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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.

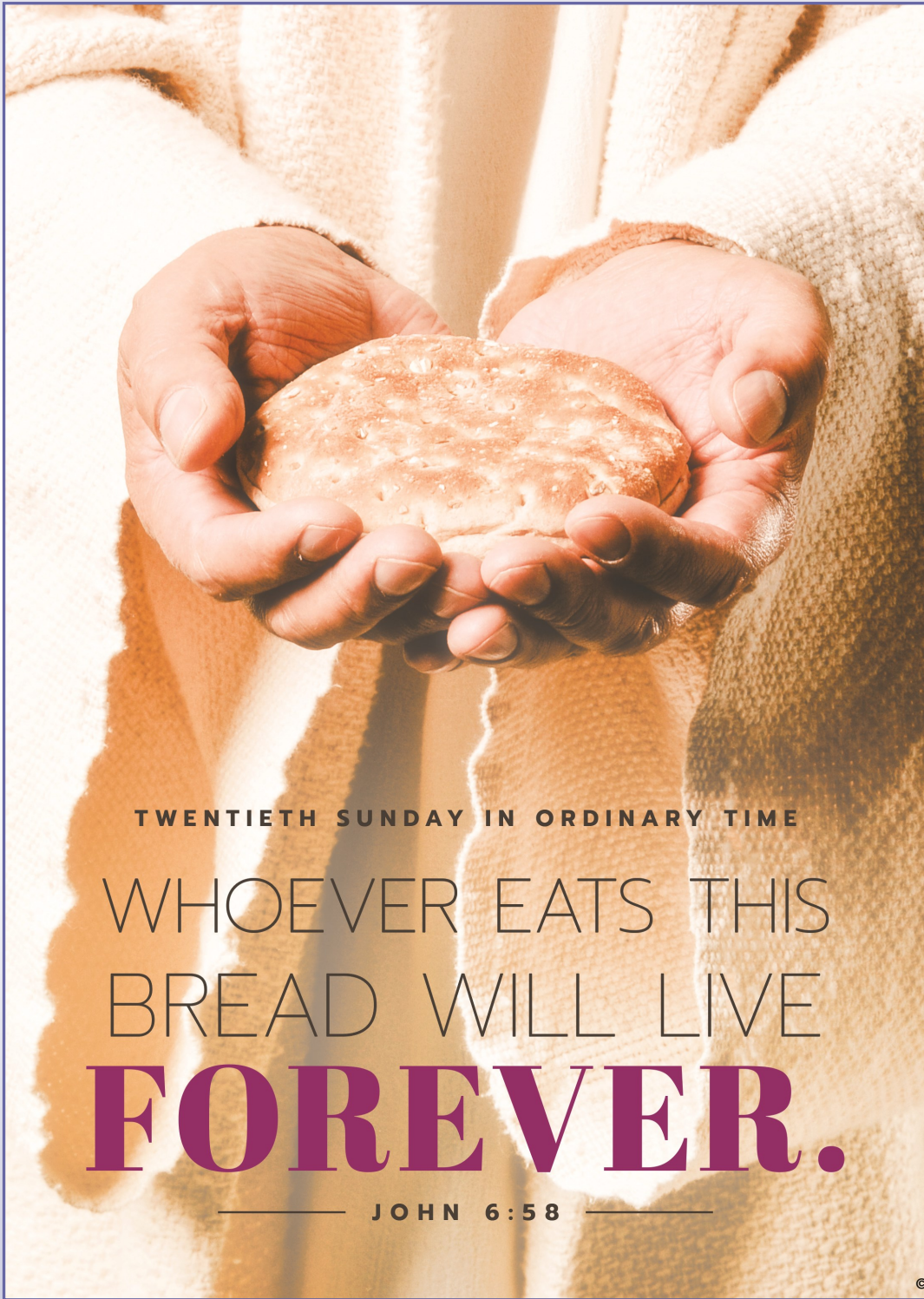
Class start dates:
 Preschool -5th: September 8th @ 10am
 6th - 12th: September 15th @ 11:30 am

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.



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 9 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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS
 BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER.

