

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH



JUNE 5, 2022 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 4/5



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WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD CHURCH!

If you have moved into the area from another Catholic Church or have found St. Edward to be the parish in which you choose to worship, consider registering. Pick up a registration packet at the Parish Life Desk in the Commons (after any weekend Mass), Parish Office, or go to "Important Forms" on our website. Questions: Call 804.272.2948. Not of the Catholic faith? Call Sherri at 804.864.4706 to learn more.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9a-4p

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

Call 804.272.2948 and follow prompts.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday: 5p (Vigil of Sunday)

Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 11:15a & 5p

Monday-Friday: 9a

RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday: 9:30a; Saturday: 4p

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays: 9:30-10:30a, in the Chapel

Last Wednesday of every month: 7p

For information, contact Andrew at 804.864.4715.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

In the Healing Chapel by appointment.

BAPTISM, FIRST RECONCILIATION, & FIRST EUCHARIST

Call Peggy at 804.864.4714 for information.

CONFIRMATION

Call Andrew at 804.864.4715.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

Call Sherri at 804.864.4706.

MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are to contact Pat at 804.864.4701 at least six months prior to setting a date.

Pre-marriage formation is required.

PASTORAL CARE

Call Pat at 864.4701 when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or local care facility, when you need a weekly visit with Communion, or to add someone to our weekend prayer list for the sick or deceased.

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM

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PARISH BULLETIN

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AUTOMATIC DOOR We have an automatic door on the left side of the Church.

Haiti Solidarity Weekend



**THE SAINT EDWARD'S HAITI COMMITTEE
IS CELEBRATING OUR ANNUAL
HAITI SOLIDARITY WEEKEND JUNE 11TH AND 12TH.**

**After each Mass in the Church Commons and Community Center,
join us for:**

~Updates from Cerca Carvajal

~Haitian coffee for sale—Support our ministry and small Haitian farmers by purchasing some of the best coffee you can buy.

~Sample a sweet treat.

~Buy a reusable tote bag to carry your stuff as you head outdoors or on vacation this summer. These bags are made in Haiti using recycled materials.

~Find out how you can become a sponsor or other ways you can help with the ministry.

DID YOU KNOW...?

St. Edward's twin parish in Cerca Carvajal, Haiti is Holy Family Parish. We have been in relationship with them for over 30 years, and parishioners have been to visit on a yearly basis (until recently.) They have a parish school with about 900 students, a newly reconstructed church, a medical clinic, a dentist, and a midwife. Parishioners are able to sponsor the school, participate in a medical advisory team, as well as show other means of support for our twin parish. Unfortunately, due to unrest in Haiti, our twin parish pastor Fr. Alphonse, will not be here for Haiti Solidarity Weekend. Please pray for peace in Haiti.

Please pray for...

Please pray for those associated with our parish who are sick or unable to worship with us, that they experience strength in the Lord's unending compassion and love

Teresa Algee, Jacob Alt, Margaret McDonnell, Carlos Reyes, Roger Walker, and all victims of the coronavirus, war, terrorism, violence, and natural disasters.

Lord, hear our continued prayers for those dealing with an on-going illness: may they experience fortitude and peace

Jamie Aguilar, Cathy Alden, Chris Ballalo, Nanci Bolling, Mike Bonner, Mary Jane Burke, James Butler, Sherry Cart, Cathy Casey, Mary Alice Christie, Ryan Colavita, Regina Corcoran, Bobbi Daniello, Mike & Diana Dougherty, Josephine Douglas, Sue Driscoll, Donald Fields, Samantha Finnegan, Nicole Florio, Wayne Frith, Kathy Galligan, Emily Gardener, Angela Gardner, Verena Goins, Mary Grace Greer, Jeff and Spencer Hamm, Tom Hammerstone, Thomas Hardy, Hartwell Harrison, Neico Hayden, Grover Helsley, Rich Hoho, Rita Holloman, Grant Ilkani, Graham Jennings, Melissa Jennings, Joseph Jones, Sr., Marlene Kacmar, Uni and Robert Kemp, Oliver Khoury, Fr. Dan Klem, Kim Lourenco, Margaret Day Magno, Marg Mayer, Connie Mikuski, Daniel Miller, Rick Mizell, Lando Mojica, Vera Mulherin, Marie Oliver, Lois Pearn, Brian Pickral, Marian Piracci, Rose Marie Pulleyblank, Dan Raible, Grant Rake, Jean Raugh, Bob Rice, Pat Rollins, Kaeden Ross, David Russ, Sam Sponeybarger, Kelly Shanahan, Beau and Suki Simpson, Tony Stanton, Garry Stelmach, Michelle Stelmach, Grace Stivers, Greg Stivers, Laura Sullivan, Barbara Swan, Ashley Talley, Tony Toler, David Turner, Billy Vogelsson, Tracy Waldo, Benjamin Weldon, Marie Wilborn, Ella Wilkinson, Barbara Williams, Donna Wilson, and Sam Young.

