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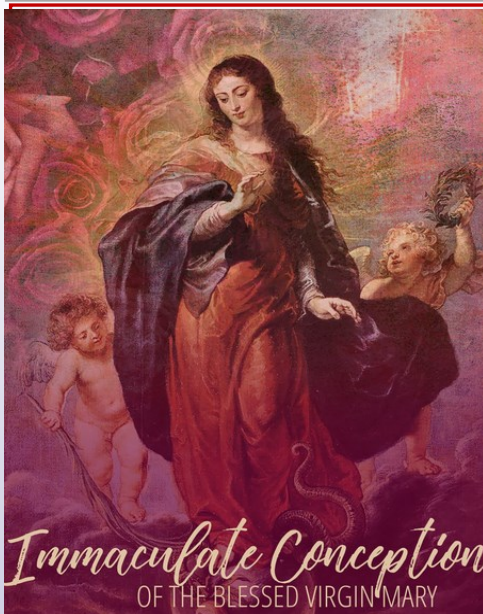
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EVERY VALLEY
 SHALL BE
FILLED.

— LUKE 3:5 —

SECOND 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.

Emmanuel Catholic Church PROUDLY PRESENTS

DINGGIN



SAT, Dec 14, 2024
@ 6:30P

Columbus Hall
\$20 per ticket
Available at the
Parish Office.



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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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.

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PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Dec. 09

6:30A..... Adoration

1:00P.....Movie Mondays

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

06:30P.....Adoration

10:00A..... Faith Sharing

6:30P.....KoC Officers Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 11

6:30A.....Adoration

4:00P.....SoulCore

Thursday, Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30A..... Adoration

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

3:00P..... Holy Hour

6:30P.....AA Meeting

Friday, Dec. 13

6:30A.....Adoration

6:30P.....Taize

Saturday, Dec. 14

9:00A..... Confession

9:00A.....Lay Cistercians Meeting

6:30P.....Christmas Concert by Dinggin

Sunday, Dec. 15

1:00P.....OCIA Class

GOD'S HOPE ENTERED OUR WORLD

My dear friends, we know how sick humanity has become. There is a silent desperation about how things are, about the zigzagging structures and subtle impositions of earthly standards that many of us may feel sullenly resigned to, as the facts of the modern lifestyle.

John the Baptist, who lived in a desert, did so as a sign of protest and of hope as well. He was a symbol of our longing for something better and different. The prophet shouted at the top of his voice: "Make ready the way of the Lord.... Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand."

There must be a better way to celebrate Christmas than just submitting to the status quo of the world, than to equate our superficial trimmings to this event of our salvation. The greatest gift that we can offer to the child Jesus is the gift of ourselves. This is only possible if we can open ourselves to the possibility of conversion or a real change of our life. There are times that we readily complain about everything and everyone else, except ourselves.

The season of advent invites us to look deeper into ourselves and humbly admit that we have failed God's expectations of us.

A man said: "When I was young, I prayed: Lord, give me the energy to change the world. As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without having changed a single soul, I changed my prayer to: Lord, give me the grace to convert all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied. Now, that I'm an old man and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My prayer now is: Lord, give me the grace to change myself. If I had prayed for this from the start, I would not have wasted my life."

Think about it my friends. John is pointing out to us the possibility in us to change and thus change the world with ourselves. The coming of Christ on Christmas Day makes these things a reality. Why can't we make it happen?

—Fr. Zamora

Saint of the Week - Saint Lucy (283 - 304)

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life.

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Ro-

mans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged.

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Reflection

If you are a little girl named Lucy, you need not bite your tongue in disappointment. Your patron is a genuine authentic heroine, first class, an abiding inspiration for you and for all Christians. The moral courage of the young Sicilian martyr shines forth as a guiding light, just as bright for today's youth as it was in A.D. 304.

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Dec. 09

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

Thursday, Dec. 12

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

Friday, Dec. 13

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

Saturday, Dec. 14

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

Sunday, Dec. 15

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Carr
10:00A Fr. Carr 10:30A Fr. Theo
12:00P Fr. Leone 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 24, 2024

First Collection	\$ 12,634.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,310.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 14,934.00
Online (11/23/2024).....	\$ 940.79

December 01, 2024

First Collection	\$ 16,120.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,496.00
Subtotal.....	\$18,616.00
Online (11/30/2024).....	\$ 1,307.10

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 09

7:30am *Jeniffer Sikora by Rice-Motta Family *Michael Watt by Wife & Daughter
9:00am *Jennifer Sikora by Son, Edward *Gianna Ravada by Caraballo Family
10:30am †Anacoreta Baldonado by John & Christine †Mark Vlasek by Soeka Hernandez & Family
12:00pm †Thomas & Helen McDonnell †Phyllis Lomitola by Antoinette Matos
6:00pm †Marlyn Peogrifft by Frank Chiavetta †Inocencia Navarrete by Anna Allen

