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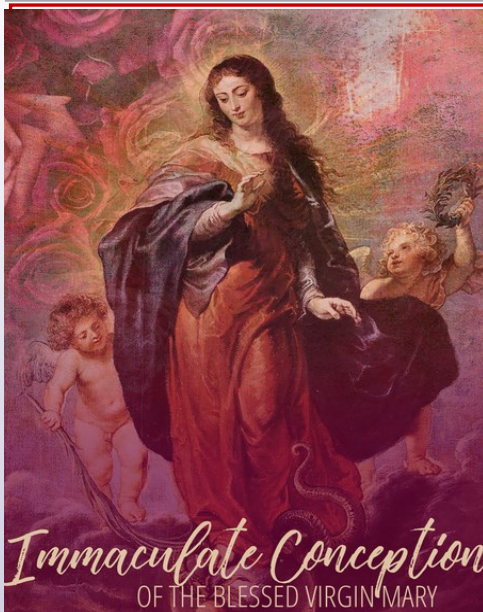
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PRAY THAT YOU HAVE STRENGTH.

LUKE 21:36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent, so the feast has been transferred to

Monday, December 9, 2024.

Contrary to past practice, the observance of the Immaculate Conception on December 9, 2024, is now considered a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are as follows:

Monday, December 9:
 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
 12 noon and 6:00 pm.

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Emmanuel Catholic Church PROUDLY PRESENTS

DINGGIN

*Songs of
 Comfort
 & Joy*

SATURDAY
 DECEMBER 14, 2024 • 6:30PM

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
 15700 S MILITARY TRL, DELRAY BEACH, FL 33484

Ticket: \$20

For more information, please contact:
 Church office: (561) 496-2480



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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Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

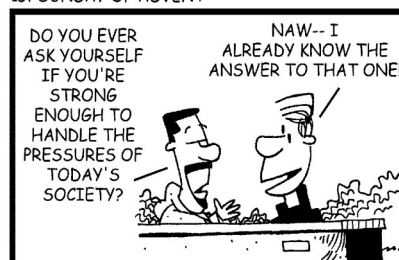
Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 30

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Dec. 01 (1st Sunday of Advent)

9:00A.....KoC Mass

1:00P.....OCIA Class

Monday, Dec. 02

6:30A..... Adoration

1:00P.....Movie Mondays

Tuesday, Dec. 03

06:30P.....Adoration

10:00A..... Faith Sharing

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

Wednesday, Dec. 04

6:30A..... Adoration

4:00P..... SoulCore

6:00P..... Legion of Mary Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 05

6:30A..... Adoration

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

3:00P..... Holy Hour

6:30P..... AA Meeting

7:00P..... Advent Night of Reflection

Friday, Dec. 06

First Friday

6:30A..... Adoration

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 07

Christmas Flea Market and Bake Sale

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Dec. 08

Christmas Flea Market and Bake Sale

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

1:00P..... OCIA Class

1:00P..... Baptism Prep Class

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The liturgical or church year begins on the first Sunday of ADVENT. The season of advent has four weeks. During this time the Christian people recall in joyful expectation the two comings of Jesus Christ into the world.

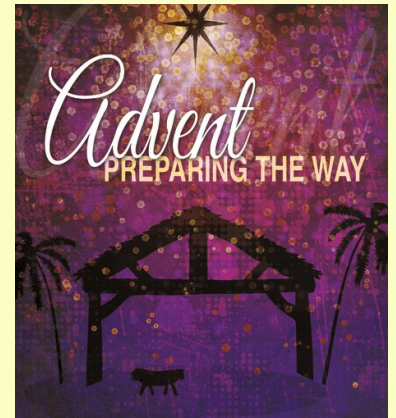
The first of these comings happened when He became incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born on Christmas Day. The second coming will take place on the last day when He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. The biblical readings and the prefaces of the mass initially commemorate the second coming of Christ and then gradually shift the focus on his first coming by recalling the roles played by John the Baptist, his precursor and the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother.

