

October 8, 2023

8 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

Misa en español 1:00pm

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.”
- Mt 21:42ab

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
— Ps: 5:7a

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

11am: +Chris Clifford
1pm: +A C Donahue

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:00pm: +Ruby Baker

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30am: No Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

11am: +John Torok
1pm: +A C Donahue



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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.



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for the month of
October, 2023*



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October 28, 2023
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**RESPECT
LIFE**

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing.

Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love.



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

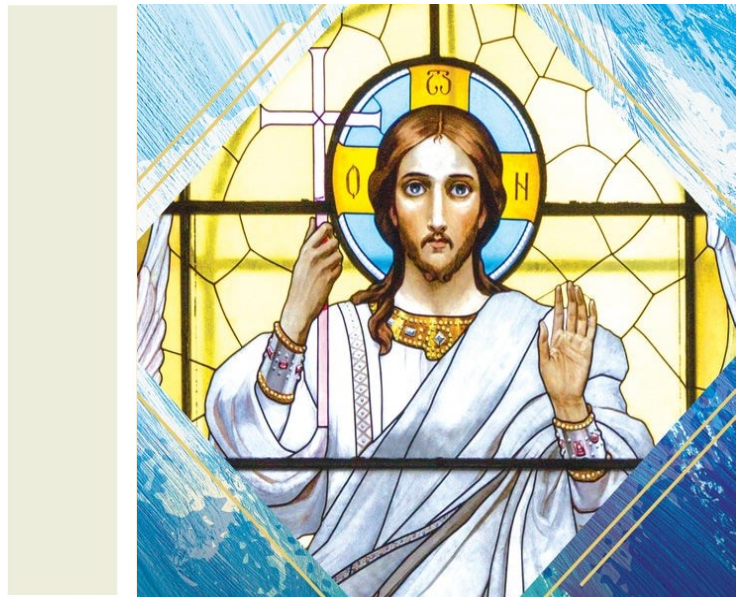
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next 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



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those
tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched
death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

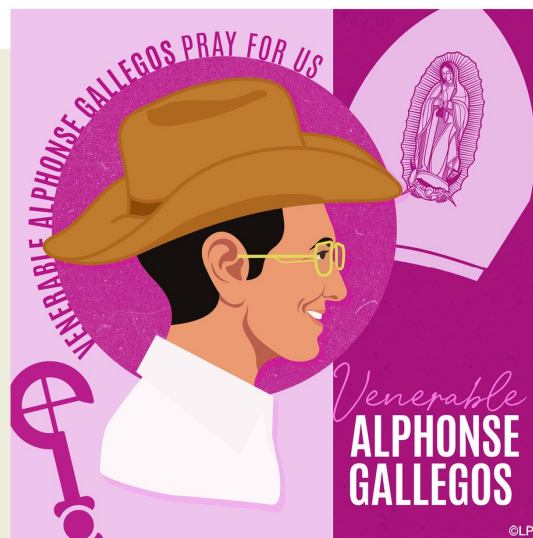
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will
produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one
of us. We must be ready to bring forward the
goodness of God into each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Saturday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, California, in the 1980s. He'd often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios.

Prayer

God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom.

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.augustinianrecollects.org)

Liturgical Life

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:42ab, 43

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God’s anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

Second Reading

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul’s advice could help?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism?



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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... *full*. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer:

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.



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.

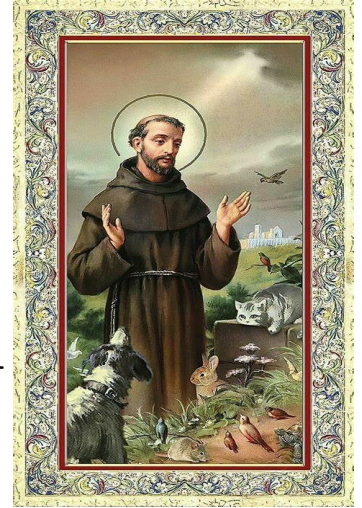
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OUR FASCINATING FAITH St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)

Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy, into the Bernardone family, wealthy merchants engaged in the cloth trade. At the age of twenty he joined the army; after a failed expedition he was captured and suffered a complete breakdown. During his recovery he began to discover God in ordinary life. His encounters with God in the contemplation of nature grew more and more frequent, and he realized that true wealth is in heaven. He began giving away his possessions - and his father's - to the poor. This so enraged his father that he beat Francis and brought him before the bishop. There, Francis stripped naked, renounced his father's goods, and declared that God alone was now his father. Heeding a vision in which he was called by God to "Repair my house," Francis went to rebuild a small church called the Portiuncula. Over time, he was given to understand that what God desired was a spiritual rebuilding of the Church. This call he heeded as well, ultimately founding the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and contrib-



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his angels with
regard to you,
to guard you
wherever you go.

