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WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Thursday

7:30am, 8:30am

Friday

7:30am, 8:30am, 6:00pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday

8:30am, Vigil 4:00pm, 5:30pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:00am CM*

10:30am, 12:00noon, 6:00pm

*Children's Mass

Confession

Saturday



With Fr. Theo, left to right: **Barbara Creasy, Daisy Guzman, Rose Naradajan.** Let us all welcome our newest **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Your Festival Donations

Drop-off times for your Flea Market donations have been scheduled for the following dates:

January 16, 23, and 30th
From 9:00AM-12:00N
In Front of the Pavilion

Gentle Reminder:

Our annual Flea Market Festival will be on February 9 and 10, 2024.

Knights at the Races

Hurry and get your tickets at the Parish Office for the **January 19, 2024 "Night at the Races"** event. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Blessed Mother Council, tickets are individually available for your donation of **\$12.00!**

Confirmants

Mark your personal calendars for **March 10, 2024.** On that day, you will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** during the mass that will be celebrated by **Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito,**

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.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

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Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Lectors

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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

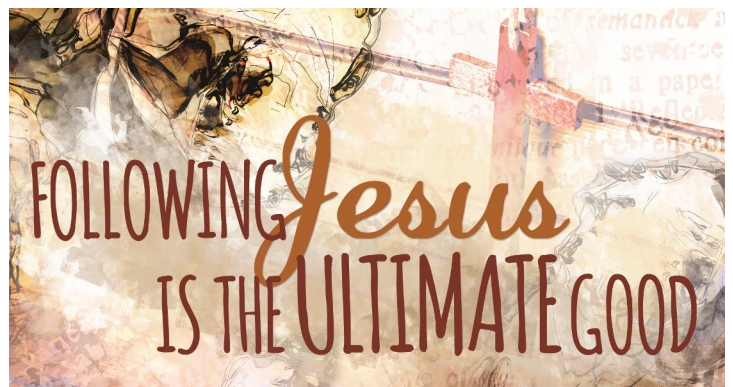
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Carol Chapman

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove



PARISH 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-1:00pm**

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

Saturday Closed

Last Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 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 CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan 15

6:30A Adoration
1:00P Movie

Tuesday, Jan 16

6:30A Adoration
10:00A Faith Sharing

Wednesday, Jan 17

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

Thursday, Jan 18

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

Friday, Jan 19

6:30A Adoration
6:30P Knights at the Races
6:30P Taize

Saturday, Jan 20

9:00A Confession
X:XX Name of Event

Sunday, Jan 21

1:00P OCIA Class



SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Do you want to make sure there have been no sudden time changes to any event or activity you want to join this week? Call the parish office on business hours.

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ORDINARY TIME

Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays.

This period is known as ordinary time." (Universal Norms, 43) Ordinary Time begun last Tuesday, January 9th after the feast of the baptism of the Lord, and continues through Tuesday, 13 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season.

It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, 20 May, the day following Pentecost. We cannot speak of ordinary time without speaking of Sunday.

The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the church year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day.

These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention.

These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year.

Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion.

Sunday, as a day of play and worship, is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living. (Taken from the St. Andrew Bible Missal)

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Pastor

CLERGY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Monday, Jan 15

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

Tuesday, Jan 16

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Wednesday, Jan 17

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

Thursday, Jan 18

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

Friday, Jan 19

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

Saturday, Jan 20

8:30A Fr. Zamora 4:00P Fr. Zamora 6:00P Fr. Carr

Sunday, Jan 21

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DSA UPDATE

January 4, 2024

Goal	\$173,000.00
Amount Raised	\$144,892.99
Balance Remaining	\$28,107.01

December 31, 2023

First Collection	\$11,575.00
Collection Item	\$2,603.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$940.00
Online (12/30/2023).....	\$988.63

