



# God is With Us EMMANUEL

IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE



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# HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

EASTER SUNDAY

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## EASTER SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

Morning Prayer 8:30A  
Blessing of Easter Baskets 12P  
Easter Vigil Mass 7P

### EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5

Sunrise Mass 6A  
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12 Noon

\*Overflow Masses in the pavilion  
9:00, 10:30 & 12 Noon



## AND THEN ... *Everything Changed*

EASTER SUNDAY

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THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE...

# 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

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### OCIA & Sacramental Preparation

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### Religious Education

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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

**Thanks to Vanessa Gallegos for contributing her time, graphic skills and social media support to the parish family!**

## 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 15, 2026

First Collection .....	\$ 16,572.00
Second Collection .....	3,421.00
Online (3/14).....	2,511.53
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,504.53</b>

#### MARCH 08, 2026

First Collection .....	\$ 18,613.00
Second Collection .....	1,754.00
Children's Mass .....	477.00
Online (02/21).....	3,571.56
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 24,415.56</b>

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

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 06

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

### Tuesday, April 07

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

### Wednesday, April 08

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

### Thursday, April 09

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

### Friday, April 10

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

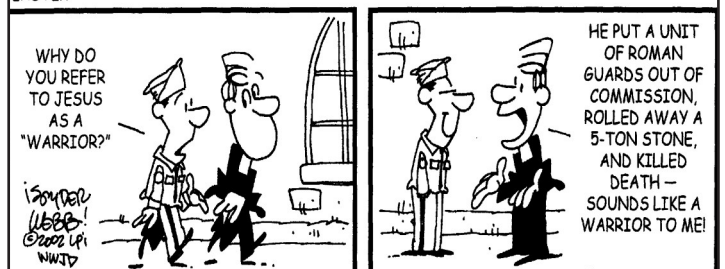
### Saturday, April 11

8:00A..... Jesus Day Retreat  
9:00A..... Lay Cistercians Meeting  
6:15P..... Rosary for Peace

### Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00A..... Ladies Guild Mass  
2:00P..... Divine Mercy Celebration

### EASTER



## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 06

7:30am \*Angela Plummer/Birthday by Family \*Thanksgiving/Coz Family  
 8:30am †Felicia & Theodore Facciuto by Theresa Facciuto †Marie & Raymond McManus by Mary E. & Andy Freed

### Tuesday, April 07

7:30am \*Teresa & Tony Galui/Healing by Larry & Michaelene †Walter John Orchard Jr. by Narda Bao  
 8:30am †Donna Petricone by Husband †John Roach by Family

### Wednesday, April 08

7:30am \*Clare & Chris Paone/W. Anniversary by Family †Louis Monteleone by Barbara & Peter Blakey  
 8:30am \*Robert & Marie Fitzgerald by Family †Agostinho Perestrelo by Daughter Maria

### Thursday, April 09

7:30am \*Mary Lily Hope Bengua by Family †Carolina Suconota by Pilar  
 8:30am †Rita C. O'neill by Jerry O'neill †Agostinho Perestrelo by Daughter Maria

### Friday, April 10

7:30am †Maribel Buenconsejo by Family †Agostinho Perestrelo by Daughter Maria  
 8:30am †Eleonora Pace by Mario Pace †Nick Potito by Elizabeth Potito  
 6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, April 11

8:30pm †Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son †Rodriguez-Santana Family by Haydee Rodriguez  
 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
 5:30pm †John Brancato Sr. by Wife †Brian Leslie by Patrick & Mary Rittendale

### Sunday, March April 12

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Friends †Marie Fitzgerald by Family  
 9:00am †Al Transleau & Family by A Friend \*Ladies Guild by -----  
 10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
 12:00pm †Pacienza & Rosato Family by Christine & John †Bernard Suppa by Angela & Mark  
 6:00pm †Michael Carnevale by Family †Realino Santoro by Family

## UNSCHEDULED

\*Kristin Brooks by Kristin Brooks \*Kristin Brooks by Kristin Brooks \*Kristin Brooks by Kristin Brooks  
 \*Kristin Brooks by Kristin Brooks \*Kristin Brooks by Kristin Brooks †Alberto Gonzales by Niece  
 †Ofelia Cuartas by Famil \*Marth Rendon/Birthday by Carol Schwab \*Julie Cannon by Dorothy Deedy  
 \*Kristin Brooks by Dorothy Deedy \*Linda Aldrich by Dorothy Deedy †Joanne DeLuca by Al & Georgann Acquesta  
 \*Ann Marie Riviuccio by Ladies Guild \*Traeh by Carol Schwab \*Kathleen DeSanto by Carol Schwab  
 \*Kathleen Desanto by Carmella Donnino

### Altar Flowers

\*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb By AM.