Advent is not as strongly penitential in character as Lent. However, the proximity of Christmas joy

should not eliminate the penitential spirit of Advent. Amidst our busy preparation for Christmas we should find time to pause and interiorize the meaning of Advent through prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

Between His first coming and His final return, we meet the Lord in the Eucharist and in one another even as we wait for Him. When we meet Him and allow His love to work in and through us, it is a time of grace. That is what Christmas is all about. A time of grace-made-flesh: Kairos. And it is "Kairos" that makes not only the liturgical year, but our whole life, truly happy and blest.

—Fr. Zamora



Saint of the Week—St Francis Xavier (April 7, 1506 – December 3, 1552)

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy. Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Reflection. All of us are called to "go and preach to all nations—see Matthew 28:19. Our preaching is not necessarily on distant shores but to our families, our children, our husband or wife, our coworkers. And we are called to preach not with words, but by our everyday lives. Only by sacrifice, the giving up of all selfish gain, could Francis Xavier be free to bear the Good News to the world. Sacrifice is leaving yourself behind at times for a greater good, the good of prayer, the good of helping someone in need, the good of just listening to another. The greatest gift we have is our time. Francis Xavier gave his to others.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov 30

8:30A Fr. Leone
4:00P Fr. Mathew 5:30P Fr. Mathew

Sunday, Dec. 01

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Carr
10:00A Fr. No mass 10:30A Fr. Timothy
12:00P Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Leone

Monday, Dec. 02

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

Tuesday, Dec. 03

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

Wednesday, Dec. 04

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

Thursday, Dec. 05

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

Friday, Dec. 06

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

Saturday, Dec. 07

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

Sunday, Dec. 08

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



2024 Emmanuel Diocesan Services Appeal

DSA Emmanuel Parish Goal : \$169,000.00

DSA Emmanuel Parish Pledged : \$121,381.98

Balance Due \$47,618.02.00



**"No One Has Ever Become Poor By Giving."
Anne Frank**

How will we achieve our goal? By all of us doing our share!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DSA UPDATE – Sept 20, 2024

Goal Amount \$ 169,000.00
Current Donation Total\$121,381.98
Balance Remaining\$ 47,618.02

CHURCH OFFERINGS

November 10, 2024

First Collection\$ 11,183.00
Second Collection\$ 391.00
Subtotal.....\$ 11,574.00
Children's Mass.....\$ 530.00
Online (11/09/2024)..... \$ 2,285.29

November 17, 2024

First Collection\$ 11,408.00
Second Collection\$ 2,879.00
Subtotal.....\$14,287.00
Online (11/16/2024).....\$ 1,919.01
Children's Mass.....\$ 445.00

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support!

Count reports for Nov 24th will be posted in a future issue as the printing agency has requested an early submission in advance of the actual counting.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 02

7:30am *Kate Breen/birthday by Jorge & Martha Carvajal †Gerard & David Abrami by Fran Abrami
8:30am †Ed Meszaros Sr. by Ed & Kathy Meszaros †Carol Bilanych by Patricia King

Tuesday, Dec. 03

7:30am †Andrea Colon Santiago by Martina DeBoise †Rosario Lamberto by The Perfetti
8:30am †Eric Albertson by Ann & Gerry Gerhard †Joseph Romano by Eli & Diane Risorto

Wednesday, Dec. 04

7:30am †Hector Palmero by Ramon Palmero †Jerry Searcy by Mark & Gail Vlasek
8:30am †Carmela Amato by Antonio & Maria Amato *David Strompf by Tom & Clara Depko

Thursday, Dec. 05

7:30am †Mary Judge by Mr. & Mrs. Andy Freed †Adriana Forero by Maria C. Salcedo
8:30am †Francisco Cuevas by Bob Budd †Robert Despeignes by Lucie & Robertson

Friday, Dec. 06

7:30am *Maria Watt †Concetta Caraccia by Ted & Fran Souza
8:30am †Felisa Cuizon by Ricardo & Lydia Dejana †Ana & Martin Muñoz by Christan Muñoz
6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS** **FOR PRIESTS**

Saturday, Dec. 07

8:30am *Juliana Raygada by Caraballo Family †Maria Esperanza & Geo Bianchini by Parishioner
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Donna Petricone by Husband †Dorothy Halter by Lori Davanzo

