

April 14, 2024

14 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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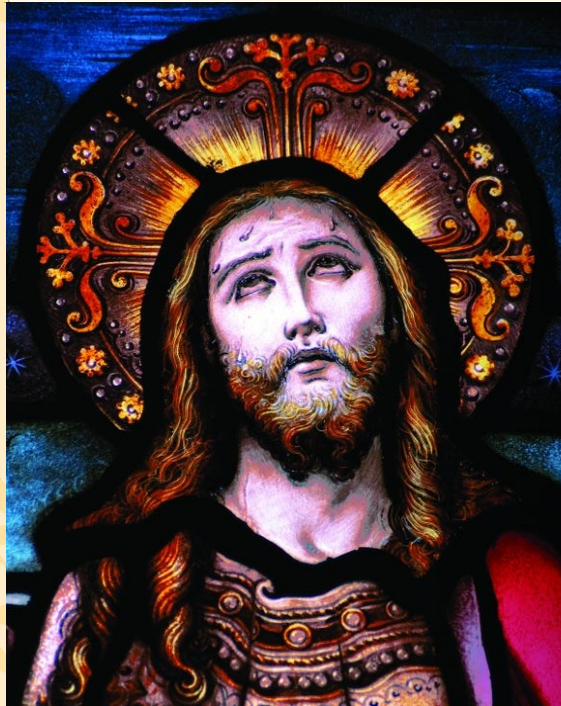
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6pm: NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30am: +Poor Souls in Purgatory

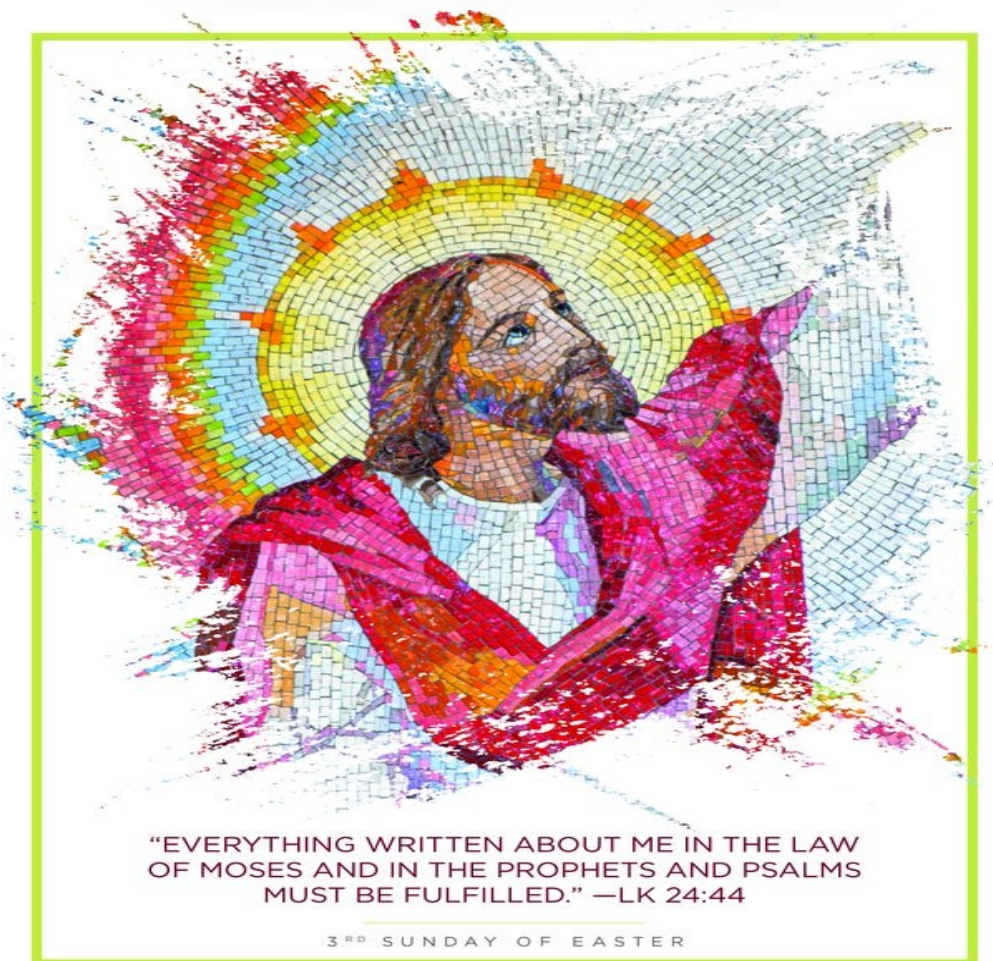
SUNDAY, APRIL 21
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11am: +Theresa Torok
1pm: Manuel & Maria Arrizon



