

*April 7, 2024*

*7 de Abril 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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## **Parish Staff & Ministry**

### **Personal y Ministerio Parr**

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Deacon**

Dc. Elias Rangel

#### **Secretary/Bookkeeper**

Regina Morris

#### **DRE/Faith Formation**

Pam Richter

#### **Liturgical Music**

Ellen Eby

#### **Música litúrgica**

Jesse Fernandez de Lara

#### **RCIA Coordinator**

Kevin Richter

#### **Parish Council**

Jeneanne Duncan



## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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.

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?/¿NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?**

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6pm: +Thomas Colten McEnaney

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30am: +Thomas Colten McEnaney

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

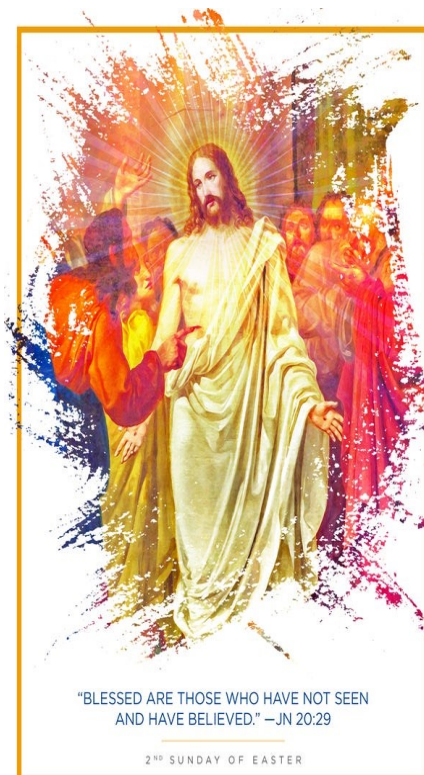
11am: +Joseph Torok  
1pm: Isabella Knapik & Maria Barahona

# DIVINE MERCY



*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.**



"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED." —JN 20:29

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
April, 2024*

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Sunday Collections for 3/30 & 31

Regular Collections: \$4,629.00

Building Collections: \$100.00

Local Charities: \$36.00

**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.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

# Divine Mercy Yard Signs



## Señales de jardín de la Divina Misericordia

Today, 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.

Hoy, 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.







Today, we will have an Hour of Mercy in the church, beginning at 2:45pm.

Hoy tendremos una Hora de la Misericordia en la iglesia, comenzando a las 2:45p.m.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday:

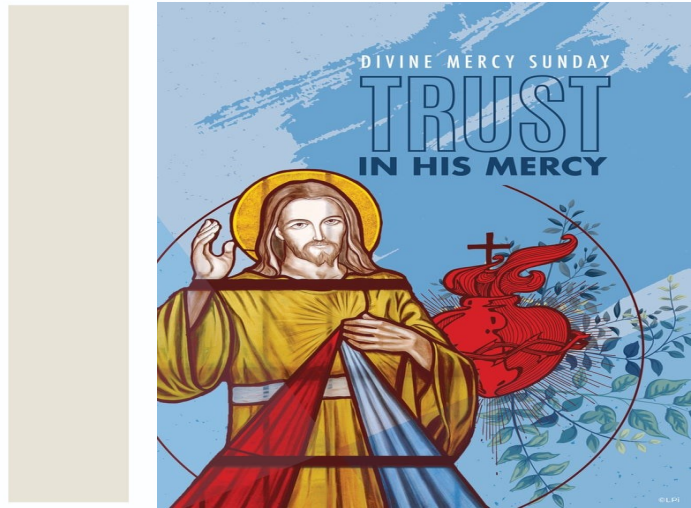
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— *Father John Muir*



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts 4:32)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

### Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

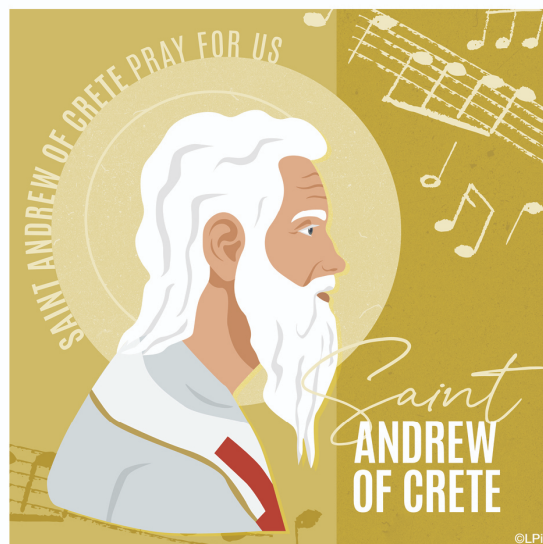
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

## Observances for the week April 7, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

## Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Jesus,  
As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace.  
As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too.  
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.  
Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence.  
Amen.