JOHN 6:58

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

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Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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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,

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Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

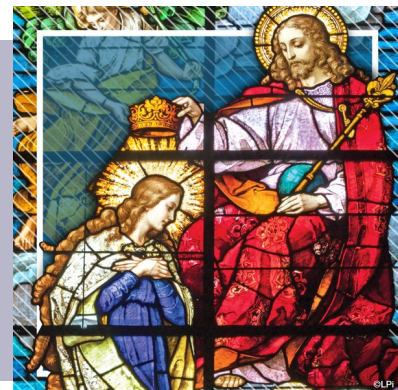
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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, Aug. 18

Monday, Aug. 19

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

Tuesday, Aug. 20

6:30A..... Adoration
Voting Day.....Columbus Hall
(EARLY VOTING DAY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION)
10:00A..... Faith Sharing

Wednesday, Aug. 21

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

Thursday, Aug. 22

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

Friday, Aug. 23

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

Saturday, Aug. 24

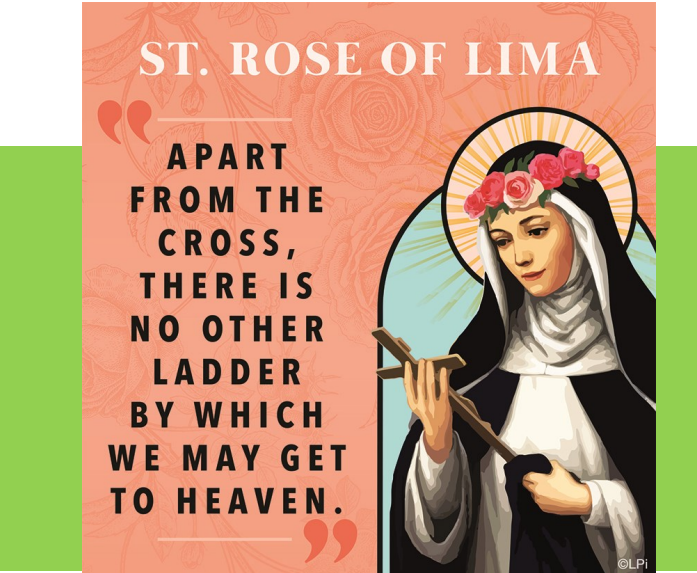
9:00A..... Confession



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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THE ESSENTIAL TRUTH

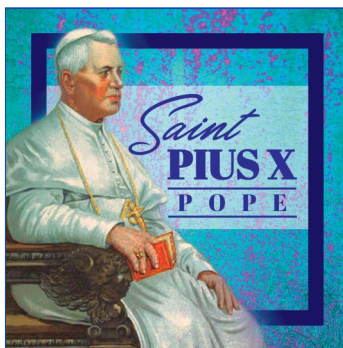
Today we continue reading the bread of life discourse in St. John's gospel chapter 6:51-58.

You can't always judge something by appearance. This is what Jesus is talking about today. We cannot tell the difference between consecrated and unconsecrated hosts or consecrated or unconsecrated wine by looking at it or smelling it or tasting it or even putting it in a test tube. We can only take it on faith that the bread and wine that has been consecrated at mass is Jesus' body and blood and that it is food that will give us eternal life. He tells us: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. In case the point isn't clear, he says it with emphasis: "Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Amen, Amen means I am not kidding. I am not fooling around. This is for real, this is serious. The only way we know this is so is because Jesus told us so.

He is telling us today, the Eucharist is truly good for us. We have to decide whether to believe our eyes, which tell us one thing, or our ears, which hear the words of Jesus, that the consecrated bread and wine are infinitely more than what they appear to be. Hopefully, we are saying to ourselves, "If Jesus said it, it has to be true and I believe it."

Faith is not just in our head, it is also in the way we live. Are we interested in deepening our relationship with God? If we believe the Eucharist is Christ, that this sacred food gives us eternal life, then isn't making time to come to mass whenever we can and receiving the Eucharist whenever possible something we would want to do?

