

October 15, 2023

15 de Octubre de 2023

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

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc*

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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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

— Ps: 23

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

11am:

+John Torok

1pm:

+A C Donahue

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00pm:

No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30am:

No Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

11am:

+Augustin Lopez

1pm:

+Nicanor Romero Perez



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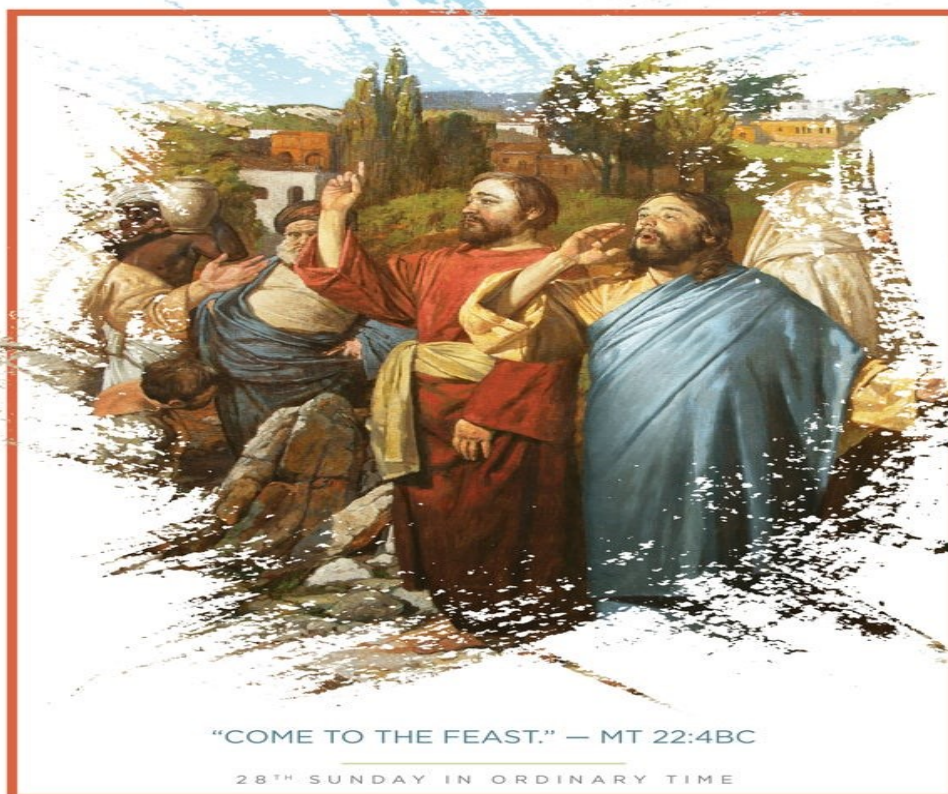
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Please Pray For:

Terry & Pat Dean, Del Waller, Allen Nieves, Andrew Tovar, Gloria Spoon, Mary Lou Fuller, Amy

Tegley, Toni Meyers, Myrtle Tharp, Mike Tharp, Fred Becker, 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, Bob Doss, Flo Fitzsimmons and Bill Jenkins. Our Military: 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 Alcala—Airforce. Our law Enforcement: Robert Bartos, Eric Richter, Mary Clifford, Josue Rangel, and all others in the Armed Forces & Law Enforcement.




"COME TO THE FEAST." — MT 22:4BC


28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Our Seminarians
for the month of
October, 2023*



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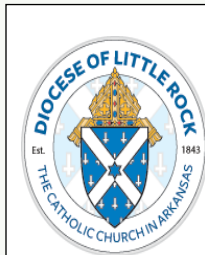
SEARCH #153 RETREAT
Registrations are now being accepted for Search #153, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The December Search is open to high school juniors and seniors. Search #153 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of December 1-3, 2023. The fee is \$150.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-153.pdf>



Please see the USCCB Respect Life Month Statement on Pages 11 & 12 of the bulletin.