Sunday, Dec. 08

7:30am *Timothy Gidseg & Family by Didi Gidseg †Priscilla Hook by Barbie Jo
9:00am †Antonio Ortiz by Ortiz & Capozzi Family †Frank Giaquinto by Wife Marjorie
*Ladies Guild by Ladies Guild
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Rosa & Renato Andretta by Children †Anthony & Frances Ivanch by Eva Marcou
*Thanksgiving by Lydia & Racardo Dejana
6:00pm *Our Parish Family by Dorothy Canazaro *Holy Priests by Dorothy Canazaro

UNSCHEDULED

†Peter & Santa Paradiso by Terri †Peter & Santa Paradiso by Terri †Souls in Purgatory by Terri
†Souls in Purgatory by Terri †Souls in Purgatory by Terri †Souls in Purgatory by Terri
†Souls in Purgatory by Terri *Thomas Cowen by Capizola Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

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
Ed Bush
Bob Oberholzer
John Wilkens
Scott Ellison
<i>Evangeline Ezeilo</i>
Michael Gehres
Karen Sullivan
Sean Zahul
Darren Guzman
Mary Lou
<i>Connie Panepinto</i>
Amalia Mazzolin
Leon Martin
Joe Delagami
<i>Rose Marie Regner</i>
Michael Manuele
Carla Ruiz
Benjamin Robelo
Karen McCarty
T.J. Genzale
Dave Ruiz
Victoria Robelo
Ms. S.
Rose Borsella
Lexie Helgerson
David Smeraldo
Janette Cole
<i>Steven Martin Sikes</i>
Gianna Pagan
Suzanne Puleo
Sr. Frances Vass
<i>OSC</i>
Mary Loveland
Sam Falcone
Patricia Golstein
Taylor Dosh
Marilyn Martino
Gulshan Modena
Maggie Dolan
<i>Amelita Coz-Zarraga</i>
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
<i>Patricia Tripi Giraldo</i>
Ida Giannettina
Tom Hickey
Josette Weber
Vincent Rizzo
Louis Perticone
Ann Cavaseno
Charles C. Tufano
Angela Discepola
Anna Halford
Sal Yanello
Victor Rivera
William Lindner
Lisa Della
Femina
<i>Maria E. Quiñones-Mercado</i>
Diane Daniels
Carmen Jones
Bill Hamilton
Ralph Senese
Ramona
Ash Gaballah
Karen Ramey
Tom Tripi
Mary Ann
Lisa Payne
Marilyn Green
<i>Joseph Salamone</i>
Slayder
Salamone
Phyllis Lomitola
Maria Amaro
Aniela Ignaczak
Lillian Campayno
Terry Schwinge
Tom D'Amico
Gabriel Zamora
Vincent Blum
Ricardo Blum
<i>Gina Marie B. Cohen</i>
David Strompf | Sal Hanono
Chris Angotti
Heather Smith
Jason Smith
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
Robert Albertson
Rafael Botero
Albert Fernandes
Doreen Romano
Britney Closson
Jeanette Gallegos
Adriana Elejalde
<i>Oswaldo Cesar Monasterio</i>
Michael Cecere
Jahaziel Roldan
Abigail Chin-Lenn
<i>Gertrudis Rivera Martinez</i>
Merrill Tucker
Debra Tucker
Maggie Dazzo
Nicholas Cerino
Daisey Gutzman
Noah Altherios
Debra Serritella
Harvey Shackman
Joseph Reategui
Anthony Spirito
Rhea
Raecher
Doug Rodgers |
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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 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:

"In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land." (Jer 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.
(1 Thes 3:12-13)

Gospel:

"But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can
choose whether or not they will serve him.
We choose Christ when we choose the
truth. When we serve the truth, we serve
Christ the King.

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 Prayer Expectation

Dear God,

As we prepare for Your arrival,
align our hearts and homes to
Your will.

Pour into us Your grace, as we
wait in joyful expectation.

Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I over gift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My spiritual Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door and the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

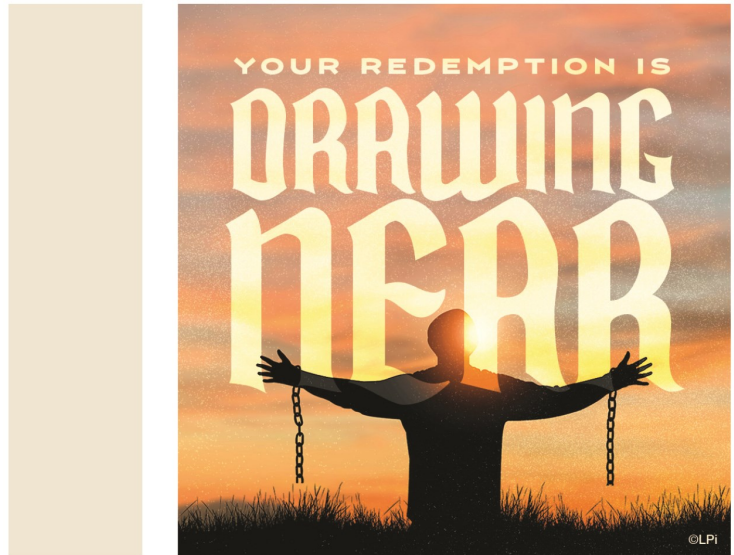
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **“fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world”** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **“look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”** He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

— Father John Muir



FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

PREPARING THE MANGER

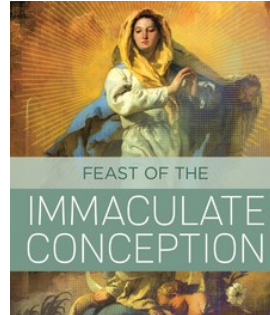
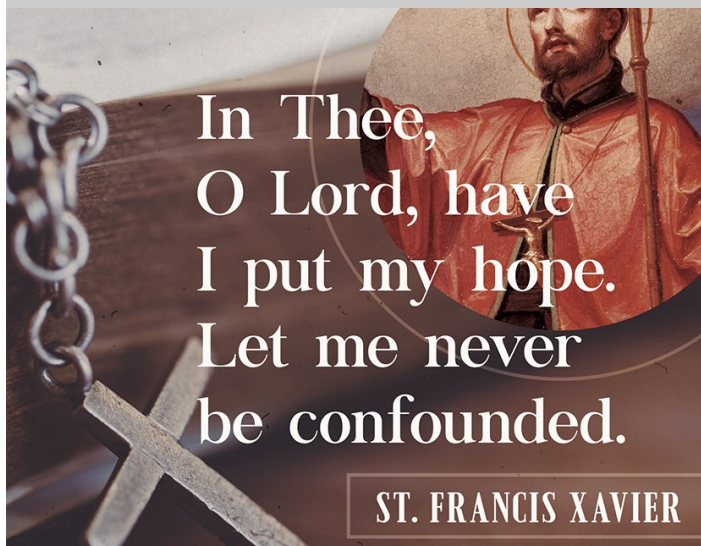
Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate – do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season – the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way – that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point – Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God – and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season – “advent” – encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget – our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

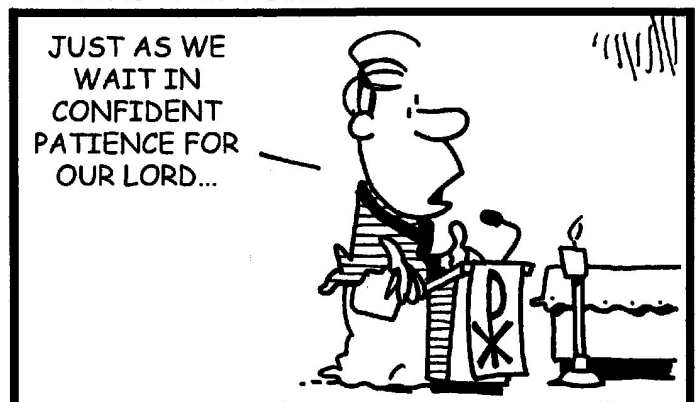


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

While three of the Holy Days of obligation (Mary, Mother of God, Assumption and All Saints) follow the practice that if they land on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation is suspended, there are two Holy Days of obligation that are always observed, Immaculate Conception and Christmas. The Immaculate Conception, as the national patroness is always observed as a solemnity, even on those rare occasions that the observance is transferred to the Monday (December 9th) because of the second Sunday of Advent. A recent clarification from the Dicastery for Legislative Texts (Prot. N. 18329/2024, September 4, 2024) regarding canon 1246 section 1 states that feasts that are always observed as days of obligation must be observed as days of obligation, even when transferred to the following day. This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent, so the feast has been transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024. Contrary to past practice, the observance of the Immaculate Conception on December 9, 2024, is now considered a Holy Day of Obligation. (USCCB Memo, October 10, 2024.)

