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**PARISH FESTIVAL**

**DROP-OFF TUESDAYS**  
**JANUARY 6, 13, & 20**  
**9:00A - 2:00P**  
**BY THE PAVILION**

**GOODBYE TO**  
**2025**  
**WELCOME**  
**2026**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WE SAW HIS  
STAR AT ITS  
**RISING.**

— MATTHEW 2:2 —

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# PARISH INFORMATION

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## OUR MISSION

Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, God is with us, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

## BISHOP OF PALM BEACH

MOST REVEREND GERALD M. BARBARITO

### CLERGY

#### Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

#### Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

#### In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

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Rev. Fr. David Carr

### PARISH STAFF

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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

#### Gift Shop

Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

#### Blood Drive

Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

#### Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove

#### Legion of Mary

Maude Cassagnol

#### Men's & Women's Emmaus

Joe & Kathy de Santo

## PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm–7:30pm  
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass  
or call the parish office

### BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.  
Contact Parish Office.

### WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass  
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

### GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday 8am–1:30pm

#### Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday 8am–1pm

#### Saturday Closed

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

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

### ROSARY GROUP

Monday–Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 04 (Parish Office Closed)

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

### Monday, January 05

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

### Tuesday, January 06

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

### Wednesday, January 07

6:30A.....Adoration  
2:00P.....School of Christian Formation  
4:00P.....SoulCore  
7:00P.....Emmaus Men's Meeting

### Thursday, January 08

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

### Friday, January 09

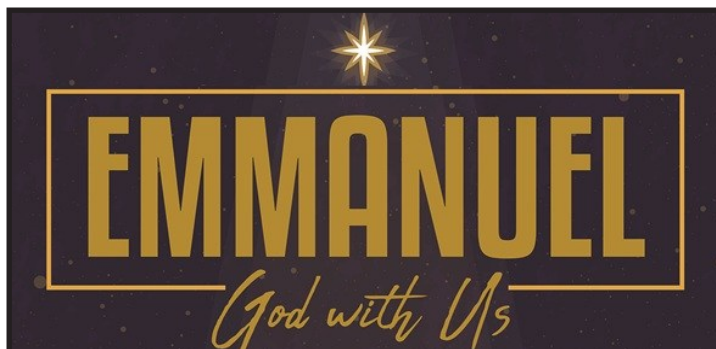
6:30A.....Adoration  
6:30P.....Taize Holy Hour

### Saturday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 11

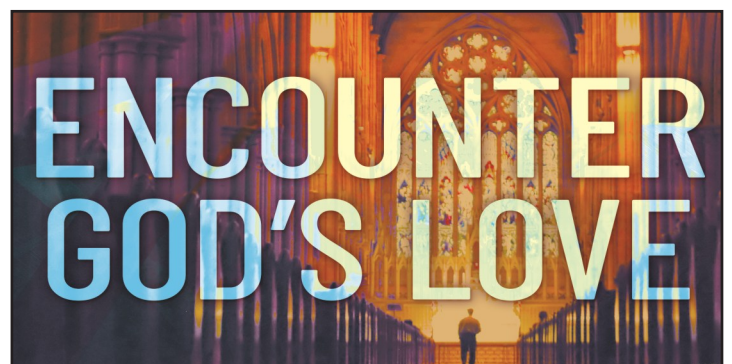
9:00.....Ladies Guild Mass  
1:00P.....OCIA  
1:00P.....Pre-Baptism Class



## SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Do you want to make sure there have been no sudden time changes to any event or activity you want to join this week? Call the parish office on business hours.

561.496.2480



## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 04

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

### Monday, January 5

7:30am	†Haley by Pilar	†Joseph Petricone by Suzanne Puleo
8:30am	†Donna Petricone by Husband	†Amanda Currie by Nana & Papa

### Tuesday, January 6

7:30am	†Barbara Long by Carol Chapman	†Ippazio by Pilar
8:30am	*Carole Nardiello Harris/Birthday by Gail Vlasek	†Betty Gatto by Terry Facciuto

### Wednesday, January 7

7:30am	†Ippazio by Pilar	†Barbara Long by Anne Marie
8:30am	†Levy Compas by Wife Cecile	†Robert Fox Nardiello by Gail Vlasek

