

February 18, 2024

18 de Febrero de 2024

# 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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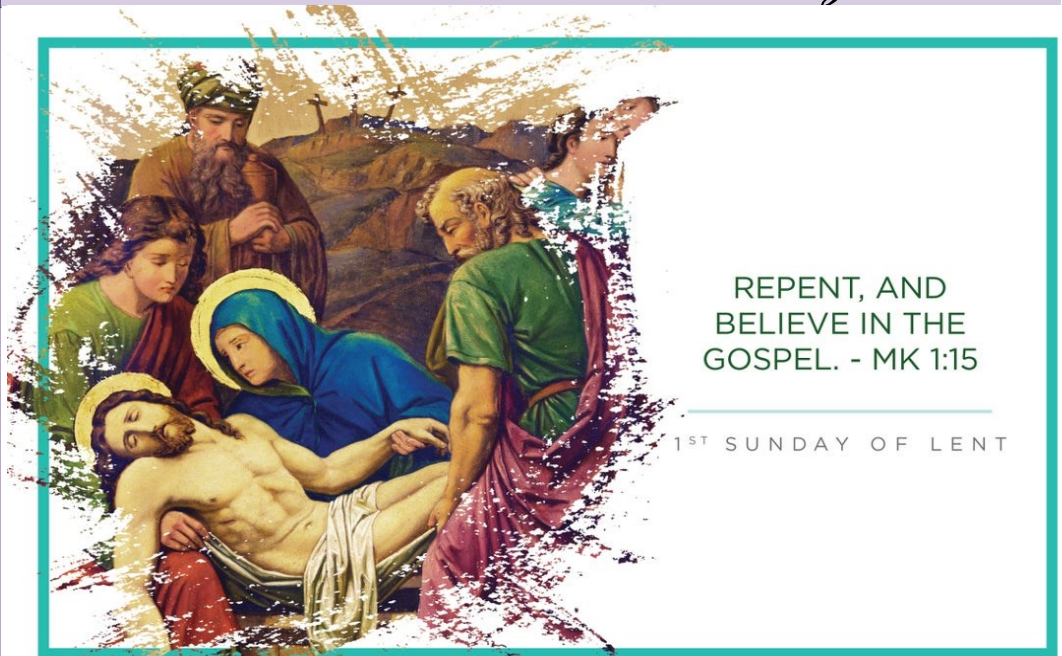
Jesse Fernandez de Lara

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Jeneanne Duncan



REPENT, AND  
BELIEVE IN THE  
GOSPEL. - MK 1:15

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

## ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT/ ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

is on every Wednesday at 5:00pm and every First Friday from 7pm to 8am/ es todos los miércoles a las 5pm y todos los primeros viernes de 7pm a 8am.

## 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.

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

11am: Parishioner Special Intention  
1pm: Esperanza Avela

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6pm: +Eric Grear

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30am: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11am: +Crispin Tellez Vega  
1pm: +Yadira Fernandez de Lara



Please Pray For:

**Terry & Pat Dean, Del Waller, Allen Nieves, Andrew Tovar, 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.**



This week we are taking up the Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**



Photo: Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgins of Mary

*Our Seminaricians  
for the month of  
February, 2024*



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**Ethan  
Harris**



Sunday Collections for 2/11/2024

Regular Collections: \$2,897.00  
Building Collections: \$79.00  
Local Charities: \$106.00

**2024 Mass for Hope and Healing / Misa de Esperanza y Sanación 2024**

**What:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**When:** Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

*Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant*


**Qué:** Para orar por la sanación de los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil, y para conmemorar el mes de abril como el Mes Nacional de Prevención contra el Abuso Infantil.

**Cuándo:** Domingo, 14 de abril, a las 5:30 p.m.


**Dónde:** Catedral de San Andrés, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**Quién:** Cualquier persona que esté interesada en orar por las víctimas, sus familias y amigos.

*El Obispo Anthony B. Taylor celebrará la Misa*



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.



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# **Stations of the Cross**

## **Estaciones de la Cruz**



**Fridays during lent**  
**Viernes durante la cuaresma**

**St. Anne/Santa Ana**

**5pm in English/ en Ingles**

**6pm in Spanish/en Español**

**St. Elizabeth/Santa Isabel**

**Mass at 12noon at the parish center followed by**

**Stations of the Cross/**

**Misa a las 12 del mediodía en el centro**

**parroquial seguida del Vía Crucis**

# *St. Elizabeth Church*

## **FRIED CATFISH**

### **DINNER**

*Feb. 23,  
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Dessert*

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## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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February 12, 2024

To the People of the Diocese of Little Rock,

A petition is currently being circulated in Arkansas to place an amendment on our November 2024 voting ballots that would change our state constitution to allow abortions until 18 weeks after conception. As Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, I urge all Catholics and all people of good will not to sign this petition.

During this campaign to enshrine abortion in our constitution, we expect that our media will be flooded with emotional propaganda. We should all know the truth about abortion and women's healthcare.<sup>1</sup> Abortion, the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb, is never morally permissible. Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication. It is not the same as treatment for miscarriage, because in miscarriage the baby has already died. Banning abortion does not prevent women from receiving true healthcare that they need. In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that indirectly and unintentionally lead to the death of an unborn child— but this is not abortion.

This radical amendment would also strip our government from protecting women and their unborn children by gutting the state's regulatory laws like requiring parental consent before a minor has an abortion, informed consent and ultrasound requirements, or abortion facility inspection. Arkansas would be unable to protect unborn children who can already feel pain from dismemberment abortion.

The citizens of Arkansas share in the responsibility to legally protect every human life from conception to natural death. It is critical that all registered voters decline to sign the petition to allow the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November 2024 ballot. Rather than abortion, women should be provided love, compassion, and support through pregnancy and into each child's early years. Together we can protect the lives of thousands of innocent babies.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock

<sup>1</sup> USCCB infographic. 2022. *The Truth about Abortion and Women's Health*

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Women's%20Health%20Infographic.pdf?bcx-agent-scanner=d280fd9b-a0ed-954b-9122-71e074e6e2e6>



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12 de febrero, 2024

Al Pueblo de la Diócesis de Little Rock:

Se está circulando una petición en Arkansas para incluir una enmienda en nuestras boletas de votación de noviembre de 2024 que cambiaría nuestra constitución estatal para permitir abortos inducidos hasta 18 semanas después de la concepción. Como Obispo de la Diócesis de Little Rock, insto a todos los católicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a no firmar esta petición.

Durante esta campaña para consagrar el aborto inducido en nuestra constitución, esperamos que nuestros medios se vean inundados de propaganda emocional. Todos deberíamos saber la verdad sobre el aborto inducido y la atención médica de la mujer.<sup>1</sup> El aborto inducido, la muerte directa e intencional de un niño en el útero, nunca es moralmente permisible. El aborto inducido nunca es médicamente necesario. No trata ni soluciona ninguna complicación relacionada con el embarazo. No es lo mismo que el tratamiento del aborto espontáneo, porque en el aborto espontáneo el bebé ya ha muerto. Prohibir el aborto inducido no impide que las mujeres reciban la verdadera atención médica que necesitan. En casos raros, y en ausencia de mejores alternativas, las condiciones de salud materna que ponen en peligro la vida pueden requerir intervenciones que indirecta e involuntariamente causen la muerte del feto, pero esto no es un aborto inducido.

Esta enmienda radical también despojaría a nuestro gobierno de la capacidad de proteger a las mujeres y a sus hijos no nacidos al eliminar las leyes regulatorias del estado, como exigir el consentimiento de los padres antes de que una menor tenga un aborto, el consentimiento informado y los requisitos de ultrasonido, o la inspección de las instalaciones de aborto. Arkansas no podría proteger a los niños no nacidos que ya pueden sentir dolor por el aborto por desmembramiento.

Los ciudadanos de Arkansas comparten la responsabilidad de proteger legalmente cada vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Es crucial que todos los votantes registrados se nieguen a firmar la petición para permitir la Enmienda sobre el Aborto de Arkansas ("Arkansas Abortion Amendment") en la boleta electoral de noviembre de 2024. En lugar de un aborto inducido, las mujeres deberían recibir amor, compasión y apoyo durante el embarazo y los primeros años de cada niño. Juntos podemos proteger las vidas de miles de bebés inocentes.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+Anthony B. Taylor  
Obispo de Little Rock

<sup>1</sup>USCCB infografía. 2022. *La verdad sobre el aborto y la salud de la mujer*. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-22-womens-health-infographic-spn.pdf?bcs-agent-scanner=edc2b7bb-ebf4-3447-b12b-a187e2b15d3c>

# The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

**Abortion does not save women's lives.**

**Abortion** is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

**Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.**

**Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.**

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

**Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.**

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients.

**Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

**Ectopic pregnancies** result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

**When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion.** Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

**Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>**

*If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) for more information.*

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# La verdad sobre el **aborto** y la salud de la mujer

**El aborto no salva la vida a las mujeres.**

**El aborto** es el **asesinato** directo e **intencional** de un niño en el seno materno.

**El aborto nunca es una necesidad médica.** No trata ni soluciona ninguna complicación relacionada con el embarazo.

**Prohibir un aborto no afectará el tratamiento para un aborto espontáneo.**

**El tratamiento para un aborto espontáneo y un aborto no es lo mismo.**

Hay una total diferencia moral y jurídica entre perder un hijo por un aborto espontáneo y quitar la vida a un hijo de manera intencional.

En el caso trágico de un aborto espontáneo, puede ser necesaria una cirugía, y esta constituye un tratamiento ético— para quitar los restos de un niño no nacido que *ya murió*.

Aunque la misma cirugía se hace en un aborto, los abortos imponen este procedimiento en un **hijo vivo** con la **intención** de terminar su vida.

**Las mujeres pueden conseguir tratamientos necesarios para salvarles la vida sin recurrir a un aborto.**

En raros casos, y si no hay mejores alternativas, si hay afecciones de salud maternal que pongan en riesgo la vida se pueden requerir intervenciones que indirectamente **y sin intención tengan como resultado la muerte de un niño en el seno materno**. Las restricciones en los abortos **no impedirán que las mujeres reciban estos tratamientos**.

Cuando la vida de la madre y del hijo están en peligro inminente, el objetivo es bregar para salvar a ambos pacientes. **Existen tratamientos efectivos que buscan salvar la vida de la madre y nunca dañar intencionalmente a su hijo en el vientre.**

Cuando la vida de una mujer está en riesgo durante el embarazo, se puede realizar un parto prematuro como una intervención médica para salvar la vida con la intención de preservar la vida de la madre y del hijo.<sup>1</sup>

**Los embarazos ectópicos** ocurren cuando un embrión se implanta fuera del útero, por lo general en las trompas de Falopio. Lamentablemente los embriones no pueden sobrevivir y esta afección puede implicar graves riesgos para la madre. Aunque los embarazos ectópicos a veces se resuelven de manera natural, las intervenciones por lo general son necesarias.

**Cuando se hace de manera ética, el tratamiento para un embarazo ectópico no constituye un aborto.** Las intervenciones éticas implican quitar la trompa de Falopio dañada que contiene el embrión o, si el embrión ya murió, se puede usar medicación para solucionar el embarazo ectópico.

**Conclusión: Las restricciones al aborto nunca impiden que las mujeres reciban el tratamiento que les salve la vida.<sup>2</sup>**

*Si tú o alguien que conoces está teniendo dificultades después de participar en un aborto, la Iglesia ofrece ayuda confidencial y compasiva por medio del Ministerio Proyecto Raquel. Visite [www.esperanzaposaborto.org](http://www.esperanzaposaborto.org) para más información.*

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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

### Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

### Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

### Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,  
16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/  
Mk 9:2-10



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— *Father John Muir*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you."  
(Gn 9:8-10)

### Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who  
keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

### Gospel:

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

## Observances for the week of February 18, 2024

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** Presidents' Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
**Friday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

## Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,  
This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”  
- Mk 1:14-15

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God’s love for us?

### Second Reading

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

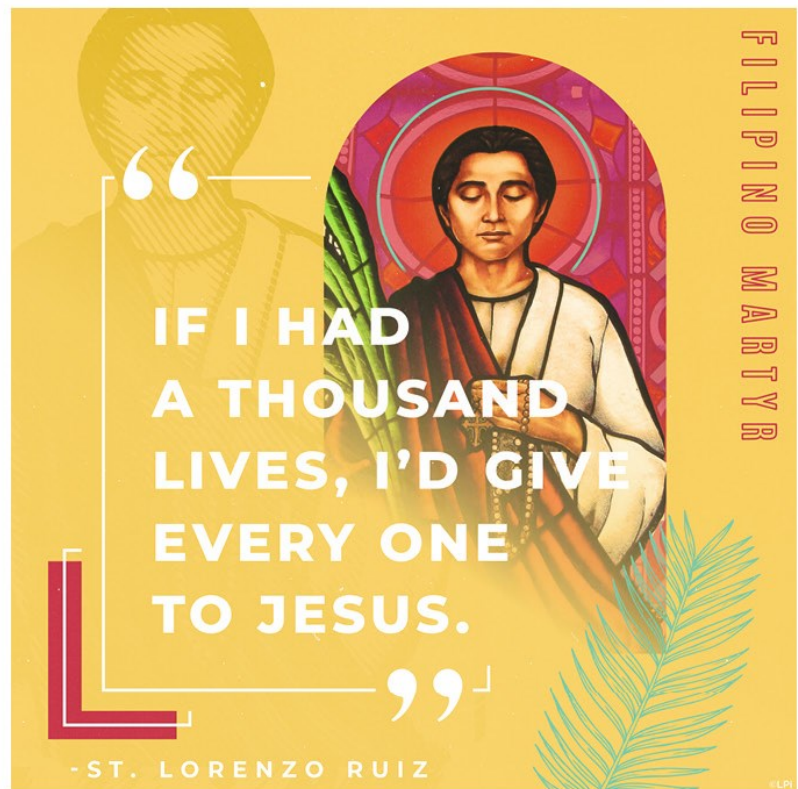
### Gospel Reading

After a brief report of Jesus’ temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?



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# Liturgical Life

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

*"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.



# PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

## National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – February 2024

The Church in America is journeying with our bishops to the National Eucharistic Congress in July. We are on the Road to Emmaus with them, our hearts burning with love for the Eucharistic Lord!



### THE PRIESTHOOD IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MYSTERY

#### Eucharistic Saint



**St. Philip Neri (1515-1595)** In a period of great upheaval, the Roman priest St. Philip Neri ministered to the people of his diocese, particularly the youth, whom he cared for diligently. St. Philip was so devoted to the Eucharist that he would fall into ecstasy during his celebration of the Mass, remaining in that state for long periods. He has been called the “pilgrim of Eucharistic joy”!

#### Back to Basics

**MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD:** The priest who stands at the altar expresses the very essence of his priesthood in a Eucharistic way, *through sacrifice and intercession*. These are the essential elements of the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ Himself:



1. The Book of Hebrews says that Jesus, “has a priesthood that does not pass away [so] he lives forever to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25-26).
2. The Catechism reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are *one single sacrifice*: “The victim is one and the same: [Christ] offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.” (CCC, 1336)

In short: our priests pray and sacrifice for us, which is their way of imitating Christ the High Priest.

#### Calls to Action



**Prayer for Vocations** – Pope Paul VI said that religious vocations are “the fruit of communities united in prayer.” This means that families and parishes must “*pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest*” (Mt. 9:38).

**Encouragement** – Young men and women who feel attracted to religious life need much encouragement to embrace the call. Make sure to reach out to vocations prospects in your family and community to let them know how much they are appreciated and needed.

*“If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place.” ~ St. John Vianney*

#### National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Make sure to keep up to date on the National Eucharistic Revival at the Bishops’ central website: [www.EucharisticRevival.org](http://www.EucharisticRevival.org). For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, please see [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). You can also get the *Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards* at [www.SitStandKneel.com](http://www.SitStandKneel.com) for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!

# PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

## FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

TUE FEB 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Japanese Martyrs
WED FEB 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
THU FEB 22	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

*Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™*

### → MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

*February 2024 – February is a month of contrasts. We barely finish the Christmas season when we are thrown into the penitential season of Lent. It is a good time to remember and help those around us who are suffering. It is also an important time to pray for the peace of mind and heart that can only come from the Spirit of Christ.*

### THE MORNING OFFERING

It has been a pious tradition throughout Church history for the faithful to make an offering of themselves and their activities to the Lord at the beginning of each day. Catholics consecrate every aspect of our lives (works, prayers, joys and sufferings) to Christ at the first waking moment of the day with the intention of living our Christian vocation to the fullest.

The great monastic religious orders developed a system of prayer throughout the day, which is called the *Liturgy of the Hours*, but the laity are not deprived of this beautiful prayer tradition either! A French Jesuit, Fr. Francois Xavier Gautrelet, composed a Morning Offering (also called the Daily Offering) in 1844, which has become well-known for its simplicity and beauty. He established a ministry called the Apostleship of Prayer, which even today propagates the Morning Offering.

### BIBLE BASICS



The Bible contains an amazing amount of references to morning prayer: **Abraham** (Gen 19:27), **Jacob** (Gen 28:16), **Moses** (Gen 34:4), **Joshua** (Josh 6:15), the Prophet **Samuel's parents** (1 Sam 1:19), among others. The **Psalms** are also full of references to prayer in the early hours (Psalms 5, 57, 90, 119, 143).

Above all, **Jesus Himself** "rose early in the morning" to pray to His Father (Mt 28:1; Mk 51:35) giving us our best example of the Daily Offering of self to the mission of the Father.

As you pray this Offering, keep in mind that you are united with the entire Church at prayer, from the most pious nuns and monks in their monasteries to the simplest believers on all five continents:

### THE MORNING OFFERING

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my works, prayers, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart. I offer them in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.*

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that this practice of "offering up" the sacrifices of the day is a way of participating in Christ's ongoing redemption of the world. Allow this beautiful prayer—through daily recitation—to transform your faith practice into a continual offering of yourself to God from the first moment of every day.

### THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS



Ponder the fact that God has made you a gardener of your soul, to root out vice and plant virtue. ~ *St. Catherine of Siena*

"All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be." ~ *St Francis de Sales*

### SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

During the Lenten Season let us challenge ourselves to make the Daily Offering a habit in our lives, if it is not already. We can challenge ourselves to memorize this short prayer too! By increasing our habit of offering our words, actions, prayers and sufferings to the Lord on a daily basis, we become His instruments and grow in holiness.



## FAITH FUNDAMENTALS



### The Cardinal Virtues

Cardinal in Latin means “hinge”. Simply put, all other human virtues hang on them like a door hangs on its hinges. The Cardinal Virtues help us manage the complexities of the world, and we acquire them by education and by deliberate practice (CCC, 1810).

**Prudence** is a virtue of the mind. It trains us think about the world, its qualities and its pitfalls. It helps us assess the possible consequences of our own actions and urges us to evaluate decisions ahead of time so that we can “do the right thing” in all circumstances.

**Justice** means that we “give to each person what is due to him.” It is the virtue that regulates our interactions with others. Justice assures that *rights* go together with *responsibilities*. The essence of Justice is the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Matthew 7:12).

**Fortitude** helps us to persevere through difficult things in order to reap the rewards of long-term sacrifice. It can mean pushing ourselves to achieve something difficult or standing strong in the face of adversity. In a spiritual sense, it means resisting temptation and making efforts to overcome our own personal faults that are obstacles to God’s grace.

The final Cardinal Virtue—**Temperance**—regulates our appetites. It helps us develop some valuable human habits like self-control, boundary-setting, moderation and modesty.

## CALENDAR OF FAITH | February

FEB 2 <i>Fri</i>		Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
FEB 3 <i>Sat</i>		St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr (Blessing of Throats)
FEB 5 <i>Mon</i>		St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
FEB 6 <i>Tue</i>		St. Paul Miki and Companions, Japanese Martyrs
FEB 8 <i>Thu</i>		St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
FEB 10 <i>Sat</i>		St. Scholastica, Virgin
FEB 11 <i>Sun</i>		Our Lady of Lourdes
FEB 14 <i>Wed</i>		ASH WEDNESDAY (NOTE: This is not a holy day of obligation; the Season of Lent begins).
FEB 14 <i>Wed</i>		Saints Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
FEB 17 <i>Sat</i>		Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
FEB 21 <i>Wed</i>		St. Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
FEB 22 <i>Thu</i>		FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
FEB 23 <i>Fri</i>		St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

## CATECHISM CONNECTION



**1804** Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good.

## Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

*[All monthly prayers in this section can be found on the Official Prayers in the Pew Eucharistic Revival Prayer Card and are dedicated to the Eucharist.]*

### Act of Adoration

We adore You, most holy Lord, Jesus Christ, here and in all Your churches of the whole world, and we bless You, because by Your cross You have redeemed the world. Have mercy on us.

*~Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*



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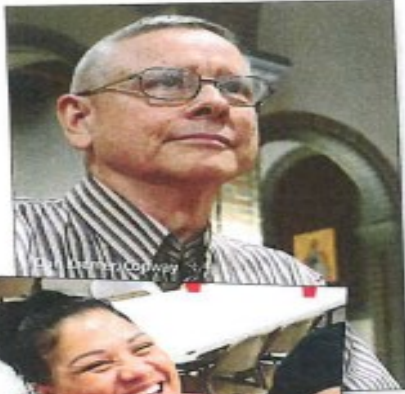
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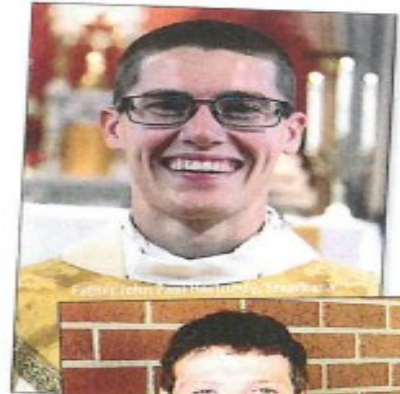


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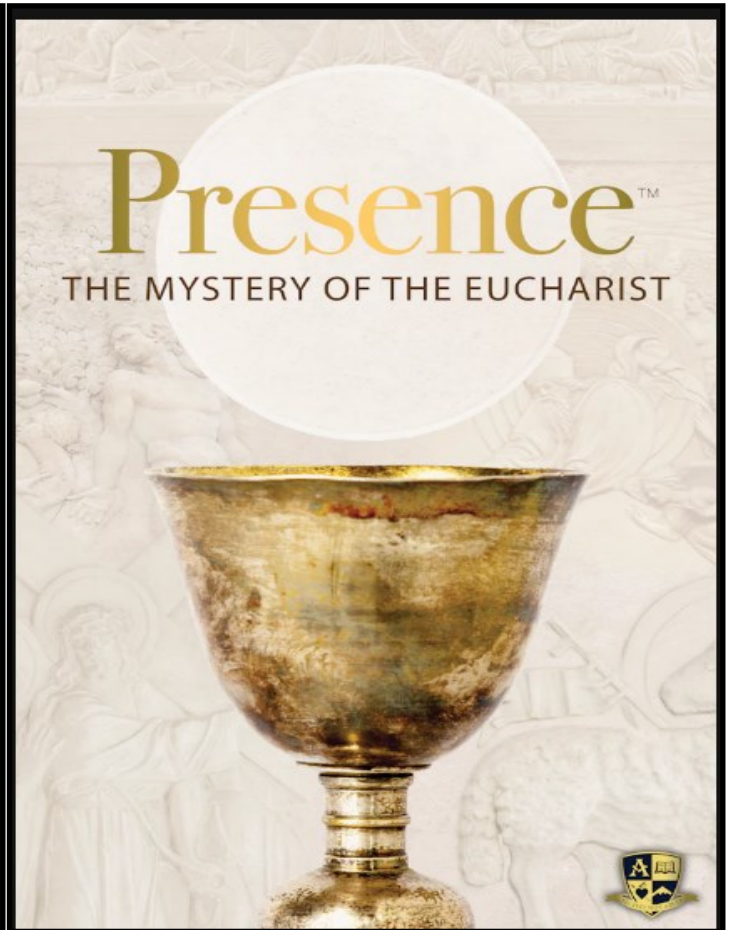
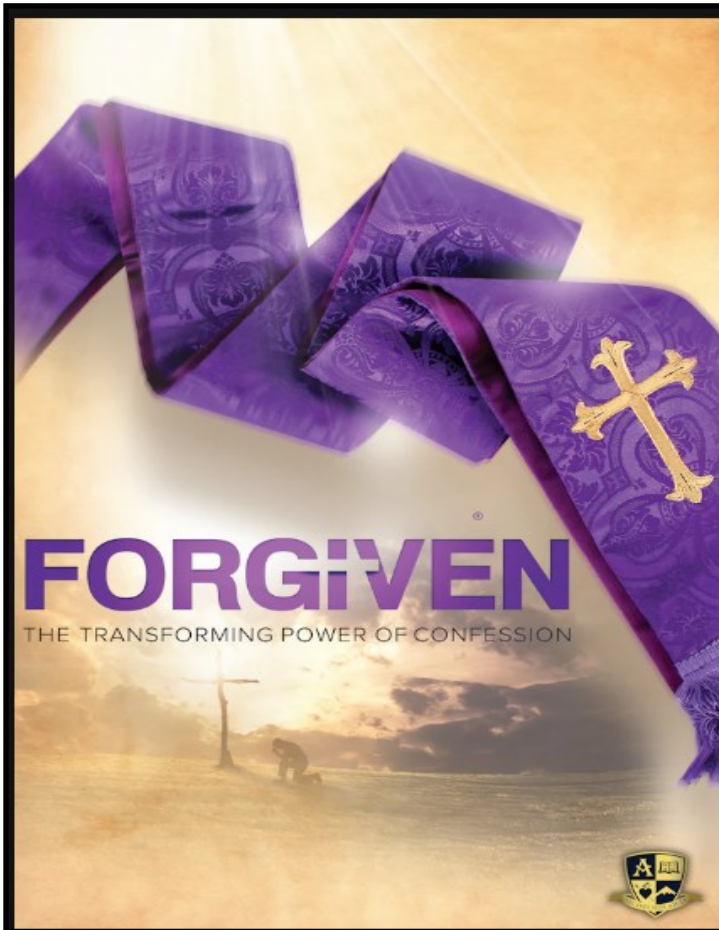
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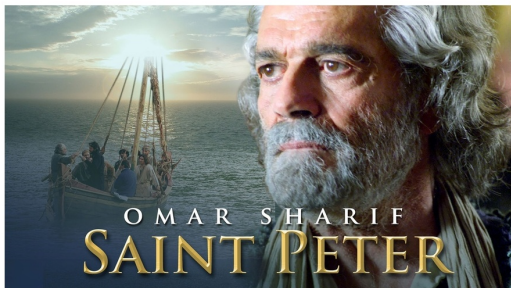
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