MATRIMONIOS ATREVANSE A VIVIR UN FIN DE SEMANA DE ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL - Restaura tu matrimonio con esta grandiosa experiencia. No dudes no tienes nada que perder, pero si puedes ganar mucho. **ENCUENTRA EL VERDADERO SENTIDO DE TU RELACION.** ¡CUPO LIMITADO! ¿DONDE? EN LA SAN BARBARA, DEQUEEN, EL 20, 21, 22 octubre, FECHA LIMITE PARA 23 OCTUBRE. PARA REGISTRARTE LLAMA AL 870-642-2256 O 773-213-9593.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— *Father John Muir*



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find.” (Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He
wants to share with each one of us, but we have
to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for
whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threatening conflicts with the Mexican government.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar
You have given us a model of a shepherd for
the children, the poor, the sick, and those far
from You. Grant us through his intercession
that we may live united in our families; that
the Mexican nation may have peace and
harmony; that the sick who live in our homes
be lovingly cared for and receive healing
from their diseases; that marriages that
have been broken find a reason to fight and
overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our
needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael
Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of
Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever
and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/>, translation by LPI.)

Liturgical Life

“The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”
 - Mt 22:8b-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’s parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God’s invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God’s presence in your life?



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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'"
— Matthew 22:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – October 2023

In this Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, we hope to have our hearts transformed like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus: the Light of Christ in the Eucharist burns within our hearts too!



THEME: THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Saint



Blessed Bartolo Longo (1841-1926) was a priest in a satanic cult in his youth. He credits the Virgin Mary and a zealous priest for saving him from the darkness. Afterward, he dedicated himself to promoting devotion to Mary through the Holy Rosary. It is believed that Blessed Bartolo composed the *Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary*, the fifth of which is the Institution of the Eucharist.

Back to Basics

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: There are many reasons why people cannot receive the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion, and we are cautioned by St. Paul against receiving the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily (1 Cor 11:27).



The Eucharist, however, is *so full of light* that, even if we cannot receive Him sacramentally, we can still receive the *grace* of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through an act of spiritual communion. According to our Catechism, the Eucharist actually keeps the Church – and our souls – *in existence*:

"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being." (CCC, 1325)

Calls to Action



Disposition of Heart – Receiving grace, sacramental or otherwise, is entirely a question of how open our heart is to God's action. The Parable of the Sower (Matt 13:23) says we can receive thirty-, sixty-, or a hundred-fold.

Practice – Even if someone cannot go to *Communion* for whatever reason, we can always encourage that person to *go to Mass*. An immense treasury of grace overflows at every Mass like a river of light into the hearts of those who are disposed to receive it.

St. Peter of Alcantara used a glorious image for spiritual communion: *"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them."* All that is necessary for us is to visit Him... and ask!

"That love-gance of my God / that smile of holy fire / Oh, this is heaven for me!"
~ St. Therese of Lisieux (Poem: *My Heaven on Earth*)

National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Keep up to date on preparations for the [Eucharistic Congress](#) in July of 2024, and get the [Bishops' Spark Series](#) – nine short daily reflections for Eucharistic renewal.

Make sure to get the official *Prayers in the Pew Eucharistic Revival Edition* prayer cards at www.SitStandKneel.com for evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!

OCTOBER 2023

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

MON OCT 2	Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels
THU OCT 19	North American Martyrs, Priests and Martyrs
MON OCT 23	St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

October 2023 – October is completely filled with spiritual blessings! We celebrate Respect Life Month, the Holy Rosary, the Holy Angels, and an incredible array of saints (see calendar below). We are reminded this month to give thanks to God for all things, but especially for His gift of our Catholic Faith, which enriches our souls at every turn.

THE ANGELUS

A beloved but lesser-known prayer of our Catholic faith is the “Angelus”, a Latin word which means “angel”. The prayer is in the form of three verses and responses which repeat the dialogue of the Archangel Gabriel with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1). Each verse and response is followed by the *Hail Mary*.