January 7, 2024

First Collection	\$17,316.00
Second Collection	\$2,691.00
Solemnity of Maey.....	\$280.00
Online (01/06/2024).....	\$1,761.53

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan 15

7:30am † Franca Calabrisi by Anastasi Family

* Karen Caouette by Family

8:30am † Rose Buerkert by Carol

† Pellegrino Virgo by wife Amelia

Tuesday, Jan 16

7:30am † Dr. Robert Vito Carito by Deacon Tony Cuseo

† James Bimmler by Julia Eastman

8:30am † Frank Femiano Sr. by Frank & Donna Femiano

† Pedro Miranda Cardoso by Gallegos Family

Wednesday, Jan 17

7:30am † Joseph DeBoise by Martina DeBoise

† James Bimmler by Margaret Bailey

8:30am † Pedro Miranda Cardoso by Wolfe Family

† Dorothy Krokus Hegner by Gallegos Family

Thursday, Jan 18

7:30am † Bob Carney by Dorothy Deedy

† Robert Carida by Michael & Carole Shapiro

8:30am † Martha Attanasio by Rose D'Amato

† Macario Penserga by wife

Friday, Jan 19

7:30am † Carlos & Angela Henriod & Percy Cannon Sr. by Cannon Family † Dennis Audette by Clara & Tom Depko

8:30am † Robert Carney by Marie Regan

* Christopher Jr. Dlugokecki by Maria Dlugokecki, † Robert Carney

6:00am † For Priests

For priests

Saturday, Jan 20

8:30am * Christopher Diugokecki by Maria Diugokecki

† Brittany Basiaga by Barbara & Dennis Morris

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm † Luisella Tamborini by Santoro Family

† Guy Saieh by Sister Cecile Saieh

† William Mazzio by Mother Anna Perfetti

Sunday, Jan 21

7:30am † Betty Gibbons by Christine Shento

† Roseann Bruno by Tom & Cathy Tripi

9:00am † Miriam Dilorio by Carmella Donnino

† Tony Diana by Anne & Gerry Gerhard

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00N † Francesca Longo by Francesca Atanasio

† Sister Linda Scotti by Family

6:00pm † Mary Mehigan by Lillian & Donal

† Mary Dennehy by Lillian & Donal

UNSCHEDULED

† Francesco Valente by Dorothy Deedy * Neil & Luda Travelli by Marie & Mike Proto

* Marie Romano by Marie & Mike Proto † Barbara Vilbig by Marie & Michael Proto

† Renee Sayour by Lillian & Donal Dennehy



Altar Flowers

† Name Surname

Vigil Lights

† Name Surname

Shrine Flowers

† Name Surname

SECTION HEADING

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:

David & John	Sr. Frances Vass OSC
Helen Cruz	Marguerite Dawson
Lenore Curatolo	Mary Loveland
Marilyn Boyle	Sam Falcone
Andrea Anastasi	Patricia Golstein
Shelly Fiorini	Taylor Dosh
Fran Abrami	Marilyn Martino
Ed Bush	Gulshan Modena
Margarito D Berciles	Maggie Dolan
Arthur Chiusano	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Maureen Oberholzer	Heather Martin
Bob Oberholzer	Taiilor McGee
John Wilkens	Ronald Griffiths
Scott Ellison	Margie Giaquinto
Evangeline Ezeilo	Maria Fernandez
Michael Gehres	Raphael Roman
Karen Sullivan	Samuel Gonzales Victorio
Eric Albertson	Brenda Ezeilo
Salvatore Pagano	Michael DiBartolome
Sean Zahul	Brian Sullivan
Darren Guzman	Joan Albertson
Mary Lou	Cynthia Martin
Connie Panepinto	Francis Martin
Amalia Mazzolin	Hermoine D'Crux
Leon Martin	Brigitte Knops
Joe Delagami	Toni Kreamer
Dennis Audette	Ann Cavaseno
Rose Marie Regner	Gerry Gerhard
Michael Manuele	Ricardo Gonez
Carla Ruiz	Euclides Cerutti
Benjamin Robelo	Grace Cassagnol
Karen McCarty	Ray Wolff
T.J. Genzale	
Dave Ruiz	
Victoria Robelo	
Ms. S.	
Dennis Gilbride	
Jane McGinley	
Barry Cohen	
Rose Borsella	



