

# EMMANUEL

*God With Us*



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HIS FACE SHONE LIKE  
**THE SUN.**

— MATTHEW 17:2 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Bishop Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez will celebrate the 6:00 PM mass with us on March 8, 2026

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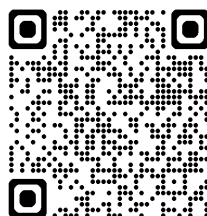


**MARCH 7th**  
Tickets at \$25.00  
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Take note of the weekly parish schedule (**PAGE 3**) and the clergy and mass schedule (**PAGE 6**). Note the extra mass offering on weekdays. Again, if the 10:00AM Sunday mass is posted, bear in mind that this is exclusive to our CCD kids and their families.

## DAILY INSPIRATION FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY



# Reflect, Repent, Rejoice

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Embracing the Lenten Journey

“LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US...”

# 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 Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, J.C.D.**

### 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    Rev. Fr. James Leone

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

### PARISH STAFF

#### Director of Finance

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Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

#### Lectors

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

#### Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

#### Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, & Men's Choir

#### Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

#### Altar & Clergy Vestments

Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

#### Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

#### 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 (954)732-4479

## 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

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2026

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection .....  | \$ 16,289.00        |
| Second Collection ..... | 3,473.00            |
| Children's Mass .....   | 630.00              |
| Online (2/14).....      | 1,954.27            |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>      | <b>\$ 22,346.27</b> |

#### FEBRUARY 22, 2026

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| First Collection .....  | \$ 15,349.00        |
| Second Collection ..... | 1,769.00            |
| Children's Mass .....   | 460.00              |
| Online (02/21).....     | 3,594.33            |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>      | <b>\$ 21,172.33</b> |

Thanks to our Parish Family for your constant prayers  
and generous support for our church ministry!

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 01

9:00A.....Knights Of Columbus Mass  
1:00P.....OCIA  
1:00P.....Legion of Mary Rosary

### Monday, March 02

6:30A..... Adoration  
1:00P.....Movie Mondays  
7:00P.....Young Adult Group

### Tuesday, March 03

6:30A.....Adoration  
9:00A.....Legion of Mary Meeting  
10:00A.....Faith Sharing  
6:00P.....Ladies Guild Meeting

### Wednesday, March 04

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

### Thursday, March 05

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

### Friday, March 06

6:30A.....Adoration  
9:00A.....First Friday Adoration  
9:00A.....Stations of the Cross (around the lake)  
4:30P–6:30pm.....Fish Fry  
5:30P.....Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Saturday, March 07

9:00A.....Confession  
6:00P.....KoC Dinner Dance  
6:15P.....Rosary for World Peace

### Sunday, March 08

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

## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 01

- |         |  |   |
|---------|--|---|
| 7:30am  | †Josephine Leuzzi by John & Dobbie Luppino   | †Olga Serritella by Barbara & Peter Blakey                      |
| 9:00am  | *Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A<br>PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS | †Edward Moore by Wife, Mary Moore<br>PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS |
| 12:00pm | †Agostino Vultaggio by Maria Coraci  | †Rosa Coraci by Maria Coraci                                    |
| 6:00pm  | †Leodegario Ganzon Sr. by Daughter   | †Mrs. Helena Zilembo by Maria & Tony Amato                      |

### Monday, March 02

- |         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| 7:30am  | *Cillian Cruz Caraballo by Caraballo Family | *Emma Family by A. M.                   |
| 8:30am  | †Donna Petricone by Husband                 | †Brian Scott Leslie by Dorothy Deedy    |
| 12:00pm | †Joan LaFontain by Cynthia Winslow          | †Evelyn & Antonio Capalbi Sr. by Family |

### Tuesday, March 03

- |         |                                       |  |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 7:30am  | †Andrea Colon Santiago by Daughter    | †All Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise |
| 8:00am  | †Robert J. Petricone by Brother       | †Doris Lies by Doris Fiorenza              |
| 12:00pm | †Ederle & Serge Villedrouin by Family | *Antonio Jr. Capalbi by -----              |

### Wednesday, March 04

- |         |                                      |  |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 7:30am  | †Leodegario Ganzon Jr. by Sister     | *Tom Williams/Healing by John & Liz Connolly |
| 8:30am  | †Brian Scott Leslie by Linda Aldrich | †Brian Leslie by Patty & Joe Criscuolo       |
| 12:00pm | †Joan Genest by Kayla Genest         | *Irv Corkett/Healing by John & Liz Connolly  |