The custom of praying the Angelus three times during the day (at 6 am, noon, and 6 pm) included the ringing of the Angelus Bell which called people to take time out of their busy workdays to pray. This custom has its roots in the great monastic traditions of the Benedictines and the piety of the Franciscans dating back at least to the 11th century. The prayer especially reminds us of the Incarnation of our Lord and the roles of the angels and Our Lady in the work of salvation.

This prayer is meant to be prayed in groups of two or more with a leader reciting the verse and the others offering the response, however it may be prayed individually with great spiritual benefit to the one who prays.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

R. *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. *And dwelt among us.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Let's take the opportunity during this month of October to renew our devotion to the Holy Rosary. The challenge is to learn all the mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous) and to pray the Rosary both individually and in the family. Our Lady of Fatima asked the shepherd children to pray the Rosary daily, and we should too!

The US Bishops are inviting all Catholics to join them in the National Eucharistic Revival. From now until July of 2024 (when the National Eucharistic Congress takes place) we are endeavoring to strengthen our Eucharistic devotion and faith practice. As an aid to devotion, please download our Eucharistic Revival Supplement to this newsletter at our website (www.SitStandKneel.com).



— FAITH FUNDAMENTALS —



The Golden Rule

We're accustomed to thinking about "rules" as limitations on what we want to do. But when we talk about *the Golden Rule* we must think, instead, of a "ruler" – a yardstick that measures our own behavior.

In the Old Testament, behavior towards a neighbor was stated in the negative way: "Do not do to others what you yourself dislike" (Tobit 4:15). The teaching outlined a minimum type of justice: just don't hurt others. The Lord's words in the New Testament, however, raise the standard much higher. We are to evaluate and do what is positively good for our neighbor, the way we would want them to do good to us.

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." ~ Matthew 7:12

In other words, we are to measure "good" and "bad" in our relationships by our own basic human need to be treated fairly. If it's good for me... it's probably also good for thee.

— CATECHISM CONNECTION —



1776 Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment.

1970 The Law of the Gospel requires us to... put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets." The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | October

OCT 1 Sun	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Dr.
OCT 2 Mon	Feast of the Guardian Angels
OCT 5 Thu	Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
OCT 6 Fri	Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin
OCT 7 Sat	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
OCT 9 Mon	Sts. Denis, companions, Bishop and Martyrs
OCT 14 Sat	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
OCT 15 Sun	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
OCT 16 Mon	St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, Virgin
OCT 17 Tue	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
OCT 19 Thu	Sts. John de Brébuf and Isaac Jogues and companions (the North American Martyrs), Priests and Martyrs
OCT 20 Fri	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
OCT 22 Sun	St. John Paul II, Pope
OCT 23 Mon	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
OCT 24 Tue	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
OCT 29 Sun	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
OCT 30 Mon	Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints

— BIBLE BASICS —



Colossians 3:12-13 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." ~ **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

The Golden Arrow Prayer – May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

Living Radical Solidarity

OCTOBER 2023

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "*In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.*"¹

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts

of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*," a transformation within our own hearts.²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

Our parish-based and nationwide initiative, [Walking with Moms in Need](#), for example, provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties. Melissa, a [North Carolina mom](#)³ with young children and a busy

job, attended a parish informational session for *Walking with Moms in Need*, thinking she might help out here and there. But she felt the Lord's call and "by the end of the session she had volunteered to be the ministry's coordinator." Her parish now holds "Hand Up Days" once a month during which families can "shop" free of charge for baby and toddler items they need that have been donated by parishioners.

Melissa shared some powerful words of encouragement: "I think for too long we have been comfortable leaving the work of accompanying women in crisis situations – pregnant or parenting – to others in the nonprofit and government sectors. It is very clear in the Gospel that this is our job — all of us! A woman in a pregnancy center once told me that most women considering abortion are wrestling with a financial matter less than \$250 and that has really stuck with me. If we can lighten the burden just a little, what a difference we can make — it is literally life or death."