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:28-29

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

### Second Reading:

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us “conquer the world.” What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

### Gospel Reading:

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?



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Since Christ Himself has said,  
‘This is My Body,’ who shall  
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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# Liturgical Life

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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him,  
"My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

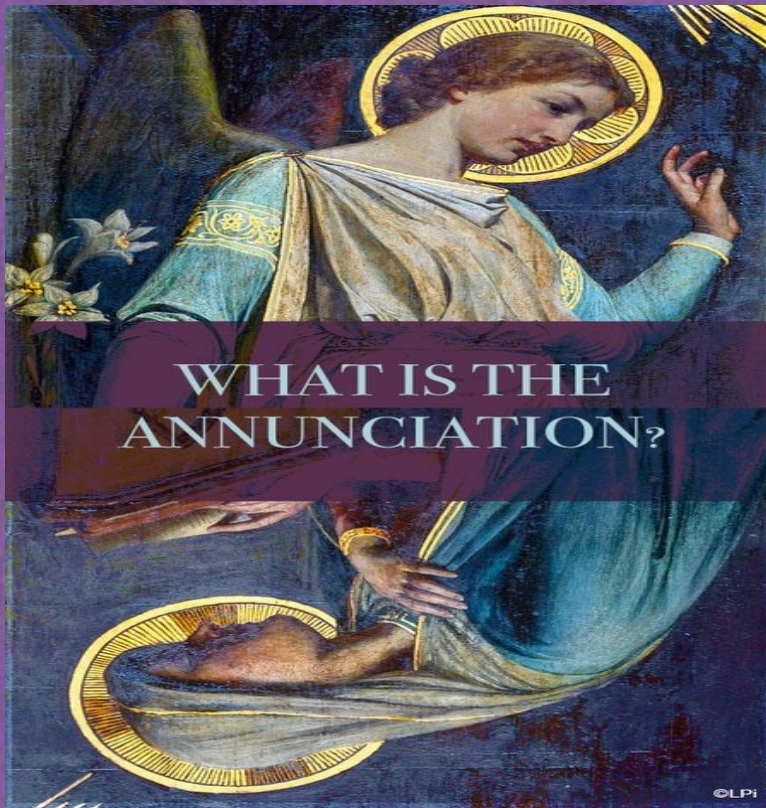
After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

### Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

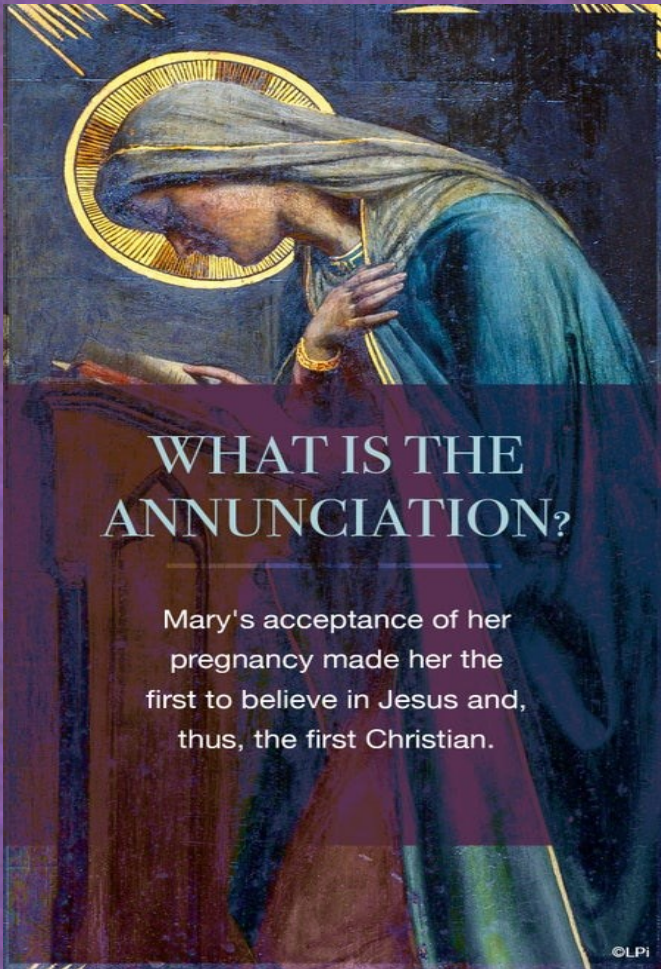
Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.





## WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

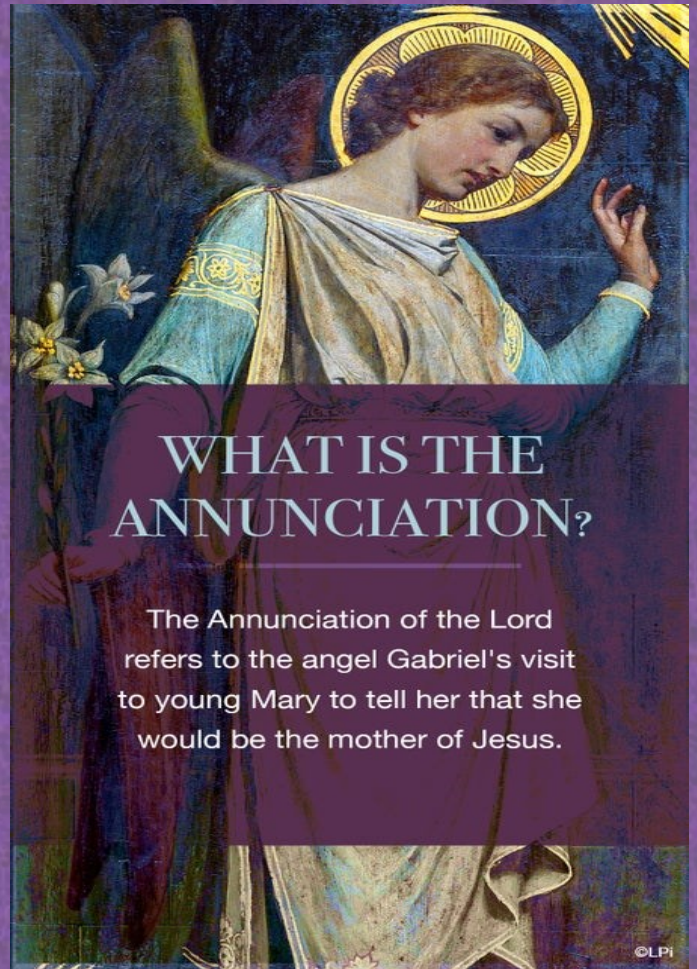
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## WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

Mary's acceptance of her pregnancy made her the first to believe in Jesus and, thus, the first Christian.

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## WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the angel Gabriel's visit to young Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus.

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Sat  
April 27th  
2024

 St. Raphael *presents:*  
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CHRIS & LINDA  
× PADGETT ×



# Growing Holy, Happy Marriages

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...with Chris & Linda Padgett



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# PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

## National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – April 2024

The Easter Season is about the joy of the Resurrection! During the Eucharistic Revival, we feel joy in the Eucharist just like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus experienced in the breaking of bread with Jesus.



### THE JOY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Eucharistic Saint



**St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)** was a lay woman who is best known for reconciling warring cities in Italy and bringing the pope back to Rome from his exile in France. She was gifted with intense visions of Jesus who told her how to reform the Church. When Catherine died at the young age of 33 she had lived her entire adult life on no food except the Holy Eucharist.

#### Back to Basics

**EASTER DUTY:** In order to emphasize that the Eucharist is the most important institution and reality of our faith, the Catholic Church actually *requires* the faithful to receive Communion during the Easter Season.



This practice is called the “Easter Duty” and is considered one of the five precepts of the Church: *You shall humbly receive your creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.* (Catechism, 2041–2043)

In an age where people receive the Eucharist frequently, this may not seem like a “duty” as such, but it is connected with another equally important precept: *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.* Thus, every year, the Church reminds each of us to keep our spiritual priorities in the proper order.

#### Calls to Action



**Concern for Souls** – The Eucharist gives us spiritual strength for our journey through life. Perhaps you know fallen away Catholics who are spiritually “starving” from being away from the Bread of Life for so long. Easter may be a time to invite them back to the joy of the Eucharist.

**Evangelize** – Make sure to be a teacher and evangelizer of the Eucharist to non-Catholics also by handing out prayer cards and materials for people to learn about this great gift of our Catholic faith.