Lord, hear our prayers for all the souls of the faithful departed.

Pat McCaffrey, brother of Phil McCaffrey

Please pray for the parishioners of Holy Trinity cluster and bless the works of their outreach

St. Anthony in Norton; Holy Spirit in Jonesville; Sacred Heart in Big Stone Gap; and St. Joseph in Clintwood.

Please pray for those service men and women who fight for our freedom.

Yasmin Acevedo, A1C; Taylor Armstrong, US Army; 2nd Battalion 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment; Daniel Beirne; Major David Bhatta-US Army; Richard Currie Braun, Air Force; LTJG Ian Burke, USN; Joseph Brandon Butler; Ross Butler; LT Jimmy Callahan, USN; LCDR Michael Callahan, USN; Capt. Scott P. Campbell; Matthew Coccia, Army; SSGT. John Maxwell Cospoer and Unit, US Army Special Forces; Rear Adm. Mike Curran, USN; Major Spencer D. Curtis, Judge Advocate, National Guard; Col. Seth Enterline; Navy Lt. Coleen Fagan; Capt. Leroy O. Flynn; SSGT Brad Freda, Air Force; Capt. Peter Fritz; PFC Jose Luis Garcia, National Guard; Spec. April Garrett; LCpl Kevin Hackman, Marines; Diana Honings USCG; Matt Horansky; Capt. Katie Hulcher; 2nd Lt. Megan Hulcher, RN; Capt. Thomas Hulcher; Capt. Renee Kane, Army; Major Nathan Kane, Air Force; Lt. Col. David Kaulfers, Army Corps of Engineers; Sgt. A. David Kelly; Staff Sgt. Steven Kelly, US Army; Josh Kozup, Army; Ryan Larson, Army; Grayson Larus, Lieutenant, US Navy; Nicole Lee; Stacey Lee; Clara Mailloux, Navy Airman; Bryan J. McCabe U.S.C.G.; Sean McHugh, Army; Brendan Meadows, Pvt. US Army; Christine Michel; SFC Richard Molnar, US Army Reserves; Kevin Morrison; Major Jon Mueller, Air Force; Capt. Quentin Mueller; Wilson Mustian, Army; Adam Peers, Army; Capt. Lerv Remias; Sgt. Jared Roussell; Capt. Javone Seaborn; Jonathan Schulte; Jobon Seaborn, Army; Lt. Curren D. Shorte; Vincent Stransky; Sgt. Christopher Sturtevant; Major Thomas Tombes, Chandra Weatherell; Cpt. Matthew Weisner; Brennan Wilkes, US Navy; Justin Wolfe, Lt. Col., Air Force; Phillip Wood; and Steve York.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Eucharistic Liturgies - Church
Community Weekend ▷ re:connect
12:30 pm Confirmation Mystagogy - Pavilion
1:00 pm The Bible Timeline - Chapel
2:00 pm Baptism Session for Parents - Nursery
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy - Church
Community Weekend ▷ re:connect
6:00 pm Cub Scout #893 End of Year Ceremony - Pavilion

MONDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass - Church
7:00 pm Boy Scouts #1893 - Cafeteria
7:00 pm K OF C #6546 Business Meeting - FHH Music

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass - Church
9:00 am UNLEASHED: Upperclassmen Bible Study - Bosco Center
10:00 am Bible Chicks - Nursery
5:30 pm Spirit Song Rehearsal - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass - Church
6:30 pm High School Youth Group - Bosco Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 am Daily Morning Mass - Church
10:00 am Morning Praise Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 pm Bell Canto Handbell Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 pm K OF C Exemplification Training - FHH Music
6:30 pm Cub Scout #893 - Cafeteria
7:00 pm Rosary and Novena - Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 am Men of St. Joseph - Chapel
9:00 am Daily Morning Mass - Church
9:30 am Friday Adoration - Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