**Masses are as follows: Monday, December 9:
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon and 6:00 pm.**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Rise & Shine! The Lord is coming!	2 <i>The King of Glory is coming!</i> Read Psalm 24:7-10	3 Mary and Joseph traveled many miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Draw a picture of them and their donkey as they journey to Bethlehem.	4 Bake Christmas cookies today and share with your neighbors.	5 Volunteer today with your family to serve the poor or feed the hungry.	6 <i>The Feast of Saint Nicholas</i> Saint Nicholas lived a long time ago near Turkey. He would drop bags of gold coins down chimneys to help the poor. Put some coins in the poor box today!	7 Have your parents take you to church today so you can visit Jesus, or find a quiet place to speak to Him in your heart. Thank Him for giving you life!
8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Prepare the Way of the Lord!	9 <i>The Angel visits Mary</i> The Annunciation Read Luke 1:26-38	10 <i>The Jesse Tree</i> Jesse, the father of King David, was the ancestor of Jesus. Make a Jesse tree out of paper, cardboard, or a real tree branch. Each day of Advent, cut out one symbol of Jesus' ancestors and hang it on the tree with glue, tape, or string. On Christmas day put the symbol for Christ on the top of the tree. Here are some ideas: Adam: an apple Noah: the ark Jacob: a ladder	11	12 Make a card for someone who is sick or elderly, and send it to them or go visit them.	13 <i>Kris Kringle!</i> Have everyone in your family write their names on slips of paper and put in a hat. Everyone pulls out a name and becomes a Kris Kringle-Christ Child-for their secret friend. Pray for them, give them cards or little gifts, but keep it secret until Christmas Day! Shhhhhh!	14
15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Rejoice in the Lord!	16 Make Christmas placemats for the family today. Get some 11" x 17" white paper. Write each person's name in the center and decorate the letters. Draw Christmas scenes like Mary and Joseph, Baby Jesus or angels around the name.	17 <i>The First Nativity Scene</i> A long time ago, Saint Francis of Assisi and some friends brought an ox, a donkey, a manger, and some straw to a cave to help people remember that Jesus was born in a stable. Today, set up your Nativity scene, with an empty crib, if possible. Jesus wants us to prepare a place for Him, not only in the manger, but also in our hearts. We do this when we pray, when we are obedient and kind, and when we love one another.	18	19 <i>The Candy Cane</i> The Candy Cane... - Is hard to show Jesus is our Rock - Is white for His purity - Is red for His Blood - Is shaped like a shepherd's crook to show His care for us.	20 Bend a pipe cleaner into a candy cane shape. Wind red ribbon around the cane. Glue or tape the ribbon into place. Hang your candy cane on the Christmas tree!	21 Light the Advent candles tonight (ask your parents first!) and sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel."
22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Be not afraid!	23 The Prophet Micah said, "From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." -Micah 5:2	24 Tonight, Mary will give birth to her firstborn Son. Read the story in Luke 2:1-20	25 Happy Birthday Jesus!			

ADVENT 2024
Activities Calendar

ALTAR SERVER IN TRAINING.