### Thursday, January 8

7:30am	†Eumelia Miller by Steve & Angela Zelman	†Ippazio by Pilar
8:30am	†Paul J. Keenan Jr. by Family	*Frank Femiano/Birthday by Frank/Donna Femiano

### Friday, January 9

7:30am	*Delon Pinto by -----	†Ippazio by Pilar
8:30am	*Thanksgiving by Kathy Weber	†Mary Mehigan by Lillian & Donal
6:00pm	FOR PRIESTS	FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, January 10

8:30am	*Thanksgiving/Birthday by Bella Simbajon	*Toni-Marie Russo/Healing by Dorothy Riese
4:00pm	BOOK OF THE DEAD	BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm	†Jennifer Corey Smith by Mom & Dad	†Anna Spadaro by Sylvia Galanti

### Sunday, January 11

7:30am	*Ricarda Perez-Vargas & Family by Elsa Caraballo	†Ruth Lowy by Cookie Anastasi
9:00am	*Ladies Guild by -----	†Facciuto Family by Theresa Facciuto
10:30am	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm	†Darlene Harris by Christine & John	†Ester Baldino by Grandchildren & Family
6:00pm	†Antonia & Fiorino Salsiri by Family	†Mary Dennehy by Lillian & Donal

## UNSCHEDULED

†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt	*Joan Saccio by Dorothy Deedy
†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt	†Yves Francoise Pierre *Eva Renee' *Alain Dubreuil
†John McCadden by Jan Durmer	*Kadia Pierre *Joseph Panno by Maureen & John
†Walter Robert Gill by Marianne Hoover	
†Ronald Frankovich by Jo Ann Gerson	

**Altar Flowers**

**Vigil Lights**

**Shrine Flowers**

## PRAYER LIST

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

**For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:**

**For men and women in the Armed Forces: AND FOR:**

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

## PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God.

May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen.

## GRIEF SHARE AT ST VINCENT FERRER

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

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

## CLERGY AND MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 04

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

### Monday, January 05

7:30A Fr. Zamora    8:30A Fr. Carr

### Tuesday, January 06

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Timothy

### Wednesday, January 07

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Leone

### Thursday, January 08

7:30A Fr. Carr      9:00A Fr. Zamora

### Friday, January 09

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

### Saturday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 11

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 04

**January 4:** Is 60:1-6/  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,10-11,12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

**January 5:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/  
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**January 6:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/  
Mk 6:34-44

**January 7:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/  
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ Mk 6:45-52

**January 8:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/  
Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
**January 9:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**January 10:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/  
Jn 3:22-30

**January 11:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



## GUIDED BY THE STAR:

### *Embracing New Beginnings*

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we find ourselves reflecting on the journey of the Magi as recounted in Matthew 2:1-12. These wise men traveled from afar, guided by a star, in search of something profoundly significant – the birth of a king, the arrival of Christ. Their journey teaches us an invaluable lesson about the pursuit of truth and the courage it takes to follow where God leads us.

One can imagine the long, arduous journey the Magi undertook. In a world devoid of modern navigation, they relied on their faith and astrological knowledge. This pilgrimage was not merely a geographical leap; it was a spiritual quest that demanded perseverance in the face of uncertainty. Likewise, as we enter the new year, we too are called to embark on our own journeys. Whether it is in personal growth, deeper faith, or new endeavors, we must look to our "star" – our aspirations, our goals, and our relationships – guiding us toward fulfillment.

Consider an anecdote about a young woman named Sarah, who, like the Magi, found herself at a crossroads. Newly

graduated and filled with dreams, Sarah was uncertain about her future. She decided to spend a year volunteering abroad in a developing country. Despite the fears and doubts that accompanied her decision, she took that leap of faith. What began as a daunting journey evolved into her life's calling, awakening her passion for social justice and service. She returned transformed, understanding that sometimes the most profound discoveries about ourselves are made when we choose to step into the unknown.

In his message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis reminded us, "Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is the fruit of a great endeavor, the result of an intense dialogue and a great commitment." As we embrace the new year, let us remember that our journeys, much like those of the Magi, will not always be easy. Yet, with faith and commitment, we can seek and find hope, joy, and peace amid life's challenges.

