

## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon – Thurs 7:30a; 8:30a

Fri 7:30a, 8:30a, 6:00p

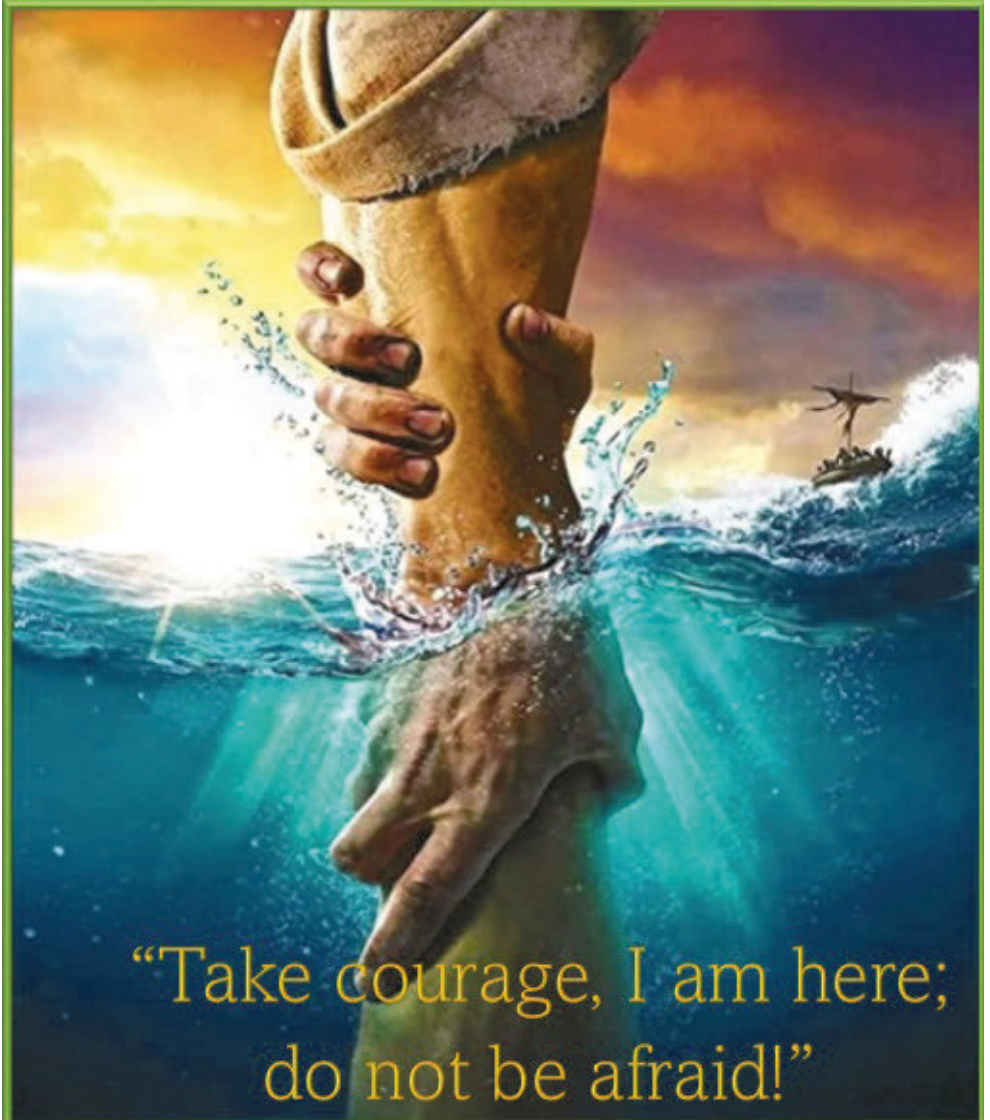
#### WEEKEND MASS

Sat 8:30a, Vigil 4:00p, 5:30p  
Sun 7:30a; 9:00a; 10:00a (CM\*)  
10:30a; 12:00N; 6:00p  
*Children's Mass\**

#### Confession

Saturday 9:00a

Other – By appointment



“Take courage, I am here;  
do not be afraid!”

