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Congratulations!

New officers for the Ladies Guild!



Congratulations to our newly installed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:



TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A KINGDOM
DIVIDED CANNOT
STAND.**

MARK 3:25



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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Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

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, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

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

Thursday, June 13

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

Friday, June 14

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

Saturday, June 15

9:00A..... Confession

**Sunday, June 16
(Father's Day)**

Eucharistic
CONGRESS

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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.

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VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4! (See page 13)

Florida Amendment 4 will appear on Florida's Nov 5, 2024 ballot. All Florida Bishops are united, urging everyone to VOTE NO on Amendment 4! The Bishops issued a statement that FL Amendment 4 is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain.

I urge you to come to a meeting at St Ignatius Loyola Family Life Center, 9999 N. Military Trail, 10am to 12noon, Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Professionals will spearhead a state-wide Florida campaign to VOTE NO on 4. Sara Johnson, state-wide Grassroots Director for the VOTE NO on 4 campaign, will present polling data and our campaign, supported and endorsed by the Florida Catholic Conference of Bishops.

For more information contact 561-360-3330.

DSA REPORT—YEAR 2024

May 30, 2024

Goal Amount \$ 169,000.00
 Current Donation Total \$ 113,596.06
 Balance Remaining \$ 55,403.94

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 2, 2024

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

May 20, 2024

First Collection\$ 10,964.00
 Second Collection\$ 2,429.00
 Subtotal.....\$ 13,393.00
 Online (05/25/2024).....\$ 926.13

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary Certificate of Appreciation

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*Rev. Lane B. Briese
 Dean of Pastoral Formation*

CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 02-09, 2024

Sunday, June 9th

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 10th

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

Tuesday, June 11th

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

Wednesday, June 12th

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

Thursday, June 13th

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

Friday, June 14th

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

Saturday, June 15th

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

Sunday, June 16th

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

As recently as last week, 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!



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers." (Gn 3:15)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.
(Ps 130)

Second Reading:

Since we have the same spirit of faith,
according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*,
we too believe and therefore we speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

Gospel:

And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's family is not a country club — you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

- Sunday:** 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: Flag Day
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

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 of Identity

Dear God,
In the garden You asked, "Who told you that you were naked?"
Who told me all kinds of things about myself — lists of flaws and failures a mile high.
It wasn't You.
Plant Your truth inside of me.
Speak to me about how You see me.
Remind me that I am Yours, chosen from eternity for You.
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

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| David & John | Raphael Roman |
| Helen Cruz | James Ezeilo |
| Lenore Curatolo | Brenda Ezeilo |
| Marilyn Boyle | Cynthia Martin |
| Andrea Anastasi | Francis Martin |
| Shelly Fiorini | Hermoine D'Cruz |
| Fran Abrami | Brigitte Knops |
| Ed Bush | Toni Kreamer |
| Margarito D. Berciles | Gerry Gerhard |
| Arthur Chiusano | Euclides Cerutti |
| Maureen Oberholzer | Grace Cassagnol |
| Bob Oberholzer | Samuel Gonzales Victorio |
| John Wilkens | Ray Wolff |
| Scott Ellison | Patricia Tripi Giraldo |
| Evangeline Ezeilo | Ruth Kipperman |
| Michael Gehres | Ida Giannettina |
| Karen Sullivan | Tom Hickey |
| Sean Zahul | Josette Weber |
| Darren Guzman | Nicholas Payamps |
| Mary Lou | Vincent Rizzo |
| Connie Panepinto | Louis Perticone |
| Amalia Mazzolin | Ann Cavaseno |
| Leon Martin | Sue Madden |
| Joe Delagami | Hank Missig |
| Dennis Audette | Ulrich Vhon Laroa |
| Rose Marie Regner | Charles C. Tufano |
| Michael Manuele | Angela Discepolo |
| 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. | Maria 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 |
| Frances Vass OSC | Tom Tripi |
| Marguerite Dawson | Mary Ann |
| Mary Loveland | Lisa Payne |
| Sam Falcone | Marilyn Green |
| Patricia Golstein | Joseph Salamone |
| Taylor Dosh | Slyder Salamone |
| Marilyn Martino | Phyllis Lomitola |
| Gulshan Modena | |
| Maggie Dolan | |
| Amelita Coz-Zarraga | |
| Heather Martin | |
| Taiilor McGee | |
| Ronald Griffiths | |
| Margie Giaquinto | |
| Maria Fernandez | |

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.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 10—JUNE 16, 2024 | 08

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, June 10

7:30am †Fr. John Skehaby Dennis & Judy Smith
8:30am †Ramon Sandoval by Carol & German Sandoval

