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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.



Volunteers are a blessing to others and blessed in return!

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.

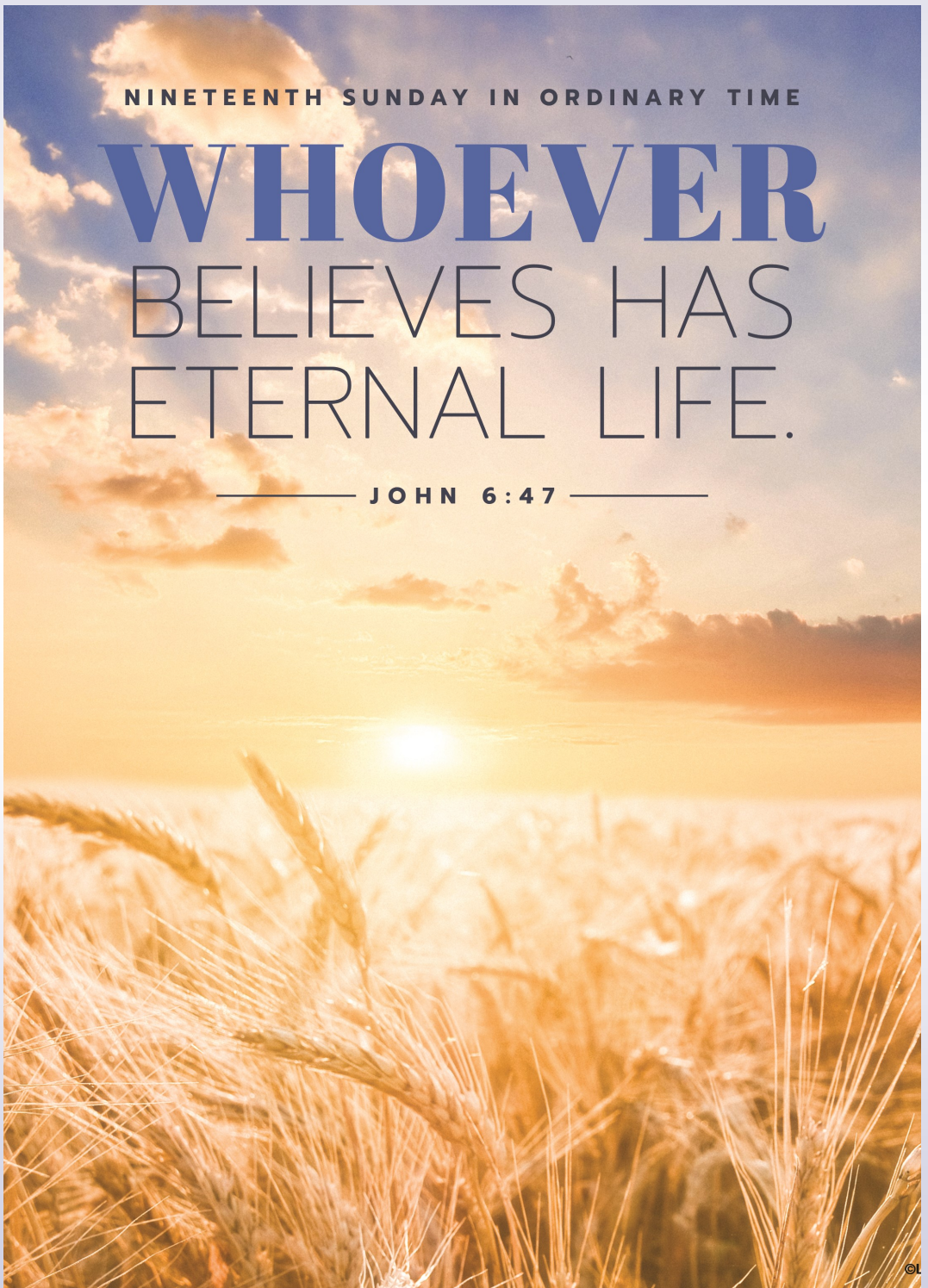
Please contact Jean or Sandra (561)496-2480 Ext.1005 or (religionseducation@emmanuelcatholic.church) to find out more about current openings.

We are currently in need of a 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.

BIG RED BUS VISIT SCHEDULE :

Sunday, 8/11
 Sunday, 10/13,
 and Sunday 12/08.