Let us move forward into this new year with hearts open to the journey ahead. Like the Magi, may we be intentional in our pursuit of Christ, allowing our lives to be illuminated by His light, encouraging us to be seekers of truth, joy, and love in the world. As we embark on this new chapter, let us ask ourselves: what guides our stars, and how will we respond to the call that awaits us?

### PARISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE SPONSOR UPDATE

PRIZE	AMOUNT	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS
FIRST	\$5,000			96
SECOND	2,500	Anonymous	Terry	48
THIRD	1,500			24
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous	Barbara Rossi	6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous	Richard Sotis	6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous	Ronald Mandolfi	6
CONSOLATION	200	The Chaves Family		6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous		6
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### DSA UPDATE – NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Goal.....	\$185,000.00
Amount Collected.....	\$172,049.09
Remaining .....	\$12,950.91

### *Our Gifts to God* December 21, 2025

First Collection .....	\$ 13,064.00
Second Collection.....	2,673.00
Online (12/13).....	6,058.76
TOTAL .....	\$ 21,795.76

### EPIPHANY



## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

### Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Tuesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



### Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

### Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,  
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

**The Stars We Follow**  
Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

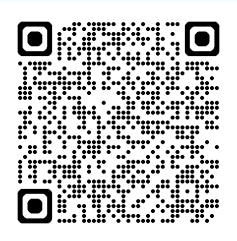
### Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

### Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There’s a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean “magician,” but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We’re not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says “the east.” History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts “from afar” at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.



***January 1 - February 2, 2026***

**Keep going!**

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

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

Scan Here:





All families are invited to save the date for our **Annual Holy Family Celebration on January 11, 2025, the day classes resume after the break for all grades!**

Family Day festivities will begin after CCD classes. Activities are scheduled as follows:

- **Grades K–5:** Challenge begins at **11:30 a.m.**
- **Grades 6–12:** Activities from **1:00–2:30 p.m.**

Food and family-friendly games will be available throughout the event in the pavilion. We encourage all families to join us, participate in the games and festivities, and come together as a parish family to celebrate this special day.



## Attention Parents of First Communion Students:

Please note the following important dates and reminders. A parent meeting will be held on January 11th at **11:30 a.m., immediately following class.**

Additionally, please mark your calendars for the **Good Shepherd Retreat**, which is **mandatory for all First Communion students.** The retreat will take place on **Saturday, January 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..**



## Knights of Columbus®

**As part of our Holy Family Celebration, the Knights of Columbus will host their annual Soccer and Basketball Challenge on January 11th after CCD classes. All students from kindergarten through high school seniors are invited to participate. Registration forms are available in the parish office.**



On January 4, 2026, the Catholic Church will be **OBSERVING** the **Epiphany of the Lord**, while **CELEBRATING** the day as **Three Kings Sunday** (often when kids receive gifts). We honor the coming of Jesus - not just to the Jews - but to the world, marked by the Three Wise Men (Magi) visiting the baby Jesus. This also ends the Christmas season. May we all be as joyful as the Magi as we come to church on Epiphany Sunday!

School of Christian Formation  
Diocese of Palm Beach, FL

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You may attend individual courses for credit or follow the entire three-year program which concludes with the granting of a *Certificate of Completion* awarded by **Bishop Barbarito** at the school's annual graduation ceremony.

The Diocese strongly recommends these courses for all the faithful, especially those serving in liturgical, educational and spiritual ministries.



Keep Emmanuel Dry Campaign!

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

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

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

**Grand total \$105,619.20**

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

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

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

**Rev. Gaudioso Zamora – Pastor**





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FULLY ALIVE YOUNG ADULTS  
EMMANUEL CHURCH

*Join us*

**MONDAYS | 7:00 PM**

**ENTER THROUGH THE PADRE PIO DOOR**

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

### *What to expect*

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



DOOR LOCATED TO THE RIGHT  
OF THE PADRE PIO STATUE

*"The glory of God is man fully alive."* - **ST. IRENAEUS OF LYONS**

### *My First Christmas In Heaven*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Servant Leadership Self-Assessment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Scoring:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