Please Pray For:

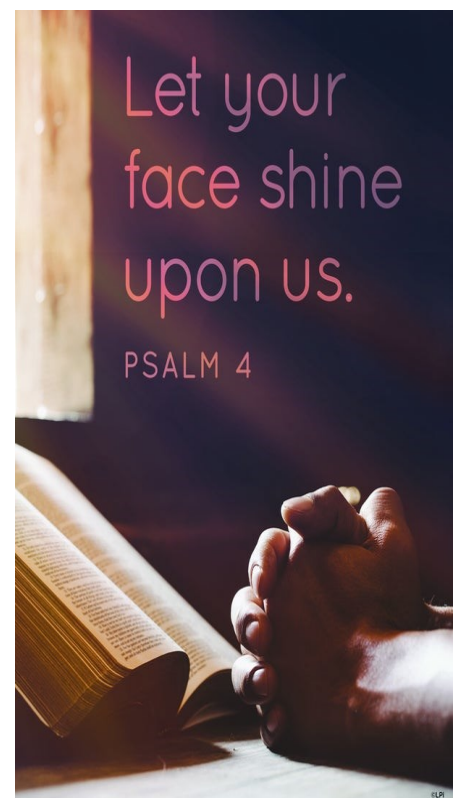
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"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Let your face shine upon us.

PSALM 4



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
April, 2024*

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For more information
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Youth Bake Sale after both Masses today!

Sunday Collections for 4/7/2024

Regular Collections: \$2,564.50
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Local Charities: \$45.00

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



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this
we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

Observances for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer
for Vocations



Saint of the week

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,
When I feel troubled, alone,
frightened, be with me. Be a
flicker of flame in this darkness.
Help me to know you in the stark
seasons as I do in times of elation.
You are the light I seek.
Amen.

He said to them,
“These are my words
that I spoke to you
while I was still with
you, that everything
written about me in the
law of Moses and in the
prophets and psalms
must be fulfilled. You
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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Second Reading:

John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel Reading:

The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?



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If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one
reason: Holy Communion.

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

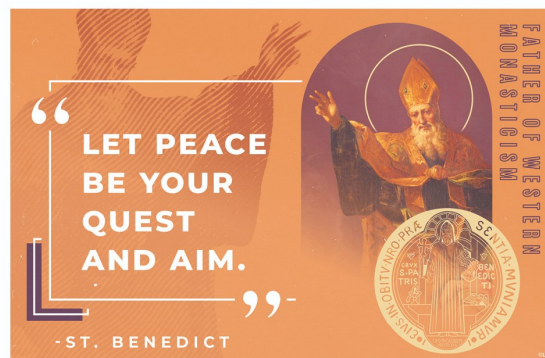
Question:

I’ve heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God’s image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



Sat
April 27th
2024

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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. For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, please see www.eucharisticcongress.org. You can also get the *Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards* at www.SitStandKneel.com for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

SUN APR 7	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
MON APR 8	Feast of the ANNUNCIATION of the Lord
MON APR 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin / Dr. of the Church

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

April 2024 – Holy Week and Easter are early this year so the entire month of April is filled with Easter joy! Let us make sure to adore Christ with our reverent participation at Mass this month, our Easter Duty, and to thank the Lord for the gifts of family and faith that He has given us so generously.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

The Serenity Prayer is one of the most beloved prayers in existence today. This simple prayer is attributed to a Protestant clergyman, Reinhold Niehbur, and was originally part of a longer prayer he wrote in the 1930s. It was adopted in its short form as the official prayer of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement in 1941, which led to its wide dissemination and popularity.

Few prayers better help us maintain a peaceful demeanor on a daily basis than the Serenity Prayer. This short, focused prayer provides tremendous comfort for those who are experiencing difficulties in life. It helps us to look at those problems from God's perspective.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

*God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

The first petition acknowledges that we sometimes encounter circumstances and situations beyond our control. The petition is a cry of childlike humility to the Lord of all things to give us a grace-filled acceptance of the harsh realities of life when we can do nothing about them.

