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**Religious Education Program**



Have you registered your child for CCD this year?

If not, please scan this QR Code for our online registration form.



Class start dates:  
 Preschool -5th: September 8th @ 10am  
 6th - 12th: September 15th @ 11:30 am

We welcome all new families to our Religious Education program and request that you become a registered parishioner. All families must register with the parish before children may be registered in the CCD Program. You may visit the Parish office during office hours to fill out the paperwork.

**To all parents registering for CCD.** Please try re-registering using the new **QR code** above. The original QR code did not provide the option to submit the information you entered. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**As parents of CCD-eligible kids,** should we merely bring them to class in preparation for First Communion or Confirmation?  
**See page 13.**

**The Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (with Barcelona)** sponsored by the Emmanuel Ladies Guild, scheduled for May 18-May 27, 2025, has just **6 remaining seats available** for purchase. If you are interested in joining the tour, do reach out to any active member of the guild for details ASAP.



**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15**

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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

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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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

### Gift Shop

Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

### Blood Drive

Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

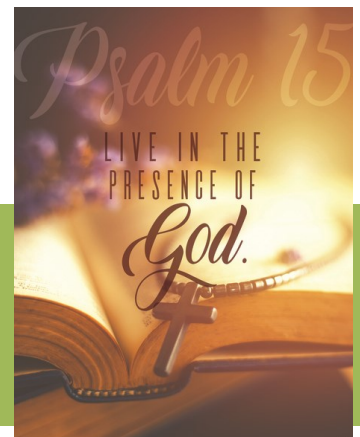
## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd



**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**

**Sunday, Sept. 01**

9:00A.....KoC Mass

**Monday, Sept. 02**

6:30A..... Adoration

1:00P.....Movie Mondays

**Tuesday, Sept. 03**

6:30A..... Adoration

10:00A..... Faith Sharing

6:30P..... Ladies Guild Meeting

7:00P..... Ladies Guild Meeting

**Wednesday, Sept. 04**

6:30A..... Adoration

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

4:00P..... SoulCore

**Thursday, Sept. 05**

6:30A..... Adoration

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

3:00P..... Holy Hour

6:30P..... AA Meeting

**Friday, Sept. 06**

6:30A..... Adoration

9:00A..... First Friday Adoration

6:00P..... First Friday Mass

**Saturday, Sept. 07**

9:00A..... Confession

**Sunday, Sept. 08**

9:00A..... Ladies Guild Mass

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

**HE MEETS US  
WHERE WE ARE**



**LADIES GUILD INVITATION**

**Come join us on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 PM  
Ladies Guild will hold its first meeting of the year!!  
This is our "Salad Supper" meeting!!**

Please bring any type of salad...tossed, fruit, gelatin, miniature tuna, chicken or ham salad sandwiches or maybe you have a special salad to share with the ladies!!! A short business meeting will also be held!!

**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.

**561.496.2480**

**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY!**



## THE FREEDOM TO RESPECT THE LAW

In our society we encounter an overwhelming amount of laws; some from God, some from our religious leaders and many from government and civil authorities. Law is important. Without law, civilization cannot survive. Without law, there is chaos.

At the same time, freedom is important, although the weight of its importance in our thoughts, and all actions we make arising from these thoughts, also require our understanding how freedom relates to law. We live in a society where too many people think freedom means doing whatever they want without having to answer to any authority. Without law, there would be no freedom, for we would be spending all our energy simply trying to avoid being annihilated.

Moses reminded God's people in today's first reading that, if they kept God's laws, they would be admired by their contemporaries and they would prosper. We have to balance the restrictions that laws place upon us with the freedom we want to enjoy.

In today's gospel, the religious leaders of Jesus' time

were accusing him of ignoring their laws and traditions. Jesus turned the tables on them and told them they're missing the main point of what religion is all about. Jesus condemned them because they stressed only external observance. Jesus reminds them and us that true religion is about a change of heart.

