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# March 31, 2024 SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH 31 de Marzo de 2024 IGLESIA DE SANTA ANA

Berryville, GR



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#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 **EASTER VIGIL** 

8:00pm: +Maria Elena Reyes

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

11am: Anne Brenneke +Anselmo Preciado Almeida 1pm:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

+Ernesto Valle 6pm:

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30am: Adriana Rodriguez

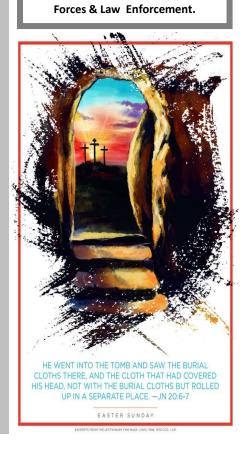
SUNDAY, APRIL 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11am: Jason & Cindy Hudlow Isabella Knapik & Maria Barahona 1pm:





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

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

<u>What</u>: 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

<u>Qué:</u> 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

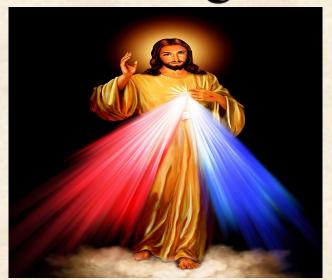


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# Divine Mercy Yard Signs



# Señales de jardín de la Divina Misericordia

Next week, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have Divine Mercy yard signs for sale. They come in three different sizes and prices range from \$20—\$45.

La próxima semana, el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, tendremos a la venta carteles de jardín de la Divina Misericordia. Vienen en tres tamaños diferentes y los precios oscilan entre 20 y 45 dólares.





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A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of March 31, 2024

#### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

#### Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

#### **Tuesday:**

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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#### **Gospel Meditation**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

- Father John Muir

### **Weekly** Prayer

#### **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading:**

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,

not to all the people, but to us.

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

#### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

#### **Second Reading:**

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Or:

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. (1 Cor 5:7)

#### Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

# Observances for the week of March 31, 2024

**Sunday:** Easter Sunday

**Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter;

April Fools' Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



#### Saint of the week

Venerable Francis-Xavier
Nguyễn Văn Thuận, was a
cardinal from Huế, Vietnam.
Imprisoned for his faith for 13
years, nine of which were in
solitary confinement, he never
stopped preaching, even from
scraps of prison paper. Once
released, he continued to serve
the Church until his death.

#### **Prayer of Blessing**

Dear Lord,

Pour your blessings upon us today, we who trust in your name and call upon you. Send us your Spirit, enlighten our hearts, fill our lives with your abundance. Amen.

### **Liturgical** Life

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

- Jn 20:8-9

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#### **Questions of the Week**

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

#### **Second Reading**

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

#### **Gospel Question**

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?



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### **Liturgical** Life

# CATHOLIC

#### What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."" — John 20:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

#### **Answer:**

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aguinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.





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## National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – March 2024

During the National Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded of our need to be spiritually prepared to receive our Eucharistic Lord. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus discovered Him in the breaking of bread.



#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EUCHARISTIC FAST

#### **Eucharistic Saint**

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769 -1852) – This French nun was a Sacred Heart Sister who came to evangelize the Native American tribes in the mission territory of St. Louis, Missouri. She could not learn the native languages so she spent countless hours praying before the Eucharist for the other missionary sisters instead. The Indians gave her the name of "The Woman Who Prays Always."

#### **Back to Basics**

THE EUCHARISTIC FAST: Bodily fasting before receiving a spiritual gift has a long history in our tradition. Moses fasted for forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28), and the prophet Elijah journeyed for forty days through the desert before his experience of God on the mountain (I Kgs 19:8).

The Eucharistic Fast has the same effect on us: it prepares us to be worthy vessels in which to receive our Eucharistic Lord. Canon Law states: "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." (Canon 919)

Physical mortification before receiving Communion makes us spiritually receptive to His grace.

#### **Faith in Action**



Two Exceptions – If a priest must celebrate more than one Mass in a day, he is obliged to keep the Eucharistic fast only before the first Mass. Likewise, the elderly, the sick, and those who care for them may receive Communion if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

Twice In a Day – It sometimes happens that the faithful wish to receive the Eucharist more than once in a day. The Church allows a person who has already received the Eucharist to receive a second time on the same day, but it must be within a Mass (Canon 917).

"May my heart ever hunger for Thee and be nourished by Thee, whose sight the angels desire; may my innermost soul be filled by the sweetness of thy savor and ever thirst for Thee, the fount of life, the fount of wisdom and science, the fount of eternal life, the torrent of joy, the plentitude of the house of God. ~ St. Bonaventure

#### National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Make sure to keep up to date on the National Eucharistic Revival at the Bishops' central website: <a href="https://www.EucharisticRevival.org">www.EucharisticRevival.org</a>. For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, please see <a href="https://www.eucharisticcongress.org">www.eucharisticcongress.org</a>. You can also get the Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards at <a href="https://www.sitStandKneel.com">www.sitStandKneel.com</a> for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!

# PRAYERS

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR/HIGHLIGHTS

THU MAR 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

SUN MAR 17

St. Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland

SUN MAR 31

Easter Sunday

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

#### → MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

March 2024 – Lent takes up all of March this year and leads us into Holy Week at the very end of the month. It is a time of preparation and deep listening to the voice of the Lord. Lent is also a penitential season in which we aim to overcome our sinful tendencies and strengthen our spiritual lives. The Act of Contrition helps us truly understand our need for Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

#### THE ACT OF CONTRITION

The devil has great power to tempt us to sin, however, his power is not infinite (*CCC*, 395). God has provided a way to break sin's power over us: namely, by repentance. Repentance is the antidote to sin.

