

January 26, 2025

26 de Enero de 2025

# SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## IGLESIA DE SANTA ANA

Berryville, AR

### Mass Schedule/

### Horario de misas

Wednesday/Miercoles 6pm

Saturday/Sabado 8:30am

### Sunday/Domingo

Mass in English 11:00am

Misa en español 1:00pm

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#### Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Pam Richter

#### Liturgical Music

Ellen Eby

#### Música litúrgica

Jesse Fernandez de Lara

#### RCIA Coordinator

Robin Grear

#### Parish Council

Jeneanne Duncan



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...  
He has sent me to  
proclaim liberty to  
captives  
and recovery of sight  
to the blind,  
to let the oppressed  
go free.  
- Lk 4:18

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### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/

### EL SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACION

is offered at 9:00 am after the Saturday morning Mass and during the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:45 pm /se ofrece a las 9:00 am después de la misa del sábado por la mañana y durante la Hora Santa los miércoles por la tarde de 5:00 a 5:45pm


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### ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

is on every Wednesday at 5:00pm and every First Friday from 7pm to 8am the following morning. / es todos los miércoles a las 5:00 pm y el primer viernes de 7:00 pm a 8:00 am la mañana siguiente.

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE/VIDA SACRAMENTAL

If you are interested in receiving any of the Sacraments, please contact the parish office./ Si está interesado en recibir alguno de los sacramentos, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 11am: +Estelita & Gregoria Claro  
 1pm: +Rodolfo Trujillo & Maria Gil

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**  
 6pm: NO MASS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
 8:30am: NO MASS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
 11am: The Eby Family  
 1pm: +Alberto & Leticia Rangel



*Liturgical Ministers*

**Sunday, January 26**  
 Lector: Casie Cenobio  
 Extraord. Ministers: Clarellyse Krajeski, Ron Eby,  
 Margie Kyle, Terry Dean

**Sunday, February 2**  
 Lector: Patty Clark  
 Extraord. Ministers: Clarellyse Krajeski, Connie Doss,  
 Barry Doss, Terry Dean

**PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS**

\*CASA Sunday for St. Anne’s will be on February 8th instead of February 1st.

\*Your 2024 Contribution Statements are in the back of the church. If yours is not there, please contact the parish office.

\*There will be no weekday Masses while Fr. Is out of town.



*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
January, 2025*

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 on our seminarians, go to  
[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



**Jesus Tovar**



*Please Pray For*

**Our Parishioners:** Alexa & Alexia Arrizon, Ting Tuazon, Aurora Tuazon, Antonio Nino, Terry & Pat Dean, Del Waller, Andrew Tovar, Mary Lou Fuller, Toni Meyers, Myrtle Tharp, Tiffany, Jesse, Bill & Faye McKee, Mataya and Rayland Winburn, Maya Tamayo, Maria Sandoval, Maria Welch, Cindy Mitchell, David, Jane & Monica Reuter, Denise Reuter, Rodriguez Family, Baldwin Family, Elver Morales, Sebastian Camarillo, Chris Jablonski, June Sawyer, David Ingram, Barbara Strain, Larry Miller, Kathy Owen, and Norma Miller.

**Nursing home patients and homebound:** Betty Blach, Kevin Harris, Paul Chapel, Shirley Johnson, Flo Fitzsimmons and Bill Jenkins and Grace Doss.

**Our Military & Law Enforcement:** Marissa Richter—Army Nat’l Guard, Jonathon Waller—Army, Michael A. Wilhelm—Army in Korea, Dr. Kate Williams— Army Reserve, Daniel Clifford—Chief Navy Officer, Thomas Dean— Corrections Officer, Robert Dean— EMT, Michael Alcalá—Airforce. Robert Bartos, Eric Richter, Mary Clifford, Josue Rangel, and all others in the Armed Forces & Law Enforcement.



A Cursillo weekend for men will be held Feb. 20-23 at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock. The cost is \$200 per person, but no one will be turned away if they are unable to pay. All applicants must be sponsored by someone who has previously attended a Cursillo weekend. Applications are available by email from area Ultreya leaders or Ed Moix, Pre-Cursillo chairperson, at ed.moix59@gmail.com.