St. James tells us today, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." Our feelings are not always the purest or the best, but if we behave in a kindly and appreciative manner, that is good. And it is often through doing the right thing that our hearts are changed. Whether someone is watching or not, it's when we have a right heart that we do the right thing. That's a high level of moral maturity. It's a goal we try to teach our children, it's a goal we strive to achieve for ourselves.

— Fr. Z



## Saint of the Day - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests. Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and

help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

### CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>

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

5:30P Fr. Carr

#### Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30A Fr. Zamora Fr. 9:00A Fr. Timothy

10:30A Fr Timothy.

12:00P Fr. Theo 6:00P Fr. Theo

#### Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

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

6:00P Fr. Zamora

#### Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

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

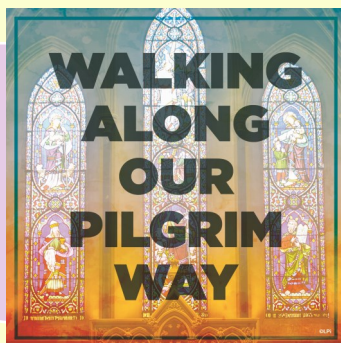
5:30P Fr. Theo

#### Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30A Fr. Carr Fr. Carr 9:00A

10:00A Fr. Fr. Zamora 10:30A Fr. Timothy

12:00P Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Zamora



**THE LEGION OF MARY** is a new ministry in Emmanuel. Although, they have not scheduled their first meeting as of yet, they plan to meet Wednesdays at 6PM. Meetings will include the recitation of the Holy Rosary, other Marian prayers and faith sharing. Part of their apostolate is to visit the sick and the dying.

This ministry is open to all men and women in the parish. If you are interested, please call the parish office for details!

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### DSA UPDATE - June 20, 2024

Goal Amount .....	\$ 169,000.00
Current Donation Total .....	\$ 114,351.98
Balance Remaining .....	\$ 54,648.02

#### CHURCH OFFERINGS

##### August 25, 2024

First Collection .....	\$ 8,627.00
Second Collection .....	\$ 2,507.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,134.00
Online (8/24/2024).....	\$ 1,173.07

##### August 18, 2024

First Collection .....	\$ 10,929.00
Second Collection .....	\$ 2,091.00
Subtotal.....	\$13,020 00
Online (8/17/2024).....	\$ 1,524.73

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

# WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

AUG 19—AUG 25, 2024 | 06

## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

### Monday, Sept. 02

7:30am †Joseph DeBoise by Wife †Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise  
8:30am \*Isla Marie Lemar by A. M. †Andrea Colon Santiago by Martin DeBoise

### Tuesday, Sept. 03

7:30am \*Ezekiel & Roman DeBoise By Martina DeBoise †Dominick Ricardo Sr. by Dominick Ricardo Jr.  
8:30am \*Darren Guzman by Marie †Anthony & Frances Ivanich by Eva Marcou

### Wednesday, Sept. 04

7:30am \*Cecilio Everts by Ramon Palmero †Gerard & David Abrami by Fran Abrami  
8:30am †Agostino Calisi by S. Cal Calisi \*Albert Fernandes by Mari Fernandes & Family

### Thursday, Sept. 05

7:30am †Carmen Ruiz De Roman by Martina DeBoise \*Clanaven Baldonado Jubac by Family  
8:30am \*Deacon Miguel Muñoz by Edward & Jennifer †Franc Cuevas by Bob Budd

### Friday, Sept. 06

7:30am †Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer †Bobby Desmet by Ted & Fran Souza  
8:30am †Ana & Martin Muñoz by Christian Muñoz \*Joanna Maj by Margaret Maj  
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

### Saturday, Sept. 07

8:30am †Maria Esperanza Bianchini by Parishioner †Lilian Corina Lopez by Coralia Vail  
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD  
5:30pm †Donna Petricone by Husband †Diego Messina by Family

### Sunday, Sept. 08

7:30am †Merciades & Altagracia Brea by Esteban Brea †Linda Knapp by Thomas & Linda Clayton  
9:00am †Rose Buerkert by Carol, \*Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild †Peter Silvestre by Nancy Silvestre  
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
12:00pm \*Intentions of Blessed Mother †Alfred & Maria Pacienza & Family by Granddaughter  
6:00pm †Anita Clancy by Family †Muriel Prokop by Family