To help us spiritually, the Church gives us a prayer we can easily memorize as our way to express repentance. Hopefully, we learned some form of the Act of Contrition in our catechism as children or from our parents.

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 ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread of the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

There are slightly different versions of this prayer, but essentially, any good act of contrition contains these seven elements:

 We express sorrow to God because our sin offends Him specifically.

- We are "heartily" sorry, meaning that our repentance is from the heart, not just a superficial sentiment.
- We hate ("detest") sin because it is the devil's work, not God's. Note that this is not a hatred of ourselves but of our sinful acts.
- We also humbly acknowledge the truth that mortal sin leads us to hell if we do not repent.
- 5. We understand that the love of God is the reason we repent – we regret offending Him "who is all good" and deserves a better response from us.
- We make a firm act of the will ("firmly resolve") to get our moral lives back on track and never to sin again. And finally,
- We declare that we cannot overcome sin on our own without the "help of His grace."

This is the perfect prayer for our spiritual lives, and we should pray it every day. Why is it perfect? Because it gives us *humility* in the place of the sin of pride which separates both angels and men from God.

#### - THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS -

"Urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls - no one have I excluded!"

~ Words of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, to St. Faustina

#### SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

This month, Lent challenges us to place the highest possible priority on developing a Eucharist-centered spirituality. This may take the form of visiting the Lord directly in a parish's adoration chapel, or attending a daily Mass of possible, or just making a visit to a Catholic church to pray. A Eucharist-centered spirituality is the actual spirituality of Our Lady and of the Church itself.

#### CALENDAR OF FAITH | March

MAR 3 Sun	St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin and Founder of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
MAR 4 Mon	St. Casimir, Confessor
MAR 7 Thu	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
MAR 8 Fri	Saint John of God, Religious
MAR 9 Sat	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
MAR 17 Sun	St. Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland
MAR 18 Mon	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of
	the Church
MAR 19 Tue	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
MAR 23 Sat	St. Turibius de Mongrovejo, Bishop
MAR 24 Sun	Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week

#### FAITH FUNDAMENTALS

Two Types of Sin

There are many ways to sin but only two types of sin. "All wrongdoing is sin," says the Apostle John, "but there is sin that is not deadly" (1 John 5:17). John's teaching is the biblical basis for the Church's understanding of the two types of sin: mortal and venial.

How do we know for sure whether a sin is mortal or venial? The Church gives us three criteria for evaluating sin.

Mortal Sin—We can know an act is mortally sinful if it consists of:

- Grave matter namely, a serious violation of God's commandments.
- Full knowledge that is, an understanding of the wrongness of the act.
- Deliberate consent meaning a personal decision to commit the sin.

Venial Sin—When an act is a venial sin, it lacks one or more of these criteria, or it is much less serious in any of these three areas.

#### CATECHISM CONNECTION -

God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.



#### BIBLE BASICS

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.

Mark 1:14-15 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."

### Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

#### Dulce, Jesus

Sweet Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protector in death. Amen.

#### ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

[Prayers concerning the Eucharist can be found on the Official Prayers in the Pew Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Card.]

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# DECLINE TO SIGN

ARKANSAS ABORTION
AMENDMENT PETITION

"It is critical that all registered voters decline to sign the petition to allow the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November 2024 ballot."



**BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR** 

Through July 5, canvassers are collecting signatures for the proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment, which would allow unrestricted abortion "within 18 weeks of fertilization." Please decline to sign.

Know the truth about abortion at dolr.org/declinetosign

Catholics have duties and responsibilities as citizens, and we are called to actively participate in political life to further the common good. This means bringing our faith into the public square. (See Gaudium et spes 75) The intrinsically evil act of abortion must always be vigorously opposed. For this reason, Bishop Taylor is urging all Catholics not to sign the petition to put the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on our voting ballots.

Please Decline to Sign.



#### 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 <u>not</u> 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. 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



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#### 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. 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,

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# The Truth About **Abortion**Ben's lives. & **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 <a href="www.hopeafterabortion.org">www.hopeafterabortion.org</a> 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 <u>va murió</u>.

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 nunco 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 <a href="www.esperanzaposaborto.org">www.esperanzaposaborto.org</a> para más información.

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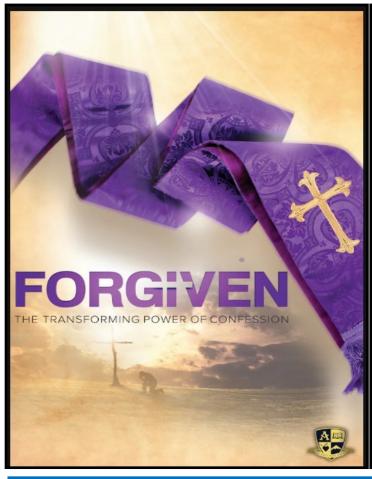


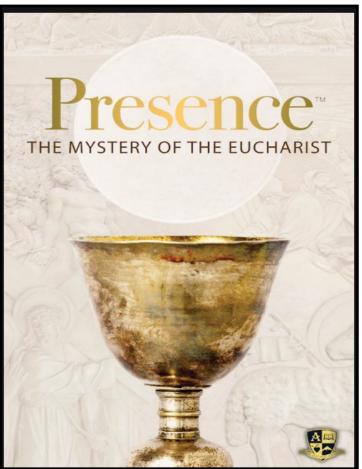


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