The second petition recognizes that we also have a responsibility to change those actual situations

are within our control. Christianity does not advocate a passive approach to the evils of the world. We ask God to give us the Holy Spirit's gift of Fortitude (Courage) to exercise our influence over those things we can actually change.

The third and final petition recognizes that we need divine Wisdom to penetrate the mysteries of life and its problems. In essence, it asks for the grace to see things from God's perspective. We often don't know the appropriate times to act or to be silent in any given situation, but God does. We ask for His Wisdom to help us sort everything out so that we can do His Will above all things.

The Serenity Prayer is short enough to be memorized by anyone. Why not spend a few minutes each day reciting this prayer, and soon you will have it fixed in your mind and heart!

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

~ Pope Benedict XVI

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Our challenge this month is to fill both our environments and our relationships with Easter joy and serenity. The world is negative and harsh. People feel the anxieties that inhabits a world out of synch with its Creator. Challenge yourself to be a positive influence on someone this month, especially someone who is suffering a personal misfortune or loss.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | April

APR 1 Mon	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
APR 4 Thu	St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
APR 5 Fri	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
APR 7 Sun	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
APR 7 Sun	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
APR 8 Mon	Feast of the ANNUNCIATION of the Lord
APR 21 Sun	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
APR 25 Thu	St. Mark, Evangelist
APR 28 Sun	St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Priest; St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
APR 29 Mon	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
APR 30 Tue	St. Pius V, Pope

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS



The Easter Duty

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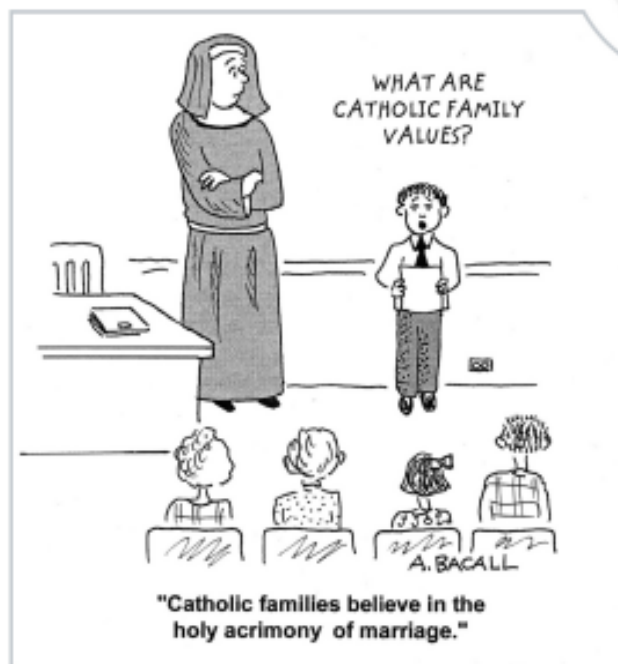
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CATECHISM CONNECTION



1389 The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season.

But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.



BIBLE BASICS



Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
 Body of Christ, save me;
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
 Water from Christ's side, wash me;
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
 O good Jesus, hear me;
 Within Thy wounds, hide me;
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;
 From the malicious enemy, defend me;
 In the hour of my death, call me;
 And bid me come unto Thee;
 That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
 And with Thy angels, forever and ever. **Amen.**

[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

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

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

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February 12, 2024

To the People of the Diocese of Little Rock,


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

During this campaign to enshrine abortion in our constitution, we expect that our media will be flooded with emotional propaganda. We should all know the truth about abortion and women's healthcare.¹ 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

¹ 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.¹ 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

¹USCCB 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.¹

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.²

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 for more information.

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² For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezqx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPOG-Myth-vs-Fact-v5.pdf>.

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.¹

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.²

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 para más información.

