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# THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —

PENTECOST SUNDAY

## PURPOSE-INSPIRED FAMILIES.

At the 9:00AM mass this past Ascension Sunday, our pastor presented the **Decena and Pereira Families** to the church in recognition of their exemplary commitment, to the purpose and ideals that the CCD ministry program aspires to instill in both students and parents.



# 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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### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Lectors

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Hospitality / Ushers

Bob Bonney & Chuck Dolce

### Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Clanaven Baldonado & Men's Choir

### Altar Flowers

Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

### Altar & Clergy Vestments

Maryann DiBiase, Carol Chapman, Nancy McDonald,

### Homebound / Hospital Ministry

Fr. Theo Ihedoro | Ext. 1004

### Gift Shop

Josephine Joan | Ext. 1009

### Blood Drive

Patti Gomez | 561-293-9761

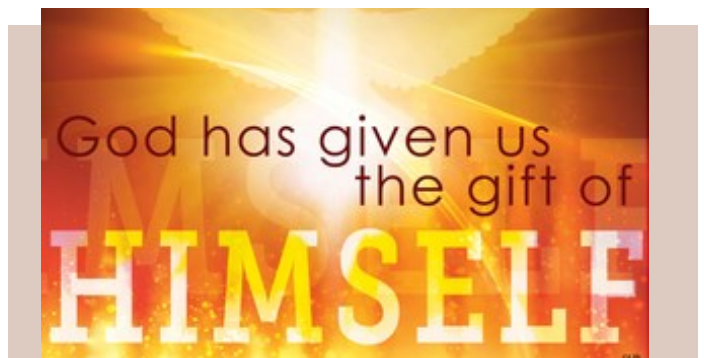
## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Ladies Guild

President Carol Chapman

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Luke VanHove



PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm  
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass  
or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.  
Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass  
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday 8am–1:00pm

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday 8am–1pm

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month 10:00AM– 1:30PM

**NOTE:** Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

6:30A..... Adoration  
10:00A..... Faith Sharing

Wednesday, May 22

6:30A... Adoration  
10:30A.....Ladies Guild Installation Mass  
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

6:30A..... Adoration  
6:30P..... Taizé Holy Hour

Saturday, May 25

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, May 26

DSA STEWARDSHIP REPORT—YEAR 2024

May 09, 2024

Goal Amount ..... \$ 169,000.00  
Current Donation Total .....\$ 106,926.06  
Balance Remaining .....\$ 62,073.94



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

**HAPPY PENTECOST SUNDAY!**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!**

Dear Parishioners: Two important feasts further reveal the other aspects of Christ’s resurrection: Ascension which we celebrated last Sunday, and Pentecost which we celebrate today.

After forty days, Christ ascended into heaven, bringing up with him the redeemed human race. In a world oppressed by the dark side of humanity, Christ’s Ascension enlivens our hope that heaven is our final home. And seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus Christ sent down the Holy Spirit upon the church on the day of Pentecost.

On this day, the Holy Spirit sent forth the apostles into the whole world to preach the gospel and to baptize. Pentecost is the culmination of Christ’s death and resurrection. He ascended into heaven in order to send the Holy Spirit that would continue the work of salvation that he had begun among us.

We exist in the time of the Holy Spirit.

In some way, the sacrament of confirmation is like our own Pentecost; for it is through this sacrament that the Holy Spirit anoints us to go forth and proclaim around us, in word and good example, the gospel of Christ.

Tomorrow, Monday, we continue the season of Ordinary Time. The Sundays and weekdays in Ordinary Time continue to reveal the other mysteries of Christ that are not explicitly commemorated by the seasons. During this period, the church calls attention to our Lord’s ministry of preaching, healing and liberating.

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary”, but the message it conveys Sunday after Sunday, day after day, is not merely ordinary. It is always extraordinary, as it is about the person of Jesus Christ who reveals to us, by his words and actions, the person of the Father.