HAITI SOLIDARITY WEEKEND

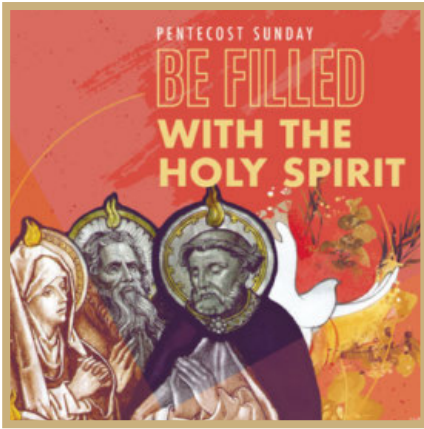
10:00 am Funeral & Reception for Mary Hardy - Church
4:00 pm Reconciliation - Healing Chapel
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy - Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

HAITI SOLIDARITY WEEKEND

7:15, 8:45, 11:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy - Church
1:00 pm The Bible Timeline - Chapel
5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy - Church

Thank you for your patience as we transition to a new bulletin format. It's a work in progress!



SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**ACTS 2:1-11
1CORINTHIANS
12:3-7, 12-13
JOHN 20:19-23**

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die. Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works. When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love. What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day. ©LPi

DAY & READINGS	TIME & INTENTIONS
MONDAY, JUNE 6 Genesis 3:9-15, 20 (or Acts 1:12-1) John 19:25-3	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 9:00 am Daily Mass Richard Joseph Maher Richard Eugene Maher
TUESDAY, JUNE 7 1 Kings 17:7-16 Matthew 5:13-16	9:00 am Daily Mass Jim & Marge Ryan
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 1 Kings 18:20-39 Matthew 5:17-19	9:00 am Daily Mass Brenda Davis
THURSDAY, JUNE 9 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 5:20-26	9:00 am Daily Mass Kimberly Kisielewski
FRIDAY, JUNE 10 1 Kings 19:9, 11-16 Matthew 5:27-32	9:00 am Daily Mass Mary Kate Fisher
SATURDAY, JUNE 11 Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Matthew 5:33-37	St. Barnabas, Apostle 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy Rosemary Jones
SUNDAY, JUNE 12 Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	The Most Holy Trinity 7:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy Jay Stegmaier 8:45 am Eucharistic Liturgy Amelia Tarantino 11:15 am Eucharistic Liturgy Parishioners, Living & Deceased 5:00 pm Eucharistic Liturgy Will Rogers

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS			
FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022			
Month	Budget	Actual as of	Over/Under
July-Apr	\$1,479,243	\$1,751,062	\$ 271,819
May	\$ 147,860 (5/27)	\$ 154,263	\$ 6,403
*Please see page 10.			
Note: We show the total budget for the <u>month</u> rather than each week.			
<i>A very heartfelt thank you for your generosity!</i>			

DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO BRING THE WORD OF GOD AND OTHER FAITH BASED PROGRAMS TO OUR ADULT COMMUNITY?

IF SO, WE NEED YOU!



This summer we will be forming an adult formation team of approximately 4 - 6 parishioners that will help plan and implement future studies and be trained as small group facilitators. If you feel called to adult ministry, please discern joining this important team. For more information contact Sherri Gravins.

EXAMPLES OF A PAST AND CURRENT STUDY GROUP - BOTH WITH ASCENSION PRESS!



June 5, 1-2:30p
20. Messianic Fulfillment - Part 3 Luke

June 12, 1-2:30p
21. The Church - Part 1 Acts

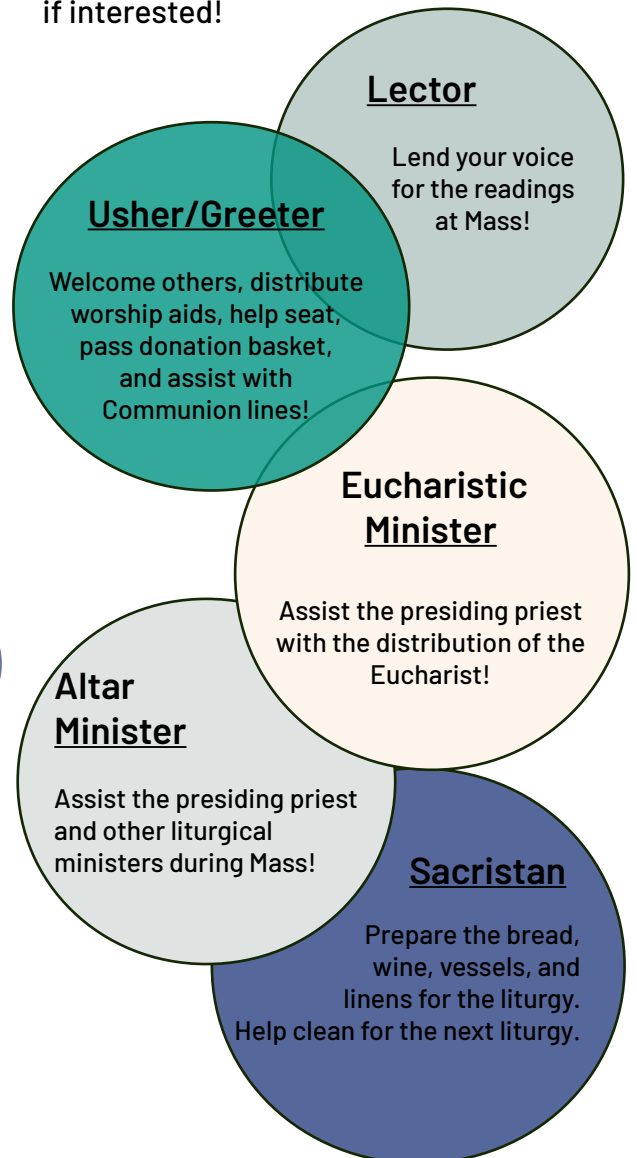
June 19, 1-2:30p
22. The Church - Part 2 Acts

June 26, 1-2:30p
23. The Church - Part 3 Acts

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VOLUNTEER WITH THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY!

Contact Sherri Gravins or Anita McCabe, if interested!



HAITI MINISTRY

The next Haiti Committee meeting will be June 20 at 6:15pm, in person at the parish center and on Zoom.



HAITI SOLIDARITY WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for June 11 and 12! There will be Haitian coffee for sale and opportunities to talk with committee members.

June 11/12th! Come visit the Community Center for more information (see page 3.) *We especially need sponsors.*

Haiti sponsors are the backbone of our Haiti outreach! We are grateful for your continued dedication to this ministry to the people of our twin parish, and we continue to seek new sponsors. Sponsors commit to donations in the following areas:

education
medical
midwifery
the poorest of the poor
sustainable development
where most needed

Sponsors commit to donate either monthly or annually at suggested amounts beginning at \$10/month.

Please visit the tables next weekend or the parish website to find a Sponsorship Pledge Form with more information (under the Important Forms tab.) If you have any questions, please email saintedwardhaiti@gmail.com.

Due to civil unrest and the lingering pandemic in Haiti, the pastor of our twin parish, Fr. Alphonse, will not be joining us this year. Please continue to keep Holy Family in your prayers.

APPALACHIA MINISTRY

FILL A BOOK BAG!

Once again, St. Edward Appalachia Ministry would like to help the residents of far southwest Virginia by purchasing and filling book bags for students. This year, the need is greater than ever before. We will be working with parishioners of St. Anthony's in Norton on this project to help support their outreach to their neighbors and to help increase the Catholic presence in the community. We will be collecting monetary donations toward this effort for the next few weeks, then purchase the items online for local pick-up in Wise County. This benefits their local economy and saves us from transporting everything 360 miles by car.

WHAT WILL WE PURCHASE?

Backpacks, Pens/pencils/erasers, Colored pencils/markers/crayons, Scissors, Glue sticks & highlighters, Composition notebooks & paper

\$40 WILL PURCHASE A FILLED BACKPACK!

Any donation is greatly appreciated. Drop checks in the collection basket made out to "St. Edward Church" with "Appalachia" in the memo. Cash donations should be placed in a labeled envelope. You can also go to the parish website and donate on WeShare Online. Our goal is 300 backpacks.



STOP BY THE TABLE IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER JUNE 4 AND 5 AT COMMUNITY WEEKEND TO TALK TO PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN THIS MINISTRY. QUESTIONS? CONTACT JENNIFER@STEDWARDCH.ORG. THANKS!

Pope Francis on Twitter

@Pontifex 5.27.22

"True wealth does not consist simply in multiplying the things we have, but in sharing them fairly with those around us."