**New for 2025!**  
**Small group study**  
**on evangelization**  
**by Pope Francis.**



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**Catechesis from Pope Francis**

### Steubenville Conference

If you are a 9th grade high school student through a graduating Senior and you would like to attend the Steubenville Conference this summer in Springfield, MO, please contact Mrs. Pam and let her know. There is a \$75 deposit that is due ASAP.



La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida con la protección de niños y jóvenes. Si tiene conocimiento de abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, comuníquese con la Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Delitos contra Niños al 1-800-482-5964 y el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. Para obtener ayuda pastoral, comuníquese con el Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



OUTREACH PRIEST  
**Fr. Hilary Nwainya PhD**

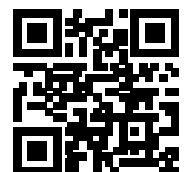


Fr. Nwainya, PhD ordained a priest in 2011 for the Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria where he served as a pastor for four years. He studied in Ireland, serving as a parish chaplain and as a supply priest in Scotland during the summer. Once in the U.S., Fr. Nwainya spent five years in as a resident priest, doctoral student, and teaching fellow in the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Nwainya is a theology professor and Director of Theology Programs at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida. As he joins Cross Catholic Outreach, Fr. Nwainya is eager to continue his ministry by sharing the Gospel and advocating for those in need, with a firm conviction in the impact of faith on transforming lives and communities.

Fr. Nwainya will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

Please welcome him as he shares some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), or scan this QR code



***\*\*\*Due to Cross Catholic Outreach visiting our Parish on the weekend of February 2nd, We will hear our CASA message on Sunday, February 9th.***

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read (Neh 8:8)

### Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

### Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

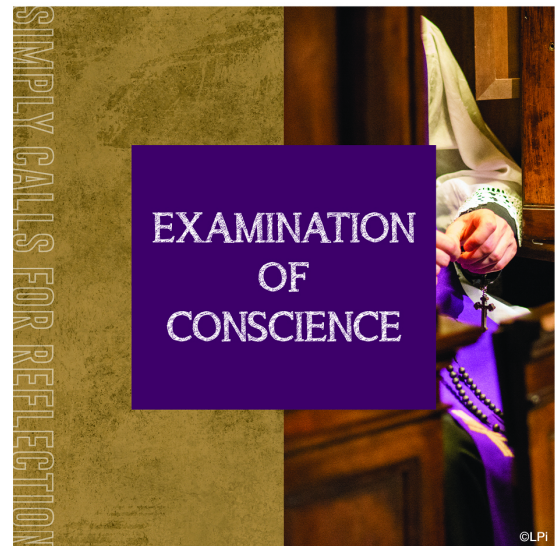
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

## Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord,  
World Day for Consecrated Life



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,  
Anoint me to bring your love,  
light, and freedom to the places  
you call. From the heights to the  
depths: you are there, you are  
actively moving, and when you  
call, you will also provide.

Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

### Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### Monday:

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,  
5-6/Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday:

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/  
Mk 3:31-35

### Wednesday:

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

### Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Mk 4:21-25

### Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-  
40/Mk 4:26-34

### Saturday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Mk 4:35-41

### Next Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is **“fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21)**. After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” - Lk 4:18a, 19

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah (the religious and political leadership of the day) grounded their work in Scripture. How does Sacred Scripture guide your life?

### Second Reading:

Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the many and varied parts of the Christian community. What role would you like to have in your parish?