Our first two readings encourage us to be wise people. A foolish person is limited mentally; they see things superficially. A wise person sees beyond the obvious. If we adopt the vision that God gives us, a vision that goes beyond what we can figure out for ourselves, a vision we call faith, we are the wisest people of all. — Fr. Z



Saint Pius X (June 2, 1835 – August 20, 1914)

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto

became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X cou-

rageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Reflection

His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus. In contrast, we often feel embarrassed by our backgrounds. Shame makes us prefer to remain aloof from people whom we perceive as superior. If we are in a superior position, on the other hand, we often ignore simpler people. Yet we, too, have to help "restore all things in Christ," especially the wounded people of God.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 17th

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

Sunday, Aug. 18th

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

Monday, Aug. 19th

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

Tuesday, Aug. 20th

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

Wednesday, Aug. 21st

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Thursday, Aug. 22nd

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Friday, Aug. 23rd

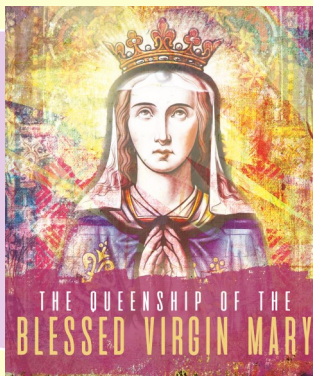
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6:00P Fr. Zamora

Saturday, Aug. 24th

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

Sunday, Aug. 25th

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



AUG 22

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me. Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me. Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me. Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me. Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world.

Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

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 11, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,034.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,497.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,531.00
Online (8/10/2024).....	\$ 2,508.89

August 4, 2024

First Collection	\$ 11,151.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,255.00
Subtotal.....	\$13,406.00
Online (8/3/2024).....	\$ 1,098.53

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug. 19

7:30am †Carlos & Angela Henriod & †Percy Cannon, Sr. †Lucila Giraldo Betancur by Tom & Clara Depko
By Cannon Family
8:30am †Anthony Amoriello by Wife *Mark Vlasek by Gail Vlasek

Tuesday, Aug. 20

7:30am †Sharon Carney by Linda Carney †Josephine Ihedoro by Joe & Kathleen DeSanto
8:30am *Regina Marie Aldrin by Mom & Dad †Luz Camer by Pedro & Charito Estrada

Wednesday, Aug. 21

7:30am †Christine Thurman by Family †Dakota Wyatt by Patricia Nealis
8:30am *John Bernard Bengua by Baldonado Family *Albert Fernandez by Mari Fernandes & Family

Thursday, Aug. 22

7:30am *Roman & Ezekiel DeBoise by Martina DeBoise *Maria Treutle by Cathy Viola
8:30am *Terry Facciuto by Ladies Guild *Maria Giaquinto by Ladies Guild

Friday, Aug. 23

7:30am †Natale Gontijo by Alexandra Conde Green *Charles DeSa by Alexandra Conde Green
8:30am †Barbara Ralph by Family †Fernando Carrera by Eduardo & Maria Gonzalez
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Aug. 24

8:30am †Concetta Pappalardo by Daughter, Rose †Paul Altshuler by Rice-Motta Family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Marguerite Dawson by Edward & Linda Shannon †James H. Duncan by Karin & Allan

Sunday, Aug. 25

7:30am †Manuel Lavado M by Soledad Robinson *Gary Gagliano by Pam Lee
9:00am †Nathan & Margaret Villanova by Family †Erik Albertson by Margie & Tony Prendergast
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Maria & Alfred Pacienza & Family by Granddaughter †Shirley Rosetta Reeder by Gail & Mark Vlasek
6:00pm †Deceased/Canazaro & Scarpelli Family by Rosanne Scarpelli †James "Scotty" Cassidy by KoC Council

UNSCHEDULED

†Barry William Crist by Christine Delpidio †Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb †Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb
†Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb †Manuel Diego Buriel by Herb *Buriel Family by Herb *Santaniello Family by Herb
*All Friends by Herb †John Tenaglia by Rose Manuele †Sean Smyth by Frank & Mary Eardley
†Martin Murray by Mamie & Frank Eardley †Michael Curley by Susan Blacker *Carol Chapman by Barbara Rossi
*Margie Giaquinto by Barbara Rossi †Lee Ann Manning by Barbara Rossi †Josephine Ihedoro by Barbara Rossi