### Thursday, March 05

- |         |   |  |
|---------|---|--|
| 7:30am  | †Salvatore Balestrieri by Christine Patnude | †Barbara Higgins by Paul Higgins           |
| 8:30am  | *Dan Connolly by John & Liz Connolly        | †Brian Leslie by Joanne & Louis Rittendale |
| 12:00pm | †Ruth, Eugene & Susan Spina by Christine    | *Joe Osborne by Nonnie                     |

### Friday, March 06

- |         |                                     |  |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 7:30am  | †Santi Roman by sister              | †All Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise |
| 8:30am  | †All Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer | †John, Walter & Angela Dajczak by Jennifer |
| 12:00pm | †Re. Timothy Sockol by Friends      | †Lina Perugini by Mario Pace               |
| 6:00pm  | FOR PRIESTS                         | FOR PRIESTS                                |

### Saturday, March 07

- |        |   |   |
|--------|---|---|
| 8:30am | *Fr. Gaudioso Zamora/Birthday by Jennifer | †George & Betty Moore by John & Christine |
| 4:00pm | BOOK OF THE DEAD                          | BOOK OF THE DEAD                          |
| 5:30pm | †Sophie Groccia by Gary & Barbara Morris  | *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mother               |

### Sunday, March 08

- |         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| 7:30am  | *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom                                    | †Christine Thurman by Father                                      |
| 9:00am  | *Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild<br>PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS | †Diana Facciuto by Theresa Facciuto<br>PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS |
| 12:00pm | †Salvatore Chimenti by Maria Coraci                         | †Vincenza Avena by Caterina Parrino                               |
|         | †Rosa Coraci by Maria Coraci                                |   |
| 6:00pm  | †Legion of Mary by Legion of Mary                           | *Eugene & Delma Langel/Healing by-----                            |

## UNSCHEDULED

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| †Joan LaFontain by Dorothy Deedy                        | *Barbara Rosenblum by Dorothy Deedy |
| *Thanksgiving/St. Apollaria/Patroness of dental Problem | †Meghan Rapp by Marie & Mike Proto  |

### Altar Flowers

\*R. Lemar by A.M.

### Vigil Light

\*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb by A.M.

### Shrine Flowers

\*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb by A.M.

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



LORD, LET  
YOUR MERCY  
BE UPON US;  
WE PLACE OUR  
TRUST IN YOU.

Psalm 33



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

**Sunday:**

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

**Monday:**

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:**

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:**

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:**

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:**

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,  
40-42

### CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 01**

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Carr  
**\*\*10:00A Fr. Carr (\*\*Children's Mass)**  
10:30A Fr. Timothy 12:00P Fr. Timothy  
6:00P Fr. Theo

**Monday, March 02**

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Carr  
12:00P Fr. Zamora

**Tuesday, March 03**

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy  
12:00P Fr. Theo

**Wednesday, March 04**

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Leone  
12:00P Fr. Timothy

**Thursday, March 05**

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy  
12:00P Fr. Carr

**Friday, March 06**

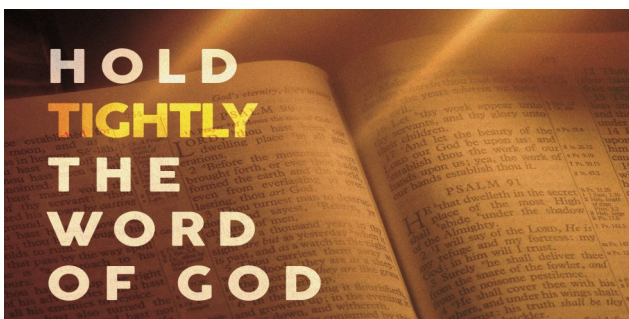
7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Theo  
12:00P Fr. Leone 6:00P Fr. Zamora

**Saturday, March 07**

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

**Sunday, March 08**

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Timothy  
**\*\*10:00A Fr. Timothy (\*\*Children's Mass)**  
10:30A Fr. Leone 12:00P Fr. Zamora  
6:00P Bishop Rodriguez



# Weekly Prayer *Take-offs*

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

### Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.  
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

## Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Wednesday:** St. Casimir  
**Saturday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins

## MOTIVATED REFLECTION

### *How to Make the Correct Choice*


- 1. What is the decision I need to make?** Clearly define the choice or situation at hand.
- 2. What are my options?** List all possible choices or actions related to the decision.
- 3. How do I feel about each option?** Reflect on your emotional and spiritual responses to each choice.
- 4. What does my faith or spiritual tradition say about this decision?** Consider teachings, scripture, or principles that may guide you.
- 5. Have I consulted trusted individuals about my decision?** Reflect on discussions with mentors, friends, or spiritual advisors.
- 6. Where do I sense God's presence in this situation?** Examine which options bring a sense of peace or clarity.
- 7. What fears or anxieties arise with each option?** Identify fears that might cloud your judgment or lead to desolation.
- 8. Which choice aligns with my values and long-term goals?** Assess how each option relates to your core beliefs and aspirations.
- 9. What would I advise a friend to do if they were in my position?** Step back and consider an outsider's perspective.
- 10. What is God calling me to do?** Pray for insight and openness to God's will in your decision-making process.
- 11. How will I follow up on this decision?** Plan how to enact your choice and reflect on its outcomes over time.

*God Will Make A Way*

# PARISH LIFE

## 08 FISH FRY MOMENTS






**Thank you!**

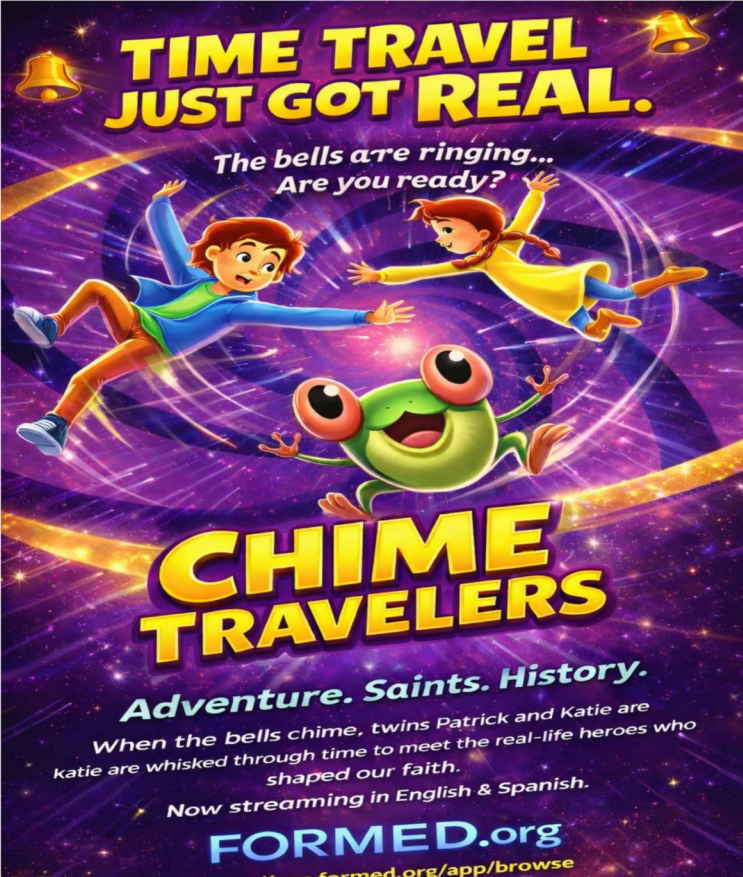
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## Embracing Our Lenten Journey: *Transformed By Faith*

As we gather on this Second Sunday of Lent, the readings invite us to reflect on the theme of transformation in our lives through faith. In the first reading from Genesis, we witness God's call to Abram, urging him to leave his homeland and embark on a journey into the unknown. This call is not merely a physical relocation; it symbolizes a deeper spiritual transformation. God promises Abram that through him, a great nation will arise, emphasizing that faith often requires stepping out of our comfort zones and trusting in God's plan.

Psalm 33 echoes this sentiment, reminding us that we can trust in the Lord's unfailing love. It speaks of a God who watches over us and who is faithful to His word. Our faith becomes our anchor during times of uncertainty and change. Just as Abram took the leap of faith, we, too, must place our trust in God's promises and guidance, even when we cannot see the entire path ahead.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, we are reminded that our calling is not based on our merits but on God's grace. Paul encourages Timothy to persevere and to share in

suffering for the gospel. This call to discipleship often involves sacrifice, aligning closely with the journey of Jesus, who faced trials and rejection. Paul's reminder to be strong and hold fast to the faith encourages us to embrace the transformative power of God's grace in our lives, empowering us to live out our calling in boldness and love.

Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter the transfiguration of Jesus. Peter, James, and John witness a divine moment where Jesus' glory is revealed. This pivotal event not only strengthens their faith but also prepares them for the challenges ahead. The voice from the cloud delivers a powerful message: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him." In our own lives, we are called to listen and respond to Christ's teachings, allowing His light to shine through us, illuminating our paths.

As we journey through Lent, let us take inspiration from Abram's faith, the assurance of Psalm 33, Paul's encouragement to Timothy, and the transfiguration of Christ. May we be willing to transform our hearts and minds, stepping forward in faith. Let us listen to Jesus, allowing His presence to guide us through the trials and triumphs of our lives, and may we emerge transformed, reflecting God's love and grace in the world. Amen.

## Saint of the Week—*St. Katharine Drexel*

St. Katharine Drexel was born on November 26, 1858, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the second daughter of a wealthy banking family and grew up in a household that valued philanthropy and social justice. Inspired by her family's commitment to helping others, she developed a deep desire to serve marginalized communities. After witnessing the struggles of African Americans and Native Americans, Katharine dedicated her life to addressing racial injustice and promoting education for these groups.

In 1891, Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious congregation focused on serving the needs of Native Americans and African Americans through education and evangelization. She used her inheritance to establish schools, colleges, and missions across the United States. St. Katharine's notable institutions include Xavier University in New Orleans, the only historically Black Catholic university in the United States. She was canonized as a saint by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000, becoming the second American-born saint. Her feast day is celebrated on March 3.

St. Katharine Drexel is remembered not only for her charitable works but also for her unwavering commitment to social justice and her belief in the power of education to transform lives.

**Reflection.** St. Katharine Drexel's life serves as an inspiring reminder of the profound impact one individual can have through faith and service. Her unwavering devotion to addressing the needs of marginalized communities challenges us to reflect on our own responsibilities toward social justice and the well-being of others. Katharine lived out her belief that education is a powerful tool for empowerment, urging us to consider how we can contribute to the upliftment of those around us.

In a world where inequality and injustice continue to persist, St. Katharine's example calls us to act with compassion and courage. It motivates us to examine how we can support those who are disadvantaged and to advocate for systemic change. Her legacy encourages us to use our talents, resources, and voices to create a more just society.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

### Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — "What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?" — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

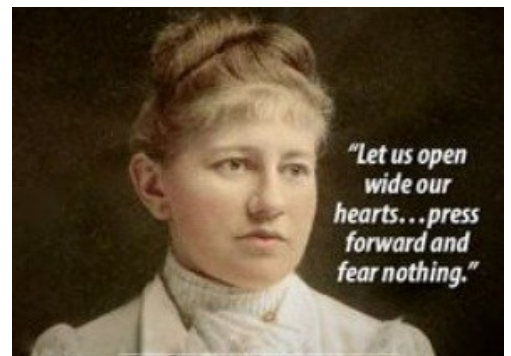
## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

### Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.



**Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Brother Knights.** On Thursday February 19, two Catholic gentlemen of Emmanuel Parish took their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and officially joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Mother Council is delighted to welcome our new brothers (left to right in front) **Phil Bukowski** and **John Cappadona**. Vivat Jesus brothers! If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, send your contact information to **Chuck Dolce** at [Chuck@BlessedMotherCouncil.com](mailto:Chuck@BlessedMotherCouncil.com)



**OCIA UPDATE.** On Sunday February 22, seven OCIA participants from Emmanuel Church completed a major step on their path to Christian formation by taking part in the Rite of Election at St. Ignatius Loyola Cathedral. Pictured with their sponsors are **Catechumens** *Branden Berrios* and *Jose Neria-Rafael* and **Candidates** *Enrique Salgado*, *Jesus Roblero*, *Ree Joy Baldonado*, *Tanya Kuppamala*, and *John Francis Havrylhoff*. Also pictured are OCIA assistants *Nancy LaFleur* and *Chuck Dolce*. **Congratulations to everyone!**



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

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

Each class meets from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Big Classroom on Wednesday afternoon 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.**



### Creating a Safer Community Together

The Diocese of Palm Beach is deeply committed to protecting the most vulnerable among us, especially children and vulnerable adults. The **Office of Safe Environments** is a trusted resource for families, educators, and community members who want to ensure safety is always a priority.

