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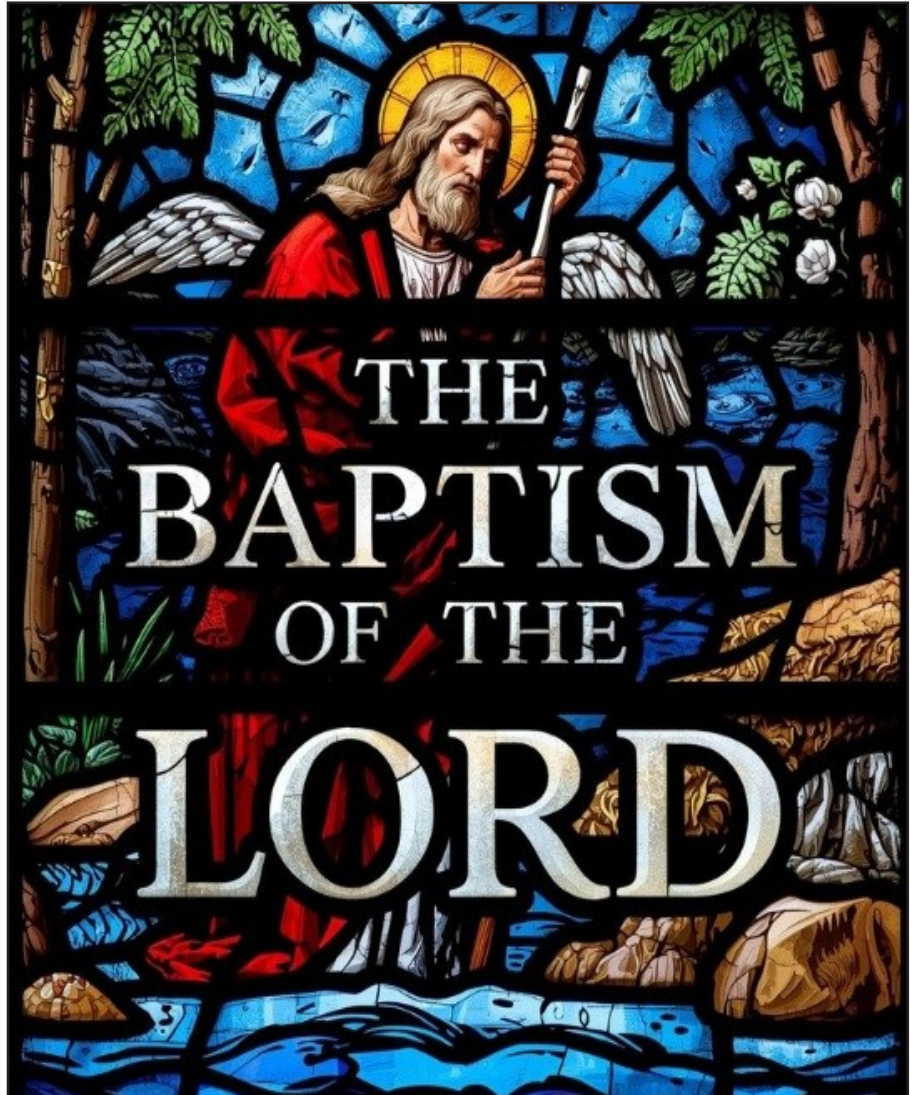
God With Us



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NO GREATER GIFT. The **Ladies Guild** and **OneBlood.org** are deeply grateful for the **23 heroes** who stepped forward on their recent blood drive, resulting in **TWENTY UNITS COLLECTED!** The next drive will be on **February 8, 2026 @7:30A-1:30P.**



COUNTDOWN: 26 DAYS TO OUR ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL! (FEBRUARY 6 & 7)

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

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Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

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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



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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 11

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

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

6:30A.....Adoration
6:30P.....Taize Holy Hour
6:30P.....Knight at the Races

Saturday, January 17

8:00A.....First Reconciliation Retreat
9:00A.....Confession
6:15P.....Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, January 18

1:00P.....OCIA



SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 12

7:30am	†Manuel Diego Buriel by Heri	†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt
8:30am	†Patrick Brady by Laura Cotter	*Familia Lanata-Gonzales by Familia Gonzales

Tuesday, January 13

7:30am	†Richard Spizzirro by Anne Marie	†Dennis Polina by Martha Rodriguez
8:30am	†Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Christine & John	*Mary Aloise/Healing by Kathy Weber

Wednesday, January 14

7:30am	†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt	†Dennis Polina by Martha Rodriguez
8:30am	†John Cotter by Laura Cotter	†Joseph Cerciello by Jeanne & Bill

