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God With Us



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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

— LUKE 4:18 —

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
Knights of Columbus
February 1-2 See Page 6



CHINESE AUCTION—Jan 29
CASINO TRIP - Feb 13
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PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, **God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

Weekday/Weekend Associates

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Men's Choir

Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

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Finance Council

Parish Council

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol



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

Monday, Jan. 27

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 28

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

Wednesday, Jan. 29

6:30A..... Adoration
12:00N..... **Ladies Guild Chinese Auction**
2:00P..... School of Christian Formation
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, Jan. 30

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

Friday, Jan. 31

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

Saturday, Feb. 01

Tootsie Roll Drive-All Masses

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, Feb. 02

Tootsie Roll Drive-All Masses

9:00A..... KoC Mass
1:00P..... OCIA Class



CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 25

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

Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Monday, Jan. 27

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SINULOG 2025 @ EMMANUEL PARISH



PARISH COLLECTIONS

January 19, 2025

First Collection	\$ 13,826.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,592.00
Subtotal	\$16,418.00
Online (01/18)	\$ 1,530.62

January 12, 2025

First Collection	\$13,627.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,554.00
Subtotal	\$15,181.00
Online (01/11)	\$ 1,599.88

GOD'S WORD

One of my favorites in the Book of Psalms is: "Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path." (Ps 119,105)

If you have to go somewhere in the dark, it's nice to have a flashlight to help you see where you're going. When we try to make it through life without God's Word, we're walking in the dark. We can't say God is punishing us if we run into something or we fall. We did it to ourselves.

Jesus said "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." "Today" is an important word here. It tells us God is speaking to us each time we hear the scriptures.

In our second reading today, Paul reminds us of the importance of community. We can't say I don't need a church, I don't need to come to mass, I don't need to pray with all those other people.

We do need to because we are a family, we are part of the body of Christ and when we separate ourselves from one another, we are denying the

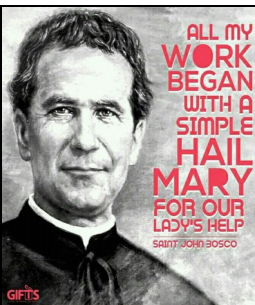
spiritual gifts God has given to others to help us and we are denying to others the spiritual gifts God has given us to help them.

We need each other. We need to share our faith with each other, even if it is a matter of praying with one another. To sum everything up, we need God's Word and we need each other to make it through this life to the joys of eternal life

- Fr. Zamora



Saint of the Week - Saint John Bosco (August 16, 1815 - January 31, 1888)



John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the

spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a

printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.

With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Reflection

John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too.

LADIES GUILD INVITES YOU



FUNDRAISER

All women of the parish are invited to join us as we celebrate Chinese New Year 2025...the year of the Wood Snake!

We will be having a Chinese auction including a **Chinese lunch from Nana's Noodles on Wednesday, January 29th from Noon to 3PM!**

The cost is **\$15/person** which includes the lunch of your choice and a bottle of water, or you can choose to bring your own lunch! Menus are available at the church office, and reservations can be made at the same time! If you have any items for the Chinese auction, you can let us know so that we can include them that day

CASINO TRIP

The first casino trip of 2025 on Thursday, February 13, 2025! The price is \$30. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:45AM and will leave The Big Easy at



The **Knights of Columbus** will be conducting their annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** benefiting kids with severe physical disabilities on the weekend of **February 1-2, 2025.**

This year the drive will be helping the kids from two classrooms **dedicated to kids with severe disabilities at Banyan Creek Elementary in Delray Beach.**

All the money will be used to help buy special electronic equipment (like iPads) the kids will be learning to use to communicate, as the majority are not able to communicate verbally.

As always, we greatly appreciate your generosity and, along with the kids, the Knights thank you in advance.



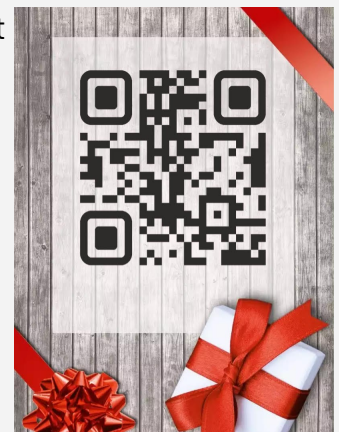
Message from Bishop Gerald Barbarito Call to Prayer and Support – California Fires

“At this time, we join in prayer for all those affected in such a devastating manner by the raging fires in the communities of Los Angeles, California. Thousands have lost, and continue to lose, their homes, livelihoods, churches, schools, communities, and even their lives and loved ones. We also pray for the

firefighters and first responders and all who are reaching out to assist at this most difficult time.