Tuesday, Dec, 10

7:30am *Romano Family by A.M. †Herman Guzman by Bob Budd
8:30am †Joey Krokus by Krokus Family †Loreta Taglianti by Maria & Tony Ferazzoli

Wednesday, Dec. 11

7:30am †Jesus Manuel Rodriguez by Martina DeBoise †Ferdinand Omega by Bella Simbajon
8:30am †Herman Guzman by Marie & Darren *Hector Guzman by Marie & Darren

Thursday, Dec. 12

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise †Mark Vlasek by Ladies Guild
8:30am *Caraballo Family by Elsa Caraballo †Mark Vlasek by Gail Vlasek

Friday, Dec. 13

7:30am †Lazaro L. Dela Cruz †Mark Vlasek by Evelyn
8:30am †Victor Pacienza & Family by Christine & John †George Moore by Christine & John
6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS** **FOR PRIESTS**

Saturday, Dec. 14

8:30am †Joseph Anastasi by Cookie Anastasi †Connie Greco by Anastasi Family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Paul & Jo Ann Keenan by Family †Jose Antonio Velasco by Parents

Sunday, Dec. 15

7:30am †Felicita Sanchez by Estebania Brea †Ed Gonsalves by Wendy & Debbie
9:00am †Lina Perugini by Rosalia Giuliana †Erik Albertson by Camille & Lou Gilardi
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Bill Koppie by Sister & Family †John & Muriel Prokop by Prokop Family
6:00pm †Eduardo Rivera by Victor Rivera †Tim Hammer by Susan McNamara

UNSCHEDULED

†Cassidy Rochon by Linda Aldrich *Clara Depko by Ladies Guild *Clara Depko by Dorothy Deedy
†Janine Senatore by Sylvia Galanti †Janine Senatore by Eleanor M. Reif †Anna Mathew by Sherin George
†Philomena Mathew by Sherin George *Joan Saccio by Rose

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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:

"For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
(Ps 126)

Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel:

"The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

Observances for the week of December 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd 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 of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look
forward to Jesus' arrival —
Make straight the paths, Lord!
Fill us with holy excitement, in
Your name.

Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **“the word of God came to John the Baptist:”** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

— Father John Muir



PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**BEHOLD, I HAVE SET
BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR
WHICH NO MAN CAN SHUT.
REVELATION 3:8**

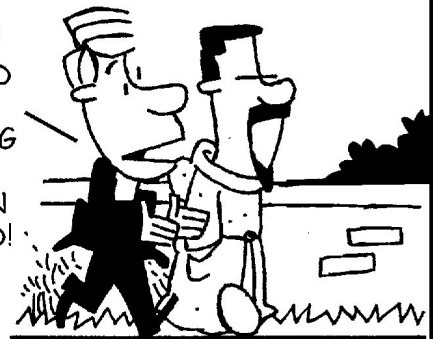
Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Brother Knights!

On Tuesday November 19, five Catholic gentlemen took their Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and officially joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Mother Council is delighted to welcome our new brothers **Andrew Rook, Anthony Seblano and Mike Morad**. We are also pleased to welcome **John Peros and Vince Cherrone** who joined St. Vincent Ferrer Council. Vivat Jesus brothers!

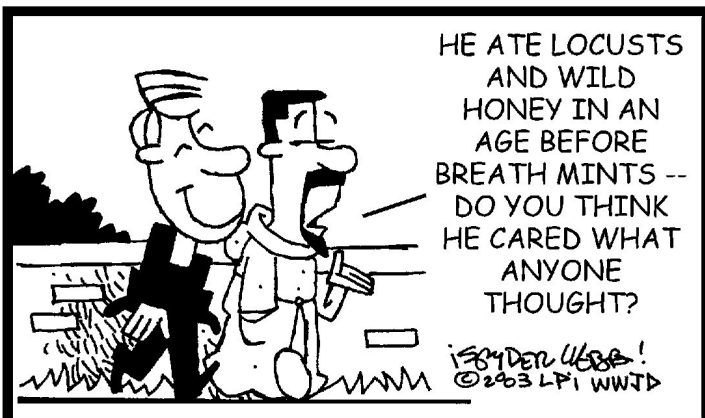
If you're interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, send your contact information to **Chuck Dolce** at **Chuck@BlessedMotherCouncil.com**



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TOOK A LOT OF
GUTS FOR A GUY
TO SAY HE HEARD
FROM GOD AND
START PREACHING
THE KIND OF
MESSAGES JOHN
THE BAPTIST DID!



HE ATE LOCUSTS
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DO YOU THINK
HE CARED WHAT
ANYONE
THOUGHT?