†Lino Borg by Sal Mastroeni
†JoAnn Sutton by Dorothy Deedy

Tuesday, June 11

7:30am †Fr. Timothy Sockol by Dennis & Judy Smith
8:30am †Helen Emory by Donna Varney

‡Carmelo Oliva by Patricia Goldstein
*Connie Panepinto by Tom & Clara Depko

Wednesday, June 12

7:30am †Jennifer Coreg Smith by Mom & Dad
8:30am †Luis Robles by Joanna Prettitore
†Benedicto Longalong by Coz Family

†Arnold Heller by Linda Carney
†Gwendoline D'Souza by Cynthia Martin

Thursday, June 13

7:30am †Marty & Eileen Trahan by Family
8:30am †Joe Vanore by Merida & Carl Umpierre

†Jon Leavers by Fe Stott
†Joe Vanore by Merida & Carl Umpierre

Friday, June 14

7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Martina DeBoise
8:30am †Msgr Leonard Badia by Barbara Rossi
6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

†John, Rose, Patricia & Marilyn Gilberg by Katherine Gilberg
†Michael Cardamone by Toni & Tony
FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, June 15

8:30am †Eleonora Peruzzi by Ramon Palmero
4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm *Amy Lemar by A. M.

†Enzo Terranova by Ramon Palmero
BOOK OF THE DEAD
†Jason Volz by Patt Rizzo

Sunday, June 16

7:30am †Rudy Biola by Angela & Mark
9:00am FATHER'S DAY
10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm †Victor Pacienza & John Wilkens Sr. by Christina & John
6:00pm †Arthur Obligin by Walter Wilczar

†Frank Reheis by Marilyn, Monica & Ray
FATHER'S DAY
PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
*Arthur Chiusano by Good Friends
†Mary Jane Todaro by Walter Wilczar

UNSCHEDULED

†Mathew Connolly by Nora & Patrick Flynn †Sally Teresa Wong by Francis Wong †Josephine & Gerry Luzzi by Rose
†Cosmo & Rose Libertino by Rose †Mary & Frank DeStefano by Rose †Joan & Dominick DePalma by Rose
*Ann Marie Granelli by Carol Schwab *Thelma Constantinou by Carol Schwab *Cookie Stabile by Jen Mack
*Cookie Stabile by Ann Marie Riveccio

ALTAR FLOWERS

*A.M. By A.M.

VIGIL LIGHTS

*A.M. By A.M.

SHRINE FLOWERS

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In the Family Way

Look here: there is no one more family-oriented than me. I drive a minivan. I wear mom jeans. I wipe unidentified gunk off of kids' faces without a second thought.

I'm all about family, but I'm not always a fan of what "family" has come to mean in the modern lexicon. Family values. Family-friendly. Family-oriented. It's usually a synonym for "non-offensive." Soft. Moderate. Nice.

It's all fine, I suppose. But is it genuine? Creating a family, bringing that family physically into the world, was the hardest and most painful thing I ever did. The care and keeping of that family — the teamwork with my spouse, the feeding and watering of the children, the teaching of the writing and the reading and praying — it's very hardcore. It's not all stuffed animals and peekaboo. It's a mental, spiritual, and physical challenge that daily brings me to my knees.

I'm not even talking exclusively about parenting young children. I'm talking about being part of a family in any way — being a son, being a daughter, being a sister and cousin and uncle. Families are complicated and strange and messy. Sometimes boundaries need to be drawn, or they need to be crossed. Sometimes walls need to be put up or torn down. It's never easy. It's never simple.

But I've never known someone who didn't want to be part of a family in some way, whether that's a blood family or one created by circumstance. And there's a reason Christ creates a family ("Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother") and not a club.

A family is a crucible, yes — but what comes out is so much more beautiful than what went in. For all the effort and even pain that is sometimes involved in a family relationship, there is nothing more defining, more fulfilling.

We are part of Christ's family, and what we can expect from that is certainly not a life of simple, clear-cut, undemanding discipleship. We can expect confusion. We can expect discomfort. But we can expect to be perpetually drawn to the heart of one who loves us without hesitation, without condition.

In the end, we're family.

