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A JOYFUL ANNOUNCEMENT

We Are Blessed to Welcome

Most Reverend Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, J.C.D.

Bishop of Palm Beach

The Bishop will be visiting Emmanuel for three days to meet parishioners and staff and find out more about our parish. You are warmly invited to participate.

Tuesday August 11	6:00 – 7:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration 7:00 – 9:00pm Meet and Greet Reception under the Pavilion
Wednesday August 12	Private Meeting Exclusively for Parish Staff and Ministry / Organization Leaders
Thursday August 13	7:00 – 8:00pm The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass 8:00 – 9:00pm Meet and Greet Reception under the Pavilion

"FAITHFUL IN THE QUIET, UNSHAKEN IN THE STORM"

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

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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

JULY 26, 2028

First Collection	\$ 11,103.00
Second Collection	2,605.00
Online (7/25).....	2,423.09
TOTAL	\$ 16,131.09

AUGUST 02, 2026

First Collection	\$ 12,011.00
Second Collection	2,399.00
Online (08/01).....	2,157.72
TOTAL	\$ 16,567.72

**(Thanks to our parish family for your continued prayers
and generous support for our church ministry!)**

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 08

Emmaus Men's Retreat

Ladies Guild Recruitment Weekend

9:00A.....Confession

9:00A.....Lay Cistercians

6:15P.....Rosary for Peace

Sunday, August 09– Emmaus Men's Retreat

1:00P.....Pre-Baptism Class

Monday, August 10

6:30A.....Adoration

1:00P.....Movie Mondays

7:00P.....Young Adult Group

Tuesday, August 11 Bishop's Visit

6:30A.....Adoration

9:00A.....Legion of Mary Meeting

6:00P.....Holy Hour of Adoration

7:00P.....Meet & Greet Reception

Wednesday, August 12 Bishop's Visit

6:30A.....Adoration

2:00P.....School of Christian Formation

Thursday, August 13 Bishop's Visit

6:30A.....Adoration

9:00A.....Anointing of the Sick

3:00P.....Holy Hour

7:00P.....Sacrifice of the Holy Mass

8:00P.....Meet & Greet Reception

Friday, August 14

6:30A.....Adoration

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

Saturday, August 15

9:00A.....Confession

6:15P.....Rosary for Peace

Sunday, August 16

1:00P.....Baptism

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 08

8:30pm †Julio Nolla by Sara Soler
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm †Keith Weinstein by Dolores Brancato

†Eugene Langel by Family
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†Margaret & John Prine by Daughter

Sunday, Aug. 09

7:30am *Nancy LaFleur by Deacon Tony & Kevin
9:00am *Ladies Guild
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm *Mark Walsh by Mike & Marie Proto
6:00pm †Louise Bukowski by Son & Daughter

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Manuel & Josuel Ramos by Estebania Brea
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
†Juan Rodriguez by Gambino Family
†Judith Wood by Phil Bukowski

Monday, Aug. 10

7:30am †Rosella DiGuido by Dorothy Canazaro
8:30am †Donna Petricone by Husband

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Alice Claire Sorrelli by Joseph Sorrelli

Tuesday, Aug. 11

7:30am *Jack Conte by A. M.
8:30am †Rosella DiGuida by Tom & Clara Depko

†Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son
†Eugene Langel by Family

Wednesday, Aug. 12

7:30am †John Sullivan by Mom
8:30am *Nickolas Santiesteban/Birthday by Evelyn Santiesteban

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Bessie Suppa by Angela & Mark

Thursday, Aug. 13

7:30am †Margaret Bohr by John & Kristin Gavin
8:30am †Eugene Langel by Family

†Jim Clancy by Wife
*John & Christine Martin by Marie & Darren Guzman

Friday, Aug. 14

7:30am †Geraldine Gavin by John & Kristin Gavin
8:30am †Familia Tavera by German & Carol Sandoval
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Redondo Family by Family
FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Aug. 15

8:30pm †Victor & Angelina Pacienza by Christine & John
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Alex Campbell by Le Family

†Suzanne Savino by Great-granddaughter
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†JoAnne Keenan by Family

Sunday, Aug. 16

7:30am *Fr. G. Zamora by Linda Aldrich
9:00am †George Untener by Linda Untener
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Salvatore Coppola by Daughter Lina
6:00pm †Janet Colicchio by Roberta McNeil

†Eugene Langel by Family
†Gomez & Carroll Families by Family
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
*Maggie Zaharoiu/Birthday by Mother
†Realino Santoro by Daughter in-law

UNSCHEDULED

†Frank Rivaudo by Joseph & Loriann Kessler

By Arlene & Grace: *Leilani Molina/Birthday *Esperanza & Katherine Reyes/Birthday *Joe Reyes/Healing