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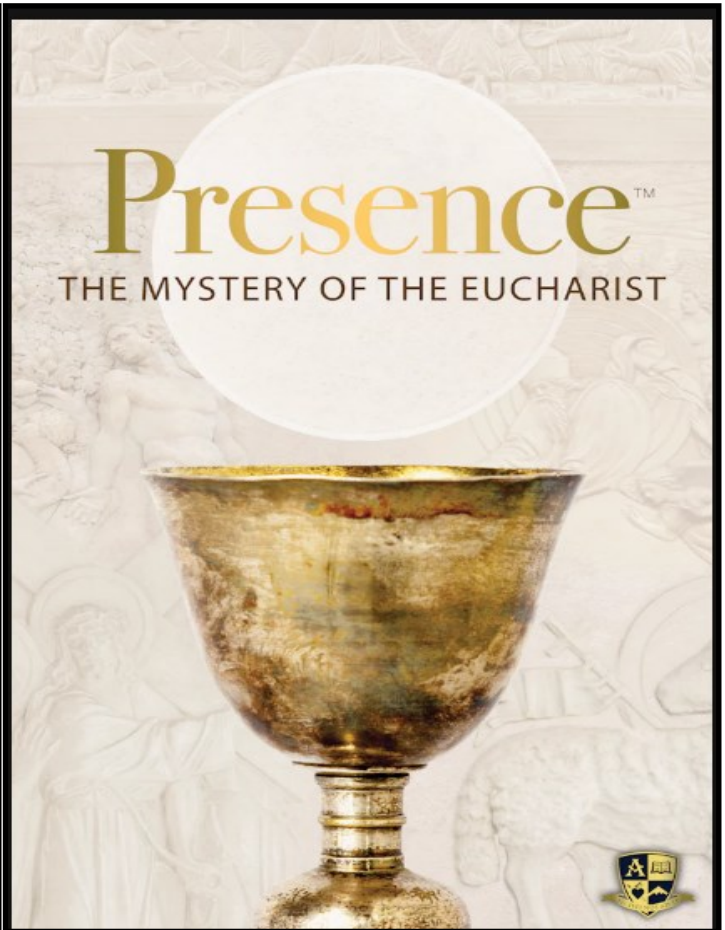
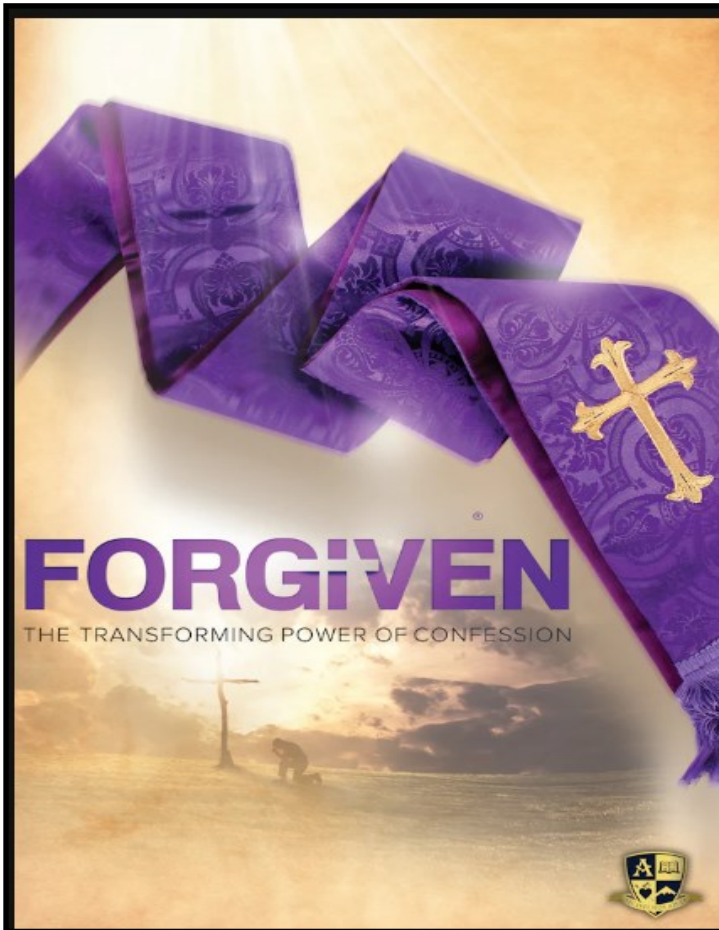
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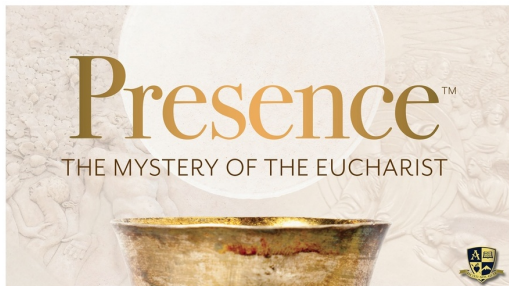
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