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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!			
<h1>ADVENT 2024</h1> <p>Activity Calendar</p>						

Advent

Advent season has officially begun, and Ms. Michele's Kindergarten students are diving into the joys and traditions of this special time of year by creating their very own Advent crowns! It's a wonderful way to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christmas.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Jobi Cenkar for your generous snack donations to our CCD program every month. We truly appreciate your continued support and the effort you put into bringing treats for the children. They absolutely love them! May God bless you for your kindness and all you do for our kids.





**Abel Cisneros
Alberto Nodarse
Alicia Gomez Ramirez
Andres Prieto
Emerson Gomez Ramirez
Gianluca Escuza
Jayden Contreras
Jorge Allane Millare
Kayden Benjamin
Landen Dsouza
Lucia Nodarse
Peter Pero**

This month we celebrate our **December** religious education student birthdays because God created them all incredibly special!



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.**



Come celebrate the season with us at our Youth Group Christmas Party on **December 15th 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.

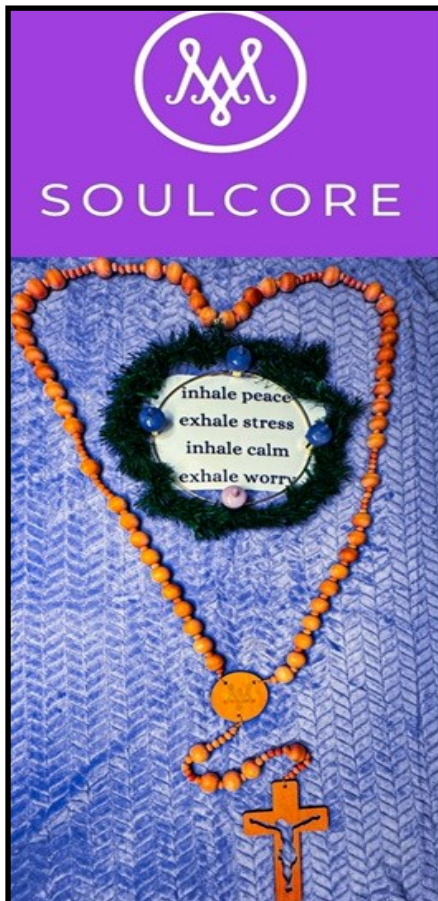
We meet every Sunday right after Family Mass in the pavilion. We'd love to see you there and hope you can join the fun!

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2023-2024		
	2023-2024	2022-2023
INCOME		
OFFERTORY	\$ 812,913.09	\$ 742,748.87
PARISH DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT	124,394.00	126,646.55
DIOCESE COLLECTIONS	32,563.00	30,842.00
LITURGY	21,302.00	23,693.00
DONATIONS	366,754.10	182,408.98
FESTIVALS	64,336.38	61,604.16
OUTREACH	30,088.10	27,004.98
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH	1,560.00	2,083.00
RENT	7,225.00	6,895.00
INTEREST INCOME	9,458.78	28,800.18
STOLE FEES	10,000.00	9,705.00
OTHER INCOME	3,827.35	3,665.90
TOTAL INCOME	1,484,421.80	1,246,097.62
EXPENSES		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	730,436.95	697,165.66
RECTORY EXPENSES	58,408.86	57,097.31
LITURGICAL EXPENSES	22,454.89	26,628.32
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	278,298.88	227,926.61
OFFICE EXPENSES	45,704.43	46,315.60
FESTIVAL EXPENSES	29,684.77	29,202.20
DIOCESE COLLECTIONS	31,281.49	37,852.10
OUTREACH	40,525.88	34,557.44
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH	20,174.73	14,541.94
SCHOOL SUBSIDY	5,490.00	25,910.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,262,460.88	1,197,197.18
NET INCOME	221,960.92	48,900.44

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 2023-2024		
ASSETS	YEAR END 6/30/2024	YEAR END 6/30/2023
CASH-SFT	\$ 400,931.12	\$ 372,542.69
CASH-OPERATING	\$ 236,661.14	\$ 379,488.83
CASH-MASS	\$ 10,716.00	\$ 40,455.32
CASH-LADIES GUILD	\$ 1,401.79	\$ 1,583.76
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,746,019.50	\$ 6,498,680.14
Total Assets	\$ 7,395,729.55	\$ 7,292,750.74
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$ 34.00
OTHER NOTES PAYABLE		\$ 88,118.79
MASS INTENSION LIABILITY	\$ 9,940.00	\$ 54,340.54
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,940.00	\$ 142,493.33
CAPITAL		
SURPLUS - NET WORTH	\$ 7,150,257.41	\$ 7,101,356.97
NET INCOME	\$ 221,960.92	\$ 48,900.44
PRIOR PERIOD	\$ 13,571.22	
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 7,385,789.55	\$ 7,150,257.41
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$ 7,395,729.55	\$ 7,292,750.74

FYE 2024 budget is available to view in the office upon request

2023-2024 FINANCIAL REPORT EMMANUEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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).

Please contact Ramona Joachim for more info
561-866-4820

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