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.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

- St Augustine

DIVINE OPTION

Joe Stegler

A few weeks into this new year and many of us have probably come up with resolutions for the new year. Maybe you want to get in shape, eat healthier, learn how to play an instrument or speak a new language etc. Statistically most of our resolutions will fail within a month or two, possibly even less. Sticking to those resolutions can be really hard and often it is simply too difficult to keep them. Our lives are already so full and we just don't have the mental or emotional space or time to stick with those resolutions. We come up against our limits, our inabilities and our weaknesses.

When I come up against these things within myself often I can feel a deep sense of shame or disappointment. I should have stuck it out and run that extra mile. I should have been able to resist that piece of cake. Why didn't I just say no to watching that TV show and instead practice guitar or look at my flashcards for French. Whatever it is, when we give up and look for some outlet to relax and find comfort we can often feel sad or depressed. We have let ourselves down. We believe that either we are weak willed or we don't have the ability to grow and do difficult things. I have felt this myself on many occasions.

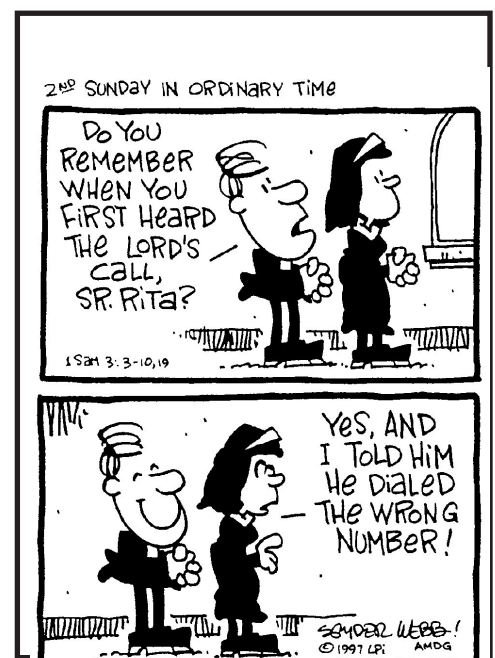
When this happens many of us become complacent. The constant fight is too much. It is just easier to let the currents of life overtake us rather than to swim against the current. This is understandable. We all have a limited capacity in our humanity to fight and sometimes we just run out of juice. There is nothing more to give or maybe there was nothing to give in the first place.



In these moments whether it is directly about our faith life or it something like losing weight there's only one true path forward. We have to embrace our weaknesses. If we don't accept our weakness both physically as well as spiritually we will constantly perform the same dynamic of trying, failing, mustering up the strength and courage again to go forward and then coming to the end of our strength and failing again. And this dynamic is exhausting and disheartening.

in the life of Jesus though we are shown a different path forward. When Jesus went to the cross he knew his weakness and his limitations. He was like us in all things except sin St. Paul says. So rather than trying to rely on his own strength he entrusted himself to his Father. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus said not my will but yours be done. The only reason he was able to say this was that, in his humanity he was no longer relying on his own ability. Rather he was relying on the Father's love for him. It was this love that carried him through all the sufferings of his passion and death and brought him to experience the resurrection. He rested in the Father. Pope St. John Paul II said that on the Cross Jesus experienced the deepest intimacy with his Father. So for us, when we hit our limits, rather than trying to rely on our own strength to get us through we need, like Jesus did, to run to our Father who loves us.

This new year is an invitation to come into deeper love and intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The God who loves infinitely more than we could ever imagine wants to meet us in our weakness and limitations and to carry us through. He may not deliver us from our limitations and weaknesses but he will be with us in them. This is the promise of the new year. That we have a God who is with us through it all.



ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioner

Once again it is time to turn our attention to our Annual Parish Festival and Raffle. This is a parish event as we rejoice in the Lord for giving us this great opportunity to come together as a parish family.

The dates for the 2024 Annual Parish Festival are Friday, February 9th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm & Saturday, February 10th from 8:00am-7:30pm. We will be having a flea market in Columbus Hall, food, bake sale and coffee, and car show. Details can be found in our bulletin and on our parish website as well.

Our Festival and Raffle is the single biggest fundraising effort we make each year. I am writing to ask you for your continued support and participation in the upcoming raffle. We hope each of your families will purchase or sell at least one book of raffle tickets. Please feel free to sell to neighbors, friends, other family members, and/or co-workers! The cost of each ticket is \$10.00 or \$50.00 for a book of 6 tickets. I have enclosed one sheet (two books) of tickets with this letter.

This year, we have chosen again to have cash prizes:

1st Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$2,500

3rd Prize: \$1,500

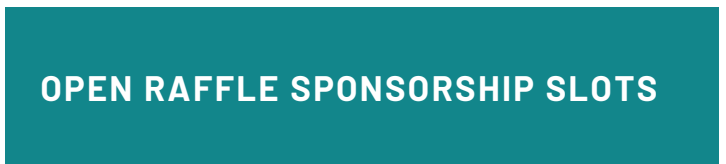
10 Consolation Prizes of: \$200 each

Please return the tickets with your donation. Additional tickets are available at the parish office. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 10th at 7:30pm.

I thank you with all my heart for your continued support to our Parish and I look forward to sharing the good times with you at the Festival! We would also like to thank Lorne and Sons who generously covered the cost of printing the raffle tickets.



Prize	Amount	Bulletin	Complimentary Tickets
First Prize	\$ 5,000.00		96
Second Prize	\$ 2,500.00		48
Third Prize	\$ 1,500.00		24
Consolation Prize	\$ 200.00		6
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

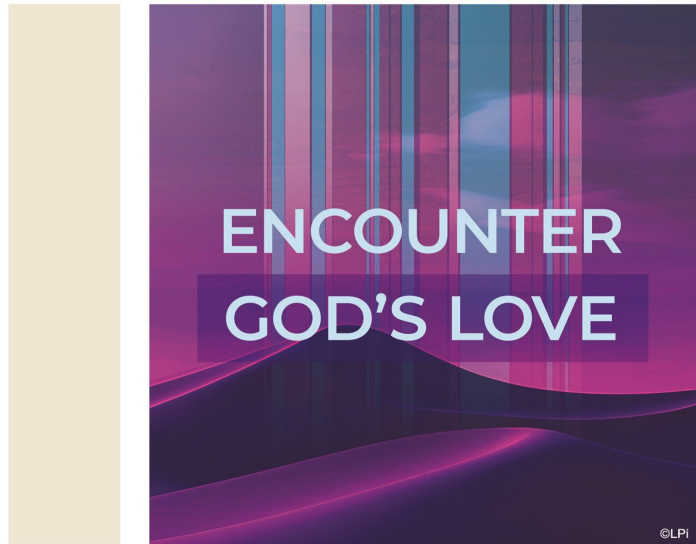
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

