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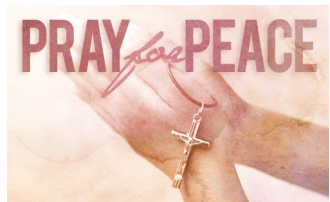
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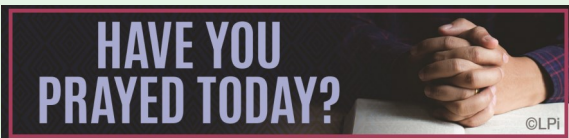
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# PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

## CLERGY

### Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

### Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

### In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

### Weekday/Weekend Associates

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Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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### Lectors

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 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

4th 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, April 22

6:30A..... Adoration 1:00P.....Movie

Tuesday, April 23

6:30A..... Adoration 10:00A..... Faith Sharing 7:00P..... KoC General Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

6:30A..... Adoration 4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

9:00A..... Confession 10:00A..... First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter



SCHEDULE CHANGES?

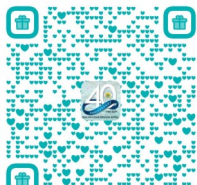
Do you want to make sure there have been no sudden time changes to any event or activity you want to join this week? Call the parish office during business hours.

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DSA STEWARDSHIP REPORT – YEAR 2024

April 11, 2024

Goal Amount ..... \$ 169,000.00 Current Donation Total ..... \$100,590.06 Balance Remaining ..... \$ 68,409.94



## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### Called to Sow Seeds of Hope and to Bring Peace

Dear brothers and sisters! Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

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## CLERGY SCHEDULE APRIL 22-28 2024

### Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### April 14, 2024

First Collection .....	\$ 16,998.00
Second Collection .....	\$ 3,875.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 20,873.00
Children's Mass.....	\$ 398.00
Online (04/08/24–04/12/2024).....	\$ 1,126.51

### April 07, 2024

First Collection .....	\$18,577.00
Second Collection .....	\$3,452.00
Subtotal.....	\$22,029.00
Children's Mass.....	\$ 279.00
Online (04/01/24–04/05/2024).....	\$ 2,475.34

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support!**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."  
(Acts 4:12)

### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the  
cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be  
like him,  
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

### Gospel:

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

## Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**Monday:** Earth Day  
**Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day  
**Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**Friday:** Arbor Day  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter

## Questions of the Week

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

### Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

### Gospel Reading:

As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."  
- Jn 10:14-15

## Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,  
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.  
Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

#### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

#### Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

#### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24–13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

#### Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— *Father John Muir*

# PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

## FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

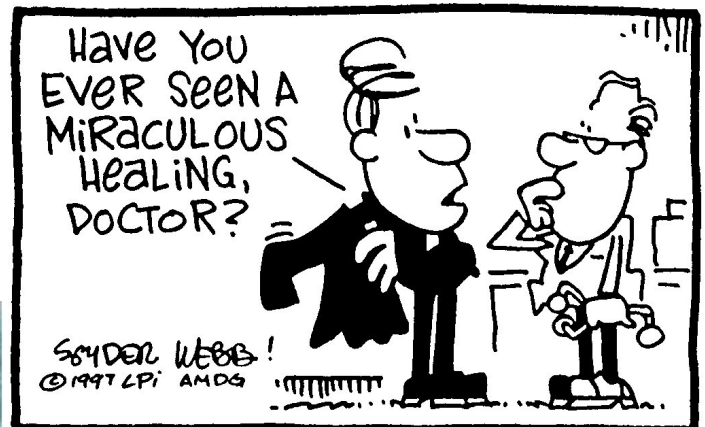


### Everyday Stewardship

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 22

7:30am †Esther Mazzolin by A. M. †Michael Marino by Rosa Marotta  
8:30am †Brian Cavanagh by Mother & Brother †Mary L. Hudson Judge by Mark & Gail Vlasek

### Tuesday, April 23

7:30am †Vera Andrich by A. M. †Andrea Colon Santiago by Dennis & Judy Smith  
8:30am †Judith Dzurino by Claudia Gizzarelli †Jerry Galanti by Tom & Jo Comparato

### Wednesday, April 24

7:30am †Frank Andrich by A. M. \*Dennis Smith by Wife  
8:30am \*Liberation of Haiti by Haitian Community \*Kelly Lau by Kee & Chris Iofredda  
†Valerie Femiano by Frank & Donna Femiano

