



EMMANUEL

God with us

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A Special Note from the Ladies Guild and One Blood:

THANK YOU EVERYONE

who came out to participate! Such an outpouring of support from you!

Results from our Blood Drive
Sunday, April 13th 2025: **Page 14**
Next blood drive Sun, June 8th,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PAGES 8-9 Check out the pictures
of our First Communicants!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**IT'S POST TIME 2025
Blessed Mother Council
Presents**

KNIGHT AT THE RACES
FRIDAY MAY 16, 2025
6:30 p.m. Columbus Hall
Food/Fun/Racing (B.Y.O.B.)
ONLY \$12.00

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW !!
(AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE)

TICKETS NOT SOLD AT DOOR

A MEAL WE MUST NEVER MISS (PAGE 7)

Bible scholars and theologians say that after the resurrection, all meals that Jesus took with his disciples were Eucharistic. In short, Jesus was actually celebrating Mass with His disciples.

Every day the Risen Lord waits for us at the table. We may come in the morning, at noon or in the evening. Whatever time we come to the table of the Lord, it is always like breakfast because it is the most important meal of the day, it is the most nutritious meal for our immortality and is the meal of all meals. **Fr. Z**

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

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Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

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Parish Council

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

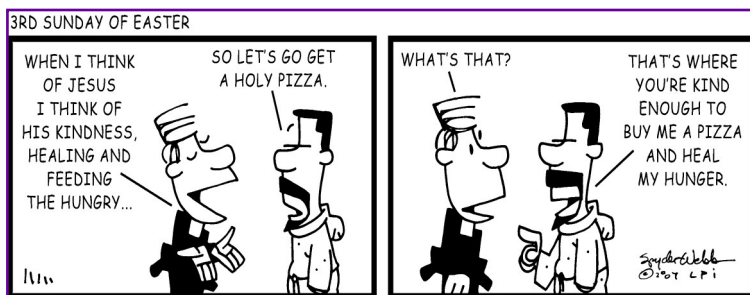
President Nancy McDonald

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, May 04 (Marian Festival)

9:00A.....Knights of Columbus Mass
2:00P.....Marian Festival

Monday, May 05

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

Tuesday, May 06

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

Wednesday, May 07

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

Thursday, May 08

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

Friday, May 09

6:30A.....Adoration
6:30P.....Taize
7:00P.....Young Adult Group

Saturday, May 10

9:00A.....Confession
9:00A.....Lay Cistercians Meeting

Sunday, May 11

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



CELEBRATING Divine Mercy Sunday 4/27/2025. Blessing of images brought in by the faithful.
Jesus, I trust in You!



CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, May 05

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

Tuesday, May 06

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

Wednesday, May 07

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

Thursday, May 08

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

Friday, May 09

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

Saturday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 11

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



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 27, 2025

First Collection	\$ 13,759.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,450.00
Online (04/26)	\$ 2,448.95
Children’s Mass	\$ 383.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,040.95

April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)

First Collection	\$ 34,108.00
Second Collection	\$ 4,299.00
Online (04/19)	\$ 3,088.24
TOTAL	\$ 41,495.24

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!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 05—MAY 11, 2025 | 05

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, May 05

7:30am †Marye Distefano by Cookie Anastasi

8:30am †Levy Compas by Wife Cecil

†Cecilio Dejana by Ricardo & Lydia Dejana

†Veronica Bomgardner by Mc Manus Family

Tuesday, May 06

7:30am †John & Mary Mottola by Ted & Fran Souza

8:30am †Richard S. Henry by Mother Seeta

*Melissa Beth Raygada by Elsa Caraballo

†Lucy Sapio by Gerald

Wednesday, May 07

7:30am *Dominique Richmond by Alex Lee

8:30am †Harriet Molinski by Lori Davanzo

*Liberation of Haiti by Cassagnol Family

†Fatima Mendes by Dorothy Deedy

Thursday, May 08

7:30am †Jerome Chinh by Le Family

8:30am †Gary Leslie by Louise Leslie

†Nelly G. H. de Martinez by Soledad Robinson

*Lindsay Yurchuck/Healing by Gail Vlasek

Friday, May 09

7:30am †All Souls in Purgatory

8:30am †Myles Eardley by Frank, Mamie & Family

6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

*Imelda Kirk by Julius & Linda Coz

†Richard Benabio by Ron & Stella Mandolfi

FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, May 10

8:30Am †Fr. Timothy Sockol by Friends

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm †Robert Trahan by Family

†Nemesis Awit by Wife

BOOK OF THE DEAD

†Leo William Brennan by Family

Sunday, May 11

7:30am †Concetta Caraccia by Ted & Fran Souza

†Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son, Ramon Palmero

9:00am MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00pm †Angelina Pacienza & Josephine Wilkens by Christine & John