Fr. Zamora

**CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MAY 20–26, 2024**

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Zamora    8:30A Fr. Carr

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Theo    8:30A Fr. Timothy

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Carr    8:30A Fr. Timothy

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Theo    8:30A Fr. Timothy

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Zamora    8:30A Fr. Carr  
6:00P Fr. Theo

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30A Fr. Theo    4:00P Fr. Timothy  
5:30P Fr. Timothy

**Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30A Fr. Theo    9:00A Fr. Zamora  
10:30A Fr. Carr    12:00P Fr. Carr  
6:00P Fr. Theo

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**May 12, 2024**

First Collection .....	\$ 11,618.00
Second Collection .....	\$ 1,015.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 12,633.00
Mother’s Day.....	\$ 2,740.00
Online (05/06/24–05/10/2024).....	\$ 1,246.88

**May 05, 2024**

First Collection .....	\$ 13,801.00
Second Collection .....	\$ 4,748.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 18,549.00
(Subtotal includes Marian Festival Donations)	
Mother’s Day.....	\$ 2,025 .00
Online (04/29/24–05/03/2024).....	\$ 2,060.53

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*

# PARISH LIFE

## 5 | HONORING ALL MOTHERS



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.  
(Ps 104)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

### Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

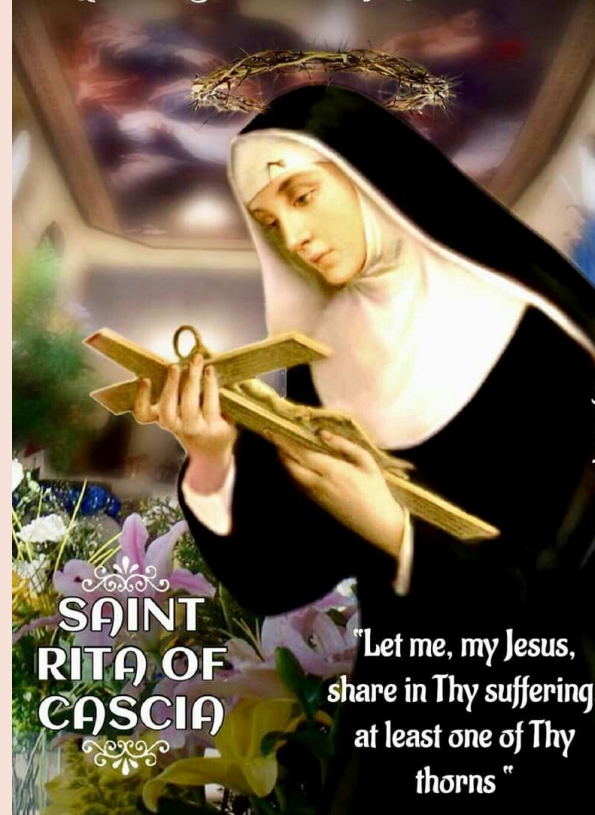
Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone,  
we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of  
the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony  
completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us  
never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

## Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary  
Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity

### SAINT OF THE WEEK St Rita of Cascia

## THE FEAST OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA *Patron Saint of the Impossible*



## Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!  
Enlighten us!  
Embolden us!  
Inflame us!  
Stir our hearts anew!  
You have called us to live and  
minister in this time, in these  
spaces, to these souls. Set us on  
FIRE with fresh inspiration and  
sacred direction!  
Amen.



# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be “When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss.”

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

*“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”*  
— 1 Corinthians 12:3

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

#### Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, “I'm getting more like Dad!” Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

#### Sunday:

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

#### Tuesday:

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/ Mk 9:30-37

#### Wednesday:

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/ Mk 9:38-40

#### Thursday:

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

#### Friday:

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12

#### Saturday:

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/ Mk 10:13-16

#### Next Sunday:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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### Gospel Meditation

#### Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir

## SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

## Monday, May 20

7:30am MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

8:30am \*Kyla Caraballo by Caraballo Family  
†Josephine Ihedoro by Dorothy DeedyMOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
\*Kathryn Fonseca by Denise

## Tuesday, May 21

7:30am †Mary Mello by Phil & Liza Crawford  
8:30am †Martha Bartone by Diane Sarro†Soledad Hoyos by Martha Carvajal  
\*Jack Lieb by A. M.