### AUG13 READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

“Lord, let us see your kindness and  
Grant us your salvation”

#### SECOND READING:

Romans 9: 1-5

#### GOSPEL:

Matthew 14: 22-33

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# 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 Gerald M. Barbarito*

### CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora  
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro  
Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes  
In Residence

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Weekday/Weekend Associate

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

### OCIA & Sacramental Preparation

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### Religious Education

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

### Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

### Music

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

### Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

### Altar & Clergy Vestments

Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

### Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Fr. Theo Ihedoro Ext. 1004

### Giftshop

Josephine Joan Ext. 1009

### Blood Drive:

Patti Gomez 561-293-9761

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Ladies Guild

President Carol Chapman

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every first Friday from 9:00am - 5:55pm  
 Followed by the 6:00pm Mass  
 Morning Adoration 6:30am - 7:30am (Monday - Friday)

### 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**

First Sunday of the Month 10:30AM- 1:00PM

Second Sunday of the Month- **Temporarily Closed**

Third & Fourth Sundays 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

## PARISH EVENTS

### 14 Monday

6:30am

1:00pm

**5:00pm**

Adoration

Monday at the Movies

**Vigil Mass for the BVM**

### 15 Tuesday

6:30am

**7:30am**

**9:00am**

10:00am

**10:30am**

**12:00pm**

4:00pm

Adoration

**Assumption of the BVM mass  
 Mass (BVM)**

Faith Sharing

**Mass (BVM)**

**Mass (BVM)**

Knights of Columbus Officers  
 Meeting

### 16 Wednesday

6:30am

**2:00pm**

4:00pm

Adoration

**School of Christian Formation  
 (big classroom)**

Soul Core

### 17 Thursday

6:30am

9:00am

1:00pm

4:00

Adoration

Anointing of the Sick (in Church)

Holy Hour for Priests, Religious,  
 Missionaries, & Vocations

AA Meeting

### 18 Friday

6:30am

6:30pm

Adoration

Taize

### 19 Saturday

6:00am


9:00am



Lay Cistercians

Confession

# STEWARDSHIP

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE		DONATE ONLINE	
<b>AUGUST 7, 2023</b>			
Offertory Collection	\$ 11,320.00		
Second Collection	2,358.00		
Online (7/31-8/4)	1,935.48		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,613.48</b>		


	<b>JULY 27, 2023</b>		
	Goal:	\$173,000.00	
	Amount made	132,817.99	
	Remaining	40,817.00	

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

<b>14</b>	7:30A	FR ZAMORA
<b>MON</b>	8:30A	FR CARR
	5:00P	FR THEO
<b>15</b>	7:30A	FR CARR
<b>TUE</b>	9:00A	FR ZAMORA
	10:30A	FR ZAMORA
	12:00P	FR TIM
<b>16</b>	7:30A	FR THEO
<b>WED</b>	8:30A	FR TIM
<b>17</b>	7:30A	FR ZAMORA
<b>THURS</b>	8:30A	FR CARR
	<b>18</b>	7:30A
<b>FRI</b>	8:30A	FR TIM
	6:00P	FR ZAMORA
<b>19</b>	8:30A	FR THEO
<b>SAT</b>	4:00P	FR PAPES
	5:30P	FR CARR
<b>20</b>	7:30A	FR THEO
<b>SUN</b>	9:00A	FR CARR
	10:30A	FR TIM
	12:00P	FR TIM
	6:00P	FR ZAMORA

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

14-Aug	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
15-Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16-Aug	Saint Stephen of Hungary
17-Aug	Saint Joan of the Cross
18-Aug	Saint Louis of Toulouse
19-Aug	Saint John Eudes
20-Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time





New Parishioner     or Existing with Updates  
 Circle: Mr & Mrs    Mr    Mrs    Miss    Ms

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Member (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Relation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to receive Offertory Envelopes  
 Prefer to give offerings online  
<https://emmanuelcatholicchurch.com/giving>

Please place completed registration/update form in the Offertory basket (at mass), mail, or bring it into the Parish Office! Questions? Call 561.496.2480





# AUGUST 13, 2023 - WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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## SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