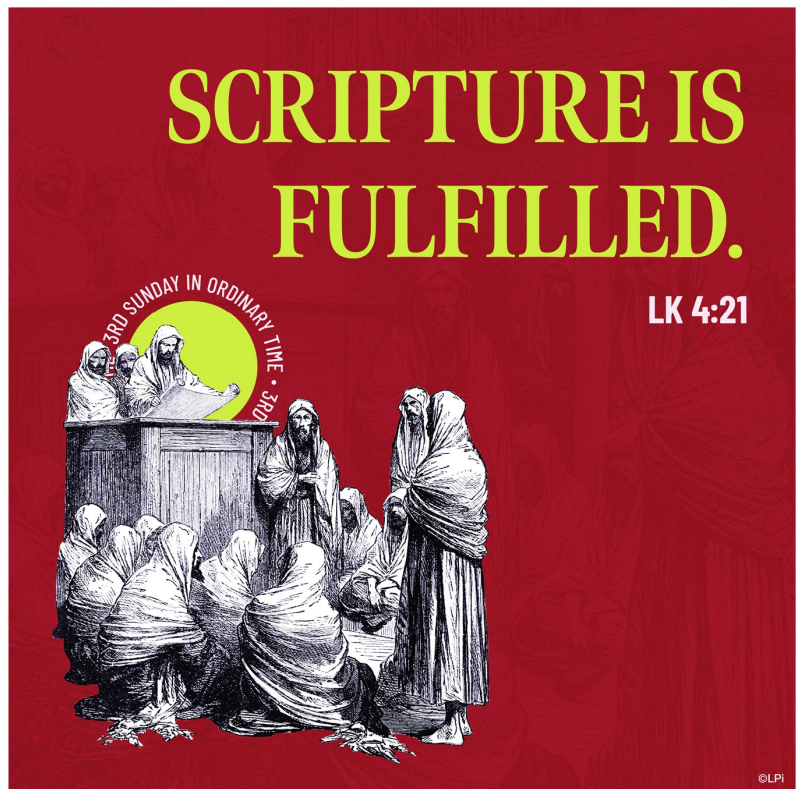
### Gospel:

We hear how Jesus began to reveal his true identity as Israel’s long-awaited Messiah in his hometown of Nazareth. Have you ever received news that you thought was unbelievable? What was it?



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# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

### These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

*These evil days.*

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

### Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "*I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!*" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "*If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "*the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God*" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.



## Immigration Message January 23, 2025



As you know, the contentious issue of immigration continues to dominate the public square, often without any serious consideration of what Jesus and our Christian faith has to say about this matter. It is my hope that our elected officials will have the courage and wisdom to do what is right, to do what Jesus would do—to do the loving thing. You may feel like there is nothing you can do to change politicians' minds. But the place to begin is with ourselves, our own hearts and our own parishes, and our own discomfort in dealing with another culture and immigrant group. And to not forget about the human dignity and the human rights of the other person.

As you also know, I've written a pastoral letter which you can download from the Diocese of Little Rock website. I have preached and taught on this issue throughout my time here as your bishop. And so, I don't want to rehash all the Catholic principles that must be taken into account. Rather, I want to appeal to your hearts—to the reality that we are all brothers and sisters—including the 1/3 of Arkansas Catholics who worship in Spanish in 43 of our parishes. And right now, this Spanish speaking part of our body of Christ is hurting and living in fear.

If you're living in fear today, I want you to know we stand in solidarity and in prayer with you.

And if you're not familiar with the parts of our one body of Christ who are living in fear, I implore you to pray for them and try to find ways to get to know them. Find ways to help your fellow believers feel welcomed.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us at the last judgment he will say to his chosen ones: *"I was a stranger and you welcomed me.... As often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me."* And to others he will say: *"As often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me."*

I could go into all the theological reasons behind the Church's teachings on the rights of migrants, and all the arguments as to why our current immigration system is deeply broken. For example, many of us are under the mistaken impression that people who want to migrate to the United States can easily do so by getting in line. But for most people there really is no line, which is why circumstances forced them to come here without papers. And anyone who's tried to navigate the system can tell you how bureaucratic, complex, inconsistent, and expensive it really is—and that's for people who have financial means and family or highly skilled employment based connections! But all those arguments aside, what Jesus is challenging us to do here regarding immigration is to let him share his heart and mind with us. All that I've said in the past really boils down to Jesus' call for us to love as he loves, without fear, trusting in God's providence.

