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St. Francis Center  
100 W. 20th Street  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404



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Office (561) 775-9560  
[communications@ccdpb.org](mailto:communications@ccdpb.org)

March 31, 2025

Rev. Gaudioso C. Zamora, Pastor  
Emmanuel Catholic Church  
1500 S. Military Trail  
Delray Beach, FL 33484

Dear Rev. Zamora,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, I am reaching out to extend our most sincere appreciation for the recent food donation from your parish family. Once again I am overwhelmed by the generosity displayed by your parish.

How wonderful it is that the Knights of Columbus Council 13338 initiated the collection, and the response from your parishioners was unbelievable! We do so appreciate that your parish family goes to such great lengths to respond to the needs of others. We are most grateful that your generosity so frequently is shared with us to meet the needs of many.

Please be assured of our thanks and prayers for the people of Emmanuel, and in thanksgiving for the leadership of the Knights of Columbus who have taken the lead on making this food drive such a success.

May you have a blessed Lent and a glorious Easter season.

With grateful thanks,

Ellen T. Wayne  
CEO/Executive Director

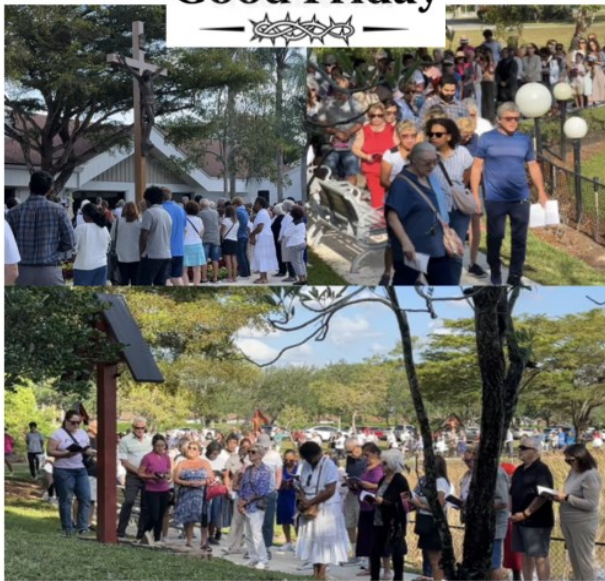


## *Maundy Thursday*



On Maundy Thursday, we commemorated the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples. Thirteen parishioners took part in the ceremonial foot washing, led by Father Zamora and Father Theo—a powerful reminder of Christ's call to humility and service. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we continued in prayer with Eucharistic Adoration and Reposition at Columbus Hall.

## *Good Friday*



On Good Friday, we gathered at the church for morning prayer, followed by the Stations of the Cross around the lake. As we read the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, we came together in solemn remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice and to reflect on the profound love He showed by willingly giving His life for the salvation of humanity.



# HOLY

The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil began with the blessing of the fire, symbolizing Christ's resurrection —His triumph over darkness and death. The newly lit flame represents Jesus, the Light of the World, rising in glory. It was a joyous evening as our OCIA members were fully welcomed into the Catholic faith. Ani Ruci, Lorraine Azzinaro, Deborah Cottone, and Rebeca Garcia received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Deacon Tony, OCIA Assistant Chuck Dolce, and Nancy LaFleur for their dedication and guidance in preparing the candidates throughout the year.



CONGRATULATIONS





# WEEK





# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

### Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Deacon Jacob Gwynn's ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

July 12, 2025 at 11:00am

*Join Us*

at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church  
1301 Center Rd, Venice,  
FL 34292

Followed by a  
reception and  
first blessings in the  
Parish Center

*J. Gwynn*

### 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,

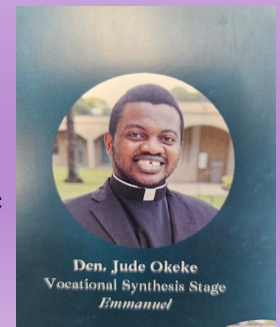
Saturday May 3, 2025 at 11:00AM  
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola,  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

### Mass of Thanksgiving.

Sunday, May 11,  
2025

Emmanuel Catholic  
Church

at 9:00 AM and  
10:30AM masses





## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

#### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

#### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

#### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday:

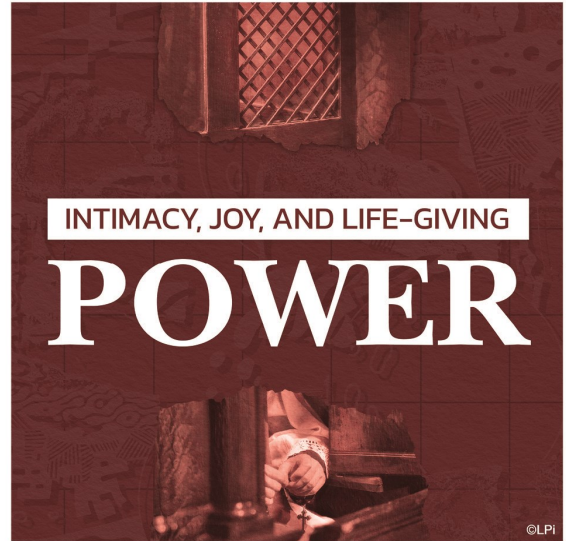
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23)**, the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

### The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. -TEW ©LPi

**Our desire  
for God  
can only  
grow when  
we place  
ourselves in  
His presence.**

*-Pope Francis*



**May you rest in peace**

**Pope Francis**



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day! - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## 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!



## 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.**

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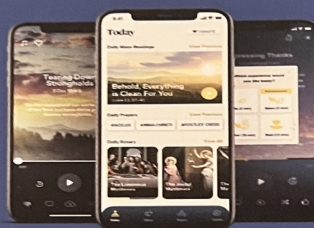
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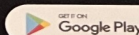
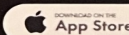
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## **INTERNATIONAL MARIAN FEST**



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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**



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