## August 14-20, 2023

14 MONDAY		
7:30AM	1 ☩	Felipe Bazua Maria Bazua
8:30AM	1 †	Sylvie Cassagnol parents
5:00PM	1 †	Carmen Davanzo Lori Davanzo
15 TUESDAY		
7:30AM	1 †	Juan Peraza wife
9:00AM	1 †	Caroline Manuele Manuele grandchildren
10:30AM	1 ☩	Felipe Bazua Maria Bazua
12:00PM	1 †	Elizabeth Force
16 WEDNESDAY		
7:30AM	1 ☩	Marco Antonio Puga & Magnolia Santana Jesus Rembac
8:30AM	1 ☩	Felipe Bazua Maria Bazua
17 THURSDAY		
7:30AM	1 †	Irma Toscano Parker mother & father
8:30AM	1 †	James Fanuzzi
18 FRIDAY		
7:30AM	1 †	Eleanora Pace Mario Pace
8:30AM	1 †	Helen Nebrotski Family
6:00PM	1	Intentions of the presiding Priest
19 SATURDAY		
8:30AM	1 ☩	Mark W. Vlasek Mark & Gail Vlasek
4:00PM	1	BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30PM	1 †	Anthony Amoriello Rae Amoriello
20 SUNDAY		
7:30AM	1 †	Emma Curran Daughter
9:00AM	1 †	George & Frank Untener Wife & Mom
10:00AM	1	
10:30AM	1	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00PM	1 †	Judith Everts Son
6:00PM	1 ☩	Felipe Bazua Maria Bazua

14		
2 †	Mary Luzzi	Srompf family
2 †	Herman Guzman	Evelyn Baroni
2 ☩	Carmen & Norka Garcia	Jesus Rembac
15		
2 ☩	Dortea	sister Berta
2 ☩	Skehan.Family	Lisa & Ted Vargas
2 †	Allan Werner	Anthony Calabrese, Mary Ann
2 †	Savino/Pacienza/Rosato Fam	Christine & John
16		
2 †	Robert McGoverly	Joyce Caldon
2 †	Louise Cioppa	Carol & Dom Bevilacqua
17		
2 †	Vicki Mack	Dennis & Judy Smith
2 ☩	Felipe Bazua	Maria Bazua
18		
2 ☩	Felipe Bazua	Maria Bazua
2 ☩	Stephanie V. Vlasek	Mark & Gail Vlasek
2		
19		
2 †	Percy Cannon Sr, Angela & Carius Henroid	Cannon family
2	BOOK OF THE DEAD	
2 ☩	Felipe Bazua	Maria Bazua
20		
2 ☩	Mr. & Mrs James Roberts	Wife
2 ☩	Patricia Maher & Family	Lori Davanzo
2		
2		
2 †	Luciano Cusmano	Francisca Colomba
2 †	Jean Cozzi	Rosemarie Marmone

UNSCHEDULED		
ST	BENEFICIARY	REQUESTER
†	ANNA CASO	SYLVIA & JERRY GALANTI
†	LENA SORBO	SYLVIA & JERRY GALANTI
†	LOUISE DON	ART STROMSTEDT
☩	PATTI GOMEZ	LADIES GUILD
†	TRACEY CURRIE	CARDL & BILL MASSEY
†	TRACEY CURRIE	CARDL & BILL MASSEY
☩	BILL COPLEY	LAURIE DAVANZO
†	MATTHIAS GRGORITSCH	JAMES & UNA KERRIGAN
†	MARY YOUNG	DAVID JAGODA
†	ROSEMARIE GOLDBERG	CHRISTINE & JOHN WILKENS
†	RALPH HEUER	SUSAN ROMAN
†	ROSEMARIE GOLDBERG	CHRISTINE & JOHN WILKENS
☩	MARYANN DIBIASE	CHRISTINE & JOHN WILKENS
†	ANDY WALSH	LILLIAN & DONAL DENNEHY
†	JOSEPH TRIASSI	MR & MRS JERRY CAPOSTAGNO
†	BARBARA EGAN	JAMES & JOSEPHINE MCMAHON
†	ANGELA CHONG	JAMES & JOSEPHINE MCMAHON
☩	MICHAEL ANDRADE	CLAUDIA CALABRESE
†	CARDL MARKUS	MR & MRS CUTRONE
†	CLYDE	UNCLE ROBERT
†	JAMES MCBRIDE	JEANNE MCBRIDE