### Thursday, April 25

7:30am \*Jesus Manuel Rodriguez by Martina DeBoise †Theresa Pavin by A. M.  
8:30am †Victoria Stimolo by Vicki Melito †Philip Carlo by Wife Jane

### Friday, April 26

7:30am †Napoleon Everts by Ramon Palmero †John & Anna Vartanian by Ted & Fran Souza  
8:30am †Elvera Hageney by James Hageney & Daughter Elvera †Patrick Saieh by Sister Cecile Saieh  
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, April 27

8:30am †Joseph Brisson by Family †Sam Andrich by A. M.  
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
5:30pm †Paladino Gagliardi by Arlene & Joseph Ferrara †Lucia Cardona by Daughter & Grandkids

### Sunday, April 28

7:30am †Andrea Colon Santiago by Jennifer Sikora Demeusy \*Drake Vonkannewarff  
9:00am †Gladys Monte by Phyllis Lomitola †Lorna Moody by David Allen  
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
12:00pm †Susan Maria Pacienza & Family by Christine & John †Clara Gubitosi by Good Friends  
6:00pm †Michael Palumbo by Mr. & Mrs. Gisonda †Nancy Rossi Smith by Barbara Rossi  
†Paula Krokus by Krokus Families

## UNSCHEDULED

\*JoAnn Sutton by Dorothy Deedy †Patricia Silva by Al & Georgann †Maskin Family by Hemmer Family  
†Hemmer Family by Family \*Giuseppina Iadisernia by Marie Guzman †Madeleine St. Jean by Carol Schwab  
\*Fr. G. Zamora/Birthday by Carol Schwab \*Sue Madden/Healing by Carol Schwab

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**By A.M.**

**VIGIL LIGHTS**

**By A.M.**

**SHRINE FLOWERS**

**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 their families:  
AND FOR**

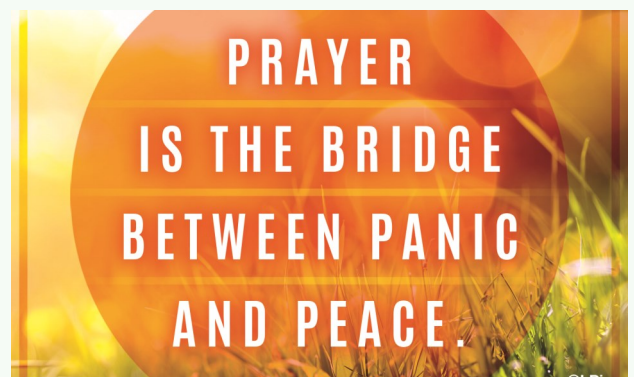
David & John	Marilyn Martino
Helen Cruz	Gulshan Modena
Lenore Curatolo	Maggie Dolan
Marilyn Boyle	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Andrea Anastasi	Heather Martin
Shelly Fiorini	Taiilor McGee
Fran Abrami	Ronald Griffiths
Ed Bush	Margie Giaquinto
Margarito D. Berciles	Maria Fernandez
Arthur Chiusano	Raphael Roman
Maureen Oberholzer	James Ezeilo
Bob Oberholzer	Brenda Ezeilo
John Wilkens	Cynthia Martin
Scott Ellison	Francis Martin
Evangeline Ezeilo	Hermoine D'Cruz
Michael Gehres	Brigitte Knops
Karen Sullivan	Toni Kreamer
Eric Albertson	Gerry Gerhard
Sean Zahul	Euclides Cerutti
Darren Guzman	Grace Cassagnol
Mary Lou	Samuel Gonzales
Connie Panepinto	Victorio
Amalia Mazzolin	Ray Wolff
Leon Martin	Patricia Tripi Giraldo
Joe Delagami	Ruth Kipperman
Dennis Audette	Ida Giannettina
Rose Marie Regner	Tom Hickey
Michael Manuele	Josette Weber
Carla Ruiz	Nicholas Payamps
Benjamin Robelo	Vincent Rizzo
Karen McCarty	Louis Perticone
T.J. Genzale	Ann Cavaseno
Dave Ruiz	Sue Madden
Victoria Robelo	Hank Missig
Ms. S.	Ulrich Vhon Laroa
Dennis Gilbride	Charles Christopher
Jane McGinley	Tufano
Rose Borsella	Angela Discepola
Richard Stephens	Cristina Beck
Lexie Helgerson	Nancy Wong
David Smeraldo	Anna Halford
Janette Cole	Sal Yanello
Steven Martin Sikes	Victor Rivera
Gianna Pagan	William Lindner
Suzanne Puleo	Lisa Della Femina
David Keyser	Bruce Campbell
Sr. Frances Vass OSC	Karen Chisholm
Marguerite Dawson	
Mary Loveland	
Sam Falcone	
Patricia Golstein	
Taylor Dosh	

**PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION.** 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 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.