### Vigil Light

\*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb By AM.

### Shrine Flowers

\*Mary Therese & Jack Lieb By AM.

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

## PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

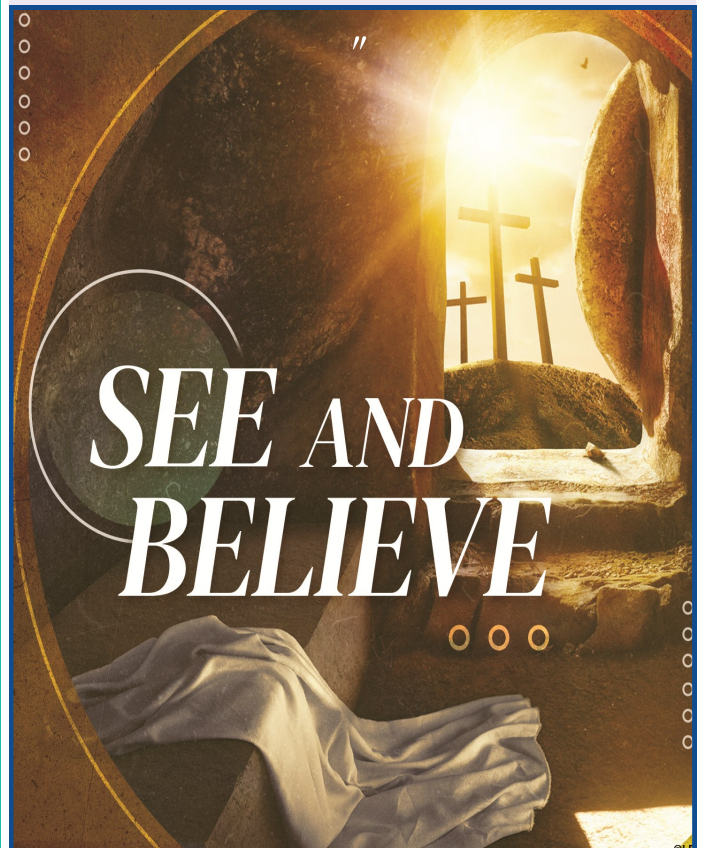
O Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God.

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.



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

**Sunday:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

**Monday:**

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:**

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:**

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:**

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:**

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:**

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:**

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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### CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

**\*\*\* Easter Sunday, April 05**

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

**\*\*\* OVERFLOW MASSES  
AT THE PAVILION FOR**

9:00A Fr. Leone      10:30A Fr. Theo  
12:00P Fr. John Horn

**Monday, April 06**

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

**Tuesday, April 07**

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Carr

**Wednesday, April 08**

7:30A Fr. Theo      8:30A Fr. Leone

**Thursday, April 09**

7:30A Fr. Carr      8:30A Fr. Zamora

**Friday, April 10**

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

**Saturday, April 11**

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

**Sunday, April 12**

7:30A Fr. Zamora      9:00A Fr. Leone  
10:00A Fr. Zamora      10:30A Fr. Carr  
12:00P Fr. Carr      6:00P Fr. Theo  
**\*\*2PM Divine Mercy Celebration**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

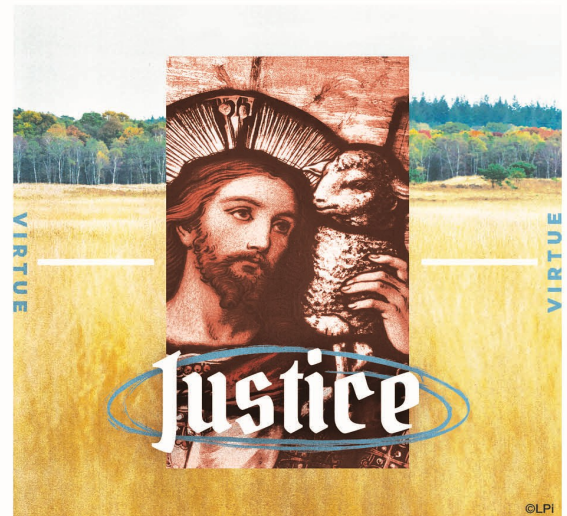
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

## Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday  
**Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
**Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
**Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
**Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter  
**Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

## Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,  
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

## The Resurrection:

### *Our Journey from Doubt to Faith*

As we gather this glorious Easter Sunday, we find ourselves enveloped in the beauty of hope and renewal. The resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is not just a historical event; it is the cornerstone of our faith and the source of our transformation. Today, we celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and love over despair.