PRAYER LIST	
Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: <i>For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness; for men and women in Armed forces.</i>	
AND FOR:	
NANCY ROSSI SMITH	T. J. GENZALE
BRIAN HOWLAND	MICHAEL MANUELE
KATHRYN FONSECA	SR. FRANCES VASS OSC
ANDRES FONSECA	MARGUERITE DAWSON
ROBERT WIEDER	SAM FALCONE
VIVIAN	PATRICIA GOLSTEIN
GARY PETILLO	TAYLOR DOSH
DAVID & JOHN	MARILYN MARTINO
HELEN CRUZ	GULSHAN MODENA
CAROL CELLA	GARRETT HAOCDCVK
SHELLY FIORINI	MAGGIE DOLAN
LENORE CURATOLD	AMELIA COZ-ZARRAGA
ANTHONY SMITH	KATHLEEN MEZAROS
JO-ANN ALSGAARD	HEATHER MARTIN
RAPHAEL ROMAN	JOHN SULLIVAN
RONALD G. GRIFFITHS	FRAN ABRAMI
ED BUSH	LINDA RIVERA

FLOWERS & LIGHTS FOR THE ALTAR		
ALTAR FLOWERS		
Gil Lemar	A.M.	(Aug 6)
Veronica Lemar	A.M.	(Aug 13)
VIGIL LIGHTS		
Gil Lemar	A.M.	(Aug 6)
Veronica Lemar	A.M.	(Aug 13)
SHRINE FLOWERS		
Fran Abrami	Kathy Scaman	



## IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE

Loneliness is something which all of us have experienced. We all have moments in our lives when we feel disconnected from the people around us, from ourselves and even from God. But why do we feel lonely? There can be a multitude of reasons but I think the biggest reason is that as humans we were created by God for communion with each other. We are meant to be with others and when we don't experience that togetherness we feel lonely.

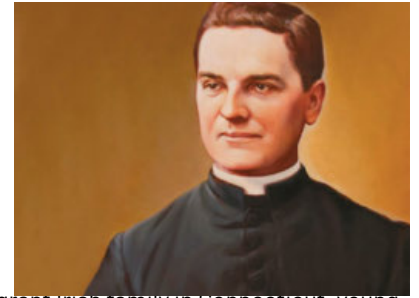
Loneliness was never a part of God's plan for us as humans though. When God made Adam he also created Eve "The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). John Paul II, in his *Theology of the Body*, speaks about how, at the beginning we were created with certain original states of nature one of which was, what he calls, original solitude. Solitude, along with other parts of our nature were perverted though when Adam and Eve sinned. This turned our solitude, which had been a good thing, into loneliness. We lose connection with other people as well as God.

So in our lives when we deal with loneliness the solution is not to try and fill up all of our time with lots of things. Instead we need to regain our original solitude. This can only happen though if we invite God to come into our areas of loneliness and transform them into areas of solitude and connection.

Solitude, in the Christian understanding, has very little to do with being around other people or being alone. Instead it is about a state of the heart. It is about being present to the Lord who said that he will never leave us orphaned. May we see our moments of loneliness as an invitation to encounter the love of God and enter into solitude with him. — Joe Steger

## SAINT OF THE DAY:

### BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY



The eldest son of an immigrant Irish family in Connecticut, young Michael left school at 13 to work in a brass factory making spoons. At 16 he began studies for the priesthood in Quebec, but was obliged to leave to help support the family when his father died. Michael completed his education in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained for the diocese of Hartford in 1877.

Assigned to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Fr. McGivney was very active in parish and civic affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a minor whose father had died leaving a large family in poverty. This situation as well as his own family's circumstances and that of other immigrants impressed on Fr. McGivney the need for lay Catholic men to establish a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance for their families if the primary wage earner died. Protestant fraternal groups already provided this type of life insurance protection for their members.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus among a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity, and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. Because of the Knights' emphasis on serving Church, community and family, the organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based. Patriotism was added as a founding principle in 1900.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia in 1890 and was buried in Thomaston, Connecticut. Later his body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today. He was beatified in 2020.

#### Reflection

Michael Joseph McGivney was a genuine pastor who, in the words of Pope Francis, was unafraid to share "the smell of his sheep." He promoted families whose members were strong in their faith expressed through generous following of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In a decree read at the beatification Mass, Pope Francis praised Fr. McGivney's "zeal and the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters." These "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."





## PRAYER BEFORE 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 a partaker of your mystical supper O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for

judgement 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 & Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 which may threaten us in the coming seasons.

Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an 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.

## ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. 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.

## DO NOT FEAR

Many times in the Gospel, Jesus taught in parables. I find the Gospel event narrated today a "living Parable." The sea with its unpredictable changes of weather is life. The boat of Peter is the Church. Peter, with his aggressive ways and challenging words to Jesus, is a mirror of each one of us.