**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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.** Our Sacraments class proudly showing their prizes they won from their First Communion Faithful Feud class competition. The students had a great time answering faith filled game show type questions as part of our end of the year review. Come join the fun next year and sign up your child for CCD classes as we kick off our registration for 2025. Registration will take place the next 3 weekends after children's mass!



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"Message from Pope Francis..."*

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

### A people on the move

The polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations that the Christian community recognizes and accompanies helps us to appreciate more fully what it means to be Christians. As God's people in this world, guided by his Holy Spirit, and as living stones in the Body of Christ, we come to realize that we are members of a great family, children of the Father and brothers and sisters of one another. We are not self-enclosed islands but parts of a greater whole. In this sense, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all.

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as pilgrims of hope towards the Holy Year, for by discovering

our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For "prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door" (Catechesis, 20 May 2020).

### Pilgrims of hope and builders of peace

Yet what does it mean to be pilgrims? Those who go on pilgrimage seek above all to keep their eyes fixed on the goal, to keep it always in their mind and heart. To achieve that goal, however, they need to concentrate on every step, which means travelling light, getting rid of what weighs them down, carrying only the essentials and striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty and hesi-

tation. Being a pilgrim means setting out each day, beginning ever anew, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas.

This is the ultimate meaning of our Christian pilgrimage: we set out on a journey to discover the love of God and at the same time to discover ourselves, thanks to an interior journey nourished by our relationships with others. We are pilgrims because we have been called: called to love God and to love one another. Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering; on the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love. We are pilgrims of hope because we are pressing forward towards a better future, committed at every step to bringing it about.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet.

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To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism.

In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace. This hope – Saint Paul tells us – "does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), since it is born of the Lord's promise that he will remain always with us and include us in the work of redemption that he wants to accomplish in the heart of each individual and in the "heart" of all creation. This hope finds its propulsive force in Christ's resurrection, which "contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit" (Evangeliium Gaudium, 276). Again, the Apostle Paul tells us that, "in hope we were saved" (Rom 8:24). The redemption accomplished in the paschal mystery is a source of hope, a sure and trustworthy hope, thanks to which we can face the challenges of the present.

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

### The courage to commit

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live.

Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

**Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.**



# PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## LADIES GUILD



The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their annual baby shower for BirthLine/Lifeline. We have a basinet in the vestibule of Church to collect items from parishioners until April 30th. All and any items are very much appreciated. The most needed items are listed below.

- Diapers ( Size: Newborn, 5 and 6 )
- Baby Towels and Washcloths
- Small Toy items for Infants
- Baby Wash/Shampoo/Lotion (Small or Medium)
- Car Seats
- Pack-n-Play

Thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile endeavor.



# The Ladies Guild



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### Painting the Church

A cheating painting contractor had been skimping by thinning his paint excessively. Nevertheless, he landed a big job painting a church. He was almost done when a major storm blew up. It washed all the paint off. Amid the thunder and lightening, there came a loud voice...

"REPAINT," it boomed. "REPAINT, AND THIN NO MORE!"

**(Proverbs 17:22)**



# Diocese of Palm Beach

## 2024 International Marian Festival



### Immaculate Heart of Mary of Fatima Heralds of the Gospel

Sunday May 5, 2024

2:00 pm

Emmanuel Catholic Church

15700 S. Military Trail

Delray Beach, FL 33484



Bishop Gerald Barbarito will lead us in the procession around the rosary lake, recitation of the rosary in various languages, crowning of Our Lady and Eucharistic Benediction.

#### Group Information:

Your group will provide the statue, float, flowers, banners or any other decorations you would like. On the day of the festival, arrive early to assemble everything with your group. A number will be assigned to you the day of to let you know the order you will be in line. **Please contact Stella with the name of your group and the Marian title you will be representing.**

**Stella: 561-496-2480 ext.1007**