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life. Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: *Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children?* Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center;



helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Moms in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

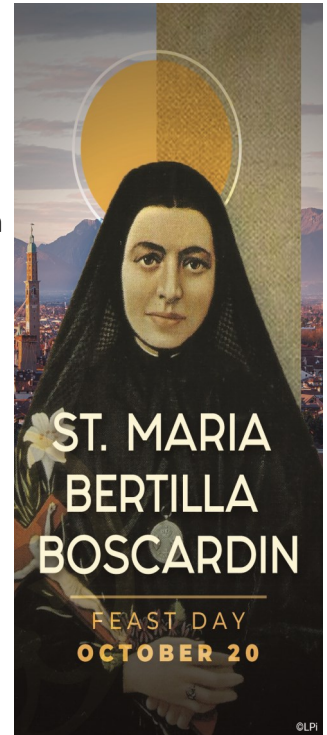
For more information on how to celebrate Respect Life Month and stand in radical solidarity with moms in need, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

1 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

2 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, no. 188.

3 Elizabeth Ascik, "One of the Best Ways to Walk with Moms in Need," *Aleteia*, March 23, 2023, <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/one-of-the-best-ways-to-walk-with-moms-in-need/>.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Oct. 16) and the Sacred Heart Time and again, when God's beloved people begin to lose their way, God raises up holy saints as beacons for them to find a path back. So it seems to have been with Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). During an age of severe spirituality when many of the baptized felt unworthy to receive Holy Communion, Margaret Mary, a cloistered Visitation nun, was gifted with an intense experience of Jesus' personal love for her. In a vision she saw Jesus pointing to his own loving but wounded heart: "Behold the Heart that has loved people so much," she heard Jesus say, "yet is loved so little in return." In the Sacred Heart of Jesus image now so familiar to us we see the heart burning with a flame of love yet surrounded by a crown of thorns. Margaret Mary, herself familiar with harsh treatment at home and, sadly, even in religious life, was drawn to this loving yet suffering Christ. "Cling to God," said she, "and leave all the rest to him; he will not let you perish. Your soul is very dear to him; he wishes to save it." She dedicated her life to promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, including frequent and loving communion, especially on First Fridays. In the years since, her loving devotion has warmed countless hearts with its message of Jesus' boundless love for all.



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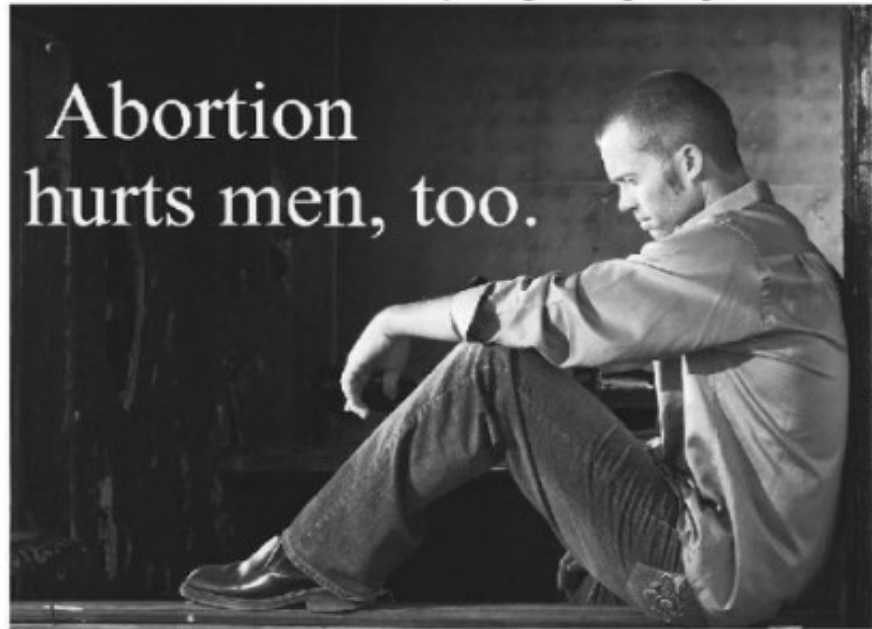
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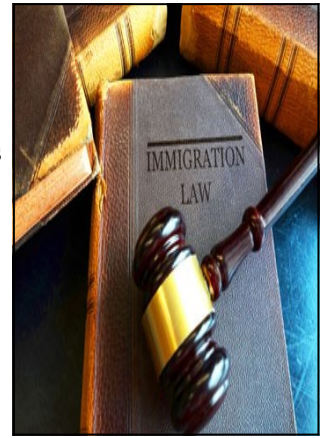
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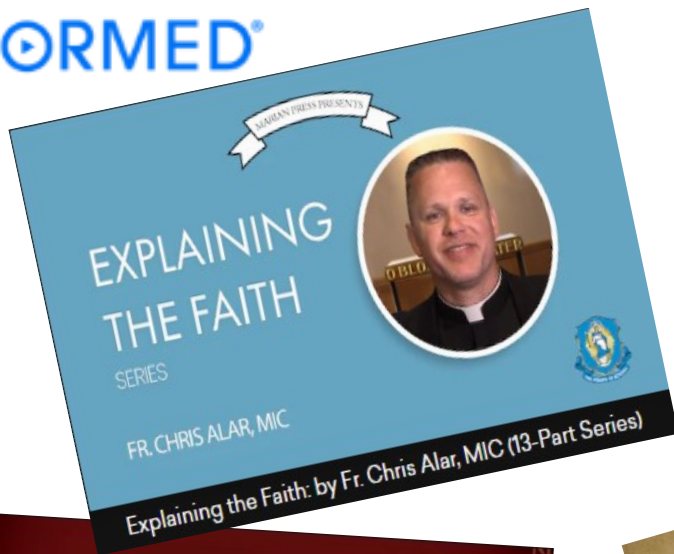
El Salvador: July 12, 2023 to September 10, 2023
Honduras: November 6, 2023 to January 5, 2024
Nepal: October 24, 2023 to December 23, 2023
Nicaragua: November 6, 2023 to January 5, 2024