## Wednesday, May 22

7:30am \*Ronald Lemar by A. M.  
8:30am †Herman Guzman by Guzman Family\*Andrea & Justo Arancibia By Dad & Mom  
\*Olga Galarza by Evelyn Santiesteban

## Thursday, May 23

7:30am †Joseph Le by Le Family  
8:30am †Veronica Bomgardner by McManus Family†Joseph Librie by Fred & Joane Della Femina  
†Jerry Galanti by Tom & Jo Comparato

## Friday, May 24

7:30am †Tina Elizabeth Calisi by S. Cal Calisi  
8:30am †Crescenzo & Cristina Rosato & Family by Granddaughter  
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS†Maria Antonia Burgos by Martina DeBoise  
†Flo Lefevre by Bonnie Busler  
FOR PRIESTS

## Saturday, May 25

8:30am †Grace Vaught by Pam Lee, †Veronica Bomgardner by McManus Family, & †Josephine Ihedoro by John & Christine  
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD  
5:30pm †Gerald Galanti by Hemmer FamilyBOOK OF THE DEAD  
†Daniel Rodriguez by Dorrie & Chris Fricano

## Sunday, May 26

7:30am †Luisa DeSalvo by Linda & Ed DiMarco  
9:00am †Nelly Cuffari by Benevento Family  
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
12:00pm †Donna Petricone by Husband  
6:00pm †Helen Marry by Diane & Mark Marry†Ramona Feliciano by Antoinette & Anthony Cardamone  
\*† KoC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2003 by Al Attard  
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS  
†Bambi Camhi by Family  
†Nancy Barker by Dorothy Deedy

## UNSCHEDULED

†Harold B. Dalton by Son †Veronica C. Dundon by Cousin \*Christine Shento by Barbara Rossi  
\*Eva Dubreuil \*Alain Dubreuil \*Kadia Pierre  
†Jacquelyn Cotter by Laura & John Cotter \*Dorothy Deedy by Marie J. Regan

## ALTAR FLOWERS

By. A.M.

## VIGIL LIGHTS

By A.M.