In the Gospel, I am made to reflect on one striking reality; the real enemy of fear is not unbelief...but fear. Unbelief and doubts, as was in the experience of the apostle Thomas, leads one to search...to question, and therefore to look for answers. But fear paralyzes. It makes one lose direction, focus, and even hope. It throws us to panic...and depression.

Hence, the Gospel underlines: when the disciples were in fear and panic because of the strong waves, they began to see a ghost even in Jesus. Likewise, when Peter allowed himself to be frightened by the big waves, he began to sink.

Fear, excessive fear that leads to despair, is often Satan's favorite strategy to snatch a person from a life of faith. With fear, a person begins to doubt not just God, but everything around him. To this, Jesus gives a good answer – "Take courage, IT IS I."

Knowing that God is with us, should be our greatest anchor in every life situation.



## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Take time to check the link through the QR code below. This is where your donations to the diocese goes – where it will do the most good!







## Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery

with **Option 1** -- Three-Night **Jordan Post-Tour** Extension  
with **Option 2** -- Three-Night Pilgrimage to **Rome Pre-Tour** Extension

**April 3 - 11, 2024**

Pilgrimage to Israel Special Travel Presentation Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM



Collette Travel will be at Emmanuel Church on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm and give a special presentation on our upcoming pilgrimage to Israel that is leaving on April 3, 2024. Besides the presentation, Collette will answer any and all questions you may have regarding this trip; so please bring all your questions to the meeting.

There will be a raffle prize to anyone who brings in their passport or a copy of their passport to the meeting.

If after the meeting, any person who is interested in booking the trip can do so with Carol Chapman.

If you have any questions please call Carol Chapman at 561-310-3229 or email at [cchapman33463@gmail.com](mailto:cchapman33463@gmail.com)

For further details on this trip,  
point your phone camera to the QR code  
to the right, follow the prompt to your  
browser, and check out all the discounts, planned  
stopovers for the trip, etc. You can also take a  
photo of the same QR code to share with friends!





**A HISTORICAL COMMISSION — THAT INCLUDES CLERGY AND LAY POSTULATORS FROM THE PANHANDLE TO TAMPA BAY — HAS EMBRACED THE CAUSE OF CANONIZATION FOR THE FOUR MARTYRS OF THE LA FLORIDA MISSION.**

**By Armando Minutoli, MSW**

PR Coordinator/Editor - Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, Palm Beach County, FL. And The Faith Director for Emmanuel Parishes Knights Council 13338

The Spanish settled in Florida in 1513, dubbing it “La Florida.” Ponce de León claimed the peninsular of Florida for Spain during the first official European expedition to North America. In the later 1500’s, there were additional claims by a cadre of other explorers. Adventurers like Pánfilo Narváez and Hernando de Soto who landed near Tampa Bay and ventured north searching for gold.

The first exclusive missionary expedition in La Florida in 1549, started by Father Luis de Cáncer and three other Catholic missionaries martyred on June 20, 1549, along with Fr. Diego de Tolosa, O.P., Br. Fuentes, O.P., Jesuit Father Pedro Martínez. And their companions, tribal members of the Apalachee and Timucua tribes lost their lives because of their devout faith. The missionaries had no idea that they would face extreme hostility by the Indigenous Tocobaga’s. Natives who had suffered for years under the atrocities of self-seekers who ignored the 1537 Papal Bull, which totally condemned slavery.

The brutal martyrdom of those souls who would become known as the *Four Florida “La Florida” Martyrs* – sacrificed by enraged maltreated natives. However, the martyrdom deaths did not deter Dominican and Jesuit missionary communities to continue their ministry of evangelization for the decades that followed in the Spanish missions of La Florida

The Kingdom of Spain supported missions selecting those of strong Christian faith to venture there. The Native People themselves built their mission churches established missions throughout La Florida with a goal of evangelization: to bring the sacrament of Baptism and to catechize the Native Americans to Christianity. Consequentially creating a bond that would in theory serve to prevent its colonization by other rival countries like England and France also seeking Florida’s nature resources.

Spain never exercised long-term control over more than the northern part of what is now the State of Florida from present-day St. Augustine to the area around Tallahassee, southeastern Georgia, and coastal settlements, such as Pensacola, Florida. Eventually, England settled and established a Slave trade. They employed Creek and Yamassee to enslave other tribes. The massacre of natives continued well into the 1700’s.



