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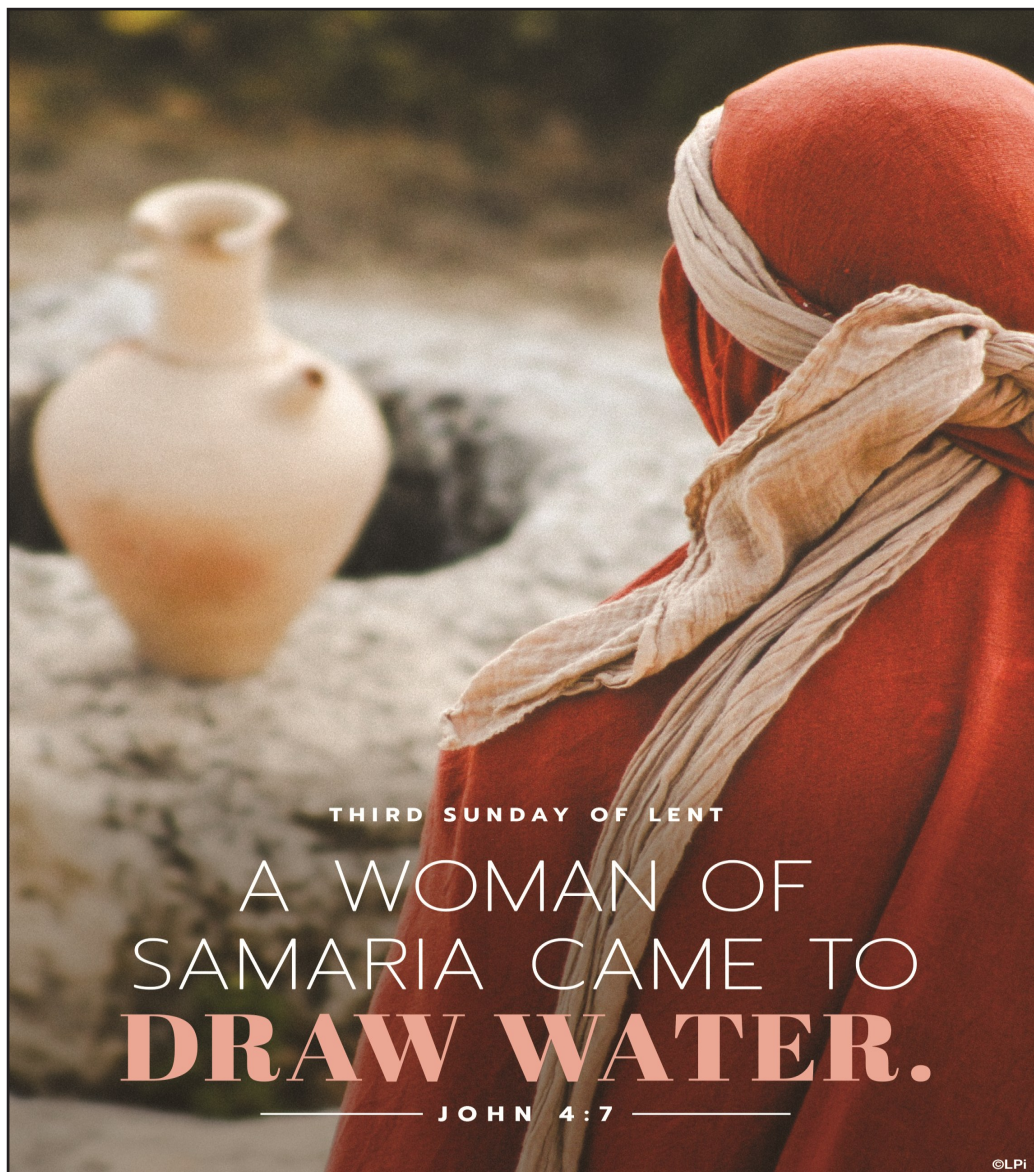
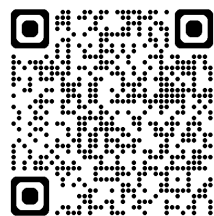
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**Most Reverend
Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez**
Ordained and Installed as Sixth
Bishop of Palm Beach
February 24, 2026

O God, who out of the abundance of your untold grace alone choose to set your servant and Priest Manuel over your Church of Palm Beach, grant that he may carry out worthily the Office of Bishop and, under your governance in all things, he may direct by word and example the people entrusted to his care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DAILY INSPIRATION FOR
YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY**



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:7

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PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 23, 24, 25

6:30 PM

THEME: **WALKING WITH THE LORD**
PRESENTER: **FR. TIMOTHY CANAAN**

“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.