## UNSCHEDULED

\*Jennifer Demeusy by Barbara Rossi \*Joe Chelles by Krokus Family Victims of assassination attempt  
†Virginia Lynch by Barbara Rossi †Yvesfrancoise Pierre by Daughter Eva \*John Wilkens by Dorothy Deedy  
†Kathy Conroy by Bob Gallucci \*Marton Fabian by Celia \*Maggie & Lucy by Celia \*Irene Metzger by Celia  
†Blum Family by Celia \*Carmelite Sisters by Celia \*Thanksgiving to Hearts of Jesus & Mary by Celia  
\*Thomas Cohen by Capizola Family \*Thanksgiving by Christine & John \*Alain Dubreuil

### ALTAR FLOWERS

\*A.M. By A.M.

### VIGIL LIGHTS

\*A.M. 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 ALL LISTED BELOW**

David & John  
Helen Cruz  
Lenore Curatolo  
Marilyn Boyle  
Andrea Anastasi  
Shelly Fiorini  
Fran Abrami  
Ed Bush  
**Margarito D. Berciles**  
Arthur Chiusano  
Bob Oberholzer  
John Wilkens  
Scott Ellison  
**Evangeline Ezeilo**  
Michael Gehres  
Karen Sullivan  
Sean Zahul  
Darren Guzman  
Mary Lou  
**Connie Panepinto**  
Amalia Mazzolin  
Leon Martin  
Joe Delagami  
**Rose Marie Regner**  
Michael Manuele  
Carla Ruiz  
Benjamin Robelo  
Karen McCarty  
T.J. Genzale  
Dave Ruiz  
Victoria Robelo  
Ms. S.  
Dennis Gilbride  
Rose Borsella  
Lexie Helgerson  
David Smeraldo  
Janette Cole  
**Steven Martin Sikes**  
Gianna Pagan  
Suzanne Puleo  
**Sr. Frances Vass OSC**  
Mary Loveland  
Sam Falcone  
Patricia Golstein  
Taylor Dosh  
Marilyn Martino  
Gulshan Modena  
Maggie Dolan  
**Amelita Coz-Zarraga**  
Heather Martin  
Taillor McGee

Ronald Griffiths  
Margie Giaquinto  
Maria Fernandez  
Raphael Roman  
James Ezeilo  
Brenda Ezeilo  
Cynthia Martin  
Francis Martin  
Hermoine D'Cruz  
Brigitte Knops  
Toni Kreamer  
Gerry Gerhard  
Euclides Cerutti  
Grace Cassagnol  
Samuel Gonzales  
Victorio Ray Wolff  
**Patricia Tripi Giraldo**  
Ida Giannettina  
Tom Hickey  
Josette Weber  
Vincent Rizzo  
Louis Perticone  
Ann Cavaseno  
Sue Madden  
Hank Missig  
Charles C. Tufano  
Angela Discepola  
Anna Halford  
Sal Yanello  
Victor Rivera  
William Lindner  
**Lisa Della Femina Maria E. Quiñones-Mercado**  
Diane Daniels  
Carmen Jones  
Bill Hamilton  
Ralph Senese  
Ramona  
Kathy Garrett  
Rich Sotis  
Ash Gaballah  
Karen Ramey  
Tom Tripi  
Mary Ann  
Lisa Payne  
Marilyn Green  
**Joseph Salamone Slayder Salamone**  
Phyllis Lomitola  
Maria Amaro  
Aniela Ignaczak