The history of the Catholic faith in Florida has always included accounts of clergy and religious planting the seeds of faith on the shores and fields of the Sunshine State. But the Church’s history is not complete in the words of Father Len Plazewski, Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Tampa was quoted as saying: “I think we have a very strong case. But the Church’s history would be remiss in not honoring the courageous examples of Indigenous peoples who embraced the faith and died for it.” That is one of the reasons a historical commission — that includes clergy and lay postulators from the Panhandle to Tampa Bay — who embrace the cause of canonization for the Martyrs of La Florida Mission.

The official name of their cause being: **SERVANTS OF GOD ANTONIO INIJA AND 58 COMPANIONS**. The cause revolves around Catholics who were Indigenous and missionaries from outside America martyred in the name of God. Father Plazewski explained that such a cause is based on history rather than personal interviews because the timeline of the cause ranges from 1549 to 1712.

Relying on the work of historians. The historical team has done research on Spanish documents housed in Spain, Mexico and Cuba who has been involved with the cause for eight years. They continued their mandate to show proper historical evidence of the circumstances of how (the fifty-nine martyrs) died and who were their killers and the motivations for their deaths. Uncovering that they did not just die because they had because of a robbery or enslaved, but rather killed because of an issue of their faith.

The distinction of this cause is the fact that led the martyrs and their indigenous catholic companions. While names amongst the companions may be familiar — such as Father Luis de Cáncer, the first Dominican martyred in the United States, and Jesuit Father Pedro Martínez — Their companions were members of the Apalachee and Timucua tribes. Their leader, Antonio Inija, was a native Apalachee martyred in the aftermath of a 1704 English and Creek attack on the Ayubale mission, which included 8,000 Christian natives.

The progress of this cause has evolved over the years. Retired Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was the founding bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese, took the first steps to open the cause in the 1980s. Then, in 2015, the cause was officially opened and celebrated during a Mass held in Leon County, near to the site of the martyrdoms in the early 1700s.

On February 21, 2022, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints received and responded to Pensacola-Tallahassee Bishop William Wack's request for nihil obstat (imprimatur) regarding the Beatification of the Servants of God Antonio Inija and 58 Companions. Now, Father Plazewski said, the historical documentation should be ready for Rome in 2023.

Father Plazewski has asked, "if anyone has a devotion or a prayer answered that they attribute to the intercession of the Florida Martyrs and added to the final report to Rome. Now is the time to offer it."

To lend your support to Martyrs of La Florida Missions, you can contact them at:  
The Martyrs of la Florida Missions Beatification, and the Future Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Martyrs,  
PO Box 12062, Tallahassee FL 32317 - <https://www.martyrsolafloridamissions.org/resources-1>

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As we head into a new school year, let us pray that our Heavenly Father will fill our teachers, faculty, educators, and parents with a spirit of patience and understanding. He sent us his Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from him alone. We ask that he send his Spirit upon all students and teachers and fill them with his wisdom and blessings.

### Back-To-School Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!



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### Religious Education

Dear Parents,

It is that time again to register for 2023-2024 Religious Education Classes (CCD). Attached you will find the Registration Form. It is important that you complete all sections especially the **EMERGENCY CONTACT Info. in the top right-hand corner**. We must have a contact phone number and email address for you to provide you updated information throughout the school year.

#### REGISTRATION PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

**Registration Form:** Complete a Registration Form for each child in your family.

**Sacramental Grades: 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th.** Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion and Confirmation is a two-year process. Therefore, students must complete first and second grade Religious Education classes before receiving First Holy Communion. Likewise, students must complete eighth and ninth grade classes before receiving Confirmation. The sacraments are a tremendous grace from God, which necessitate a thorough preparation before reception. **If you have a child in grades 9-12 who did not attend Religious Education classes or a Catholic school last year, your child will need to enroll in our eighth-grade prep class this year.** Please let us know if your child needs to be baptized, this is the first sacrament they must have prior to First Communion. We will make special arrangements to have your child baptized.

If your child is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher and has not yet received Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, they will need to enroll in their grade as well as the Sacramental Preparation Class. They will need to **MEMORIZE the following prayers: Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Invitation to Communion & The Ten Commandments.** Your child will be tested verbally along with written tests to ensure they know the prayers. So please begin now working with your child. Otherwise, a lot of time is taken during each class to ensure that all students know them individually. Please make sure you get a copy of the Prayer List and Parent Letter so your child comes to class already knowing the prayers!