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Music

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

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

Altar & Clergy Vestments

Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

Gift Shop

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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

MARCH 01, 2026

First Collection	\$ 15,251.00
Second Collection	3,367.00
Children's Mass	480.00
Online (2/28).....	1,527.43
TOTAL	\$ 20,625.43

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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

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

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 08

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

Monday, March 09

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

Tuesday, March 10

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Legion of Mary Meeting
10:00A..... Faith Sharing
7:00P..... KoC Officers Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

6:30A..... 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 14 (Food Drive)

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

Sunday, March 15 (Food Drive)

1:00P..... OCIA
1:00P..... Baptism

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 08

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

Monday, March 09

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| 7:30am †Bella P. Ganzon by Daughter | *E. Bousis by A. M. |
| 8:30am †Richard Boscia by Boscia Family | *Fr. G. Zamora by Jo Ann & Guy Gaetano |
| 12:00pm *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mother | †Sheldon Rapaport by Wife |

Tuesday, March 10

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|---|--|
| 7:30am †Dolores Calderon by Martina | †All Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise |
| 8:00am †Patricia D'Angelo by Pat & Karen | †Jean Marie Sooy by Gail Vlasek |
| 12:00pm †Patricia Lagan by Alvino & Trio Family | †Victor & Elena Ron by Granddaughter |

Wednesday, March 11

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| 7:30am †Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son | *Lona Dsouza/Thanksgiving by Lona DSouza |
| 8:30am *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom | †Mark Warren Vlasek by Gail Vlasek |
| 12:00pm *Dennis Smith by Susan Pine | †Esther Babin by Martin |

Thursday, March 12

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| 7:30am †Kara Barnard by Donna & Jim | †All Souls in Purgatory by ----- |
| 8:30am †Victor Pacienza & Family by Christine & John | *Gregg Clyne/Birthday by Frank & Donna Femiano |
| 12:00pm *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom | †Margaret Curran by Susan Santangelo |

Friday, March 13

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 7:30am *Steve Cangelosi/Healing by Lorraine Cangelosi | *A. Cirelli by A. M. |
| 8:30am †William Spence by Margaret Spence | *Seth & Ava Nardiello by Gail Vlasek |
| 12:00pm *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom | †All Souls in Purgatory by ----- |
| 6:00pm FOR PRIESTS | FOR PRIESTS |

Saturday, March 14

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| 8:30am †Tracey Currie by Mom & Dad | *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom |
| 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD | BOOK OF THE DEAD |
| 5:30pm †Deceased/Bukowski-Urbanowitz Family by Phil Bukowski | †Lina Guitto by Family |

Sunday, March 15

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| 7:30am †Esther Shortlidge by Bob & Sue Halon | †Angel & Rafael Flores by Estebania Brea |
| 9:00am †Henry Martini by Sisters
†Bob Krokus by Family | †David Dillon by Margie Prendergast |
| 10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS | PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS |
| 12:00pm †William Koppie by Children & Family | †Lorene Maniscalco by Friends of the family |
| 6:00pm *Kalie-Sky Ashkar by Mom | †Myrna G. Mejia by Sister |

UNSCHEDULED

- †Olympia Fraser by Marie & Mike Proto †Robert Nedwick by Susan Bajaj *Fr. Gaudioso Zamora by Carol Schwab
 †Patricia Baker by Carol Schwab †Damien Brennan by Lillian & Donal Dennehy
 †Peter & Van De Brooren by Butch O'Neill

Altar Flowers

*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb by A.M.

Vigil Light

*E. Mazzolin by A.M.

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



IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice,
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
hearts.

Psalm 95



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

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

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

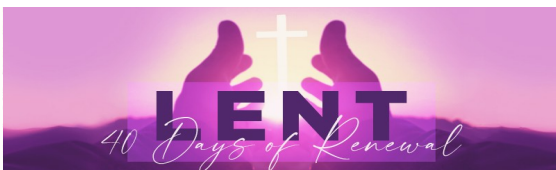
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 09

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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

Weekly Prayer *Take-offs*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

A GUIDE TO MAKING A CHOICE

How to Make it Right

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

Thirsting for Living Water: *A Journey of Faith*

As we gather on this Third Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect profoundly on our thirst. Thirst permeates our readings today, reflecting not just a physical need but a deeper spiritual longing that resides within each one of us.

In Exodus 17:3-7, we encounter the Israelites in the wilderness, clamoring for water. Their cries echo a fundamental human concern—desperation and doubt in the face of scarcity. They question Moses, and ultimately God, as they feel abandoned in their trials. Yet, despite their complaints, God responds by instructing Moses to strike the rock at Horeb, bringing forth water to quench their thirst. This act of divine provision illustrates God's unfailing care and highlights our tendency to forget the goodness of God in times of need.