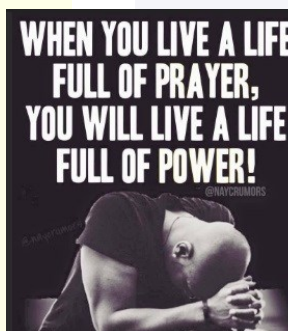
**Ronald Campayno**  
Lillian Campayno  
Terry Schwinge  
Tom D'Amico  
Gabriel Zamora  
Vincent Blum  
Ricardo Blum  
**Gina Marie B. Cohen**  
David Strompf  
Sal Hanono  
Chris Angotti  
Heather & Jason Smith  
Terry Schwinge  
Ronald Merhige  
Roshan  
Karen Jensen  
Cynthia Martin  
Garry Solomon  
Ilda Sosa Botero  
Carlos Tobon  
Jill Forshey  
Gerry Santilli  
Gail Hill  
Chrissie Budrick  
Frank Dazzo  
Dina Quelch  
Stewart Librizzi  
Thomas Land  
Dorinda Johansson  
Agatha Saccio  
Linda Kelly  
Robert Albertson  
Patricia Pagano

**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.

**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS.** God our Father, Creator of the Universe, and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before You as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from 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, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us. 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.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

### Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

### Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

## Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Tuesday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day

## REGISTER FOR THE EMMANUEL

# OCIA PROGRAM

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a year-long process of prayer, learning, and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic, those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+.

**Classes are held on Sunday  
afternoons and starts at 1:00  
PM**

Registration information will  
be provided through the parish  
office: P561.496.2480

Answers to specific questions will be given  
once we have your contact info.

Deacon Anthony Cuseo is the OCIA Program  
Director - P561.496.2480.

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## Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,  
Bless and protect the men  
and women whose hard work  
provides food and shelter  
to them and their families,  
services to our communities,  
and care to our world. Be with  
them as they work, but also as  
they rest and recreate in Your  
care. Amen.



# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### The Word

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word*. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

*"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

#### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

#### Sunday:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/  
Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/  
Lk 4:16-30

#### Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

#### Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/  
Lk 4:38-44

#### Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/  
Lk 5:33-39

#### Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/  
Lk 6:1-5

#### Next Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



### Gospel Meditation

#### Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "**Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?**" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "**There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person**" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better source is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— Father John Muir

# PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

## FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

### GIVE IT ALL BACK

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity – on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it – that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you – that's justice.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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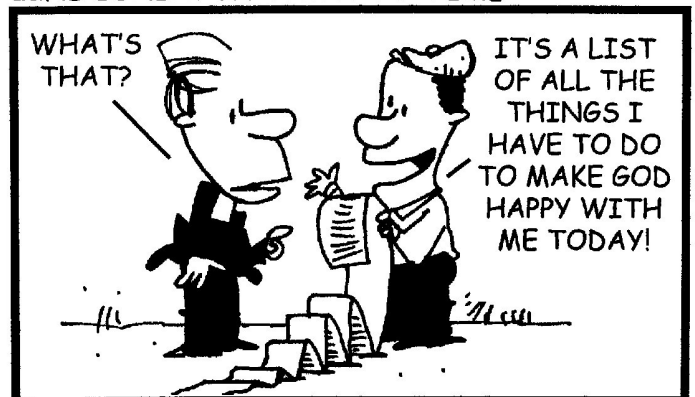
The many volunteers who lead and assist our Religious Education Program make it possible for us to provide the valuable, potentially life-changing, programming families want and need. By leading or assisting, once a week during the school year, you can play an important role in our young people's lives, witness their growth, AND contribute to your own learning.

Please contact Jean or Sandra (561)496-2480 Ext.1005 or (religionseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) to find out more about current openings.

**We are currently in need of a 3rd, 4th & 5th grade teacher for this upcoming school year.**

Each volunteer in the diocese must be screened through the Safe Environments Office. They will go through a background screening and protecting God's Children Program.

### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

has announced their first retreat of the new season, themed

### "Proclaim Liberty to the Captives!"

We invite ladies from all parishes to join us in launching this season's inaugural retreat.

We eagerly anticipate your participation and encourage you to bring a friend along for the experience.