In Acts 10:34a, 37-43, we witness Peter proclaiming God's impartiality and his revelation of Jesus' resurrection. This powerful message reminds us that the grace of God is available to all—regardless of nationality, background, or past sins. As we reflect on this, we are invited to embrace the expansive love of Christ, an invitation that is as relevant today as it was to the early church.

Psalm 118 echoes this theme of thanksgiving and celebration, urging us to rejoice in the steadfast love of the Lord. The psalmist exclaims, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Today, let us take a moment to rejoice! We are called not only to acknowledge the resurrection but to respond with grateful hearts, recognizing the countless blessings God bestows upon us every day.

Colossians 3:1-4 further compels us to set our minds on things above, where Christ resides. The resurrection invites us to see our lives through a heavenly lens, encouraging us to seek spiritual renewal and to live in alignment with our faith. As we celebrate the

## EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather this joyful Easter Sunday, we celebrate the cornerstone of our faith: the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This day is a testament to hope, renewal, and the transformative power of God's love in our lives.

We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your unwavering generosity and support throughout the year have nourished our community and allowed us to carry out our mission in faith. It is through your dedication and love that we can reach out to those in need and create a welcoming environment where everyone can encounter the love of Christ. As we move forward into this beautiful season, let us continue to encourage each other to nurture the

resurrection, we must ask ourselves: Are our minds and hearts truly focused on the eternal promise of salvation? This call to reflection empowers us to strip away the distractions of the world and pursue a life anchored in the love and grace of God.

In the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35, we hear the poignant story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Their journey, marked by confusion and doubt, transforms into one of revelation and faith when they encounter the risen Christ. As He breaks bread with them, their eyes are opened, and they recognize Him. This beautiful moment teaches us that even in our doubt and distress, Jesus walks alongside us, gently guiding us back to faith.

Today, as we celebrate Easter, let us carry this message in our hearts. Acknowledge the powerful truth: we are not alone in our journeys. The risen Christ invites us to experience His love, healing, and hope. May we emerge from our doubts, embracing the light of resurrection and sharing this transformative message with the world. Amen.



<b>DSA UPDATE</b>
<b>3/19/2026</b>
<b>Goal Amount 205K</b>
<b>Raised 73,046.00</b>
<b>Remaining 131,954.00</b>

blessings of renewal. Let us commit to fostering a spirit of mutual support, reaching out to those who may feel isolated or overwhelmed. Together, we can create a tapestry of love and faith that reflects the heart of our parish community.

May the joy of this Easter day fill our hearts with hope and inspire all of us to serve one another with kindness and compassion. Let us carry the message of Christ's resurrection beyond the walls of this church and into our families, workplaces, and communities. With Pope Leo, let us proclaim, "In the One, we are One."

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter filled with the peace and love of our risen Lord. In Christ's love,

**The Clergy, Staff, Pastoral Council  
and Parish Finance Council of Emmanuel**

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 12, 2026 @ 2:00PM**—Emmanuel Parish Church

Join us in our celebration of the Divine Mercy

### **PROGRAM:**

#### **Ceremonial Procession:**

1st in Procession: Main altar server leads with the book of the Gospels held high.

2nd in Procession: Altar server carries Divine Mercy images.

3rd in procession: Altar server carries petitions

4th in Procession: Priest carries relic of Saint Faustina and places it on the altar,

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (O Salutaris)**

#### **1st Reading (Diary 699)–**

to let all know what Jesus said to Saint Faustina about this day, the FEAST OF MERCY.

**2nd Reading (Diary 1572)–** the explanation of the 3 o'clock prayer

**3rd Reading (Diary 47)–** the explanation of the Divine Mercy image,

#### **Blessing the Images of the Divine Mercy**

(page 35 of Divine Mercy Booklet)

Priest approaches the images while altar servers hold holy water and candles.

