

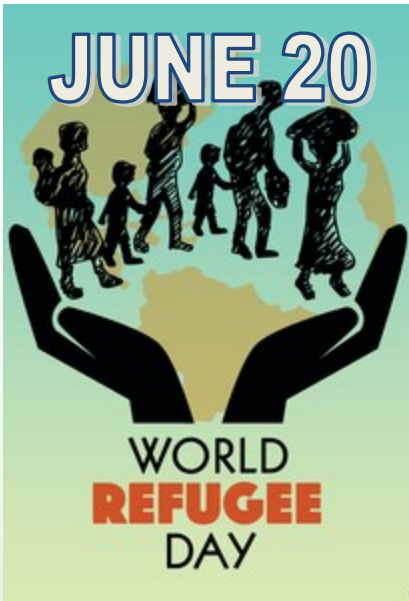
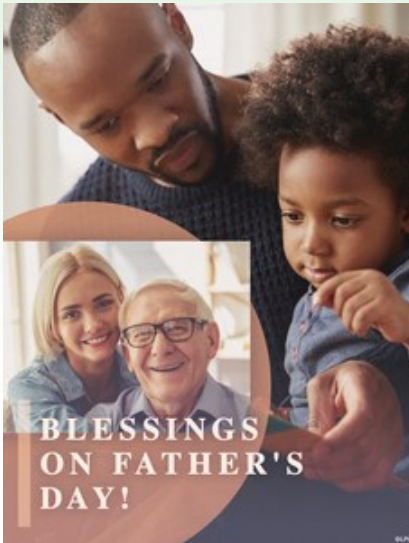
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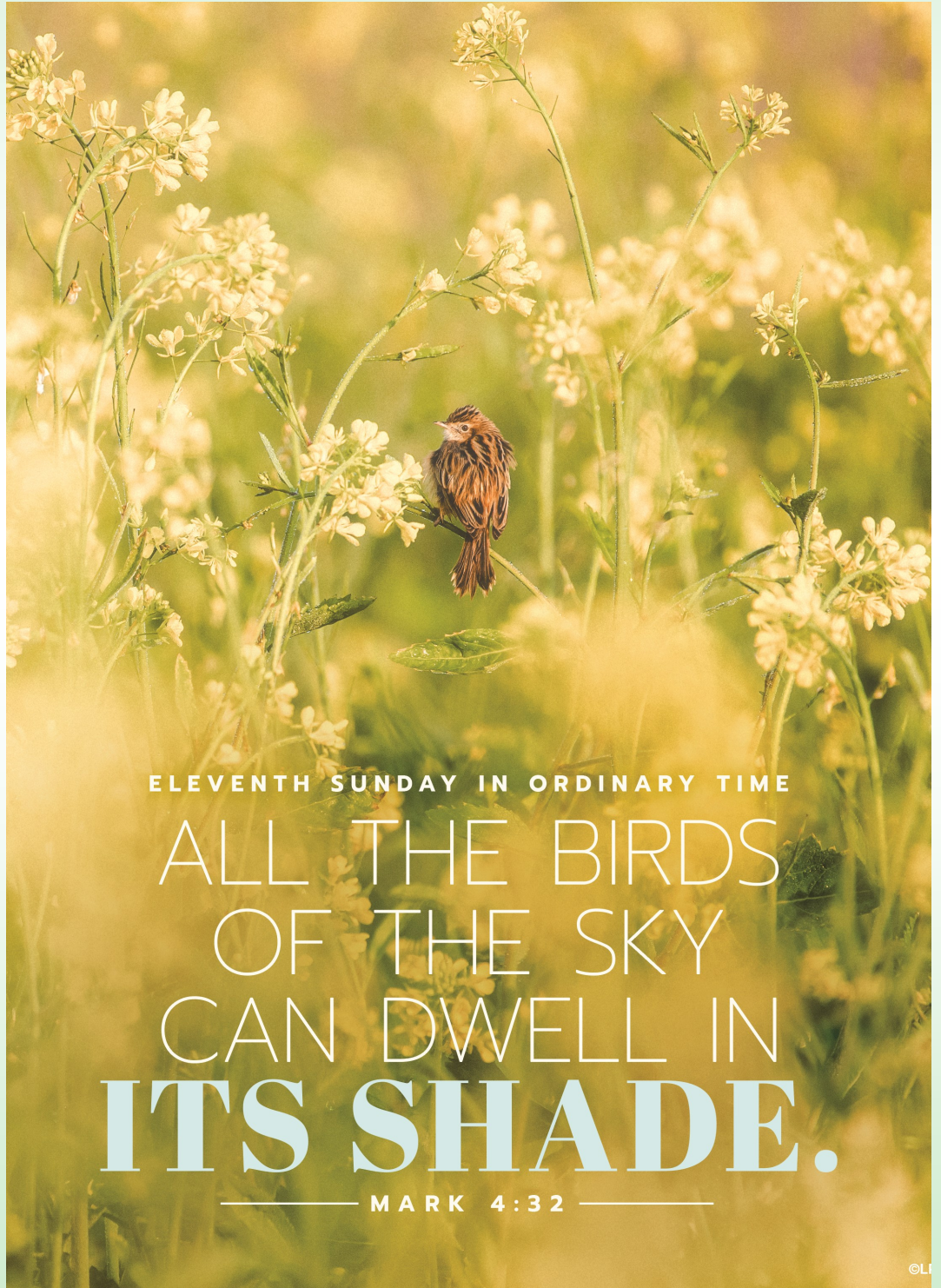
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THE WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:



IN HONOR & SUPPORT OF THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, we invite you for a Holy Hour in the sanctuary on June 23rd after the 12:00 noon mass.



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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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

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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, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

6:30A..... Adoration
4:00P.....SoulCore

Thursday, June 20

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

Friday, June 21

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

Saturday, June 22

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, June 23

HOLY HOUR AFTER 12:00 NOON 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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

St. Joseph is the model of the educator and the dad, the father. I, therefore, entrust to his protection those who are fathers. Best wishes to you on your day!

"I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love. May you be for them as St. Joseph was: guardians of their growth in age, wisdom and grace. May you guard them on their journey: be educators and walk with them. Thank you for all you do for your children: thank you. May St. Joseph bless you and accompany you." (Pope Francis).

" Every family needs a father - a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love". (Pope Francis).

" In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family ". (Pope St. John Paul II)

" God is a Father who never abandons His children, a loving Father who supports, helps, welcomes, forgives, saves, with a fidelity that immensely surpasses that of men, opening up to an eternal dimension ". (Pope Benedict XVI).

" Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood." (Pope St. John Paul II).

" A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depth of his heart". (Pope Francis)

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHERS. GOD LOVES YOU!

- Fr Zamora



DSA REPORT—YEAR 2024

June 10, 2024

Goal Amount	\$ 169,000.00
Current Donation Total	\$ 113,646.06
Balance Remaining	\$ 55,353.94

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 9, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,304.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,223.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 11,527.00
Online (06/08/2024).....	\$ 1,966.03
Father's Day.....	\$ 891.00

June 02, 2024

First Collection	\$ 10,935.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,673.00
Subtotal.....	\$ 13,608.00
Online (05/31/2024).....	\$ 1,349.89

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 16-23, 2024

Sunday, June 16th

11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 17th

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

Tuesday, June 18th

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

Wednesday, June 19th

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

Thursday, June 20th

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

Friday, June 21st

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

Saturday, June 22nd

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

Sunday, June 23rd

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Recently, our Pastor, Fr. G. Zamora, officially installed new officers for the Emmanuel Ladies Guild. Kudos to all outgoing for a job well done, and more power to all incoming!



Fr. Ronan Sarmiento was officially ordained on June 5th, 2024. Scan the QR code beside this note to watch his full ordination.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms 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, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.
Amen.

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

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.



SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, June 17

7:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
8:30am †William Hardy by Colicelli Family

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
†Mary Menaquale by Husband

Tuesday, June 18

7:30am †Carlos & Angela Henriod & Percy Cannon Sr. by Cannon Fam.
8:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

‡Luigi Giuliana by Rosalia Giuliana
FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Wednesday, June 19

7:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
8:30am †Chad Braggiotti by Leute Family

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
†Justin Muñoz by Christian Muñoz

Thursday, June 20

7:30am †Ann Soriano by Toni & Tony
8:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

†Joan Cortez by Mary Louf
FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

Friday, June 21

7:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
8:30am †Lino Borg by Michael & Sheila Manheim
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
†Joan Cortez by Rosa Marotta
FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, June 22

8:30am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm †Jennifer Coreg Smith by Dad & Mom

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†Gerald Galanti by Barbara Rossi

Sunday, June 23

7:30am †Ana Valderruten by Daughter & Son in law
9:00am FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Aunt Mary LoBianco by Family
6:00pm †Betty Gatto by Dorothy Deedy

*Grace Cassagnol by Mom & Dad
FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
†Ester Swain by Sister & Family
*Hermoine D'Cruz by Marie Guzman & Cynthia Martin

UNSCHEDULED

*Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary by Marie & Darren Guzman *Kadia Pierre *Eva Dubreuil *Alain Dubreuil
†Yves Francois Pierre †Eva Renee †Mary DePasquale by Sylvia Galanti †Rose Marie Moscaritola by Tom & Jo
Comparato
†Lawrence Sullivan by Arlene Miller †John A. Roach by Catherine Wild †John Brancato by Sylvia Galanti
*Maria Paula Sanchez by German & Carol Sandoval †Jo Ann Sutton by Marie Regan

ALTAR FLOWERS

*A.M. By A.M.

VIGIL LIGHTS

*A.M. By A.M.

SHRINE FLOWERS

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, “This parable means...” I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom’s favorite casserole recipe. *Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol’ mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don’t even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it’s certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn’t change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don’t ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus’ sentences.

“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.” — Mark 4:33

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn’t this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church’s experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

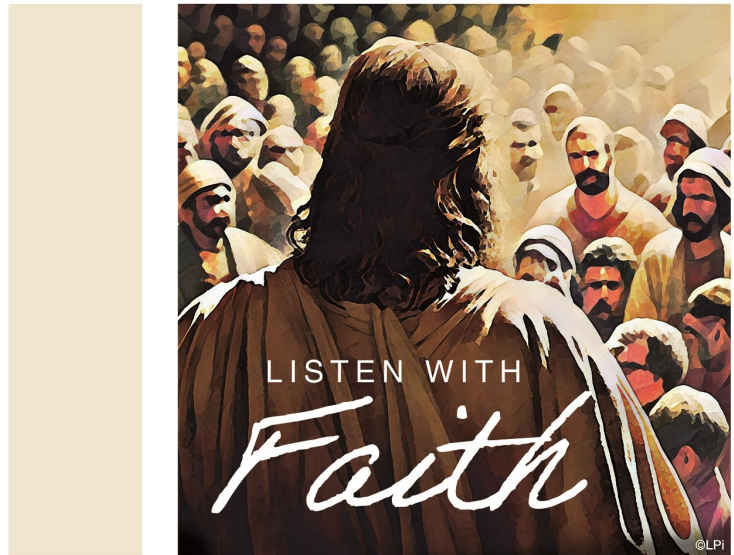
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **“he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.”** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything—Even You!

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics – or people who were never Catholic at all – who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition – witchcraft, even? – if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

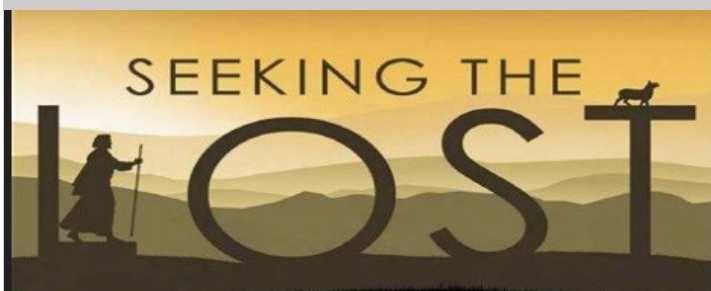
When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go – straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence – misplacing socks – into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.

–Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint of the Day - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (March 9, 1568 – June 21, 1591)

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison, and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero.

At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain, and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

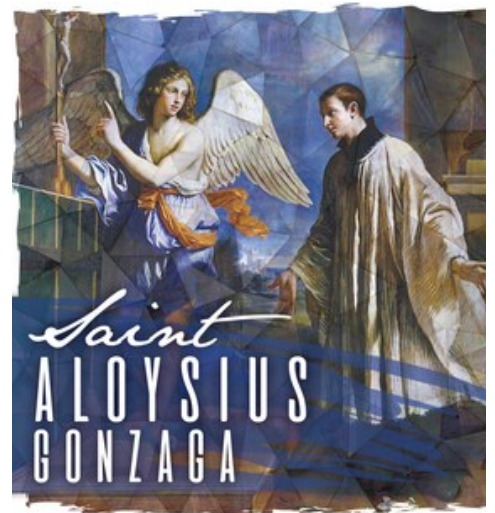
In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

Reflection

As a saint who fasted, scourged himself, sought solitude and prayer, and did not look on the faces of women, Aloysius seems an unlikely patron of youth in a society where asceticism is confined to training camps of football teams and boxers, and sexual permissiveness has little left to permit. Can an overweight and air-conditioned society deprive itself of anything? It will when it discovers a reason, as Aloysius did. The motivation for letting God purify us is the experience of God loving us in prayer.

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Dear Rev. Zamora

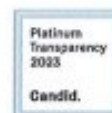
I wanted to take a moment to write to you as pastor and extend my appreciation for the many and varied ways in which the Knights of Columbus Council affiliated with Emmanuel Catholic Church support the work of Catholic Charities. In so many ways, this Chapter is the very embodiment of the Knights of Columbus' mission of faith and charity.

Since my arrival two years ago, I have been so impressed with the dedication, goodwill, and effort of the members of your parish Council. They have spearheaded multiple food drives, resulting in a significant contribution of nonperishable food items to our Homeless, Hunger and Outreach Program. Each truckload delivered is such a blessing, and we are astounded at the volume of contributions. It is clear that your local membership works hard to rally the support of parishioners around meeting the needs of the poor. Additionally, their commitment to our Respect Life Ministry is admirable. Their financial support for our Birthline Crisis Pregnancy Centers as well as our mobile pregnancy units is both notable and appreciated. Equally as important is their commitment to prayer and advancing an understanding and awareness of our consistent life ethic and culture of life, by inviting staff to speak at council meetings, participating in the Steps for Life events and more. In countless ways they have contributed time and resources collectively as a group and also individually as members just wanting to make a difference. I know their involvement with this agency predates my arrival, but I have been so appreciative and impressed with their consistent support. What a legacy they are creating for your parish, and an impact they are having on those we serve! You must be proud of the way in which they represent the members of your parish. Our Church is vibrant, in part because of their ministry!

There are many ways in which we as Catholics can fully-live out our Gospel calling, and it is clear that the Knights of Columbus Council from Emmanuel have fully embraced charity as the heart of their faith. They are selfless, shining examples of what it means to love your neighbor, and I am grateful for their friendship and demonstrated support of the work we do at Catholic Charities.

With my sincerest appreciation,

Ellen T. Wayne
CEO/Executive Director



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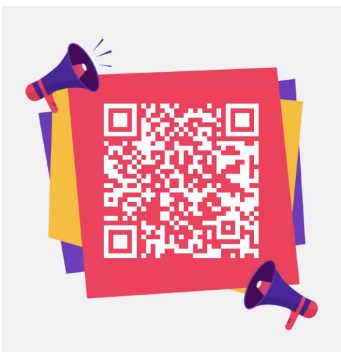
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