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

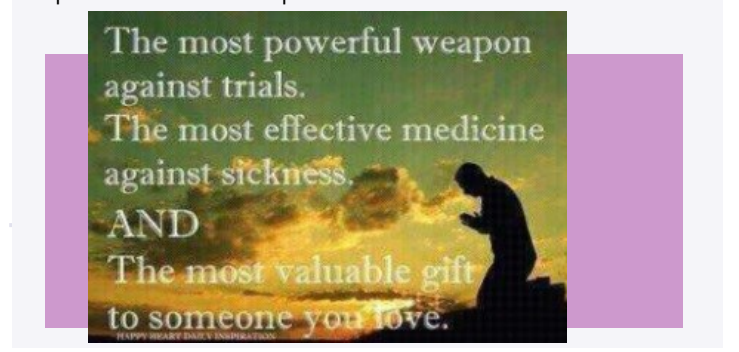
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| David & John
Helen Cruz
Lenore Curatolo
Marilyn Boyle
Andrea Anastasi
Shelly Fiorini
Fran Abrami
Ed Bush
Margarito D. Berciles
Arthur Chiusano
Bob Oberholzer
John Wilkens
Scott Ellison
Evangeline Ezeilo
Michael Gehres
Karen Sullivan
Sean Zahul
Darren 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
David Keyser
Sr. Frances Vass OSC
Mary Loveland
Sam Falcone
Patricia Golstein
Taylor Dosh
Marilyn Martino
Gulshan Modena
Maggie Dolan
Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Heather Martin | Taiilor 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
Nicholas Payamps
Vincent Rizzo
Louis Peticone
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 |
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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:

"Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!" (Prv 9:5)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.
(Eph 5:17)

Gospel:

"For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

Observances for the week of August 18, 2024

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Thursday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday :** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,
May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion. May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You. May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

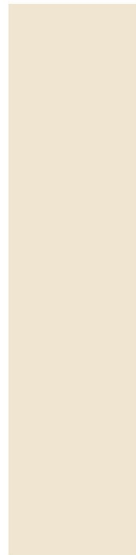
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, *faith and* the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

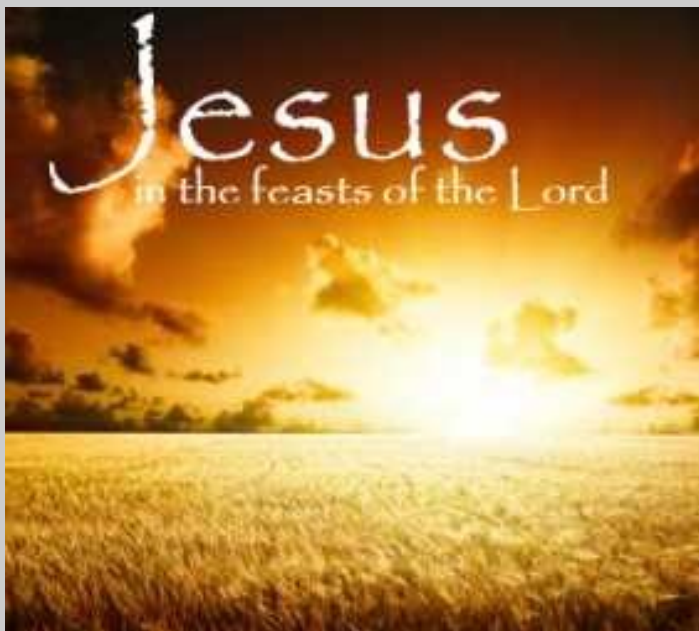
FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

COMING TO THE FEAST

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Volunteers are a blessing to others and blessed in return!

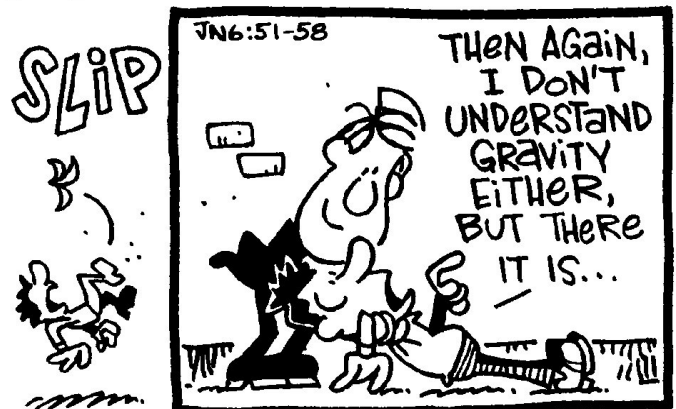
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Please contact Jean or Sandra (561)496-2480 Ext.1005 or (religionseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) to find out more about current openings.

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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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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
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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.¹ 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!

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