Sharing the Gospel

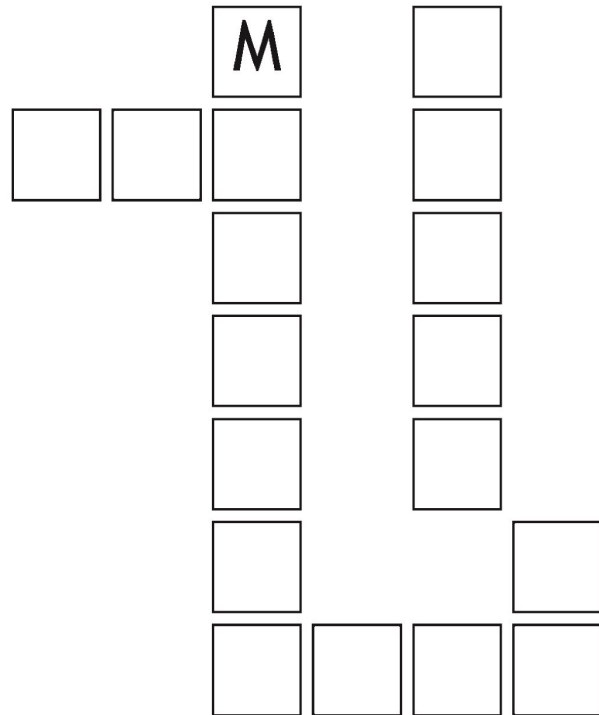
Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

Now color the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



JESUS YOUTH INVITES YOU TO

ARISE

A MONTHLY PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS (9TH TO 12TH GRADE)

JANUARY 27TH, 3-6PM
EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please contact either
Tony: (914) 355-0169 | Joel: (630) 917-4974



SAVE THE DATE!

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

Annual Anniversary Mass

Bishop Gerald Barbarito will celebrate the 40th Annual Anniversary Masses for Married Couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage during the year 2024.

Saturday
February 10, 2024
10:30 AM

St. Lucie Catholic Church
280 SW Prima Vista Boulevard
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Saturday
February 17, 2024
10:30 AM

St. Jude Catholic Church
21689 Toledo Road
Boca Raton, FL 33433

Watch your
bulletin for details
on how to register
with your parish
for this special
celebration!

Happy Anniversary!

Sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family Life, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.
For information and registration please contact the Parish office.





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A New Year's invitation for you!

"Get fit for Jesus"

It is so critical for us to seek and to grow daily in Jesus. Read the scriptures and go to Mass daily, if possible. To avoid becoming spiritual prey, "never cease praying" (1Thes 5:17) Grow strong in your holy faith through prayer in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20) As Jesus would do, love and forgive others. Serving others will bring you Holy Joy. Let's get in better "spiritual shape" required to be "ready to greet the Lord, when He comes again. At Mass we stand to sing, we sit to listen and learn, and kneel in reverence and adoration. But there's more we can do!
Prayer: Father, help me. Give me the grace, energy, and desire to allow you to grow your new life within me.(Phil 2:13)

"Get fit for Jesus through Mary with Soulcore "

The Soulcore community invites you to prepare with us getting in **spiritual shape** required "ready to greet the Lord, when He comes again".

We move at soulcore, with gentle stretching exercises at your own fitness level (on a mat or chair).

We take deep purposeful breaths inviting the Holy Spirit and thanking Jesus. This reduces stress and tension.

We rest listening to the mysteries of the rosary, to scriptures and faith based meditations.

We are plugged in spiritually. We have to charge our cell phones and we have to charge our souls.

We pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We honor Mary and the rosary, intentions for our priests, the church, our families, and the world.

We encourage and pray for one another in good times and in turbulent times. Godly friendships are formed.

All ages are invited women and men, children and teens, at any fitness level. Exercise on a mat or in a chair.

Visit www.soulcore.com for more information and other USA locations.

Contact Soulcore leader Ramona Joachim 561-866-4820 for local class times and locations, and any questions you might have.

Now is the time (2 Cor 6:2) to strengthen your mind, body and soul.

You will leave soulcore rejuvenated every time guaranteed. Where faith meets fitness!

Local class time and locations:

Monday & Wednesday 6:30PM St. Joan of Arc church Boca - Athletic Center gym

Wednesday 4:00PM Emmanuel church Delray - Columbus Hall

Saturday Sunrise 6:30AM Pavilion at Palmetto Park Rd. down on the sand at Boca Raton beach