6:00pm †Agnes Warmbold by Ellen

†Felicita & Maximo Sanchez by Estebania Brea

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

†Rose Buerkert by Carol

†Bukowski-Urbanowicz Families by Family

UNSCHEDULED

†Mr. & Mrs. John Cook by Donna †Cortney DeAngelo by Maureen Davis

*Maureen Oberdyke by Ladies Guild

*Eva Dubreuil *Alain Dubreuil *Kadia Pierre †Yvesfrancois Pierre †Eva Rene

*Myrna Camcam/Healing by Ladies Guild *Janet Kettlehut by Ladies Guild

†James Gelgot by Barbara Sanko & children *Janet Kettlehut by Dorothy Deedy

†Aileen D'Souza by Rudolf & Mary D'Souza *Margaret Prendergast by Carol Schwab

*Leonard Paulson by Carol Schwab *Dorothy Deedy/Birthday by Clara Depko

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

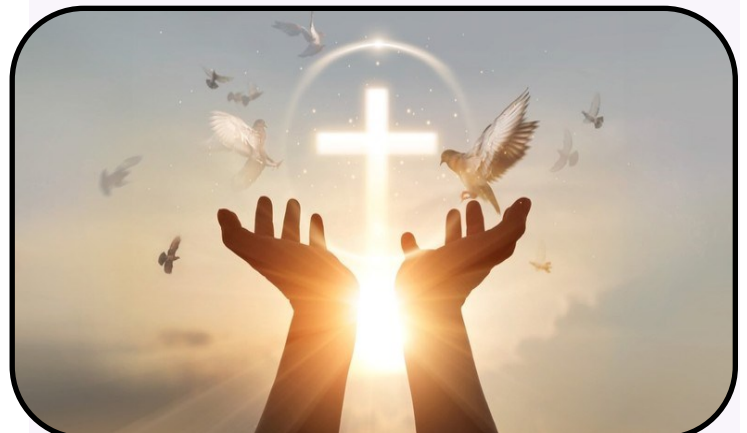
Joe Delagami	Diane Daniels	Debra Serritella
Rose Marie	Carmen Jones	Anthony Spirito
Regner	Bill Hamilton	Rhea Reacher
Michael Manuele	Ralph Senese	Doug Rodgers
Carla Ruiz	Ramona	Doris Vourinen
Benjamin Robelo	Ash Gaballah	SrVeronique DCSO
Karen McCarty	Karen Ramey	Danny Berciles
T.J. Genzale	Mary Ann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

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



ROSES HAVE THORNS.

We know that Peter denied the Lord three times and thus Jesus gave Peter three chances to affirm his love for him. Each time that Peter would profess his love, Jesus would tell him: Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep....Feed my sheep. Jesus foretold to him that he would die in carrying out this love for him as the shepherd of his flock.

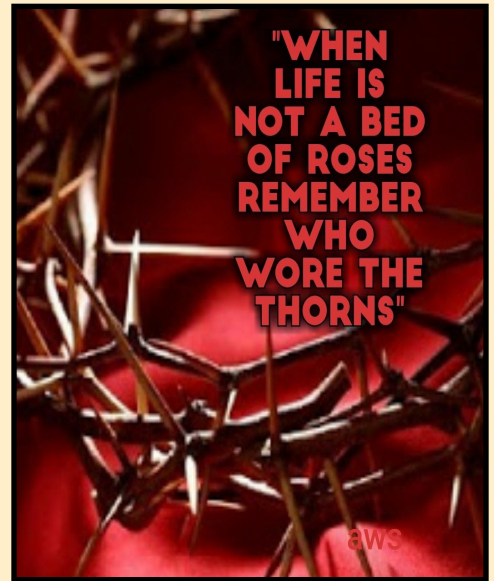
Indeed, the day came when Peter went to Rome and met his death. He was nailed on the cross with his head down, his feet up, for he had said that he was not worthy to die as his Lord died.