*Gemma, Germaine & Germeline Feraren *Arlene & Grace/Safe Travels/Thanksgiving *Phyllis Rosner/Blessing

By Ed & Cheryl McCormack: *Ed & Cheryl McCormack & Family */†Verosky Family */†Topolosky Family */†Chackan Family

*/†McCormack Family */†White Family */†Diener Family *Ann, Eddy, John & Kristy McCormack

Altar Flowers

Vigil Light

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	<i>Monasterio</i>	<i>Wiczowski</i>	Mark Walsh
Amelita Coz-Zarraga	Michael Cecere	Debbie Boburka	Kathleen DeSanto
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Ronald Griffiths	Abigail Chin-Lenn	Ann Carro	Mumtaz Begum
Cynthia Martin	Merrill Tucker	Ricarda Vargas	Greta Suarez
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Angela Discepolo	Joseph Lauria	Lisette Woodward	Phyllis Masterson
Anna Halford	Judy Lew	Juan Silva	Len Knight
Sal Yanello	Ernie Skelton	Rocco & Susan Marcone	Dr. Susan S. Fairchild
William Lindner	Carlotta	Maria A. Carmen	Michael Proto
Lisa Della Femina	<i>Josefa & Dolores Echavarria</i>	Marie Victorin	Jo Ann Albertson
Victor Rivera	Annie Lee	Philip Charles	Robert Marcoux
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Carmen Jones	Alexis Thompson	Antonia Hyde	Susan Katan
Bill Hamilton	Griffin Bates	Keith Melville	Ionela Stoia
Ralph Senese	Miriam Texeira	Mark Sinobio	John Wilkens
Ramona	Kevin Marshall	Joselito Bengua	Dennis Lyræ
Ash Gaballah	Andrea Anastasi	Michele Sambuco	June McCormick
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Lisa Payne	<i>Julia Lea Buddendorf</i>	Carole Liantonio	Yehuda Brener
Marilyn Green	Albertina Hughes	Rosemary Perez	Juanito Zuazula Jr
Joseph Salamone	Kamm Trumble	Mary Aloise	Gary Carroce
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Ricardo Blum	John Wilmere	Jo-ann Suffield	John Von Stein
Gina Marie B. Cohen	Keith Johnson	Walsh & Joseph Bonomo	Armando Minutoli
David Strompf	Betty Lou Johnson	Nancy Kelley	William Egan
Sal Hanono	Christine Thurman	TJ Genzale	Patricia Helms
Heather Smith	Connie Panepinto	Ronnie Falcone	Brigit Stoffer
Jason Smith	Edwin Villarosa	Patti Shannon	Christine Morales
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Agatha Saccio	Michael Manuele	Carmella Donnino	
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Britney Closson			
Janette Gallegos			
Adriana Elejalde			
Oswaldo C.			

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.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection.

We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illnesses that may threaten us in the coming seasons.

Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy.

You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain.

You alone bring peace, calm, and safety.

Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:
2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:
Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:
Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 08
8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Zamora
5:30P Fr. Theo

Sunday, August 09
7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Zamora
10:30A Fr. Theo
12:00P Fr. Zamora 6:00P Fr. Padit

Monday, August 10
7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Zamora

Tuesday, August 1
Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo

Wednesday, August 12
7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo

Thursday, August 13
7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Zamora

Friday, August 14
7:30A Fr. Padit 8:30A Fr. Zamora
6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, August 15
8:30A Fr. Zamora 4:00P Fr. Theo
5:30P Fr. Zamora

Sunday, August 16
7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Theo
10:30A Fr. Timothy
12:00P Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Padit

In the Sound of Sheer Silence

Elijah is on the run, exhausted, hiding in a cave on Horeb, waiting for God to show up the way gods are supposed to — in power, in spectacle. And God sends wind that splits mountains, then an earthquake, then fire. But Scripture is insistent: the Lord was not in the wind, not in the quake, not in the fire. He comes instead in a “still, small voice” — a sound of sheer silence (1 Kings 19:11).

I think of a man I once sat with in a hospital waiting room, hours before his wife's surgery. He wasn't praying out loud. He wasn't reading anything. He was just sitting, hands folded, staring at nothing. I asked if he wanted company. He said, “I already have it. I just have to be quiet enough to notice.”