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles has stated that we do not know why these disasters happen, but that God holds each of us in loving hands and that love is what is asked of us at this challenging moment. As the family of the Diocese of Palm Beach, we reach out in love through our prayers and support at this time.

Catholic Charities USA has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign donation page and all funds raised will assist those displaced or suffering due to these fires. Information can also be found on our Diocesan website and the website of our Catholic Charities ministry.”



PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

January 17, 2025

Dear Parishioner:

Once again it is time to turn our attention to our Annual Parish Festival and Raffle. This is a parish event as we rejoice in the Lord for giving us this great opportunity to come together as a parish family.

The dates for the 2025 Annual Parish Festival are **Friday, February 21st from 4:00pm to 8:00pm & Saturday, February 22nd from 8:00am-7:00pm.** We will be having a Flea Market in Columbus Hall, food, bake sale and coffee, car show, and children's activities along with a children's basket raffle. Details can be found in our bulletin and on our parish website as well.

Our Festival and Raffle is the *single biggest fundraising effort* we make each year. I am writing to ask you for your continued support and participation in the upcoming raffle. We hope each of your families will purchase or sell at least one book of raffle tickets. Please feel free to sell to neighbors, friends, other family members, and/or co-workers! The cost of each ticket is \$10.00 or \$50.00 for a book of 6 tickets. I have enclosed one sheet (two books) of tickets with this letter.

This year, we have chosen again to have cash prizes:

1st Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$2,500

3rd Prize: \$1,500

10 Consolation Prizes of: \$200 each

Please return the tickets with your donation. Additional tickets are available at the parish office. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 22nd at 7:00pm.

I thank you with all my heart for your continued support to our Parish and I look forward to sharing the good times with you at the Festival! We would also like to thank Lorne and Sons who generously covered the cost of printing the raffle tickets.

Yours in Christ,



EVERY DAY STEWARDSHIP

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really

prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 26–FEBRUARY 02, 2025 | 08

SCHEDULED INTENTION

Monday, Jan. 27

7:30am †Nicolas Cerino by KoC Council 13338 *Viau by Alexander Family
8:30am †Karen Yozallinas by Family †Paul Robertson by Margie
†Gloria De Valladares by Family

Tuesday, Jan. 28

7:30am †Louis Di Bella by Cheryl & Phil Deedy *Dave Strompf by Tom & Clara Depko
8:30am †Jeanne Mac Whorter by Dorothy Deedy †Theresa Macri by Evelyn Baroni

Wednesday, Jan. 29

7:30am †Valerie Femiano by Frank & Donna Femiano *Paul Altmann by Tom & Clara Depko
8:30am †Richard Koop by Wife †Bella del Prado Ganzon by Daughter

Thursday, Jan. 30

7:30am †Angela & Carlos Henriod by Cannon Family †Percy Cannon Sr. by Cannon Family
8:30am †Mary Ann Musumeci by Husband †Elizabeth Gatto by Terry

Friday, Jan. 31

7:30am †Michael Morrissey by Justine Sulewski †Julie Toeniskoetter by KoC
8:30am †Romilga Kaplan by Muriel Hartman †Robert Ianson by Evelyn Baroni
6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS** **FOR PRIESTS**

Saturday, Feb. 01

8:30am †Jeronimo Roman by Martina DeBoise †Anthony Paul Boscia II by Boscia Family
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Mary Menequale by Robert Menequale †Ivanica & Mario Milanya by Bozidar & Berta Pesa
†Elena Messina by Family

Sunday, Feb. 02

7:30am †Agnes Verlander by Donna & Jimmy †Clotilde Rivera by Victor Rivera
9:00am *Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A †Anacoreta Baldonado by Renelia Sevilla
†Aniano Malubay Sr. by Marilyn Penserga
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Donna Petricone by Husband †Antonio & Maria Messina by Mr. & Mrs. Atanasio
6:00pm *Thanksgiving/St. Jude Miracles †Ante Azic by Kings Point-Friends

