

February 9, 2025

9 de Febrero de 2025

SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA DE SANTA ANA

Berryville, AR

Mass Schedule/

Horario de misas

Wednesday/Miercoles 6pm

Saturday/Sabado 8:30am

Sunday/Domingo

Mass in English 11:00am

Misa en español 1:00pm

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5th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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 the following morning. / es todos los miércoles a las 5:00 pm y el primer viernes de 7:00 pm a 8:00 am la mañana siguiente.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11am: The Hudspeth Family
1pm: Familia Niño Trujillo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6pm: NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
8:30am: NO MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11am: +Manuel Ibarra Mejia
1pm: Familia Niño Vargas



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for the month of
February, 2025*

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**Quinton
Thomas**



Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, February 9
Lector: Tim Dennis
Extraord. Ministers: Sommer Paine, Linda Roe,
Kathy Clark, Connie Doss

Sunday, February 16
Lector: Connie Doss
Extraord. Ministers: Margie Kyle, Clarelyse Krajeski,
Sommer Paine, Terry Dean




Please Pray For

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus
Fried Catfish Dinners
March 7, March 21, April 4
5:00pm-7:00pm
Parish Hall
\$15/\$18





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

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by Pope Francis.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

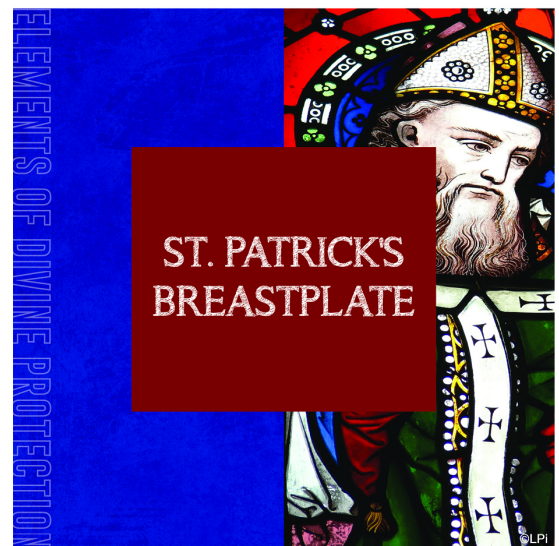
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places
where I am unfamiliar, be with
me. When you invite me to a
mission I feel ill-equipped to
handle, give me your strength.
Help me to leave everything
and follow you.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday:

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

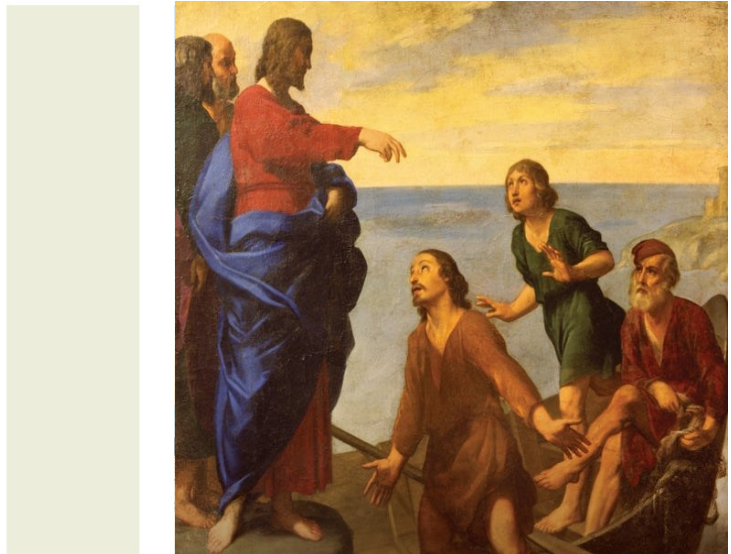
Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *Father John Muir*

Simon said in reply,
“Master, we have worked
hard all night and have
caught nothing, but at
your command I will
lower the nets.” When
they had done this, they
caught a great number
of fish and their nets
were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah eagerly accepted God’s call to serve once his sin was removed. What helps you be open to serve others?

Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus’s death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

Gospel:

In Jesus’ call of the first disciples, we see Peter’s obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

THU FEB 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Japanese Martyrs
TUE FEB 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
SAT FEB 22	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

February 2025 – February gives us a glance at Ordinary Time before we plunge into Lent in early March. We should use this time in an “ordinary” month to renew our prayer lives and strengthen our devotions. The angels and saints always assist us in our every attempt to draw closer to God.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

The Church has always encouraged the faithful to pray the Guardian Angel Prayer to strengthen our spiritual relationship with our personal angel. The traditional Guardian Angel Prayer dates back to the 11th century – nearly a thousand years ago! An English Benedictine monk named Reginald composed the prayer *Angele Dei* and added it to the writings of St. Anselm.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

*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.*

Note that the prayer outlines four duties of angels on our behalf. First, they enlighten us. Angels are great teachers! We often fail in the moral or spiritual life through lack of understanding. We should often ask our guardian angel for light from God to help us know His will, particularly when we are facing a big decision.