One of the most distinguishing features of our Catholic faith is that we are called to be "universal" in fact as well as in name. This means that there must be no dividing lines within our parishes, no second-class parishioners—all are welcome, no exceptions. But there's more to it than that. You and I are being offered a unique and privileged opportunity to share the mind and heart of Jesus Christ, the same Jesus whom we honor with so many images of the Sacred Heart, his heart visible, crowned with thorns and on fire with love. And that's who he now invites us to be, Christ for others. In this, God will use us to be not only a light to our nation (enlightening others about human rights, about truth, about life), but also more importantly a source of love, love that banishes fear, love that brings hope and healing, and in this way become a model for what all of American society is called to be.

## Mensaje sobre inmigración 23 de enero de 2025



Como saben, el polémico tema de la inmigración sigue dominando la esfera pública, a menudo sin ninguna consideración seria de lo que Jesús y nuestra fe cristiana dicen sobre este asunto. Espero que nuestros funcionarios electos tengan la valentía y la sabiduría de hacer lo correcto, de hacer lo que Jesús haría: amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Puede que sientan que no hay nada que puedan hacer para cambiar la opinión de los políticos, pero para poder comenzar a cambiar sería primero con nosotros mismos, con nuestros corazones y parroquias, como también con nuestra propia incomodidad al tratar con otra cultura y grupo de inmigrantes sin olvidarnos de la dignidad y los derechos humanos de la otra persona.

Como también saben, he escrito una carta pastoral que pueden descargar del sitio web de la Diócesis de Little Rock. He predicado y enseñado sobre este tema durante todo mi tiempo aquí como su obispo. Y por eso, no quiero repetir todos los principios católicos que deben tenerse en cuenta. Más bien, quiero apelar a sus corazones, a la realidad de que todos somos hermanos y hermanas, incluido el 1/3 de los católicos de Arkansas que celebran la Misa en español en 43 de nuestras parroquias. Y ahora mismo, esta parte de nuestro cuerpo de Cristo sufre y vive con miedo. Para todos aquellos que están hoy con miedo, quiero que sepan que nos solidarizamos y oramos por ustedes.

Y si no estás familiarizado con todas las personas que tienen miedo; quienes también son parte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo; le imploro que ore por ellos y trate de encontrar maneras de conocerlos como también acogerlos con cariño.

En Mateo 25, Jesús nos dice que en el juicio final les dirá a sus elegidos: *“Fui forastero y me acogieron... Cada vez que lo hicieron con uno de estos hermanos y hermanas más pequeños, lo hicieron conmigo”*. Y a los demás les dirá: *“Cada vez que dejaron de hacerlo con uno de estos más pequeños, dejaron de hacerlo conmigo”*.

Podría explicar todas las razones teológicas que sustentan las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes, y todos los argumentos que justifican por qué el sistema actual de inmigración está profundamente roto. Por ejemplo, mucha gente tiene la impresión errónea de que las personas que quieren inmigrar a los Estados Unidos pueden hacerlo fácilmente. Pero para la mayoría de las personas en realidad no es fácil como se cree. Por estas y otras circunstancias se sienten obligados a venir a este país sin papeles. Y cualquiera que haya intentado navegar por el sistema puede decirles cuán burocrático, complejo, inconsistente y costoso es en realidad, ¡y eso para las personas que tienen medios financieros y conexiones familiares o laborales altamente calificadas! Pero dejando de lado todos esos argumentos, lo que Jesús desea que hagamos por los inmigrantes es que compartamos nuestros corazones y mentes con ellos. Todo lo que he dicho en el pasado realmente se reduce al llamado de Jesús a que amemos como Él ama, sin miedo, confiando en la providencia de Dios.

Una de las características más distintivas de nuestra fe católica es que estamos llamados a ser “universales” de hecho, así como de nombre. Esto significa que no debe haber líneas divisorias dentro de nuestras parroquias, ni feligreses de segunda clase: todos son bienvenidos, sin excepciones. Pero hay más que eso. Se nos ofrece una oportunidad única y privilegiada de compartir la mente y el corazón de Jesucristo, el mismo Jesús a quien honramos con tantas imágenes del Sagrado Corazón, su corazón visible, coronado de espinas y ardiendo de amor. Y eso es lo que ahora nos invita a ser, Cristo para los demás. En esto, Dios nos usará para ser no solo una luz para nuestra nación (iluminando a otros sobre los derechos humanos, sobre la verdad, sobre la vida), sino también, lo que es más importante, una fuente de amor, amor que destierra el miedo, amor que trae esperanza y sanación, y de esta manera convertirnos en un modelo de lo que toda la sociedad estadounidense está llamada a ser.