Psalms 95 resonates with this theme, urging us to come before the Lord with joyful songs. The psalm cautions us not to harden our hearts as the Israelites did at Meribah—reminding us that faith must be active, even amidst our struggles. We are called to trust in God's promises, recognizing that genuine worship flows from a heart attuned to His steadfast love.

Moving to the New Testament, in Romans 5:1-8, we find Paul articulating a profound truth: through our faith in Christ, we have peace with God. This peace is not predicated on our understanding or immediate satisfaction but rather on the hope that does not disappoint, for it is grounded in God's love poured into

our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly, exemplifying the depth of God's love and His willingness to provide for our deepest needs—even before we know to ask.

This theme reaches its climax in the Gospel of John 4:5-42, where we encounter Jesus' transformative conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. Here, Jesus offers her "living water," signifying the spiritual sustenance and eternal life that only He can provide. His engagement with her breaks cultural norms and social barriers, demonstrating inclusivity and the universal reach of God's grace. The woman's transformation is remarkable; she moves from doubt and shame to becoming a zealous witness for Christ, inviting others to share in the living water she has received.

As we reflect on these scriptures, we are prompted to ask ourselves: What are we thirsting for in our lives? Are we seeking fulfillment in transient things, or are we willing to approach the well of Christ, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings? Lent is a time of spiritual introspection, a period to identify the barriers that hinder our relationship with God and to cultivate a thirst for His presence. Let us, therefore, be reminded that God desires to quench our thirst—not just for physical sustenance but for spiritual renewal and peace. He invites us to come to Him with open hearts, trusting in His promises, and sharing the living water we have received with others. This Lent, may we embrace the journey toward deeper faith, transforming our thirst into a testimony of God's unfailing love and provision. Amen.

Saint of the Week—*St. Frances of Rome*

in St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440) was an Italian saint known for her piety and dedication to God amidst her responsibilities as a wife and mother. Born in Rome, Frances was married to Lorenzo de'Ponziani and had three children, only one of whom survived to adulthood. After the death of her children and husband, she devoted herself entirely to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Oblates of Mary, a religious community of women dedicated to caring for the disadvantaged. St. Frances is renowned for her mystical experiences and deep spiritual insights, advocating the importance of both domestic life and charity. She was canonized by Pope Paul V in 1608, and her feast day is celebrated on March 9.

Reflection. St. Frances of Rome exemplifies how to

integrate faith in the midst of daily responsibilities. Her life teaches us that holiness is not confined to religious institutions but can be achieved in the ordinary moments of life. In juggling her roles as a mother, wife, and servant of the poor, she underscores the idea that our everyday actions—whether they involve caring for family or reaching out to those in need—can be transformative. Her story inspires us to find God in our routine and to approach our tasks with love and compassion. No matter how chaotic life may seem, we can cultivate a spirit of service and prayer. St. Frances reminds us that every small act of love contributes to a greater tapestry of grace. Let us strive to emulate her dedication, allowing our life's work to be a reflection of our faith, and empowering us to create a difference in our communities through simple yet profound acts of kindness.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.”

After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.



Once a week @4:30P - 6:30P
(Dine-in OR Take-out)

Your choice of **FRIED COD** OR **BAKED MAHI**,
plus French Fries, Coleslaw and a Roll.

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FRIDAY FISH FRY

\$14.00/dinner
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Amount Raised	\$ 59,536.00
Remaining Balance	\$145,464.00

2026 Diocesan Services Appeal



The Ladies Guild will be having another fun trip south on
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026!! The cost will be \$30 per person!
Please call **EVELYN BARONI** at (561) 499-7121 for reservations!!!