#### **Blessing & Offering of petitions**

Priest offers the petitions in prayer and blesses them with Holy Water,

Song: There is a Longing

**4th Reading (Diary 708)–** Trusting in Jesus

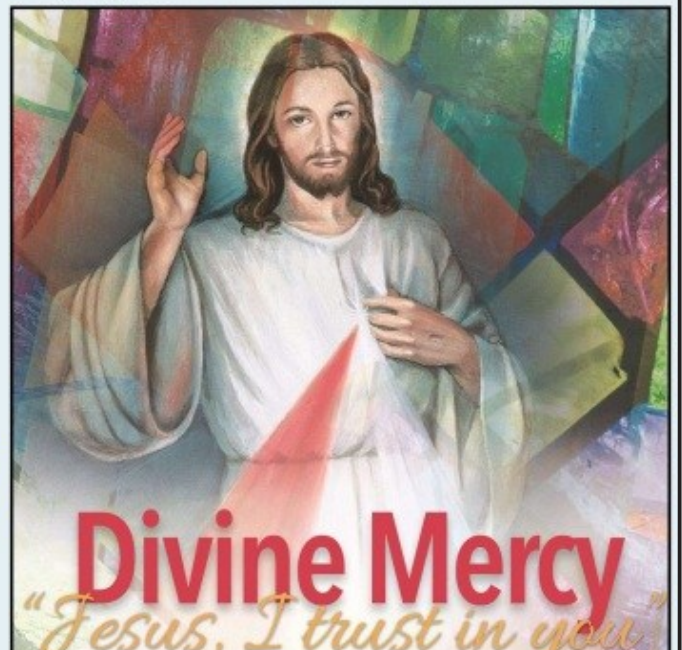
#### **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy (to be sung)**

Benediction

(Tantum Ergo)

(Holy God We Praise Thy Name)

**\*\*\* Please bring your images of the Divine Mercy and write your petitions at home and put it in the basket at the front door of the Church and the priest will offer it to the Lord.**



## Liturgical Life

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

#### While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It's possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter's dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

#### Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an “advocate” or “counselor” when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await “power from on high” — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!



Vacation Bible Study  
**VBS 2026**  
Kinder-5th Grade

 **June 5-7, 2026**

 **Emmanuel Church**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER, VOLUNTEER & DONATE**

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

\$25 per child (before May 1)

\$50 per child (after May 1)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

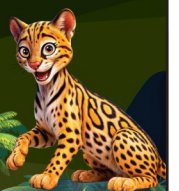
Teens & adults welcome

Earn service hours while serving!



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Help us make VBS possible for every child  
Your generosity supports supplies and scholarships.





# Ladies Guild — TRIP SOUTH —

THURSDAY  
**APRIL 16, 2026**

**\$30** PER PERSON

CALL  
*Evelyn Baroni*

**(561) 499-7121**  
FOR RESERVATIONS

JOIN US FOR A **FUN** DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, LAUGHTER & ADVENTURE!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**JOIN OUR**

# FOOD DRIVE

**HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.**



**BAG DISTRIBUTION:**  
**APRIL 11-12**  
(AFTER ALL MASSES)



**FOOD COLLECTION:**  
**APRIL 18-19**  
(AFTER ALL MASSES)

**PICK UP A BAG, FILL IT WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, AND RETURN IT THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.**



# Ladies Guild

INVITES YOU

**Most-needed List:**

- \* Baby Clothes  
(newborn to 3T)
- \* car seats
- \* strollers
- \* bottles
- \* formula
- \* baby food
- \* diapers  
(newborn to size 6)
- \* wipes
- \* maternity clothes
- \* pack-n-plays
- \* layette items
- \* receiving blankets
- \* baby towels
- \* baby washcloths



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DIOCESE WIDE

## Baby Shower

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR

*Expecting women & families in need*

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
CONTACT DEANNA HERBST-HOOSAC  
561-360-3330  
FOR ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH, INC.  
*providing help • creating hope*



**TAKE COURAGE!  
I HAVE OVERCOME  
THE WORLD**  
Jn 16:33

**WYD  
SEOUL  
2027**

Pope Leo XIV

**WORLD  
YOUTH DAY**  
*Seoul, South Korea*  
† **August 1-10, 2027**

Bishop Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, Diocese of Palm Beach  
invites you to join him on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage!  
**Open to High School Youth and Young Adults ages 16-39**  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2026

SCAN ME!  
CONTACT US

PARISH/SCHOOL CAPTAIN:

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