This is to inform you that St. Anne Religious Education Program will present a program called the Circle of Grace to our students on February 5, 2025. This program is a part of our ongoing effort to help children and youth understand their own dignity and self-worth, to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth, and to give children, youth, and parents the tools to protect our most vulnerable ones from sexual abuse. The lessons are all age appropriate, and they are intended to supplement the parents' rightful role as first teachers of the faith.

These lessons are required for all dioceses in the United States, and we strongly encourage all parents to allow your child to participate. However, as a parent, you do have the right to opt your child out of these lessons. Regardless of what you decide, we encourage you to read the attached materials so you'll be aware of the nature of the Circle of Grace program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Pam Richter at 870-423-3927. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please visit the parish office to sign the "opt-out" form no later than January 29, 2025.

For more information on the Circle of Grace program, visit Circle of Grace Online™ website at [www.dolr.org](http://www.dolr.org).

La presente es para informarles que Programa de educación religiosa de Santa Ana presentará un programa titulado Círculo de Gracia a nuestros estudiantes el 5 de febrero de 2025. Este programa es parte de nuestra continua labor para ayudar a los niños y jóvenes a comprender su propia dignidad y valor, ayudar a crear y mantener un ambiente seguro para los niños y jóvenes, y proporcionarles a los jóvenes, niños y padres de familia las herramientas para proteger a los más vulnerables del abuso sexual. Las lecciones son de acuerdo a su edad, y su objetivo es complementar la misión legítima que tienen los padres de familia como primeros maestros de la fe.

Se requieren estas lecciones en todas las diócesis en los Estados Unidos, y alentamos encarecidamente a los padres de familia a que permitan la participación de su hijo(a). Sin embargo, como padres de familia, ustedes tienen el derecho de excluir voluntariamente a su hijo(a) de estas lecciones. Independientemente de su decisión, los alentamos a que lean los materiales adjuntos para que estén al tanto de la naturaleza del programa Círculo de Gracia. Si tienen cualquier pregunta sobre el programa o la lección, por favor comuníquense con Pam Richter al 870-423-3927. Si deciden que NO desean que participe su hijo(a), visite la oficina parroquial para firmar el formulario de "exclusión voluntaria" a más tardar el 29 de enero de 2025.

Para más información sobre el programa Círculo de Gracia, visite el sitio Web Círculo de Gracia En Línea™ en [www.dolr.org](http://www.dolr.org)

# Holy Communion



May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

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Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires.

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What should you pray after you receive Communion?

Here's an excerpt from a prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas:



I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation.

