

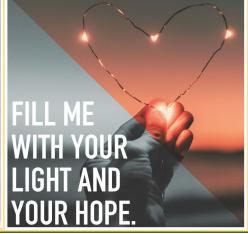
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PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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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?

Inquiries regarding possible adjustments (to date or time) of scheduled parish events or activities this week should be addressed to the parish office during business hours. Call us at **561.496.2480**.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

| | nday, June 08 Pre-Baptism Class |
|-------------------------|--|
| 6:30A 1:00P | onday, June 09AdorationMovie MondaysLegion of Mary |
| 6:30A 10:00A | sday, June 10AdorationFaith SharingKoC Officers Meeting |
| 6:30A | nesday, June 11 Adoration SoulCore |
| 6:30A 9:00A 3:00P | ursday, June 12AdorationAnointing of the sickHoly HourAA Meeting |
| 6:30A | day, June 13 Adoration Taize |
| 9:00A | urday, June 14 Confession Lay Cistercians Meeting |

Sunday, June 15











PARISH LIFE

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CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 08

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

Monday, June 09

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

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

Thursday, June 12

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

Friday, June 13

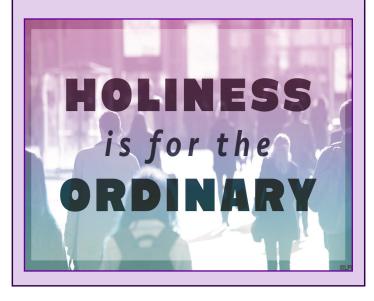
7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Timothy 6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 15

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





OUR GIFTS TO GOD

June 01, 2025

First Collection \$ 12,053.00 Second Collection \$ 2,695.00 Online (05/31) \$ 1,694.55

TOTAL \$ 16,442.55

May 25, 2025

First Collection \$11,150.00Second Collection \$2,810.00Online (05/24) \$3,928.34

TOTAL \$ 17,888.34

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL May 29, 2025

Goal Amount for Emmanuel \$185,000.00 Current \$134,669.09

Remaining Balance \$ 50,330.91

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

JUNE 09-JUNE 15, 2025 | 05

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

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7:30am *Carisema Saint Jean & Family/Thanksgiving by *Ejoi Baldonado by Family

Carisema Saint Jean

8:30am | †Fernando Polit by Mother *Joe De Felice/Healing by Tom & Clara Depko

Tuesday, June 10

7:30am †Frances Charlton by M. De Boise †Elena Montañez by M. De Boise 8:30am †Bill Greenwood by Haydee Rodriguez †Andrew Fleming by Mary Ellen Luddy

Wednesday, June 11

7:30am †Ramon Ignacio Palmero by Son/Ramon Palmero †Evelyn Barrett by Mary Ellen Luddy

8:30am †Richard Peterka by Tom & Clara Depko *Susan Newman/Healing by Tom & Clara Depko

Thursday, June 12

7:30am †Maria A. & Jose Burgos by M. De Boise *Mr. & Mrs. Mark Green by Alex Lee 8:30am *Donald Duman/Healing by Christine Shento *Carol Hill by Christine Shento

Friday, June 13

7:30am *Monica & Ryan Holley by Lori Davanzo †Ann Garcia by Maria & Tony Giocoli
8:30am †Eileen & Martin Trahan by Family *Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by ------6:00pm FOR PRIESTS FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, June 14

8:30Am †Erik Albertson by Joann Albertson †Ismael Gonzalez by Victor Caraballo & Family

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD BOOK OF THE DEAD

5:30pm †Marguerite Dawson by James Dawson †Edith Mannarino by Natalie & Marta

Sunday, June 15

7:30am †Rudy Biola by Angela & Mark †Lisa Key by Thomas & Linda Clayton
9:00am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

12:00pm †Victor Paienza & John Wilkens, Sr. by Christine &n John *Angelo Sadolfo by Family

6:00pm †Margaret & Nathan Villanova by Daughter †Tom Flint Sr. by Maria & Tony Ferazoli

UNSCHEDULED

†Peter & Santa Paradiso by Theresa Picinich †Peter & Santa Paradiso by Theresa Picinich †Richard Villanti by Theresa Picinich †Eugenia V. Lisboa by Theresa Picinich †Eugenia V. Lisboa by Theresa Picinich †Eugenia V. Lisboa by Theresa Picinich *Darlene Lisboa & Family by Theresa Picinich *Darlene Lisboa & Family by Theresa Picinich *Cynthia & kirk Sowers by Theresa Picinich

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

Joe Delagami Rose Marie Regner Michael Manuele Carla Ruiz Benjamin Robelo Karen McCarty T.J. Genzale Dave Ruiz Victoria Robelo Ms. S. Rose Borsella David Smeraldo Janette Cole Steven Martin Sikes Gianna Pagan Mary Loveland Sam Falcone Patricia Golstein Taylor Dosh Marilyn Martino Gulshan Modena Maggie Dolan Amelita Coz-Zarraga Heather Martin 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** Samuel Gonzales Victorio Ray Wolff Ida Giannettina Josette Weber Ann Cavaseno Charles C.Tufano Angela Discepola Anna Halford Sal Yanello Victor Rivera William Lindner Lisa Della Femina María E. Quiñones Mercado