**Baptismal Certificates:** Include a Baptismal Certificate for all students receiving a Sacrament (2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation)

**Fee: \$25.00 per student** and may be paid by credit card through the office or in cash or check made out to Emmanuel Catholic Church. You may make one check for multiple students, just list the students name on the notation part of the check. Please attach payment to the Registration Form.

Registration Forms may be dropped off in the Church Office during office hours or mailed back to the Church addressed: 15700 South Military Trail Delray Beach FL 33484.

Contact me at [religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church](mailto:religiouseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) or 561-496-2480 Office Number if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing your children in our classes again and we welcome you if you are a new family to our program!

May God bless you and your family,

Jean Krokus  
Director Religious Education

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Cut where appropriate, fill up completely, place in an envelope, address to Jean Krokus, drop in an offering basket with your payment. If a check, make out to Emmanuel Catholic Church. Or mail to the church, or bring it to the Parish Office on a weekday.

For Office Use Only: Paid Cash: _____ Check # _____ Amt: _____ Fee per student \$25.00	Credit card # _____ Exp. Date _____	<b>Emmanuel Catholic Church</b> Religious Education Registration Form	<b>*EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO</b> PHONE# _____ Name of Contact _____ Contact _____
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**STUDENT INFORMATION:** Interested in Youth Group:  Y  N

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: (\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Circumstances**

Does your child have any allergies: (circle one)  NO  YES

If YES please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child has an illness, allergy, learning disability, etc please let us know so that we can be attentive to his/her needs. Please use the back of this form to provide further details.

**Parents Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mothers Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: Cell or EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print 9 or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Lives with: (circle all that apply)

Both Parents Mother Father Grandparents

**Sacramental Information**

Circle one. If YES please fill out all details

Baptism:  NO  YES Church Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation:  NO  YES Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

First Holy Communion:  NO  YES Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

If your child was NOT BAPTIZED at Emmanuel Catholic Church, WE MUST HAVE A COPY of his/her Baptismal Certificate provided. Please bring a copy to the first class or drop it off in the Church Office. Arrangements for Baptism can be done with Deacon Tony through the Church Office.

PARENTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT ALL SECTIONS NEATLY AND COMPLETELY. WE MUST HAVE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION, EMAIL AND CELL.

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For Office Use Only: Paid Cash: _____ Check # _____ Amt: _____ Fee per student \$25.00	<b>Emmanuel Catholic Church</b> Formulario de registro de educación religiosa	LOS PADRES SE LLENAN <b>Contacto de emergencia:</b> PHONE # _____ nombre de contacto: _____ contacto: _____ <b>MUY IMPORTANTES</b>
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**Información del estudiante**

Apellido del Niño/a: \_\_\_\_\_ Anos: \_\_\_\_\_ grupo juvenil

Fecha de nacimiento: (\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_) Lugar de Nacimiento: \_\_\_\_\_

Domicilio: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_ Código Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Numero de Telefono: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono móvil(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de Escuela: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dirección de correo electrónico:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Circumstances**

¿Su hijo tiene alergias a los alimentos? (circle one)  NO  YES

En caso afirmativo, explíquelo por favor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Information**

Un círculo. Si la respuesta es SI, complete todas las detalles

Bautismo:  NO  SI Church Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ estado \_\_\_\_\_ fecha de bautismo \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliación:  NO  SI Church: \_\_\_\_\_ ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ estado \_\_\_\_\_

Primera comunión:  NO  SI Church: \_\_\_\_\_ ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ estado \_\_\_\_\_

Si su hijo NO FUE BAPTIZADO en la Iglesia Católica Emmanuel, DEBEMOS TENER UNA COPIA de su certificado de bautismo. Por favor traiga una copia a la primera clase o déjala en la Oficina de la Iglesia. Los arreglos para el bautismo se pueden hacer con el Deacon Tony a través de la Oficina de la Iglesia.

**Nombre del Padre:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nombre del Madre:** \_\_\_\_\_

Método de contacto preferido: Cell or EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Por favor imprima 9 o correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

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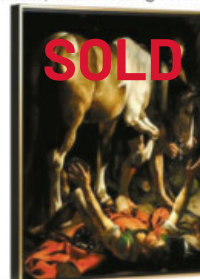
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