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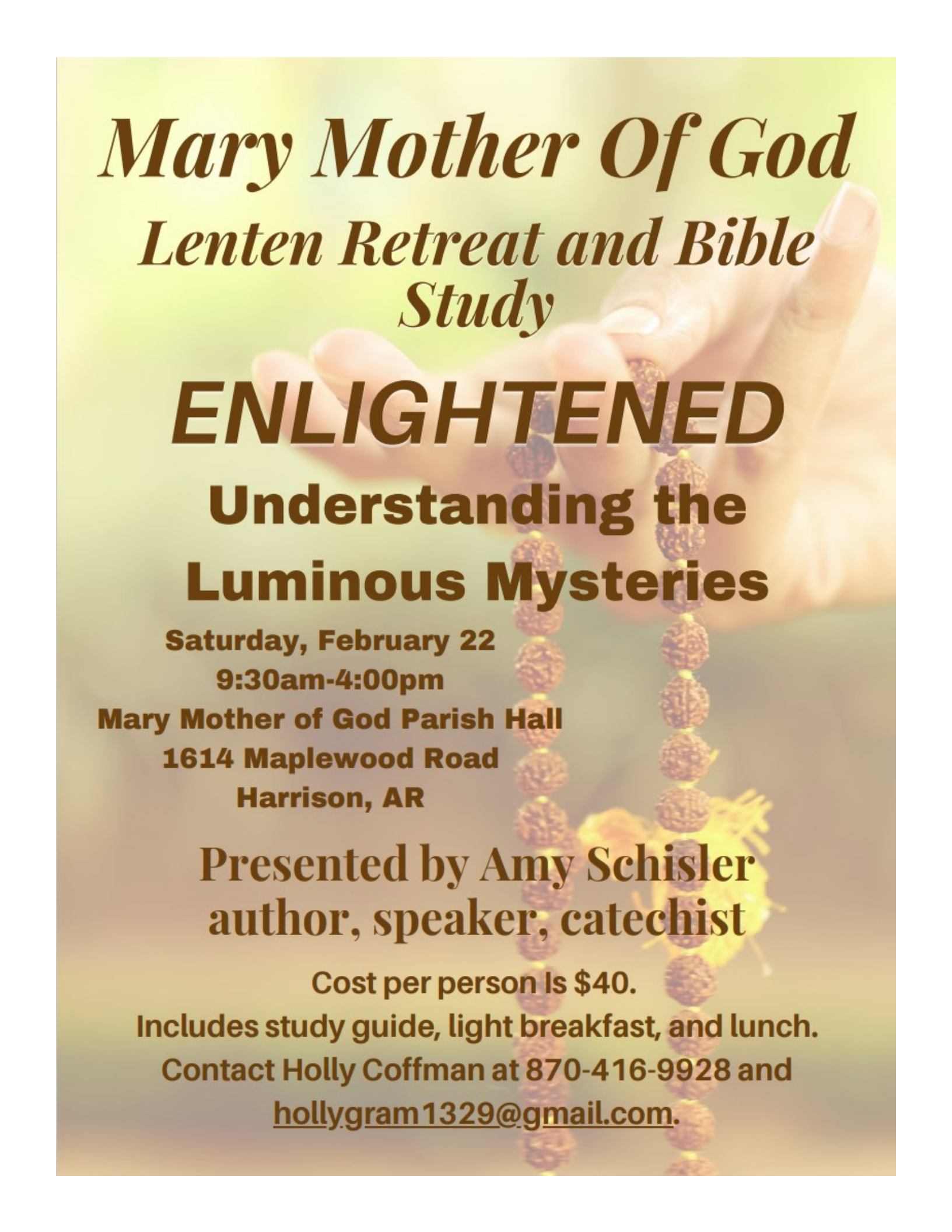
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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us

— Hebrews 12:1

## Our Mission

*The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions! Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Read more and join us in our Mission to the Missions!*