That's Elijah's lesson, and it's ours. We keep expecting God in the dramatic — the answered prayer that arrives like a thunderclap, the moment of obvious rescue. But so often God is in the almost-nothing: the pause before we speak, the silence after the diagnosis, the quiet that remains when everything else has been stripped away. Psalm 85 promises that “steadfast love and faithfulness will meet,” that peace and justice will kiss — but that meeting rarely announces itself with fanfare. It happens

St. Clare of Assisi: The Quiet That Held Firm

When Clare of Assisi slipped out of her father's house at seventeen, on the night of Palm Sunday, she wasn't running toward noise or spectacle. She was running toward silence — toward a life stripped of everything her wealthy Umbrian family expected of her: marriage, status, comfort. Francis of Assisi had preached to her once, and something in his poverty and quiet had undone her more than any dowry ever could.

What followed wasn't dramatic in the way the world measures drama. Clare founded the Poor Clares and spent over forty years mostly enclosed at San Damiano, living a hidden life of prayer, poverty, and fierce, unglamorous obedience. No wind. No earthquake. No fire. Just a woman who had heard something true in the silence and refused to let go of it, even when illness kept her bedridden for the last decades of her life.

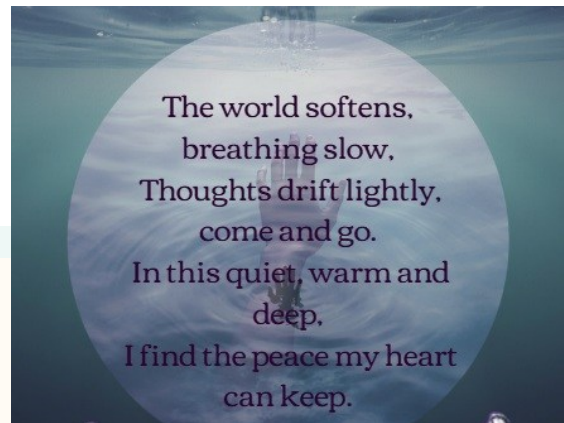
And yet — when Assisi was under siege in 1240 and soldiers approached San Damiano, Clare, too frail to stand on her own, had herself carried to the doorway with the Blessed Sacrament raised before her. No

in the folded hands, in the waiting room, in the cave.

Paul, in Romans, shows us silence's opposite and its companion: anguish so deep he'd trade his own salvation for his kinsmen's (Romans 9:1). Real faith doesn't numb us to sorrow; it makes us carry each other's storms.

And then there's Peter, climbing out of the boat, doing the impossible — walking on water toward Christ — until he notices the wind. He sees the storm instead of the Savior, and he sinks (Matthew 14:31). Christ's hand is immediate, but so is his question: “Why did you doubt?”

Maybe that's the whole message in one image: a hand reaching down through the waves, quieter than the storm, but stronger than it. We keep watching for wind and fire and waves worth naming. God, meanwhile, is usually already holding out his hand in the silence, waiting only for us to stop looking at the noise long enough to take it.



sword, no army. Just quiet, unshakeable trust. The attackers retreated.

That's the whole of Clare's witness: she never mistook stillness for weakness. Like Elijah in the cave, she learned to listen for God not in the roar but in the almost-silent voice beneath it. Like Peter sinking beneath the waves, she knew what it cost to keep her eyes on Christ rather than the storm — and she chose him, daily, for a lifetime, not just for one dramatic leap out of the boat.

We remember her not because she did something loud, but because she stayed faithful in the quiet long enough for it to become unbreakable.

This week, find one place in your day built for noise — a commute, a scroll, a waiting room — and trade it for five minutes of real silence. Ask simply: Lord, what have I been too loud to hear?

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or
hear Your voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the path ahead,
guide me.
When I don't know the next step,
support me.
In every day and in every moment, be
my strength.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Mt 14:28-30

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Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

Second Reading:

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel:

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face?



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Liturgical Life

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Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is “Ghost!” when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

“Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck,” reads Psalm 69. “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? “Save me, God.” Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

It’s never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”?

Answer:

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “*The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race*” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.



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PRAYER



Heavenly Father,

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Give them wisdom to learn, courage to try their best, and kindness to others.

Bless their teachers and staff who guide them each day.

Help our families with patience, peace and encouragement.

May this school year be filled with joy, growth and faith.

We trust in You, Lord. Amen.



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

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



The classes are offered in a three year cycle. Here at Emmanuel, we are in the second year of that cycle. You may take the offered classes in any order, and, while you are encouraged to complete the three year program, there is no obligation to do so.

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

This Fall, the classes, taught by Lily Potito, M.A. Theology, Ave Maria University '21, are:

Ecclesiology: August 12, 19, 26; September 2, 9, 16

Liturgy & Sacraments: October 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 18

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

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

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Everyday Stewardship

I remember when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

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To register, scan the QR code or go to **bit.ly/EmmausLadies** and fill out the registration form **by September 6th**. For more information, contact Kathy De Santo at 954-732-4476 or MomDeSanto@gmail.com.



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