Our love for Christ is the greatest privilege in the world, but it also involves responsibility and sacrifice. We, too, are shepherds of Christ in the sense that there are people under our care. We cannot really love Christ unless we are ready to face the task of loving the lambs entrusted to us even if that would mean carrying the cross and dying for them as Christ, the good shepherd, did for us.

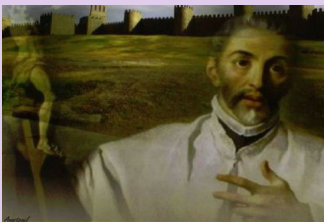
A rose is said to be a perfect symbol of romance. It lasts only for days. It withers and fades away. What remains are the thorns, the symbol of sufferings. We can truly love if we can behold not the rose but the thorns.

A. Kart once said: "Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses."

There is no easy path to real loving. Let us profess our love for Christ aware of the thorns that will come our way and yet, hopeful that roses will bloom in the everlasting



Saint of the Week (c. 1500 – May 10, 1569) Saint John of Avila's Story



"Turn yourself round like a piece of clay and say to the Lord: I am clay, and you, Lord, the potter. Make of me what you will."
St John of Avila - Doctor of the Church

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the

poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in

Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

Reflection

Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ—for example thinking racism is OK—implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith-halfheartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.

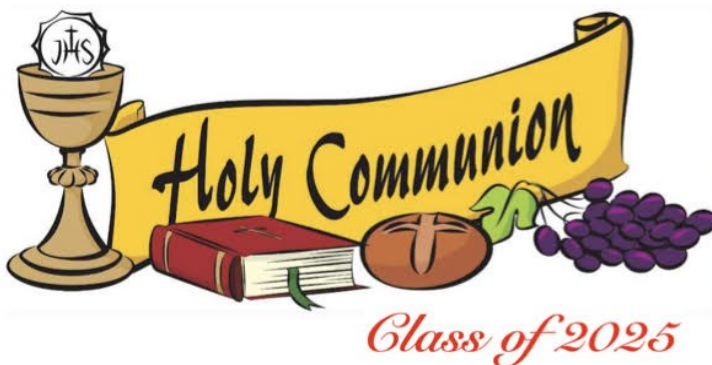
Congratulations to our First Communicants!



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

We joyfully congratulate the children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion. May the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen and guide you throughout your lives. We pray that God continues to bless you and your families and keep you always in His loving care.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Ms. Sandra Gallegos and Mrs. Domenica Wolfe for their dedication in preparing the children for this sacred sacrament. Special thanks to Mrs. Jean Krokus-Capizola, our DRE, for her support and leadership, and to Father Zamora for his pastoral guidance and presence throughout this journey. We also extend our deepest appreciation to the parents—our children's first teachers in the faith—whose love and example continue to nurture their children's spiritual growth.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: *Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.*

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

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

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, **"Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12)**. The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *Father John Muir*

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy. —TEW ©LPi



**May you rest in peace
Pope Francis**





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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They hadn't caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn't get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus. -Tracy Earl Welliver MTS @ LPi

REGINA APOSTOLORUM



Prayer for Vocations

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

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



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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

THANK YOU EVERYONE

who came out to participate! Such an outpouring of support from everyone! You have now made a positive impact in the lives of others and given a second chance at life.

Results from our Blood Drive
Sunday, April 13th 2025:

26 registered:

4 were deferred

22 units collected

Blood Drive Schedule:

June 8th, August 10th,
October 12th, and Dec 14th
from 7:30 to 1:30p.

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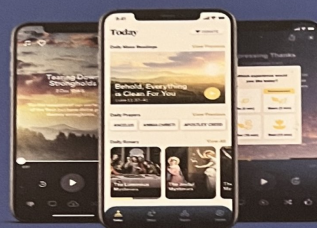
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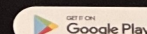
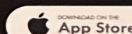
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