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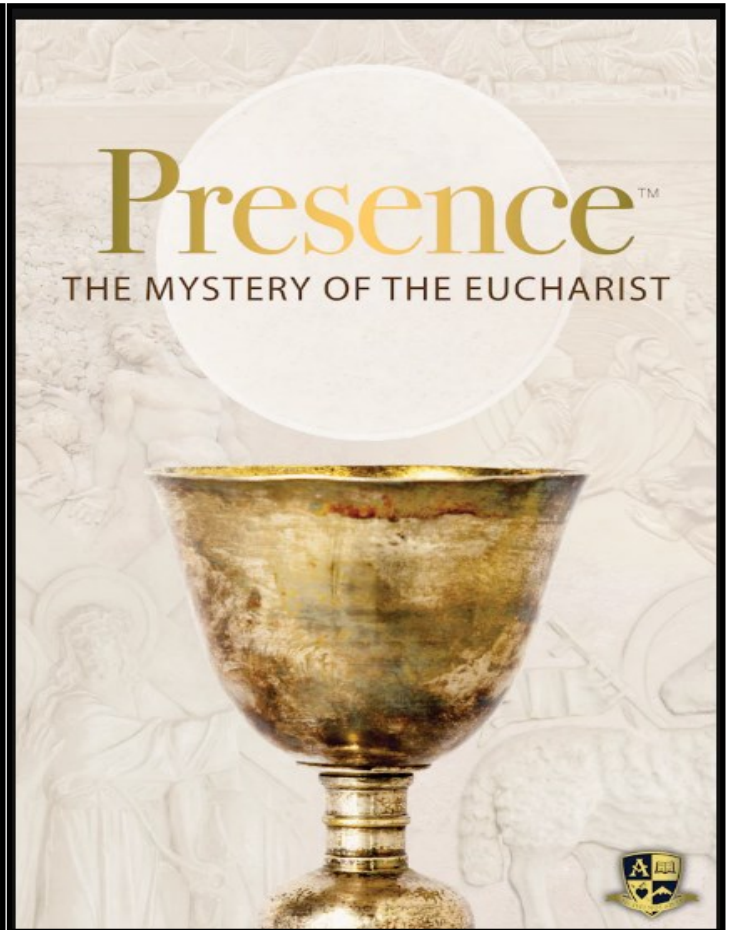
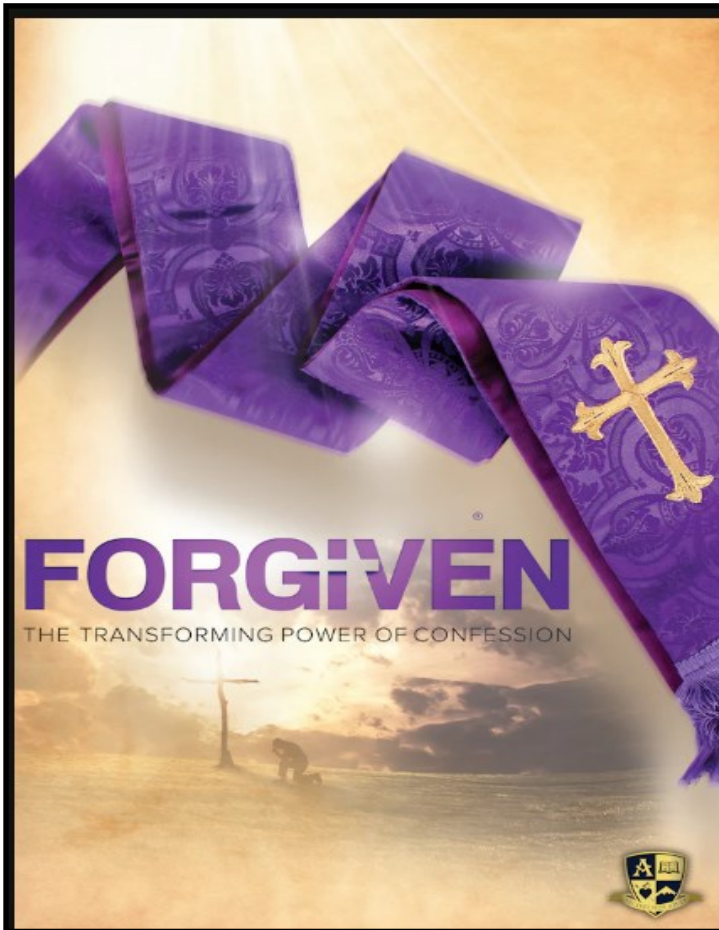
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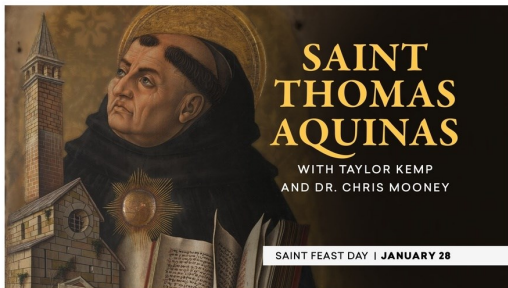


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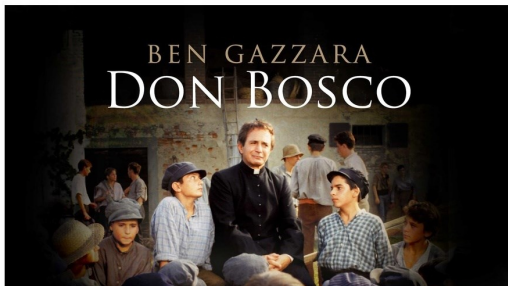
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Week of January 26, 2025



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