El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional anunció recientemente que pronto sera tiempo de reinscribirse para el Estado de Protección Temporal (TPS) para aquellos de El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal y Nicaragua. La extensión del TPS sera por 18 meses. Es necesario que los beneficiarios de TPS se reinscriban y soliciten la renovación de su permiso de Empleo que durara hasta enero de 2025. Se le recomienda encarecidamente que se comunique con un abogado de inmigración o con los Servicios de Inmigración Católicos pronto para obtener más información sobre el proceso. Para comunicarse con la oficina de Little Rock, llame al 501-664-0340 y para comunicarse con la oficina de Springdale, llame al 479-927-1996.

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El Salvador: 12 de julio, 2023 a 10 de septiembre, 2023
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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2023

Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35)

Dear brothers and sisters!

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned within them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, *their eyes were opened* as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their feet set out* on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

1. *Our hearts burned within us "when he explained the Scriptures to us". In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts.*

On the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the hearts of the two disciples were downcast, as shown by their dejected faces, because of the death of Jesus, in whom they had believed (cf. v. 17). Faced with the failure of the crucified Master, their hopes that he was the Messiah collapsed (cf. v. 21).

Then, "as they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them" (v. 15). As when he first called the disciples, so now, amid their bewilderment, the Lord takes the initiative; he approaches them and walks alongside them. So too, in his great mercy, he never tires of being with us, despite all our failings, doubts, weaknesses, and the dismay and pessimism that make us become "foolish and slow of heart" (v. 25), men and women of little faith.

Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, "let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 86). The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, "useless servants" (cf. Lk 17:10).

I desire to express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring any kind of hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelization in distant lands. Not every day of our lives is serene and unclouded, but let us never forget the words of the Lord Jesus to his friends before his Passion: "In the world you will have tribulations, but be courageous: I have conquered the world!" (*Jn* 16:33).

After listening to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the risen Jesus, "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" (*Lk* 24:27). The hearts of the disciples thrilled, as they later confided to each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (v. 32). Jesus is himself the living Word, who alone can make our hearts burn within us, as he enlightens and transforms them.