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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Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

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

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, Aug. 11

9:00ALadies Guild Mass
1:00P.....Baptism Class

Monday, Aug. 12

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

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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

Wednesday, Aug. 14

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

Thursday, Aug. 15 Holy Day of Obligation (Office & Gift Shop will closed)

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

Friday, Aug. 16

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

Saturday, Aug. 17

9:00A..... Confession

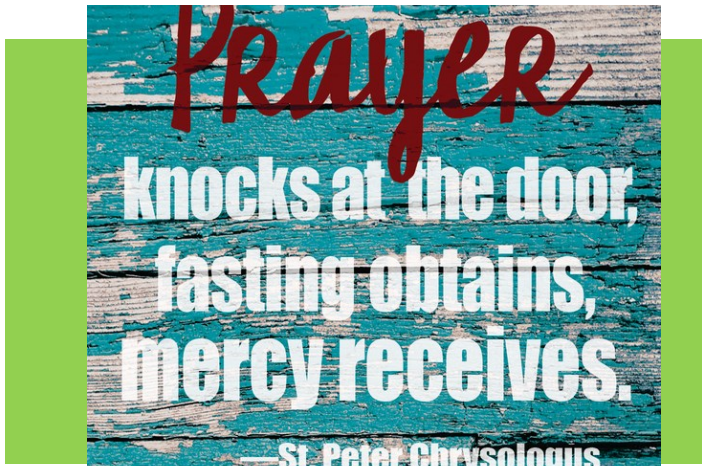
Sunday, Aug. 18



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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EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL OF CHURCH & SOCIETY

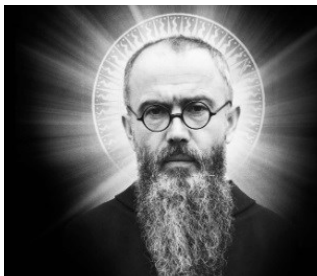
Pope Francis elected to send Cardinal Tagle (from the Philippines) as the Papal Representative to the US National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis held this past month. I would like to share with you, for this bulletin issue, the QR codes you can scan, with your phone camera, to lead you the following: the youtube link to his homily to close the Eucharistic congress, the website link to the text of his entire homily, and link to the Q & A he conducted afterwards. Hopefully, space-willing, we can share his noteworthy, and truly inspiring message to all of us in the next issues. But I do encourage everyone to access sharing as you are able. -Fr. Zamora



THE LEGION OF MARY

We have another wonderful ministry in our parish family—THE LEGION OF MARY. They have their meeting

every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the big classroom. Their meeting includes 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 come to our next meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm in the big classroom!



**Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
(January 8, 1894 – August 14, 1941)**

"I don't know what's going to become of you!" How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe's reaction was, "I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She ap-

peared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv—then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata"—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations.

A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one."

As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line.

"I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Reflection

Father Kolbe's death was not a sudden, last-minute act of heroism. His whole life had been a preparation. His holiness was a limitless, passionate desire to convert the whole world to God.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Aug. 11th

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

Monday, Aug. 12th

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

Tuesday, Aug. 13th

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

Wednesday, Aug. 14th

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

Thursday, Aug. 15th

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

Friday, Aug. 16th

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

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



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

July 28, 2024

First Collection	\$ 9,482.91
Second Collection	\$ 2,370.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,852.91
Online (7/27/2024).....	\$ 921.66

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!

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Aug. 12

7:30am †Bessie Suppa by Angela & Mark †Josephine Ihedoro by Maria Watt
 8:30am *Nickolas Santiesteban by Evelyn Santiesteban †Arthur Messenger by KoC Blessed Mother Council

Tuesday, Aug. 13

7:30am †Departed Souls of D'Souza Family by D'Souza Family *Dorothy Lee by Alex Lee
 8:30am *Albert Fernandes by Family †Ignatius Pappalardo by Linda Aldrich

Wednesday, Aug. 14

7:30am †Geraldine Tibbels by Transleau Family †Arthur Tunner by Rosella GiDuido
 8:30am *Albert Fernandes by Family †Ann Rabosky by Lori Davanzo
 5:00pm †William Ehrlich by Sr. Barbara Duffy †Carmen Davanzo by Lori Davanzo

Thursday, Aug. 15

7:30am †Alex Campbell Jr. by Le Family *Justin Sanders by Dilcia Guardado
 9:00am †Victor & Angela Pacienza & Family by Christine & John †Caroline Manuele by Rose
 10:30am †Lucy Broderick by Rosella GiDuido & Ida Giamettino †Patricia Maloney Fardette by Margaret Bailey
 12:00pm *Dilcia Guardado *Ana Maria Leon by Dilcia Guardado

Friday, Aug. 16

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise †Helen Harrington by Julia
 8:30am †Helen Nebrotski by Family †Velma Murphy by Juli
 6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, Aug. 17

8:30am *Delaney Grace Lemar by A. M. †Nancy Garafano by Karin & Allan
 4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
 5:30pm †Pauline Selva by Lisa Carnevale †Erik Albertson by Carmella Donnino

Sunday, Aug. 18

7:30am †Barbara Amos by Julia †Kenneth Eastman by Julia
 9:00am †Linda Seidler by Mother, Margie Giaquinto †George Untener by Linda Untener *Marjorie Giaquinto by Rose Manuele
 10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
 12:00pm *Stephanie Vlasek by Mark & Gail Vlasek †Frank Campo by Loving Family
 6:00pm †Deceased/Scarpelli Family by Rosanne & Robert †Ana Cecilia Arevalo Hernandez by Guillermo & Jocelyn