MEET

Bishop Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez



PRIESTHOOD

Ordained a priest on July 3, 2004 in the Dominican Republic

KEY DATES

Came to Brooklyn in 2009

Became a U.S. citizen on July 25, 2018

SPORTS

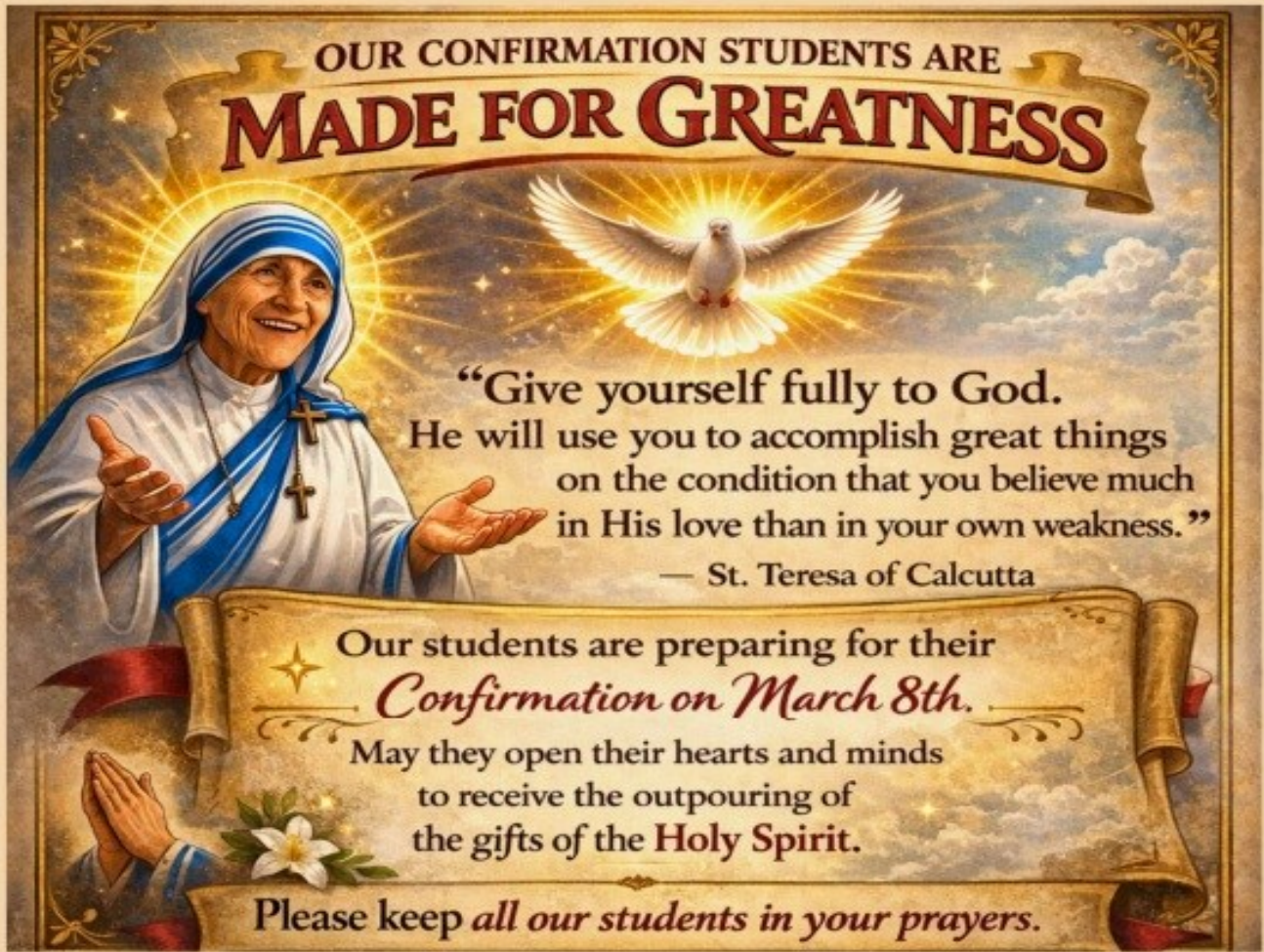
Despite having been a Queens pastor, he is a lifelong New York Yankees fan

GLOBAL IMPACT

Fluent in English, French, Italian and Spanish

Canon lawyer with a doctorate, master's, and bachelor's degrees from universities in the U.S., Spain, Italy, and the Dominican Republic





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| Jesus Aguirre | Matthew Fosdal | Robert Nodarse | |
| Brayden Benjamin | Jonathan Garcia | Sofia Olca | Madison Ortiz Santos |
| Kayden Benjamin | Briana Gonzalez | Rayna Pereira | Raymond Santos |
| Enyer Cano | Brittany Gonzalez | Jeffrey Pozo | Natasha Strome |
| Gabriel Rosales Cobazin | James Kindred | Jctzy Pozo | Johann Mari Unay |
| Lillian Colon | Alejandro Torres Lopez | Jordy Pozo | Sienna Wright |
| D'Angelo Crespo | Heather Santos Montalvo | Johan Alexander Ramirez | Cheyenne YeeYick |
| Aiden Deanda | Alberto Nodarse | Wilson Ramirez | |

With great joy and gratitude, we warmly welcome The Most Reverend Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez to our parish community. Having been newly installed as Bishop on February 24, 2026, it is a special honor that he celebrates this Sacrament of Confirmation with us so early in his ministry. His presence makes this day even more meaningful for our parish family. As our students are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are reminded that the Church continues to grow through faithful leadership and courageous young disciples. We thank Bishop Rodríguez for sharing this beautiful milestone with us and for beginning his ministry among us in such a grace-filled way.

Welcome, Bishop Rodríguez — and congratulations to our Confirmandi!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the OCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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!



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

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 course, *Vatican II*, started 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 Rodriguez 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.