In this way, we can better understand Saint Jerome's dictum that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (*Commentary on Isaiah*, Prologue). "Without the Lord to introduce us, it is impossible to understand sacred Scripture in depth; yet the opposite is equally true: without sacred Scripture, the events of Jesus' mission and of his Church in the world remain indecipherable" (*Aperuit Illis*, 1). It follows that knowledge of Scripture is important for the Christian life, and even more so for the preaching of Christ and his Gospel. Otherwise, what are you passing on to others if not your own ideas and projects? A cold heart can never make other hearts burn!

So let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit.

2. Our eyes were "opened and recognized him" in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission.

The fact that their hearts burned for the word of God prompted the disciples of Emmaus to ask the mysterious Wayfarer to stay with them as evening drew near. When they gathered around the table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him when he broke the bread. The decisive element that opened the eyes of the disciples was the sequence of actions performed by Jesus: he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Those were the usual gestures of the head of a Jewish household, but, performed by Jesus Christ with the grace of the Holy Spirit, they renewed for his two table companions the sign of the multiplication of the loaves and above all that of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the sacrifice of the cross. Yet at the very moment when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, "he vanished from their sight" (*Lk* 24:31). Here we can recognize an essential reality of our faith: Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world.

Here it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission *par excellence*, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: "We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: 'An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church'" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 84).

In order to bear fruit we must remain united to Jesus (cf. *Jn* 15:4-9). This union is achieved through daily prayer, particularly in Eucharistic adoration, as we remain in silence in the presence of the Lord, who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. By lovingly cultivating this communion with Christ, the missionary disciple can become a mystic in action. May our hearts always yearn for the company of Jesus, echoing the ardent plea of the two disciples of Emmaus, especially in the evening hours: "Stay with us, Lord!" (cf. *Lk* 24:29).

3. Our feet set out on the way, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. The eternal youth of a Church that is always going forth.

After their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus "in the breaking of the bread", the disciples "set out without delay and returned to Jerusalem" (cf. *Lk* 24:33). This setting out in haste, to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord, demonstrates that "the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by him are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 1). One cannot truly encounter the risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him. Therefore, the primary and principal resource of the mission are those persons who have come to know the risen Christ in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, who carry his fire in their heart and his light in their gaze. They can bear witness to the life that never dies, even in the most difficult of situations and in the darkest of moments.

The image of “feet setting out” reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that “everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet” (*Evangeli Gaudium*, 14). Missionary conversion remains the principal goal that we must set for ourselves as individuals and as a community, because “missionary outreach is *paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity*” (*ibid.*, 15).

As the Apostle Paul confirms, the love of Christ captivates and impels us (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14). This love is two-fold: the love of Christ for us, which calls forth, inspires and arouses our love for him. A love that makes the Church, in constantly setting out anew, ever young. For all her members are entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, in the conviction that “he died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again” (v. 15). All of us can contribute to this missionary movement: with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness. *The Pontifical Mission Societies* are the privileged means of fostering this missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. For this reason, the collection taken on World Mission Sunday is devoted to the *Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

The urgency of the Church’s missionary activity naturally calls for an ever closer missionary cooperation on the part of all her members and at every level. This is an essential goal of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken, guided by the key words: *communion, participation, mission*. This journey is certainly not a turning of the Church in upon herself; nor is it a referendum about what we ought to believe and practice, nor a matter of human preferences. Rather, it is a process of setting out on the way and, like the disciples of Emmaus, listening to the risen Lord. For he always comes among us to explain the meaning of the Scriptures and to break bread for us, so that we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, carry out his mission in the world.

Just as the two disciples of Emmaus told the others what had taken place along the way (cf. *Lk* 24:35), so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives.