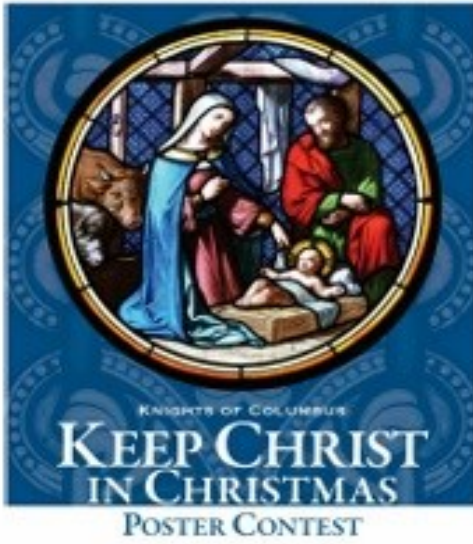
Leannah Pereira is all smiles as she served her first mass on Sunday Nov. 17th as an Altar Server in training. She served alongside Alden Dsouza who is excited to train her. We welcome more students to follow in the footsteps of Austin Bambace, Landen and Alden Dsouza and now Leannah. Please let Father Zamora know if your son or daughter is interested in becoming altar server as well.



What a blessed and happy day for the families of **Kayleigh Belle Hahn, Aizen Andre Lopez Quan, Stella Maeve Spano, Ezekiel Graeen Bodden, Evelyn Cano, Luz Adriann Cano Merida**

These children were welcomed into the church in baptism on Sunday November 17th, 2024. May Jesus bless all these little ones with His love and grace.





Attention all student artists! We invite you to participate in this year's *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

All posters **must be submitted by December 8, 2024**, with the artist's name and grade written on the back. Submissions can be turned in to your teacher, at Mass, or in the parish office.



At Christmas, we make time to take our children to see Santa - let's also make sure they experience the true meaning of Christmas by bringing them to church.

Join us for our Children's Family Mass on **Sunday, December 8th and 15th at 10:00 AM.**



Gift Card Donations Needed for our Emmanuel Youth Group

We are seeking donations of cash or \$10 gift cards for our newly formed Emmanuel Youth Group. Popular gift card options include:

- Target/Walmart
- Starbucks
- Food chains (e.g., Chick-fil-A, Chili's)

Please drop off your donations at the parish office by **December 8th**. Thank you for your generosity!



Come celebrate the season with us at our Youth Group Christmas Party on **December 15 from 10 AM to 12 PM!**

Enjoy delicious food, fun games, awesome prizes, and a lot of Christmas cheer.

If you haven't joined the Youth Group yet, this is the perfect chance to get involved with the church, earn community service hours, and make new friends.

We meet every Sunday right after Family Mass in the pavilion. We'd love to see you there and hope you can join the fun!

Preparing Our Hearts for
Christmas

Advent Holy Hour

Presented by Fr. Marc Gustinelli
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:00 - 8:00 PM

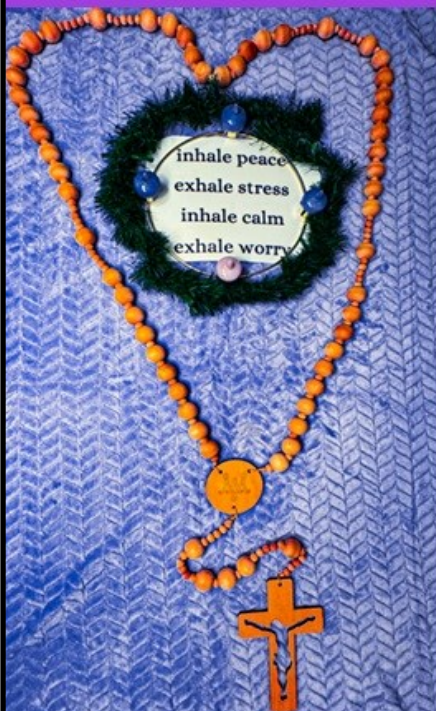
Emmanuel Catholic Church

As we begin the season of Advent, let us take some time out of our busy schedules to spend an hour in prayer and reflection to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. – **All are welcome!**

Refreshments will be served afterward.



SOULCORE



THIS ADVENT SEASON JOIN US FOR SOULCORE!

The Soulcore rosary workout integrates core strengthening exercises with the prayers of the rosary - give yourself this gift!

**Open to everyone! Any age and any fitness level!
Bring an exercise mat and wear comfortable clothing.**

Classes are offered:

- Mon. 6:30pm at St Joan of Arc church Athletic Center, Boca Raton
- Wed. at 4pm at Emmanuel Church, Delray Beach
- Sunrise Saturdays at Boca Beach 6:45am (Lifeguard Tower 1).

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