Thursday, January 15

7:30am	†Nina Pionegro by Brother	†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt
8:30am	†Rose Buerkert by Carol	†Pellegrino Vingo by Amelia Vingo

Friday, January 16

7:30am	†Hanns Bodewig by Claudia Pardo	†Kate Dieringer by Julie Anne & Michael Roscitt
8:30am	†Josephine Leuzzi by Ladies Guild	†Josephine Leuzzi by John & Dobbie Luppino
6:00pm	FOR PRIESTS	FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, January 17

8:30am	†Lucille Ronallo by Anthony & Maryann	†Julia Latone by R & T Sylvestre
4:00pm	BOOK OF THE DEAD	BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm	†Diego & Elena Messina by Family	†Vincent, Stephen & Angelo Messina by Family

Sunday, January 18

7:30am	†Eleonora Pace by Mario Pace	*Joe & Melissa Raygada & Kids by Ella Caraballo
9:00am	†Frank Untener by Linda Untener	†Bob Kosineski by Wife
10:30am	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm	†Ann Koppie by Children & Family	†Gerard Aliberti by Sandra Mirabile
6:00pm	†Joan Ford by Lillian & Donal	†Lorene Maniscalco by Friends of the Family

UNSCHEDULED

*Sam Sesti by Christine Shento	*Thelma Constantinou by Carol Schwab
†Sr. Maria de Jesus Cortez by Gallegos Family	*Marge Dombrowski by Lori Davanzo,
†Juan Antonio Perez by Gallegos Family	*Carol Stevens by Maureen
*Linda Phillips by Carol Schwab,	*Helen Rusch by Maureen
*Patricia Pagano by Carol Schwab,	*Jo Ann Laghuerre by Maureen
*Nancy D'Angelo by Carol Schwab	*Josephine Prasinis by Maureen

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>Oswaldo C. 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	Gwen Dambra
Victorio	Merrill Tucker	Debbie Boburka	Maria Lauria
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 & 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 & Dolores Echavarria</i>	<i>Rocco & Susan Marcone</i>	
Diane Daniels	<i>Amparo Longalong</i>	Maria A. Carmen	
Carmen Jones	Annie Lee	<i>Rosa & 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 & 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 & 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**

Journey of Faith

In today's readings, we witness the profound moment of Jesus' baptism, a remarkable event that not only signifies His identity as the Son of God but also resonates deeply with our own journey of faith.

Isaiah 42:1-4 speaks of the Servant, chosen and beloved, empowered by the Spirit. This prophecy foreshadows Jesus, who embodies God's justice and righteousness. His baptism in the Jordan River is a divine affirmation of His mission. It invites us to reflect on our own calling. We are each chosen by God, endowed with unique gifts to fulfill His purpose in our lives.

Furthermore, as the Psalmist beautifully proclaims in Psalm 29, the voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty. At Jesus' baptism, we hear the Father's voice declaring, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." In these words, we are reminded of our identity as children of God. Just as Jesus received God's affirmation, so do we, called to stand in our own truth and respond to His voice in our hearts.

Acts 10:34-38 highlights how Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit, went about doing good, healing, and liberating. His example calls us to live out our faith actively, bringing hope and light to a world longing for guidance.

As we reflect on Matthew 3:13-17, we understand baptism as not merely a ritual but a transformative experience. Jesus' immersion in the waters signifies His willingness to embrace humanity fully, to walk alongside us in our struggles. In our baptism, we too are called to immerse ourselves in the life of Christ, becoming agents of His love and compassion.

Today, let us be inspired to embody the spirit of the Servant—gentle yet powerful, committed to justice yet merciful. May we allow the waters of baptism to renew us, empowering us to be a voice of hope, a source of light, and a testament to God's boundless love in the world. Amen



PARISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE SPONSOR UPDATE

PRIZE	AMOUNT	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR	COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS
FIRST	\$5,000			96
SECOND	2,500	Anonymous		48
THIRD	1,500			24
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous		6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous	Richard Sotis	6
CONSOLATION	200	Anonymous		6
CONSOLATION	200	The Chaves Family		6
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Our Gifts to God

December 25, 2025

Collection \$ 30,075.00

December 28, 2025

First Collection \$ 10,422.00
 Second Collection.....3,355.00
 TOTAL \$ 13,777.00