**Last Day To Book: September 5, 2024**

**Call 561-626-1300**

Name of the event:

**Women's Weekend Retreat**

**Cost per person: \$260**

**Date(s):**

**September 13 - 15, 2024**

**Time:**

**Registration begins at 5 pm Friday and ends after Mass on Sunday at 11 am.**

Location:

**Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center  
1300 US Highway 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**IT'S POST TIME 2024  
Blessed Mother Council  
Presents**

**KNIGHT AT THE RACES**

**FRIDAY SEPT. 13TH 2024**

**6:30 p.m. Columbus Hall**

**Food/Fun/Racing (B.Y.O.B.)**

**ONLY \$12.00**

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW !!**

**(AVAILABLE AT CHURCH OFFICE)**

***Tickets will not be sold at the door.***  
***Serving hotdogs, beans, kraut, dessert.***  
***Huge 50/50 prizes***

**Thank you all for coming out to the Blood Drive!** Twenty-Three donors registered, five were deferred, with a total of eighteen units collected! Everyone is so grateful for your Life-Saving Efforts! The Guild's next blood drives:

**Sunday, Oct. 13th 730-130pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 11th 730-130pm**

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

The School of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Palm Beach is offering a series of classes and programs for adult Catholics who wish to learn more about the rich traditions of their faith.



**Faith on FIRE**

Classes will be taught at Emmanuel Catholic Church. Each class meets from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons for a total of six classes (12 hours) taught during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

You may attend individual courses for credit or follow the entire three-year program which concludes with the granting of a certificate of completion awarded by Bishop Barbarito at the school's annual graduation ceremony.

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

The registration fee is \$10; textbooks range from \$10 to \$20 per course.

#### Courses for Fall, 2024:

**Location: Emmanuel Catholic Church, 15700 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach**

**Instructor: Lily Potito**

**Social Justice: August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18**

**Spirituality: October 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20**

Please contact Emmanuel Church, 561-496-2480, to register for courses, or you may register at the first class.

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You do good work, so advertise to a good audience – the people worshipping here throughout the week. Our community turns to local business ads when they're in need of services, ensure they can find you in our church bulletin.

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Our bulletin partner, LPI, will help you get started →

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- 3. Short Call-to-Action**  
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### **"Does my child have to attend CCD if they are not in a Sacramental program preparing for First Communion or Confirmation?"**

#### **The answer is "YES!"**

Would you keep your son / daughter out of school the years they are not taking a state school exam, SAT or ACT? Thus, why would you keep them out of CCD in a year when they don't receive a Sacrament? As important it is for the children to study math, science, and English each year in school; it is JUST as important that they study religion. Studying religion gives them a good moral foundation and builds character and priorities that they will have for the rest of their lives. Enrollment in our 3rd grade - 7th grade is just as important as the 2nd grade Sacrament class. We have 25-30 students in our First Communion class for the past few years and only 5-6 students in our 3rd grade class. It is our goal this year to bump up our registration in every grade. Our CCD program runs from Preschool through High School culminating with the student receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

We all know how busy families are and the conflict of schedules with travel sports/ dance etc. It's just as important to teach our children that Church is a priority, and their faith will get them through life's

challenges, trials, and tribulations. Being a mom of baseball players, I sit behind home plate and watch so many kids go up to bat and make a sign of the cross. I think it is fantastic that they know to look to God to help them get that homerun hit... but I wonder, how many of these kids are just modeling what they see their favorite athlete do or if they truly practice their faith? Do these children talk with God each day fostering a relationship with him? Do they offer up one hour a week to attend mass or CCD class to back up that gesture and show their gratefulness for their talent and successful hit? It's our job as parents to be good role models and make God a priority by promoting God all the time not just when we want that homerun hit. So let's help our kids to Live the light of Christ and deepen their faith by signing up for CCD classes. A solid faith - based education will give your child a moral compass and broader, healthier perspective on life. We welcome you to join our Religious Education program and see what a difference it makes in their lives. Ultimately our goal as parents is to provide a faith filled life for our children that teaches them how to strengthen their relationship with God and in turn provide them with the tools they need to ultimately one day get into Heaven. We look forward to helping you with this wonderful journey here at Emmanuel Religious Education Classes!

**Registration is open now!**



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## **Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4**

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.<sup>1</sup> These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*

### **Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment**

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