

Dear Parishioners,

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
(Matthew 1:23)



"Emmanuel." You can imagine what that name must have meant to Joseph when he awoke from his dream.

First, it must have consoled him. The fact that God was with Mary and him in such a physical way must have been comforting, so much so that he became willing to take Mary as his wife.

Second, it must have given him courage. Humble tradesman that he was, Joseph probably felt unqualified to be the guardian of the Messiah. So the name Emmanuel probably felt like a shield against fear. It gave him the boldness he needed to guard and protect Mary and her child.

Lastly, the name Emmanuel must have filled him with joy. At last! The Messiah that Israel had long awaited! God had come to visit his people in a new and powerful way; he was going to save them from their sins. How could Joseph possibly contain his excitement? God had kept his promise. He was with them!

This dream changed Joseph's outlook on the dilemma that he faced with his betrothal to Mary. Comforted, strengthened, and made joyful by the name Emmanuel, he could now say yes to God's plan for his life and for the unique family he would lead.

This one name—Emmanuel—holds these three treasures for you as well. When you wake up each morning and start thinking about the challenges of the day ahead, remember that God is with you, like a friend you can spend each day with. He is your courage and strength when you feel unqualified to handle a particular situation. He is your joy, reminding you of the promise of heaven.

So hold on to Jesus, God-with-us. Look for signs of his presence in your life. Wrap yourself in his protection. Most of all, rejoice in it! God has sent his Son to you. You have a Savior who is always with you!

"Emmanuel, I step forth today rejoicing in your faithfulness and in the courage and freedom that you bring to my life."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Children's Mass – Saturday, December 24th at 5:15 PM

Midnight Mass – Saturday, December 24th
(Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:15PM

For your enjoyment we are happy to announce:

ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Stewardship Thought

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, and Peggy Wright.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Jg 13:2-25, Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
Thursday	1Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
Friday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
Saturday	2Sm 7:1-16, Lk 1:67-79
Sunday	Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 17
5:15 PM	Intention of Robert Johns
Sunday	December 18
8:00 AM	Intention of Mary Jené
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana Katz
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Thursday	December 22
8:00 AM	Intention of Briana Katz
Saturday	December 24
5:15 PM	Soul of Angula Bates
12 Midnight	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	December 25
8:00 AM	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING for DECEMBER 11, 2016

\$6,008.45 Tithe and Offering
105.00 Building Fund
37.00 We Care"

Please remember your
**"Together in Mission" 2016
PLEDGE COMMITMENT**

Thanks to all!

2017 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.



Happy Birthday to:
Robert Johns

who celebrates **96** on December 18th.

Congratulations from his family.

NO COFFEE & DONUTS
Closed for Christmas Break...
RETURN
Sunday, January 8, 2017

"Singing Glory Be to Jesus"

You are invited to Transfiguration Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 PM. The Choir and Musicians have added many new Christmas songs, both sacred and popular to our repertoire of music. Donations: \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children and Youth. Reception in the hall will follow the concert.

Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 20, 21 and 22, 2017. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, and Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM. Friday. Our retreat opens at 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:30 PM. A **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"The Crucified One Is No Stranger"**. For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner your parish retreat Captain at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Bus Trip's from Transfiguration

Please join us for a fundraiser to **San Manuel Casino** on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Bus loads at 7:30AM and leaves Transfiguration Roxton Side at 8AM. \$23.00 per person... Proceeds benefit the Knights of Peter Claver Council #220. Please contact Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

The Ladies Auxiliary invites you to **Barona Casino** on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Departing at 8:30AM and returning at 5:30PM from Transfiguration Roxton Side. \$25.00 per person... Call 310.323.9491, 310.671.2569 or 323.296.296.7451.

NO PARKING ON LOT...