UNSCHEDULED

*Bobbi Christos by Carol Schwab *Fred Newfield by Carol Schwab *Anette Morris by Carol Schwab
*Helen Crespi by Carol Schwab *Thelma Constantinou by Carol Schwab †*Roy Truelove by Carol Schwab
*Doreen Romano by Carol Schwab *Carisema Saintjean /Thanksgiving by Carisema Saintjean

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

David & John Helen Cruz	Brenda Ezeilo Cynthia Martin	Heather Smith Jason Smith
Lenore Curatolo Marilyn Boyle	Francis Martin Hermoine D'Cruz	Ronald Merhige Roshan
Andrea Anastasi Shelly Fiorini	Brigitte Knops Toni Kreamer	Karen Jensen Cynthia Martin
Ed Bush Bob Oberholzer	Gerry Gerhard Euclides Cerutti	Garry Solomon Ilda Sosa Botero
John Wilkens Scott Ellison	Grace Cassagnol Samuel Gonzales	Carlos Tobon Jill Forshey
<i>Evangeline Ezeilo</i>	Victorio Ray Wolff	Gerry Santilli Gail Hill
Michael Gehres Karen Sullivan	Patricia Tripi <i>Giraldo</i>	Chrissie Budrick Frank Dazzo
Sean Zahul Darren Guzman	Ida Giannettina Tom Hickey	Dina Quelch Stewart Librizzi
Mary Lou <i>Connie Panepinto</i>	Josette Weber Vincent Rizzo	Thomas Land Agatha Saccio
Amalia Mazzolin Leon Martin	Louis Perticone Ann Cavaseno	Robert Albertson Rafael Botero
Joe Delagami <i>Rose Marie Regner</i>	Charles C. Tufano Angela Discepola	Albert Fernandes Doreen Romano
Michael Manuele Carla Ruiz	Anna Halford Sal Yanello	Britney Closson Jeanette Gallegos
Benjamin Robelo Karen McCarty	Victor Rivera William Lindner	Adriana Elejalde <i>Oswaldo Cesar Monasterio</i>
T.J. Genzale Dave Ruiz	Lisa Della Femina	Michael Cecere Jahaziel Roldan
Victoria Robelo Ms. S.	<i>Maria E. Quiñones- Mercado</i>	Abigail Chin-Lenn <i>Gertrudis Rivera Martinez</i>
Rose Borsella Lexie Helgerson	Diane Daniels Carmen Jones	Merrill Tucker Debra Tucker
David Smeraldo Janette Cole	Bill Hamilton Ralph Senese	Maggie Dazzo Nicholas Cerino
<i>Steven Martin Sikes</i>	Ramona Ash Gaballah	Martha Gutzman Noah Altherios
Gianna Pagan Suzanne Puleo	Karen Ramey Tom Tripi	Debra Serritella Joseph Reategui
<i>Sr. Frances Vass OSC</i>	Mary Ann Lisa Payne	Anthony Spirito Rhea
Mary Loveland Sam Falcone	Marilyn Green <i>Joseph Salamone</i>	Raecher Doug Rodgers
Patricia Golstein Taylor Dosh	Phyllis Lomitola Maria Amaro	Doris Vourinen <i>Sister Veronique DCSO</i>
Marilyn Martino Gulshan Modena	Aniela Ignaczak Lillian Campayno	Danny Berciles <i>Elizabeth Lanza- Hajko</i>
Maggie Dolan <i>Amelita Coz- Zarraga</i>	Terry Schwinge Tom D'Amico	Eleanor Hemmer Joseph Lauria
Heather Martin Tailior McGee	Gabriel Zamora Vincent Blum	Judy Lew Ernie Skelton
Ronald Griffiths Margie Giaquinto	Ricardo Blum <i>Gina Marie B. Cohen</i>	
Maria Fernandez Raphael Roman	David Strompf Sal Hanono	
James Ezeilo	Chris Angotti	

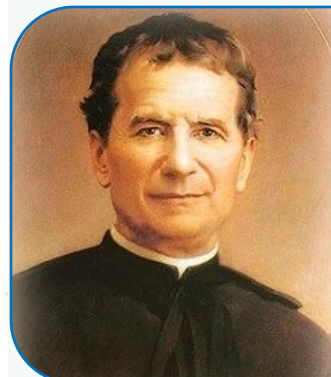
PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION . Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families.