Diane Daniels Carmen Jones Bill Hamilton Ralph Senese Ramona Ash Gaballah Karen Ramev Mary Ann Lisa Payne Marilyn Green Joseph Salamone Maria Amaro Aniela lanaczak Lillian Campayno Terry Schwinge Tom D'Amico Gabriel Zamora Vincent Blum Ricardo Blum Gina Marie B. Cohen David Strompf Sal Hanono 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 Ouelch Stewart Librizzi Thomas Land Agatha Saccio Robert Albertson Rafael Botero Albert Fernandes Romano Britney Closson Jeanette Gallegos Adriana Eleialde Oswaldo Cesar Monasterio Michael Cecere Jahaziel Roldan Abigail Chin-Lenn Gertrudis Rivera Martinez Merrill Tucker Maggie Dazzo

Martha Gutzman

Noah Altherios

Debra Serritella Anthony Spirito Rhea Reacher Doug Rodgers Doris Vourinen SrVeronique DCSO Danny Berciles Eleanor Hemmer Joseph Lauria Judy Lew Ernie Skelton Carlotta Josefa & Dolores Echavarria Amparo Longalong Annie Lee Eugene Langel Delma Langel William Ward Cindy Free Gaetano Sansone Alexis Thompson **Griffin Bates** Miriam Texeira Kevin Marshall Andrea Anastasi John & Alma Gardner Elaine Garofano Julia Lea Buddendorf Albertina Hughes Kamm Trumble Linda Beamish **Quinn Morris** Henry Morris Marcia Riopol Mumtaz Begum Bruce Renz Olga Gamble Lance Joseph Michelle Pierno John Wilmere Keith Johnson Betty Lou Johnson Christine Thurman Connie Panepinto Edwin Villarosa Brian Sullivan Dominic Canzano Kyle Buenconsejo

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 PROTECTION FROM STORMS. God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

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



TO ALL CONCERNED: Please help us maintain the Prayer Requests Column with timely status updates. Thank you all!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 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 Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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:

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/ Mt 5:27-32

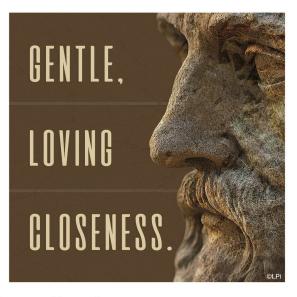
Saturday:

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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Gospel Meditation

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— Father John Muir

EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

In our fast-paced world, where it's easy to feel isolated in our struggles, the teachings of the Bible remind us of profound truths that can transform our lives. In our gospel reading today, Jesus assures us of the continuous presence of the Holy Spirit—a Helper who will teach us all things and remind us of His words. This promise brings a sense of comfort and purpose, encouraging us to cultivate a relationship with God that is enriched by the Holy Spirit's guidance.

John 14 emphasizes our response to God's love through our obedience. Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commands." It evokes the idea that love is not merely an emotion; it's a commitment to live according to God's will. When we align ourselves with His teachings, we experience the fullness of life He desires for us. One memorable experience comes to mind when I think of this scripture.

I remember a time when I volunteered at a food bank back home. The growing demand for help was overwhelming, and our small team was stretched thin. One day, a sweet elderly woman arrived, carrying a heavy bag filled with canned goods. Initially, I was agitated, thinking of how much work awaited me. But as I observed her, I saw a smile brighten her face when she realized she wasn't alone. After unloading her donations, she insisted on helping us serve the next group, despite her frailty. In that moment, I recognized how the Holy Spirit was transforming her act of service into a powerful reminder of love in action.

Her selflessness inspired all of us, reinforcing the essence of John 14:26—where the Holy Spirit teaches us to exercise our gifts for others. This profound connection between love and service was palpable as

we worked alongside her, witnessing the Spirit moving within our hearts and among us.

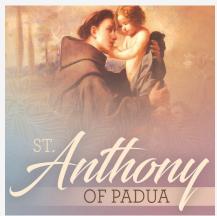
In our second reading in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul emphasizes the diversity of gifts within the body of Christ—each originating from the same Spirit. He teaches us that every person has a unique role and purpose in the community of believers. This truth affirms that our individual talents and attributes are divinely woven together to create a vibrant, functioning body.

Reflecting on this passage, I recall a vivid experience from a church retreat. The organizer asked each participant to share their spiritual gifts. As people began to speak, I was struck by the array of God's handiwork. One woman, who had struggled with her self-worth, shared her remarkable talent for poetry. She read a poem that wove together stories of hope and resilience. Her vulnerability inspired us, and suddenly, her gift became a powerful source of encouragement for everyone present.

It was this moment that illuminated the heart of 1 Corinthians 12. Just as Paul emphasizes, "For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body," the unity we experienced served as a testament to the diverse gifts at play among us. Each person's contribution, however small it may seem, plays a vital role in uplifting our community and reflecting God's love.

As we navigate life's challenges, let us remember the invitation to embrace our God-given gifts and exercise them in love. By allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us, we can create profound impacts in the lives of those around us. Whether through small acts of kindness or significant contributions, we are called to enrich one another's lives, reflecting the beauty of our parish family bound by love, empowered by the Spirit. - Fr. Zamora

Saint of the Week-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



"St. Anthony, St. Anthony, come around! Something's lost that must be found!"

Did you learn this rhyme in childhood? St. Anthony of Padua is more than the patron saint for lost items. By his life, he shows a special interest in lost souls. St. Anthony was born to noble parents, but he preferred a simple life of faith to the riches of his childhood. He joined the Franciscan order in 1220. He quickly became known for his eloquence in preaching.

He had a way of reaching all sorts, from nobles to clergy to those who had fallen away from the Catholic faith. In addition to preaching, St. Anthony organized supplies for the poor and negotiated release for prisoners of war between Italian city-states.

However you or your loved ones feel lost this week, pray for St. Anthony's intercession!

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What's so special about Pentecost that it wasn't until this moment — and not any of the equally world-changing moments that came in the weeks before it — that the Apostles became the Church?

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as "the birthday of the Church," and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was,* of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, *the Church*, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It's true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital \it{T} . They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes *us* the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

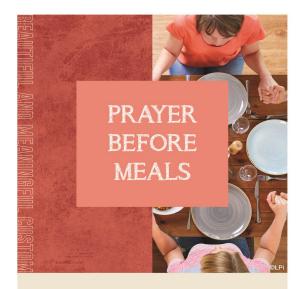
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle **Friday:** St. Anthony of Padua,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Flag Day

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



Devotions, Explained!

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In Laudato SI', Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement

of God. Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

In the Church, we observe a liturgical calendar that takes us through the life of Jesus and highlights fundamental doctrines of our faith. Starting with this Sunday, our observance of the Easter Season continues for one more week until the celebration of Pentecost. While many outside of the Church only see Easter as a one-day celebration, we celebrate for an entire season, much like we do during Christmas as well. Of course, this calendar only serves to remind us and point to greater realities.

We are not called to be more generous at Easter or Christmas than we are on other days. We do not choose to love more during one time of the year. The fact is that Jesus is alive right now and at all times is calling us to give of ourselves.

When we make an intentional decision to follow Jesus and adopt a stewardship way of life, we commit ourselves to this journey 365 days a year. We are an Easter people at all times. The high and low points of our journey are not tied to a liturgical year, but instead to our own experiences of life and shortcomings. A sea-

son or holiday may make it easier to have a giving attitude, but we need to do the same when little around us is pointing us in that direction. It is sometimes when few are paying attention that love and generosity are most needed.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi



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!

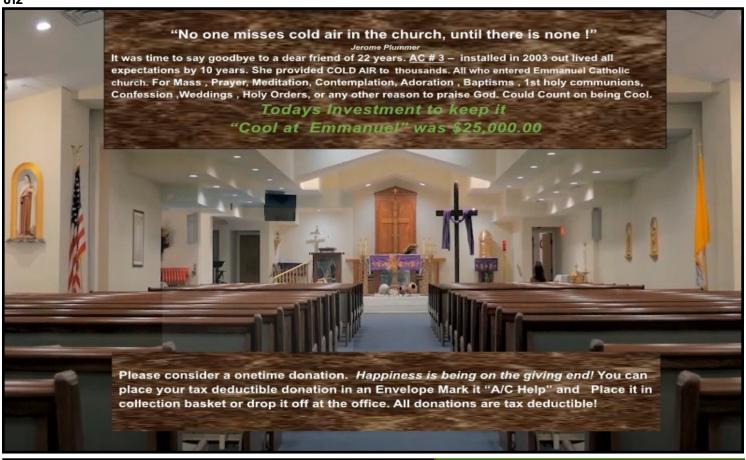
God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Spots are filling up fast, so we encourage you to sign up today. We're excited to welcome all our kids back next year as they continue growing in their faith.

To register, simply scan the QR code below or pick up a paper form at the parish office.



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Congratulations Emma

on your First Holy Communion!

May the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist always be your strength and guide throughout your life. We pray that God continues to bless you and your family, and keeps you forever in His loving care.

THANK



MY SUMMER PRAYER

Walk beside me, Jesus as I begin the season of summer.

As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships, may I hear Your voice within me, guiding me toward all that is right and good. Give me faith in Your presence, knowing that You walk beside me always, everywhere and in everything I do.

Gracious and loving Jesus, thank You for the gift of summertime, May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of the season remind me daily of Your love for me. Allow me to enjoy every moment.



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Your support breaks down barriers and opens the door for our children to grow in Christ through joyful, faith-filled experiences. May the Lord bless you richly for helping to plant and nurture seeds of faith in young hearts.