UNSCHEDULED

*Steve Scher by Dorothy Deedy †Linda Monteleone by Bill, Carol & Grace †Nathan Francis Younger by Eller Family
 †Nathan Francis Younger by Eller Family †Art Messenger by Barbara Rossi *Christine Shento/Healing by Barbara Rossi
 †Rita Noche by Barbara Rossi *Fr. Robert Carolan by Rose Manuele †Herman Guzman by Bob Budd †Fred Goetz by Bob Budd
 †Marguerite Dawson by Fr. David Carr *Thanksgiving/St. Jude by Elizabeth Shannon
 *Thanksgiving/St. Jude by Elizabeth Shannon */ †Nelson Family by Lori Davanzo *Eva Dubreuil *Alain Dubreuil *Kadia Pierre

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

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

Marguerite
Dawson
Mary Loveland
Sam Falcone
Patricia Golstein
Taylor Dosh
Marilyn Martino
Gulshan Modena
Maggie Dolan

Amelita Coz-Zarraga

Heather Martin
Tailor 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 Perticone
Ann Cavaseno
Sue Madden
Hank Missig
Charles C. Tufano
Angela Discepolo

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
Slyder 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 Stropmf
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

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:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the
mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life
of the world." (Jn 6:51)

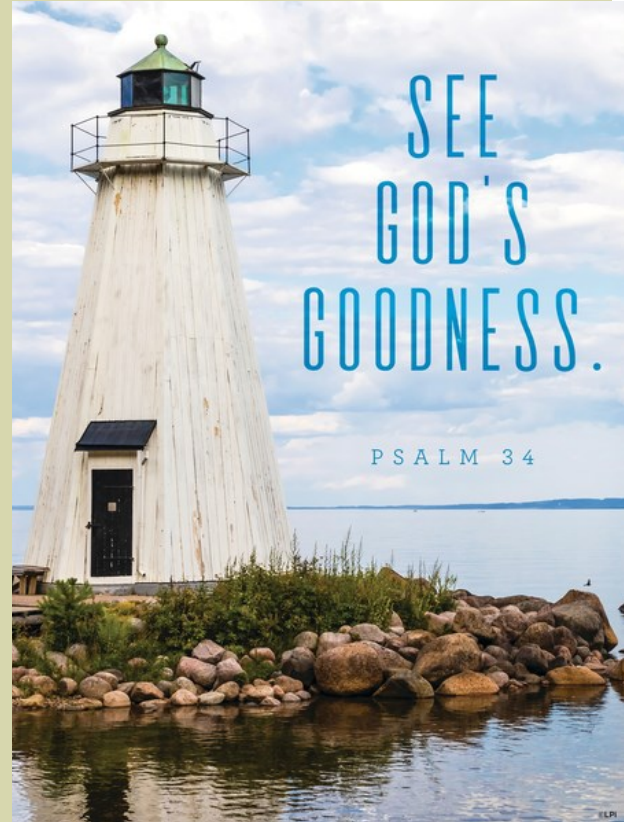
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

Observances for the week of August 11, 2024

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayer for Memory

Dear Lord,
Don't let me forget the
ways You've fought for me
throughout history. You have
been in my life in endless
ways and words. May these
memories comfort and
encourage me now and always.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring.*

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that faith is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

To say a virtue is theological means that it comes as a gift from God. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk who crafted the famous arguments for the existence of God, wrote: "This alone is the true knowledge of God: to know that God is beyond knowing." God is transcendent. This word comes from the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb beyond." When something is transcendent, it exists beyond our normal range of experience. Philosopher Peter Kreeft put it simply: "God is always more."

While God created us in His image and likeness, too often we re-create Him in ours. We project our deepest hopes, our subliminal fears, and our hidden dreams, and conjure up our own image of what God could be. Yet God can never be limited to our own perception of Him.

That's where faith comes in. We read in the Catechism that "faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us and all that the Holy Church proposes for our belief" (CCC 1814). We can know God through reason, to a point. As human beings, we want to know and understand the world around us, but God isn't in the world around us. He's beyond it. The best way to come to know God is not through our own clever mental maneuvering, but through trusting in God's revelation of Himself. We might think we know who God is, but the only way we can have any idea is if we trust, through the virtue of faith, who He has revealed Himself to be.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

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



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

This week we hear Jesus say, “*He that believes in me, has eternal life*” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— *Father John Muir*

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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WHAT IS AMENDMENT 4?

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WED. AUGUST 14, 2024**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

SARA JOHNSON | Statewide Grassroots Director, Vote No on 4
DR. ANTHONY DARDANO | Medical Director, Delray Medical Center
FR. TIMOTHY CUSICK, STL | Academic Dean, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
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Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

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!

OPEN REGISTRATION

Have you registered your children for the 2024-2025 CCD classes?

Parents its not too late to get your child preparing for First Holy Communion. We offer a Sacraments class for those older students who are behind in preparing for their Communion. Its a 2 year program and classes are every Sunday during the school year. Sign up now so your children will have a spot reserved in our classes in the fall. Stop by the office during office hours and pick up a registration form.



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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:

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Everyday Stewardship

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPI