

MAY 29, 2022



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## ST. MICHAEL

### CATHOLIC PARISH

(covering worship sites in Ralston, Canton & Troy)

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#### Anointing of the Sick

Through this sacrament the believer is strengthened by Christ's grace through the anointing of Holy Oils. All who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or having surgery can receive this sacrament. Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive this sacrament.

#### Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. All parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the Baptism. Please call the office to schedule dates.

#### Confessions

Sat: 3:15 - 3:45 pm St. Michael  
(also available by appointment)

#### Matrimony

A meeting with the parish priest should precede all other wedding plans. Couples contemplating matrimony should contact the parish office six months to a year before the celebration of the sacrament.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wed: 6:00 pm, St. Michael's Church  
following 5:30 pm Mass,  
Benediction at 7:00 pm  
First Friday: Adoration after 7 am Mass  
until 7 pm, St. Michael's Church

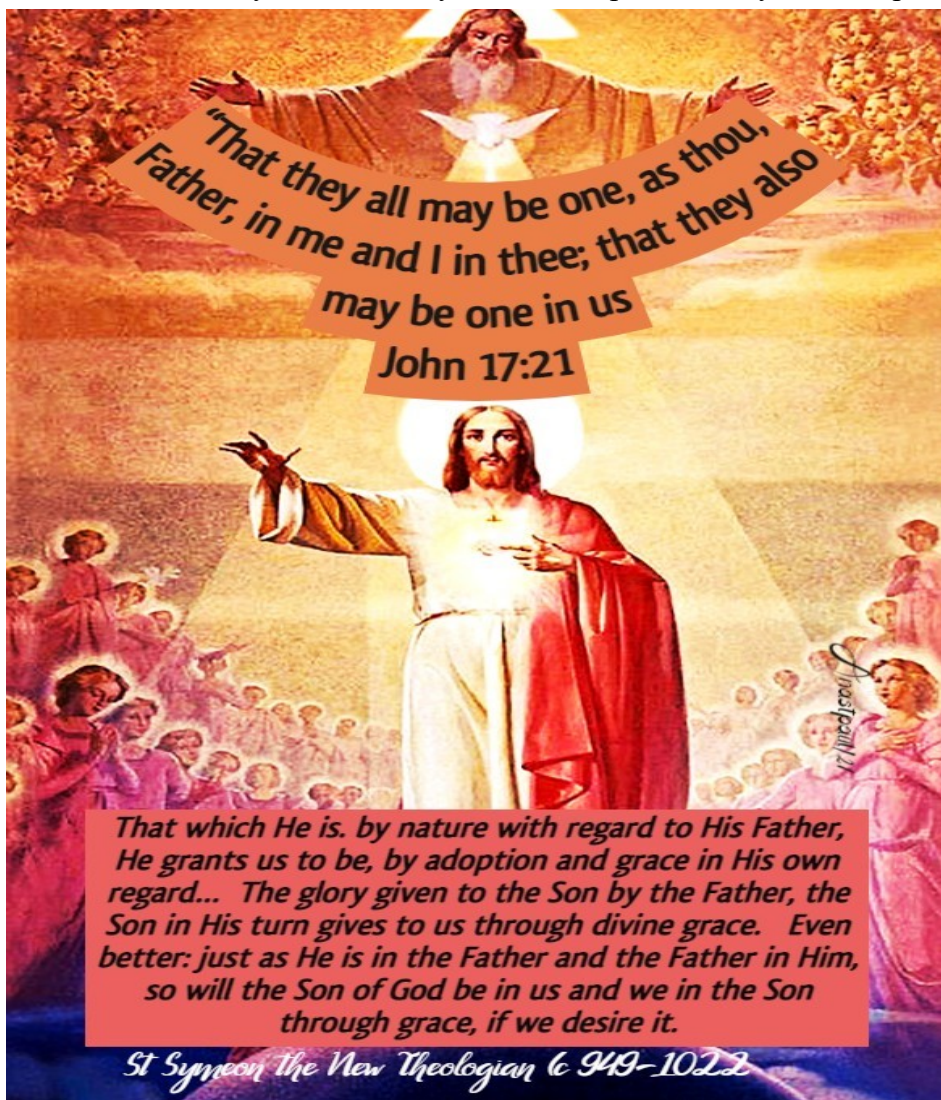
#### First Fridays

To all elderly and homebound, if you would like a visit from Father Joe on First Friday, please contact the Parish Office and let us know the month before.

#### C.C.D. (2021/22)

(Religious education classes  
held during the school year)

Sun: 8:15 am St. Michael hall  
10:00 am St. John Nepomucene hall



#### Pastoral Council

David Beahm, David Brann, Leslie Debach, Will Hawrylo,  
Jean Herman, Ralph Lepper, Sherry Vargson  
Sarah Watson - youth representative

#### ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the parish community of Saint Michael, Saint John and Saint Aloysius, we are rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ passed on to our Holy Father and in communion with our Bishop. We joyfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. We serve the Lord through acts of faith, hope and charity by the graces given through the Sacraments. It is our intention to carry out this mission so that we may be the face of Jesus Christ in the world."

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, May 28</b>	Easter Weekday
VIGIL: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
4:00 pm, Canton † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)	
<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am, Ralston † Michael Rushin (John & Pat Rushin)	
9:30 am, Canton † Jefferey Wynne (His Estate)	
11:15 am, Troy † Pro Populo	
<b>Monday, May 30</b>	Easter Weekday
7:00 am, Canton † Carol Ann Gergel (James Gergel)	
<b>Tuesday, May 31</b>	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm, Troy † Alice Kaier	
<b>Wednesday, June 1</b>	Saint Justin, Martyr
5:30 pm, Canton † Andrew Phipps	
(Alden & Rosemary Fitzwater)	
6:00 pm Holy Hour	
<b>Thursday, June 2</b>	Easter Weekday
No Mass	
<b>Friday, June 3, First Friday</b>	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
7:00 am, Canton - For the special intentions of Bud Rushin (John & Pat Rushin)	
<b>Saturday, June 4</b>	Easter Weekday
VIGIL: PENTECOST SUNDAY	
4:00 pm, Canton † Holy Souls in Purgatory	
(Susan Schiess)	
<b>Sunday, June 5</b>	PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:00 am, Ralston † Pro Populo	
9:30 am, Canton † Kathie Lepper (Dot Hopkins)	
11:15 am, Troy † Larry Kieslor (The Bradford Family)	

Fellowship is held in St. Michael's Church hall following the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday.



**The sanctuary lamps in all three churches burn this Memorial Day week for the repose of the souls of all who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.**

A Communal Rosary is prayed at 9:30 am Thursday mornings in St. Michael's Church. All are invited to participate.



### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PRAYER LIST

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## FROM FATHER JOE'S DESK

### FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

In addition to the Father's Day intention envelopes that are in your church envelope offertory packets, Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are at the entrances of all three churches. If you choose to use these cards, simply fill out the envelope and check the appropriate box for living or deceased father, place your donation in the envelope, seal it and drop it in the collection basket. There is another envelope which contains a beautiful Father's Day card for you to give to your father, grandfather, or great grandfather. Just take that card out of the intention envelope and bring the sealed intention envelope, with the information filled out on the front of the envelope, back to the church on or before Father's Day.



Please pray for  
*Luke Crawley and Ellick Smith,*  
as well as their parents, sponsors and catechist. These young men will be Confirmed at the 9:30 Mass on June 5th, Pentecost Sunday in St. Michael's Church.

### NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



Sunday, June 19th, we will be serving sausage egg and cheese sandwiches after the 9:30 Mass in honor of Father's Day. Donations will be accepted.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

This year's Yard Sale will take place on July 15-16. Start setting aside items to donate. Times and dates for donations to be brought to St. Michael's hall will be announced soon.



*Please, no clothing, large furniture, televisions, mattresses or exercise equipment.*

### SAINT MICHAEL'S PARISH OFFERINGS May 16 - 22, 2022

Weekly Offerings:	1,782.00
Electronic Offerings:	520.00
Other Parish Income:	134.00
Total Parish Income:	2,436.00
Average weekly expenses:	3,721.88
Difference:	(1,285.88)



*Thank you for your continued support.*

Offerings to the parish can be debited directly from your checking or savings account either weekly or monthly. Authorization forms are available in the back of church or by emailing the parish office.

# Growing in FAITH™

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## One Minute Meditations

### Take your rightful place

As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right.

As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table.

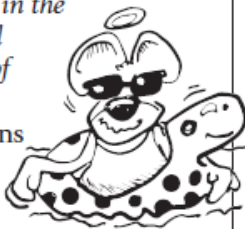


You take it when you attend weekend Mass, and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.

### Times change; God doesn't

The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances, provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for you.

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.' Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).*



## God waits for our "Yes"

God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven forever, but He won't force Himself on us. Out of respect for our free will, God asks that we cooperate with His grace to save us, but leaves it up to us to say, "Yes!"

Cultivate your faith. The better we know our Catholic Faith the easier it is to know how to live it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes all major teachings of the Catholic Church. Read an article in it each day and learn a new term from the glossary weekly. Then, there will be no guessing about what Catholics believe.

Keep your conscience in shape.

A well-formed conscience signals us when a choice is virtuous (good) or sinful (bad). Review what

the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes require. Meditate on the examples of Jesus and Mary in the Gospels and how your behavior compares.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Through the Sacraments we directly encounter Christ. Attend Confession monthly and

Mass at least weekly. This is the best way to stay close to God and His Heart.

Perform Works of Mercy. God uses these opportunities to conform us more fully to Christ. Find ways to serve your parish in time, resources, or gifts. It is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift (Matthew 25:40).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could



focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4).

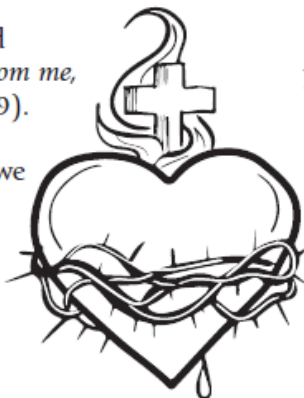
Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter

priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace").

## Three invaluable lessons from the Sacred Heart devotion

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart"* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

**Focus on Jesus.** We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.



Give Him your "Yes." Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus' Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say "Yes" to whatever He asks.

*"Love is not loved!"* Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won't. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He's done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

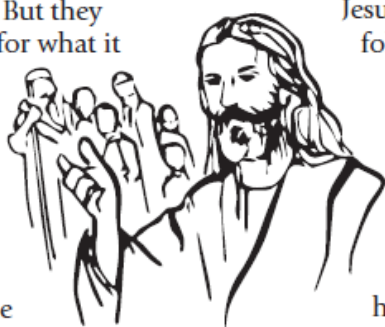
### from Scripture

#### Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren't always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that He had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Jesus warned that it wouldn't always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn't right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but



said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make His point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be His disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But He promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.

### Q & A Why are there different lists of Apostles?

Ever wonder why there seem to be different Apostles in different Gospels? For instance, there's a "Judas, not the Iscariot" at the Last Supper (John 14:22) who isn't mentioned anywhere else.

Likewise, Nathanael, who asked *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (John 1:46), is absent in the other Gospels.

Usually, the difference is because some of the Apostles had two names. For example, St. Matthew the tax collector, before joining Jesus, is "Levi" (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). The "other" Judas is called Thaddaeus. Nathanael is in the other Gospels, too, but under his Jewish surname, Bartholomew (Bar-Tolomai, "son of Tolomai").

Considering that half of the Twelve Apostles would have shared a name with another Apostle, some may have changed names to avoid confusion, e.g. Judas-not-the-Iscariot changing his name to Thaddaeus. All these differences show that the Apostles, who came from diverse backgrounds, were called for one mission of building up the Kingdom. Likewise, God calls us to build up the Kingdom, and gives each an important role in it.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo** (1608). St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Minor Clerks Regular with St. John Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

**June 6 – Mary, Mother of the Church** (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

**June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday.**

On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 23 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** (1st century). Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John's birth.





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or to purchase tickets.

## THE MANNER OF RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/56582/the-manner-of-receiving-holy-communion>

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. When looking at fine jewelry, for example, we are mindful to handle the gems carefully. When observing fine works of art, we don't even touch them at all. When we hold a baby or hug a loved one, we do so gently and with care. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem.

When it comes to the holy Eucharist, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be true all the more. Because we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—body, blood and divinity—we reserve the Eucharist in a secure tabernacle, constructed of the finest materials available. We situate the tabernacle in a place of honor in the Church, usually in the center of the sanctuary, and we genuflect before it.

To reverence our Lord's sacramental presence, we use chalices and patens for the celebration of the Eucharist, not ordinary dishes. We call these "sacred vessels." Made of precious metal, they are set aside for sacred use only. Priests and deacons wear beautiful vestments during the celebration of the Eucharist and most of us, out of respect for our Lord, put on our "Sunday best" when we head to Mass.

When we receive our Lord in holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. For in the holy Eucharist, the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (1374).

Recently, Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, prefect for the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, encouraged Catholics to consider receiving holy Communion on the tongue as a "sign of adoration that needs to be recovered." When we do so, he said, we "know that we are before God himself and that he came to us and that we are undeserving." To receive the Eucharist on our tongue, he said, is to signify our humility before the Lord and to recognize that it is God himself who feeds us.

For this reason, some Catholics choose to receive the Eucharist not in their hands, but directly on their tongues. Receiving the sacred host on our tongue ensures that we do not treat Christ's presence as an ordinary piece of bread.

Reception of holy Communion on the tongue has been a tradition of the Church for more than 15 centuries. It began, largely, as an effort to affirm that the Eucharist was not a symbol or a ritual, but the living presence of Jesus Christ. In recent years I have observed that

a growing number of young Catholics, particularly seminarians, choose now to receive holy Communion on the tongue.



To be sure, the Church permits Catholics to receive the Eucharist either on the tongue or in their hands, at the discretion of the one receiving holy Communion. Both modes of receiving holy Communion have their own value and their own beauty.

Some Catholics feel more comfortable receiving the Eucharist in their hands. For some, touching the Eucharist makes them feel more connected to Jesus Christ himself. It takes humility to accept the Lord, pre-

sent and visible, in our own hands. Many of the Fathers of the early Church recognized that our hands could be a "throne" for receiving holy Communion—the Lord, the King of Kings. To make a throne for the Lord with our hands is to signify our total commitment to worship and to Christian service.

Catholics who receive in the hand should ensure, above all, that their hands are clean as they prepare to literally touch the presence of Christ. When they receive, St. John Damascene counseled that they should put their hands "in the form of a cross." They should receive right away, not when they return to their seat. To pluck, grab or pull the Eucharist into their hands is a sign of great disrespect and could lead to accidentally dropping the sacred host. An even greater danger and sacrilege is the possibility of someone stealing a host for trivial or even evil purposes. Sadly, this actually happens.

As we prepare[d] to receive the new English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent, let us take this opportunity to reflect on the manner in which we receive our Lord in holy Communion. It is my hope and prayer that we not only use this historic moment in the liturgical life of the Church to celebrate a new English text of the Roman Missal, but that we also make this a time of true liturgical renewal in every aspect of our worship and communion with the Lord.

Some may choose to receive the Lord on the tongue while others choose to receive in the hand. All of us should receive with great reverence and respect. And to demonstrate reverence and respect, the Church asks us to offer a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving holy Communion. For to receive our Lord in holy Communion is, indeed, the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity.

*This column continues the Denver Catholic Register's New Roman Missal series.*

*Bishop James D. Conley is apostolic administrator of the Denver Archdiocese. Father Daniel Cardo and Father Marcus Mallick, members of the archdiocese's Implementation Committee for the New Roman Missal, contributed to this column.*



**POPE QUOTE:** "Whoever welcomes a person in need performs not only an act of charity, but also of faith, because he or she recognizes Jesus in the brother or sister."

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION:**

**JUNE - FOR FAMILIES:** We pray for Christian families around the world;

may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**SAINT MICHAEL PARISH**

**2022 JOINT ALTAR & ROSARY DINNER**

Where: Saint Michael's Church hall

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm

Menu: Grilled chicken or Ham, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable & Dessert

Cost: \$12 per person (due at the door)

*Reservations are due by Monday, June 6th.* Sign-up on the sheet in the vestibule of Saint Michael's Church or call Sharon Mulno at 570-673-5857.

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Scranton to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit <http://www.usccb.org/cc>.



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**MAY 30 - JUNE 5, 2022 READINGS**

**Mon** - Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd Jn 16:29-33

**Tues** - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1':39-56

**Wed** - Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b

Jn 17:11b-19

**Thurs** - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11

Jn 17:20-26

**Fri** - Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b

Jn 21:15-19

**Sat** - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

**Sun** - Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:18-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

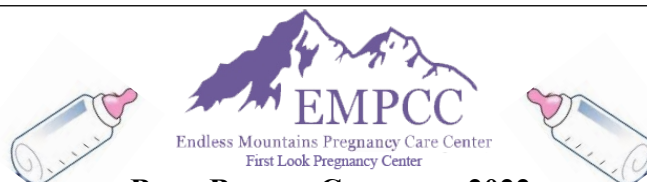
After many years of service, **Beth Cole** has stepped down from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

Beth has been the driving force behind many projects and initiatives over the years. She will be missed from the PPC as they continue to work for the revitalization of the parish. May God bless her in the next phase of her journey.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, June 1st. The answering machine and parish email will be monitored during that time.

*Please have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.*

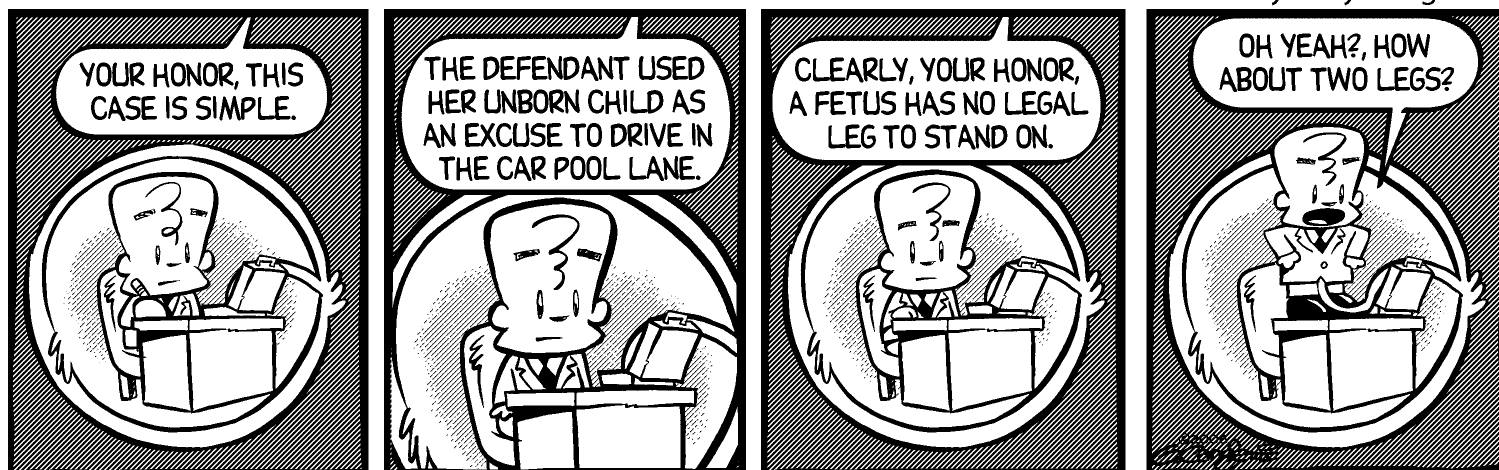


**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2022**

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**Umbert the Unborn**

by Gary Cangemi





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