PSALM 91:11

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Angel of God

my guardian dear
to whom God's love
commits me here.

Ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.

Amen



St. Vincent de Paul
Childrens Christmas Program



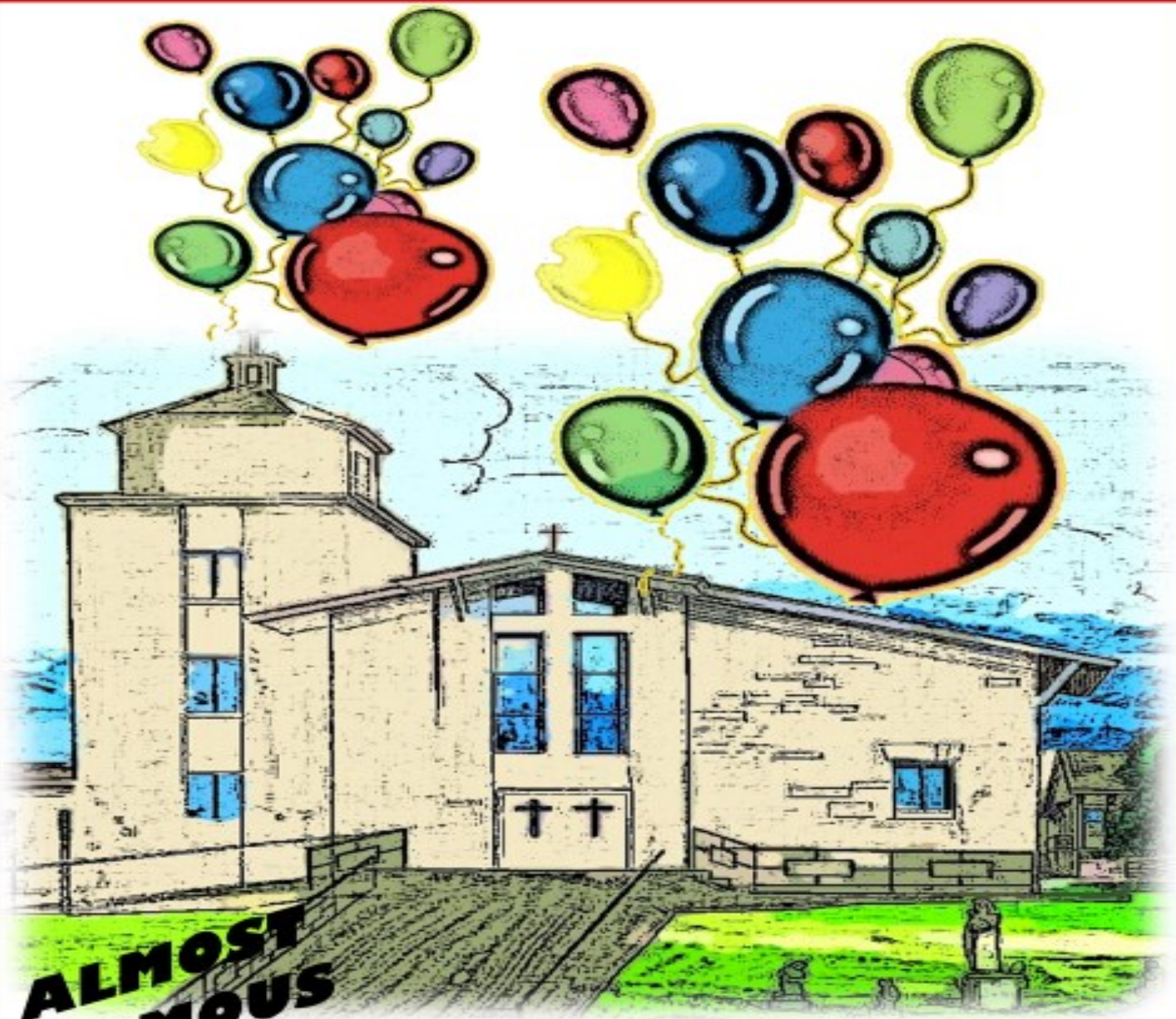
Low income Carroll County families with children ages 1-16 years are eligible for the St. Vincent de Paul Childrens Christmas Program.