## SHRINE FLOWERS

**Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:**

**For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR**

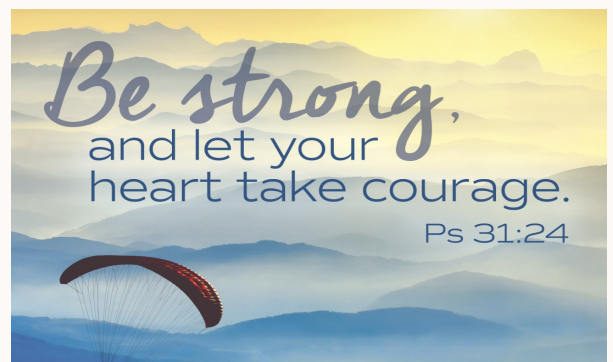
David & John	Maggie Dolan
Helen Cruz	Amelita Coz-Zarraga
Lenore Curatolo	Heather Martin
Marilyn Boyle	Tailor McGee
Andrea Anastasi	Ronald Griffiths
Shelly Fiorini	Margie Giaquinto
Fran Abrami	Maria Fernandez
Ed Bush	Raphael Roman
Margarito D. Berciles	James Ezeilo
Arthur Chiusano	Brenda Ezeilo
Maureen Oberholzer	Cynthia Martin
Bob Oberholzer	Francis Martin
John Wilkens	Hermoine D'Cruz
Scott Ellison	Brigitte Knops
Evangeline Ezeilo	Toni Kreamer
Michael Gehres	Gerry Gerhard
Karen Sullivan	Euclides Cerutti
Eric Albertson	Grace Cassagnol
Sean Zahul	Samuel Gonzales
Darren Guzman	Victorio
Mary Lou	Ray Wolff
Connie Panepinto	Patricia Tripi Giraldo
Amalia Mazzolin	Ruth Kipperman
Leon Martin	Ida Giannettina
Joe Delagami	Tom Hickey
Dennis Audette	Josette Weber
Rose Marie Regner	Nicholas Payamps
Michael Manuele	Vincent Rizzo
Carla Ruiz	Louis Perticone
Benjamin Robelo	Ann Cavaseno
Karen McCarty	Sue Madden
T.J. Genzale	Hank Missig
Dave Ruiz	Ulrich Vhon Laroa
Victoria Robelo	Charles Christopher
Ms. S.	Tufano
Dennis Gilbride	Angela Discepola
Jane McGinley	Nancy Wong
,Rose Borsella	Anna Halford
Lexie Helgersen	Sal Yanello
David Smeraldo	Victor Rivera
Janette Cole	William Lindner
Steven Martin Sikes	Lisa Della Femina
Gianna Pagan	Bruce Campbell
Suzanne Puleo	María E. Quiñones Mercado
David Keyser	Diane Daniels
Sr. Frances Vass OSC	Carmen Jones
Marguerite Dawson	Bill Hamilton
Mary Loveland	Ralph Senese
Sam Falcone	Ramona (Little Girl having a heart transplant)
Patricia Golstein	
Taylor Dosh	
Marilyn Martino	
Gulshan Modena	

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER.** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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.



# PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

## FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

### You Don't Have What It Takes—But You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Everyday Stewardship

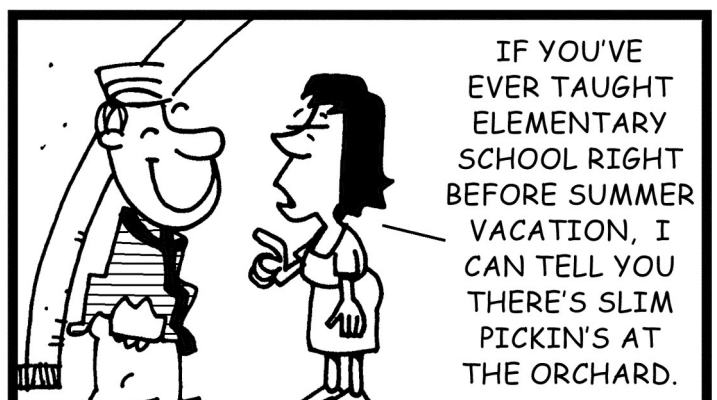
On this Pentecost Sunday, if you come to Mass at my parish you will see a sea of red all around. The choir, the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the people in the pews, and of course the celebrant and our deacon, will all be wearing red. We are one of those parishes that strive to reflect the color of the liturgy in our dress. It can be a sight to see.

What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations. At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of the Church. God touches us and enters into us in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. What is the movement of the Spirit within calling you to do today? Do we allow God to move us and do great things through us? Red is a bold color to wear at any time. But our actions should be even bolder.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PENTECOST



## Saint of the Day—St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – May 22, 1457)

### Saint Rita of Cascia's Story

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

### Reflection

Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "If only ...." approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances—not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun.

### Saint Rita of Cascia is the Patron Saint of:

Difficult Marriages  
Impossible Causes  
Infertility  
Parenthood



### Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

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**Classes are held on Sunday  
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Answers to specific questions will be given  
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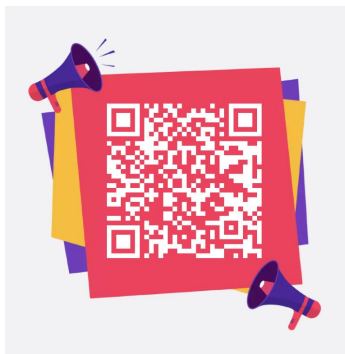
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