If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



**Trust all things
to Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament
and to Mary,
Help of Christians,
and you will see what
Miracles are.**

~ St. John Bosco

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

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

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "*I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!*" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "*If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "*the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God*" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

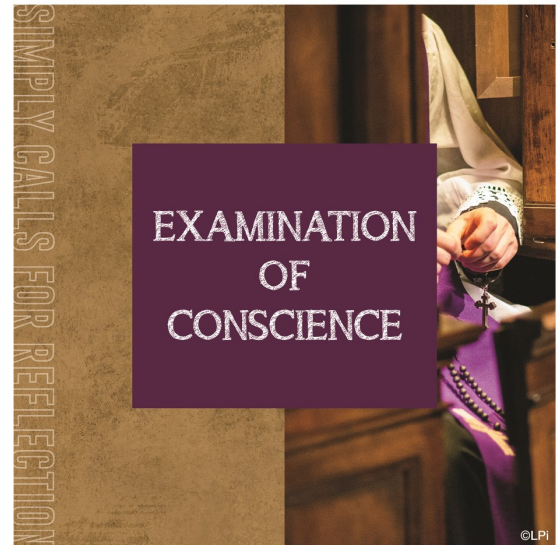
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life



Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring your love,
light, and freedom to the places
you call. From the heights to the
depths: you are there, you are
actively moving, and when you
call, you will also provide.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,
5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-
40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is **“fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21)**. After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

First Communion Students Prepare for Reconciliation

This weekend, our First Communion students participated in their Good Shepherd retreat as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will take place on **Saturday, February 15th**. During the retreat, the children had the opportunity to practice the process of confession and reflect on its importance in their spiritual lives.

They were also blessed with scapulars by Father Zamora, symbolizing their growing faith. Throughout the retreat, the students engaged in activities and watched videos, deepening their understanding of this significant step on their faith journey.

Please keep our First Communion students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this important milestone.



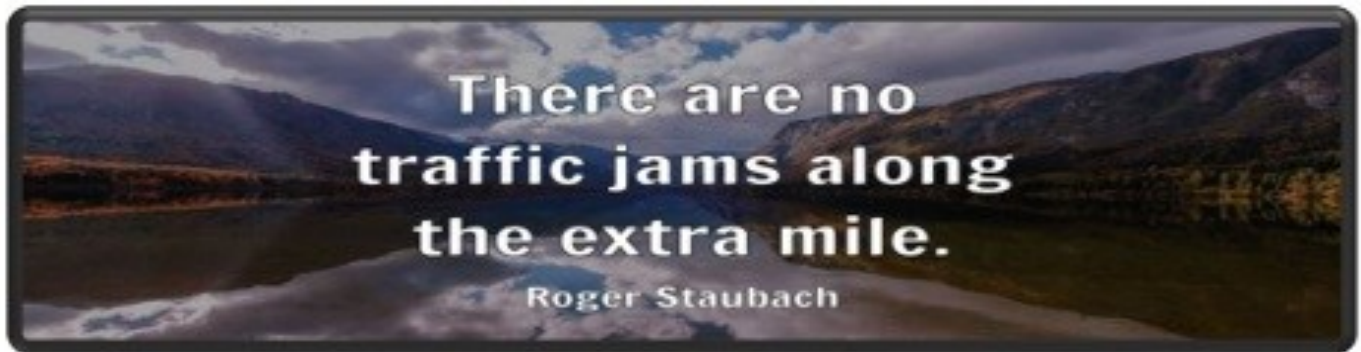
ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

MANDATORY RETREAT SATURDAY FEB. 15TH!



Confirmation Retreat will take place on **Saturday, February 15th from 8:30am - 3pm** at Emmanuel Church and the Duncan Center. This special retreat is designed to deepen the spiritual lives of our students, providing them with time for personal prayer and they will also attend Mass.

Through inspiring talks and meaningful activities, the retreat will focus on the candidates' spiritual growth, their role as disciples of Christ, and the importance of discerning their path forward. Additionally, the retreat offers a wonderful opportunity for the candidates to build community and strengthen bonds with one another.



Our Rosary path is a great place for us to pray, and with the passing of time comes the need to Refresh or replace the elements that have become tired or end of life.

With your donations We are going to Refresh the fading images of the stations of cross with Brass images that will stand up to the brutal Florida sun

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