Second, our angels guard us, which is obvious from their name. While they do protect us from physical harm and accidents at times, that is not their main mission. Every guardian angel's primary duty is to protect us from the greater spiritual dangers of demons and sin.

When we ask our guardian angels to “rule” us, we are asking them to help us form good habits in the moral and spiritual life so that we can live according to

God's law. Angels are often depicted as soldiers or warriors because they help us maintain a healthy spiritual discipline.

Finally, our Guardian Angels “guide” us on our journey of life, which reminds us of the way in which the Archangel Raphael guided Tobias on his journey in the Book of Tobit. Angels know the way to Heaven, and we should ask their help very day to get there!



“No, I am pretty sure it's do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you.”

BIBLE BASICS



Exodus 23:23.25 “My angel will go before you and... you shall serve the LORD, your God; then he will bless your food and drink, and I will remove sickness from your midst.”

Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

This month's challenge is to nurture devotion to your guardian angel and ask your angel for an increase of grace to live your Catholic faith more robustly, especially as we approach the holy season of Lent. Let us learn to trust our holy angel's guidance in all things.

— FAITH FUNDAMENTALS —



Catechesis on God's Holy Angels

We live in an age of fascination with angels, but we must always remember that not all angels are good angels (2 Corinthians 11:14). So, to protect ourselves from false ideas and distortions about angels, we turn to the solid teaching of the Church:

They are Pure Spirits – First of all, the Church recognizes that angels are purely spiritual beings, not composed of any material substance whatsoever, even though they can enter the material world and appear in human form. (It is said that St John Bosco's guardian angel appeared to him as a large, grey dog!)

They are Messengers – The name "angel" in both Hebrew and Greek means "messenger", which designates the primary function of angels. They communicate God's messages to humanity. We have only to think of the glorious Archangel Gabriel, who greeted the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation to see the most perfect example of an angel messenger.

They are Missionaries – All angels are "sent" by God to perform some function or mission to human beings. In addition to being messengers, they are ambassadors, emissaries, or actors in implementing God's will. In the Bible, angels free people from jail (Peter), direct the disciples to new missions (Paul), and even facilitate marriage (Tobias and Sarah), among other functions.

They Assist us in Prayer – Finally, we must never forget that angels' primary task is to worship God. The Lord said that our angels "*behold the face of God in heaven*" (Matthew 18:10). Most powerfully, the Book of Revelation (8:3-4) shows an angel offering up the prayers of the faithful like incense that rises to God's throne.

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs." ~ *Saint Francis de Sales*

"That God whom we desire to see and hold before us, is always ready to come to our assistance. Always faithful to his promises and seeing us fighting valiantly, he will send us his angels to sustain us in the trial."

~ *St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

Featured Prayer for February Evening Offering

O my God, at the end of this day I thank You most heartily for all the graces I have received from You. I am sorry that I have not made a better use of them. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed against You. Forgive me, O my God, and graciously protect me this night. Blessed Virgin Mary, my dear heavenly mother, take me under your protection. St. Joseph, my dear Guardian Angel, and all you saints of God, pray for me. Sweet Jesus, have pity on all poor sinners and save them from hell. Have mercy on the suffering souls in purgatory.

(This prayer is taken from the Prayers in the Pew Family Edition Prayer Card. Please refer to our website SitStandKneel.com for the online version of this newsletter and all our prayer cards.)

— CATECHISM CONNECTION —



336 – From its beginning until death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil). Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | February

FEB 2	Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
FEB 3	St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr (Blessing of Throats)
FEB 5	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
FEB 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Japanese Martyrs
FEB 8	St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
FEB 10	St. Scholastica, Virgin
FEB 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
FEB 14	Saints Cyril and Methodius, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
FEB 17	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
FEB 21	St. Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
FEB 22	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
FEB 23	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

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Helping Catholics to Learn, Live, and Love their Faith.