So let us set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ’s missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2023, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

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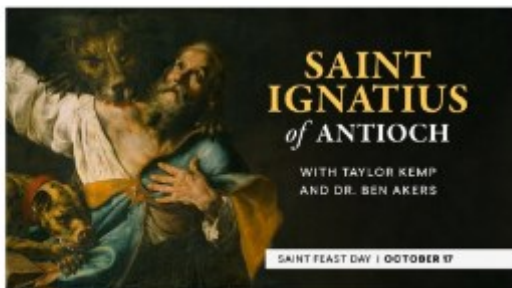
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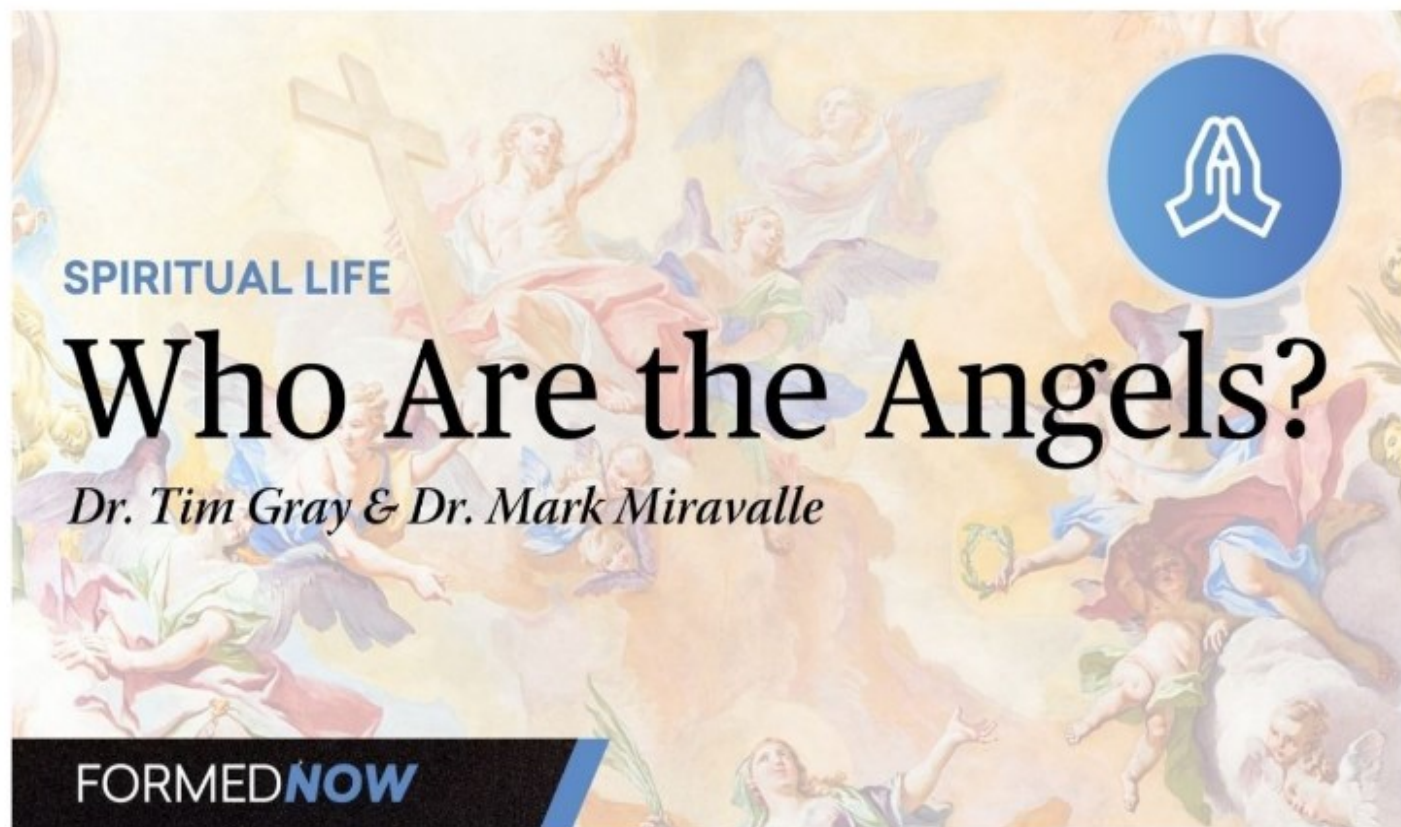
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