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EDUCATION

REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Online registration for next year's religious education will be available in June. Watch for information in the Bulletin, on Facebook, or the weekly parish email.

ELEMENTARY

Sunday morning PK-5th grade 10-11am
 Families of Faith virtual/in person hybrid PK-5th Sun or Thurs
 Parent-led Homeschool workbook K-5th grade

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday morning Small Groups 6-12th grade 10-11am
 Thursday Family Zoom 6-12th grade 6-7pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL  **EDGE**

Sunday evening Edge
 6-8th grade 6:30-8pm

HIGH SCHOOL  **LIFE TEEN**

Sunday evening Life Teen
 9-12th grade 6:30-8pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rising 6-8th grade
 Contact Rachael Mattio

Middle School Youth Group Thursdays 6:30-8pm Bosco Center



OUTREACH IN LOVE

is a religious ed. program for individuals with intellectual or physical disabilities. Older group meets weekly on Wednesdays. Younger group meets twice per month on Sunday mornings. For information contact Candace Aud.

SUMMER 2022



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

See our Baptism Schedule on our website at www.stedchurch.com. Click on Sacraments, then Baptism.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Online registration will open in June. Watch for information in the Bulletin, on Facebook, and the weekly parish email.



HIGH SCHOOL

Rising 9th grade-recently graduated seniors
 Contact Andrew McCarthy

High School Youth Group, Wednesdays 6:30-8pm Bosco Center

- June 8 Youth Group
- June 15 Water Wars!
- June 22 Youth Group
- June 29 Youth Group

High School Youth Ministry Rosary Wednesdays at 6pm

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St. Edward Music Ministry Opportunities

YOUTH CHOIR

2nd thru 6th grade
Wednesdays, 5-6p, September - May

SCHOLA

6th thru 12th grade
Wednesdays, 6-7p, September - May

**Youth and Schola Choirs
will sing the National
Anthem at the Diamond
on Tuesday, June 7th!**

MORNING PRAISE

Thursdays, 10-11am
Sings once each month at a
Sunday 8:45 am Mass

JUBILEE RINGERS

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30p
Handbell Choir for new players

BELL CANTO

Thursdays, 6-7:15p
Handbell Choir for experienced players

Skilled Instrumentalists
interested in ensemble
playing are welcome!
Contact Katie Geisert.

Cantors: We are in need of
solo quality vocalists
who read music!
Contact Liz Goodwin.

ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays, 7:30-9:30p
SATB traditional choir that sings each Sunday at 11:15a Mass

Since Love is Lord of Heaven and Earth, How Can I Keep from Singing?

Due to the bulletin's early transmission date of Friday, May 27th, the following may not be up to date:

Names of the sick and deceased

Offertory collections - the weekend of May 28/29 is not shown.

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)

Second Reading: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

Gospel: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I had told you." (Jn 14:26)



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: In Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and gave them the gift of speaking in multiple languages of the mighty acts of God accomplished in Jesus Christ.

What gifts of the Spirit might you pray for today?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of believers in Christ as having the "Spirit of God" dwelling within them.

How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel: The resurrected Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave the Holy Spirit to them to forgive or retain sins. How often do you partake in the sacrament of reconciliation? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision! ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers – we have all learned the language of the people we love. The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear. Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness? The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels – but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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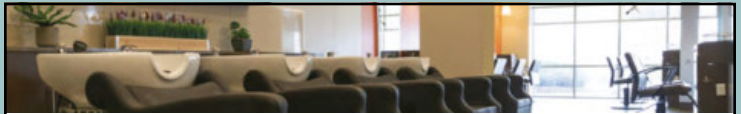
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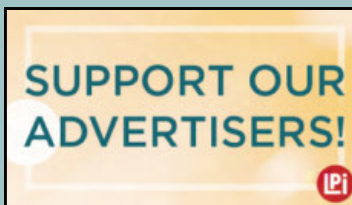
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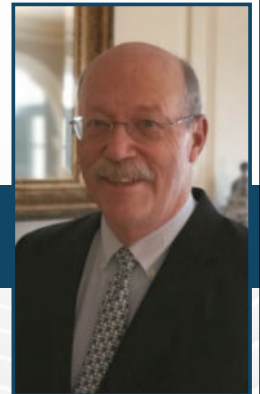
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