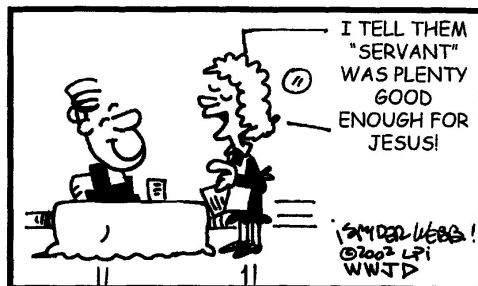
January 01, 2026

Collection \$ 7,643.00

January 04, 2026

First Collection \$ 15,280.00
 Second Collection.....3,060.00
 Online (1/03)2,927.14
 TOTAL \$ 21,267.14

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



COLOSSIANS 3:23



SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Anthony of Egypt (Abbot)

St. Anthony of Egypt, also known as St. Anthony the Great, was born around 251 AD in Coma, near Heracleopolis, Egypt. He is considered one of the earliest Christian monks and the founder of monasticism in its most profound form. At a young age, Anthony embraced a life of asceticism after hearing the Gospel call to "sell everything you have and give to the poor." This led him to withdraw to the desert, where he spent years in solitude, prayer, and contemplation.

St. Anthony's life was marked by extraordinary spiritual experiences, including struggles against temptations and visions, which shaped his understanding of faith and reliance on God's grace. As news of his holiness spread, many sought his guidance, leading him to establish a community of monks. His teachings emphasized the importance of community life, prayer, and the pursuit of holiness. His influence was so significant that he is often referred to as the "Father of Monasticism."

St. Anthony passed away on January 17, around 356 AD, and his legacy continues to inspire countless individuals toward lives of dedication and spiritual fervor.

Reflection:

St. Anthony's journey from a comfortable life to a profound spiritual calling serves as a powerful reminder that true fulfillment often lies beyond our comfort zones. His radical commitment to faith challenges us to reflect on our own lives—what might we be called to let go of in order to embrace a deeper relationship with God?

St. Anthony teaches us that enduring spiritual growth requires persistence, courage, and the willingness to face our inner struggles. He encountered temptations and doubts but chose to rely on prayer and God's strength. This model of resilience encourages us to confront our challenges with faith, reminding us that we are never alone in our struggles.

The "Jesus Youth" brought Christmas joy to the residents of Grand Villa



MARGOT LYNN LEYTIN



MADISON CHU MENDOZA

Welcome to the church, Margot and Madison!!

CLERGY AND MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 11

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

Gospel:

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased." (Mt 3:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

Blessing for Baptismal Grace

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren’t ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it’s going to go. We know what’s going to be asked of us. We’re sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don’t think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John’s actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person “born of women” — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn’t give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, “Allow it for now.” John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus’ answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

At times, temptation seems so powerful that it is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Answer:

The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don’t desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn’t just about repressing our sinful desires. If that’s all we do, they’ll just burst out someplace else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider why this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we’re several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!



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:



Good Shepherd Retreat Reminder for First Communion Students!



Date: **Saturday**, January 17th
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All First Communion students **must** attend this retreat. Please mark your calendars for Saturday morning.

During the retreat, children will learn about the importance of this sacrament, reflect on its role in their spiritual lives, and have the opportunity to **practice the process of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**



Parish Festival Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Festival will take place on **February 6 & 7**, and we are looking for

volunteers to help make this event a success! This is a **fantastic opportunity for high school students** to earn **community service hours** while actively supporting their parish. **Confirmation students**, who are required to complete **10 hours of community service**, are especially encouraged to participate—this is a great way to fulfill those hours before Confirmation.

Please sign up with QR code provided in the back of Columbus Hall or with sign-up sheets provided after class.

Thank You from 4KIDS Foster Care

Our parish recently participated in a **Giving Tree** and donation drive in support of **4KIDS Foster Care**, an organization dedicated to ensuring a home for every child and providing hope to children and families in crisis.

Through the generosity of our parishioners, gifts were provided for children in foster and adoptive families, along with donations of **diapers, formula, and baby wipes.**

4KIDS shared the following message of gratitude with our parish:

*“On behalf of our team, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and partnership in this year’s Gift of Hope. Because of your support—along with other churches and community partners—86 foster and adoptive families were served, and 253 children experienced joy, dignity, and hope this season. Thank you for hosting the Angel Tree and for the overwhelming response to the diaper drive. The love and care shown by **Emmanuel Catholic Church** have been truly inspiring. Together, we are bringing Hope, Homes, and Healing to families who need it most.”*

Thank you to all who participated and helped share **Christ’s love** with children and families in need.



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.

The first course in 2026 **Christology**, began on **January 7**.

The following course, **Vatican II**, will kick off 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.