"Here are my mother and my brothers." — Mark 3:33

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer:

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/
Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

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



Gospel Meditation

Seek a deeper understanding of Scripture

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **“How can Satan cast out Satan?”** To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmarks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the **“stronger man who ties up the stronger man to plunder his house.”** This week let’s notice the ways we **“cast out Satan by Satan,”** and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN

FIND GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Everyday Stewardship

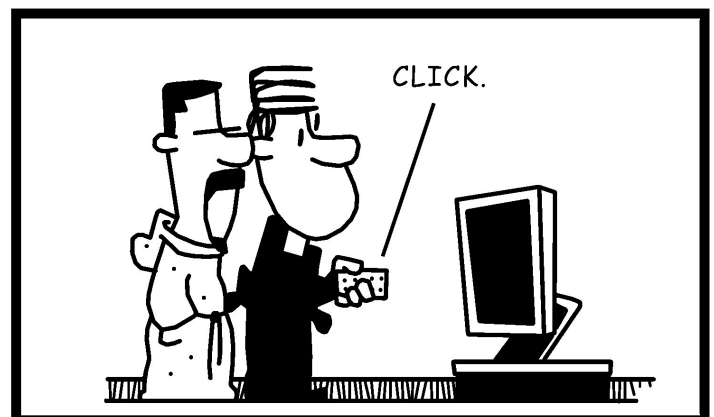
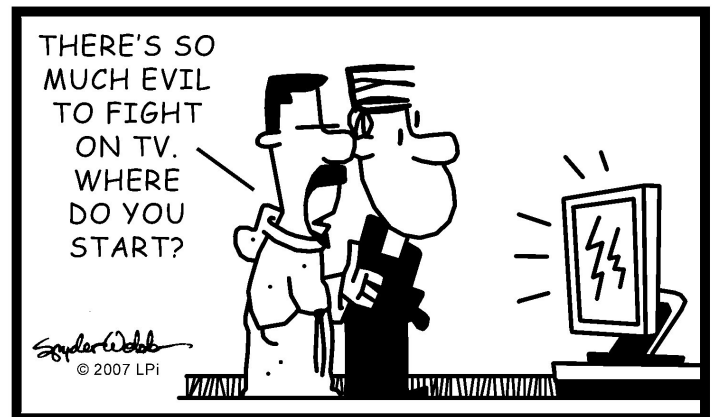
I have coached all three of my children in soccer at some time in their lives. I loved teaching them and their teammates the importance of functioning as one unit. If we were not all moving together toward victory, we would all find ourselves together in defeat. We used to go through one drill I called the "human foosball." We would scrimmage with players in lines like on a foosball table. If you ever got too far behind or too far ahead of those in your line, play would stop and the ball would go to the other team. The goal was to help build an awareness of where your teammates were on the pitch and to teach the lesson that no one player is a team onto themselves.

As disciples and stewards, we sometimes find ourselves far behind or maybe even too far ahead. As a consequence, our actions either hinder the ability of the Body of Christ to evangelize and pass on the faith to a new generation or present the Church as an entity that sees itself as judgmental or too holy to be in the world. We are called to community, and in that community, we must be aware of our brothers and sisters in the faith. At times, we need to help them grow in their faith. Other times, we need to slow down and realize that we cannot change the world on our own. We all have unique gifts we are called to share, and we can only bear true witness to the power of the Body of Christ when we are all moving together and making each other strong.

racy Earl Welliver, MTS



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint of the Day - Saint Anthony of Padua

(1195 – June 13, 1231)

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death.

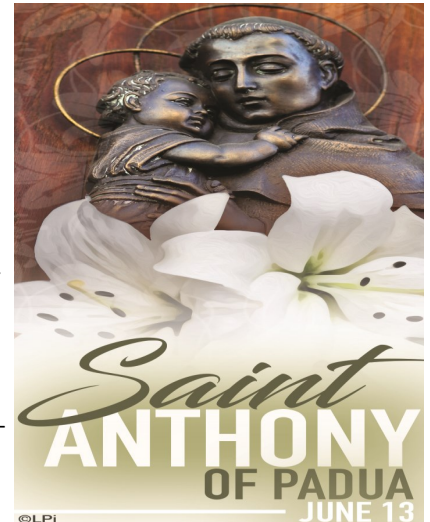
On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Reflection

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased—and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.

Saint Anthony of Padua is the Patron Saint of:

Lost items, Poor, Travelers



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!



FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

*Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.*

WHAT IT SAYS

BALLOT SUMMARY

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion

before viability

or when necessary to protect the patient's health,

as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

WHAT IT DOES

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental *consent* for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.011(4)(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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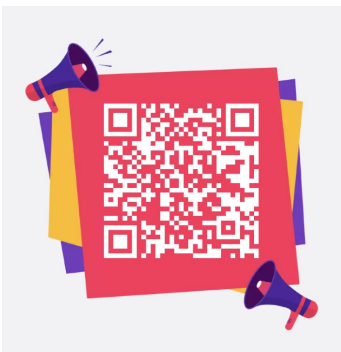
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