Please call 870-423-3572 to schedule your appointment for a Wednesday interview in the month of October with a caseworker . We provide gifts for the children and a bright red Christmas stocking filled with goodies! We also provide a food basket for a family Christmas dinner.

We would appreciate any volunteers to help shop for the children. Call or drop by the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 1844 Hwy 62 West, Berryville, AR 752616.

Also donations of non-perishable food items for the food baskets and goodies for the stockings. Monetary donations are appreciated, please send to the above address.





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Saturday/sábado
October/octubre 7th
2-8pm

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Parish Festival October 7th



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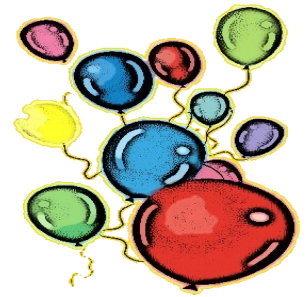


**We still need lots of help!!!
Set up, clean up, Food (prep/cooking/
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booth...Please call the parish office if
you can help out!!!**

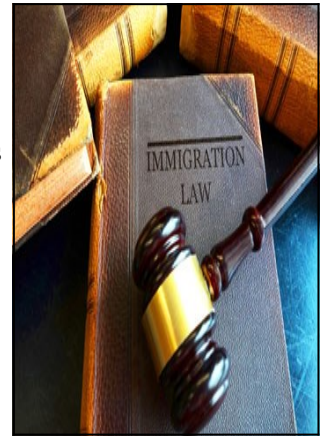
**We are asking each family to please bring
at least 2 desserts. You can bring them to
the parish hall on Friday October 6th or
bring them to the Festival on the 7th.**



We'll see you there!!!



The Department of Homeland Security recently announced it is almost time to re-register for those who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua. The TPS extension would last for 18 months. TPS beneficiaries must re-register for TPS and apply to renew their Employment Authorization Document if they would like work permits that will last until January 2025. It is highly encouraged that you contact a trusted immigration attorney or Catholic Immigration Services soon to learn more about the process. To contact the Little Rock office, call 501-664-0340 and to contact the Springdale office, call 479-927-1996.



Please see below for a list of when each country can re-register:

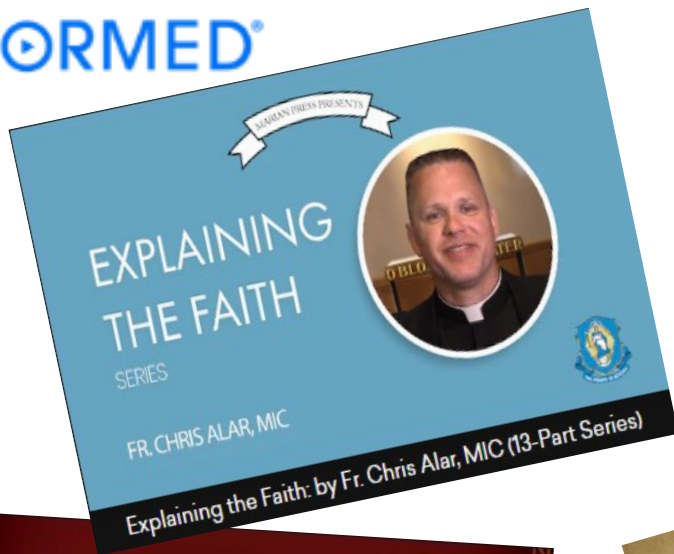
El Salvador: July 12, 2023 to September 10, 2023
Honduras: November 6, 2023 to January 5, 2024
Nepal: October 24, 2023 to December 23, 2023
Nicaragua: November 6, 2023 to January 5, 2024

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.