*“When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy that you can receive Holy Communion often! It’s our life and support in this life. Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself.”*

~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

#### 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!





# DECLINE TO SIGN

ARKANSAS ABORTION  
AMENDMENT PETITION

BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR

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



**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](https://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.**



Office of the Bishop

## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

2500 North Tyler Street • P.O. Box 7565 • Little Rock, Arkansas 72217 • (501) 664-0340 Fax (501) 664-6304

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

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<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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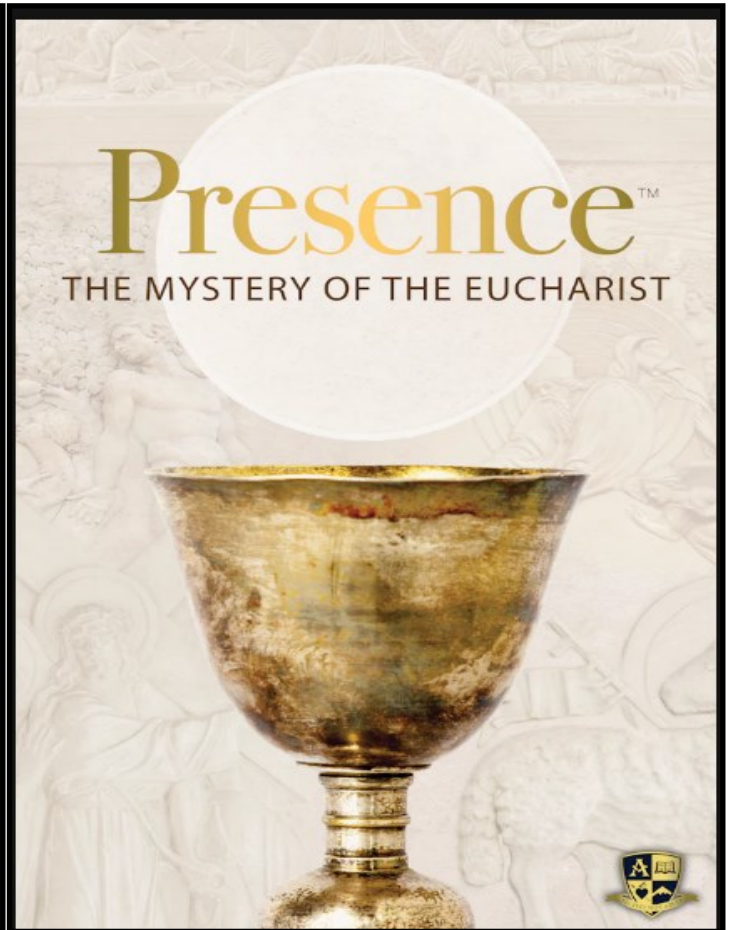
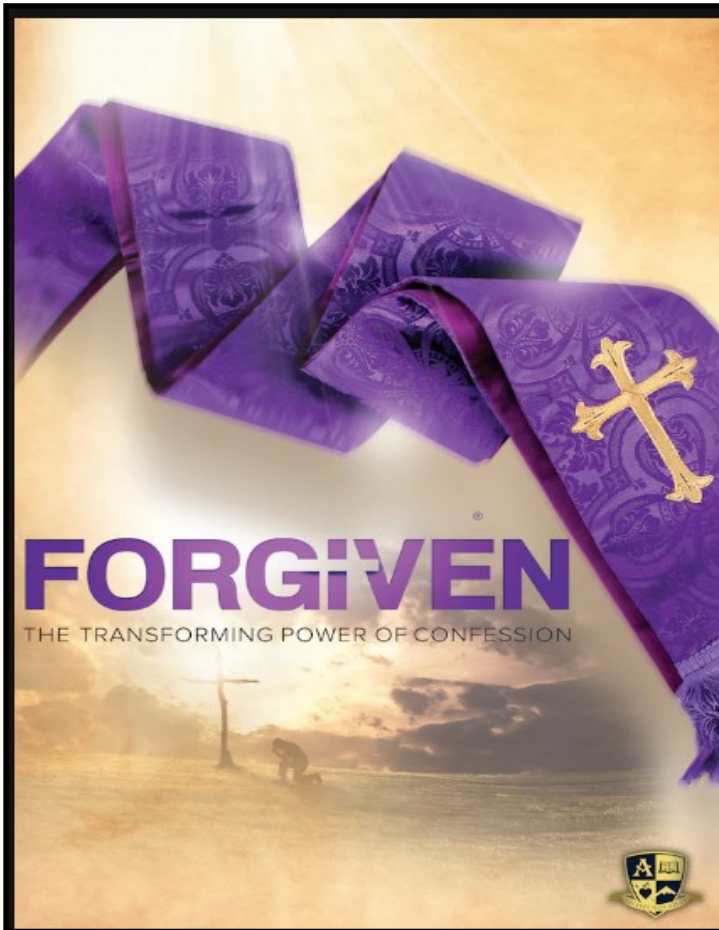
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