Immigration Message January 23, 2025



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mensaje sobre inmigración 23 de enero de 2025



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

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

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

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

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

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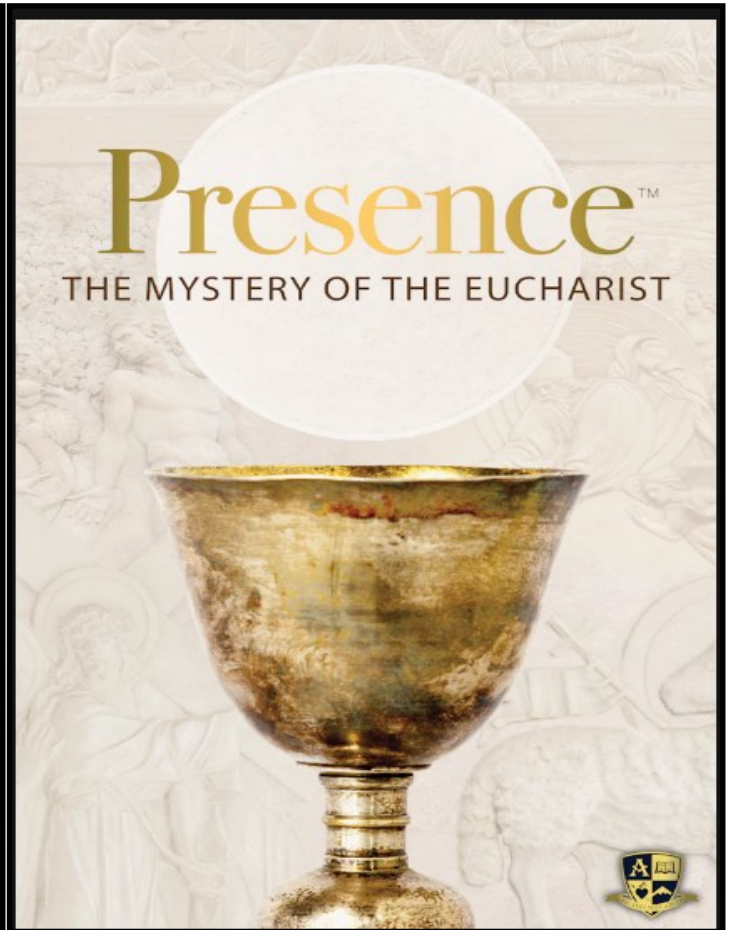
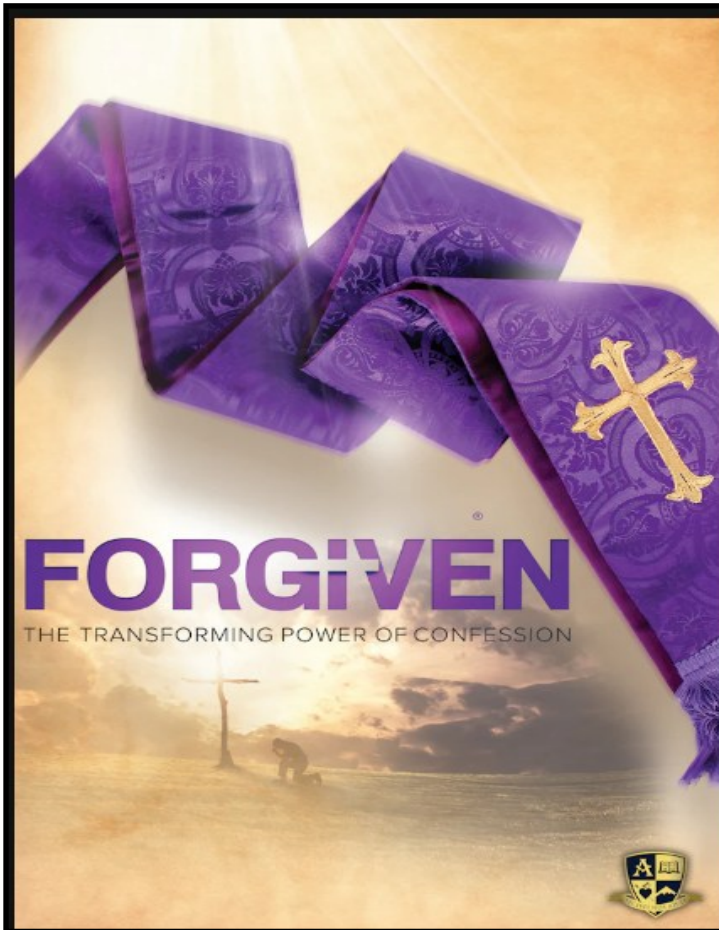
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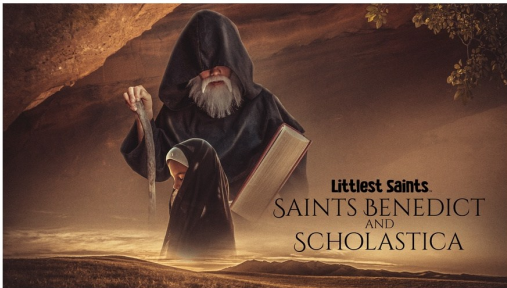
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