Consulte la lista de cuándo cada designación puede solicitar reinscripción:

El Salvador: 12 de julio, 2023 a 10 de septiembre, 2023
Honduras: 6 de noviembre, 2023 a 5 de enero, 2024
Nepal: 24 de octubre, 2023 a 23 de diciembre, 2023
Nicaragua: 6 de noviembre, 2023 a 5 de enero, 2024

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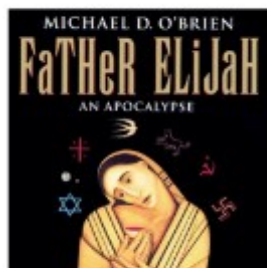
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John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

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Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



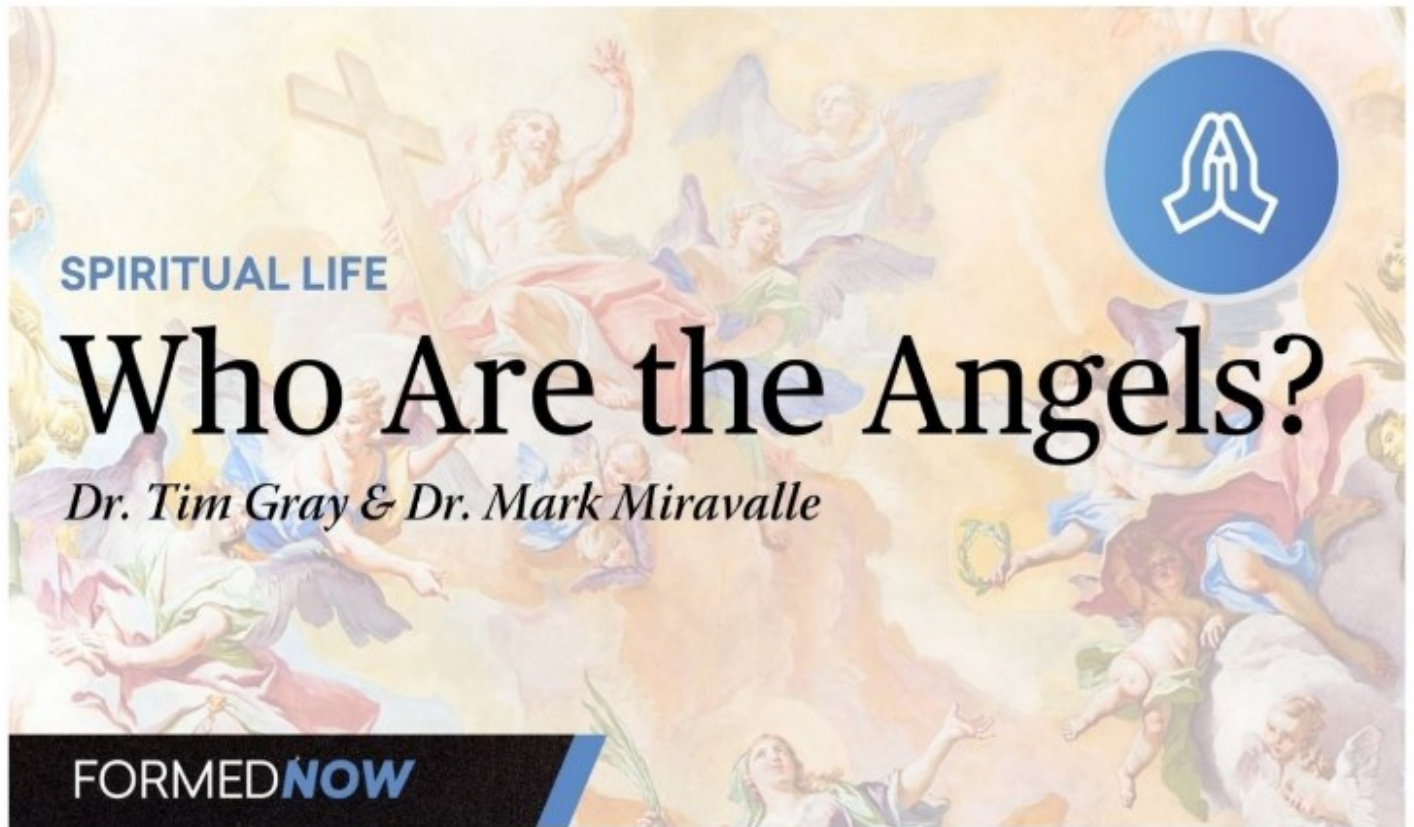
Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

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