

April 28, 2024

28 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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Jeneanne Duncan



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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 28

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11am:

+Joseph Taylor

1pm:

Manuel & Maria Arrizon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6pm:

+Claire Powers

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30am:

+Claire Powers

SUNDAY, MAY 5

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11am:

+Randy Richter

1pm:

+Leova Duran



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 Cama-

rillo, Chris Jablonski, June Sawyer, Da-

vid Ingram, Barbara Strain, Larry Mil-

ler, Kathy Owen, and Norma Miller.

Nursing home patients and home-

bound: 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 &

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Please pray for our Confirmation students this weekend, as they are emersed in their Confirmation Retreat!

The Confirmation Mass with Bishop Taylor will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 6pm. All are welcome to attend!




By deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and the Mass, we can come to know the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and embrace our role as active participants in the Mass and disciples of Christ in the world.

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

Come and experience the fullness promised by Jesus. Each talk will help you to come to understand God's love, healing and God's empowerment. To bring the Kingdom of God into our midst, from fellow Catholics who have experienced it!

When: Saturday, April 27, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church Spiritan Center, 1115 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034
Cost: \$20.00 - Lunch included
Healing Service, Individual Prayer, Vigil Mass
For more information, contact **Marian @ 479-692-1937**. Leave a message.



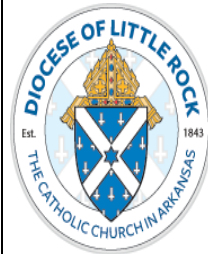
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for the month of
April, 2024*



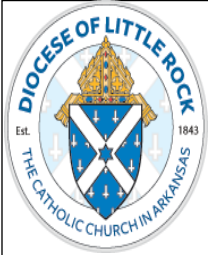
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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday:

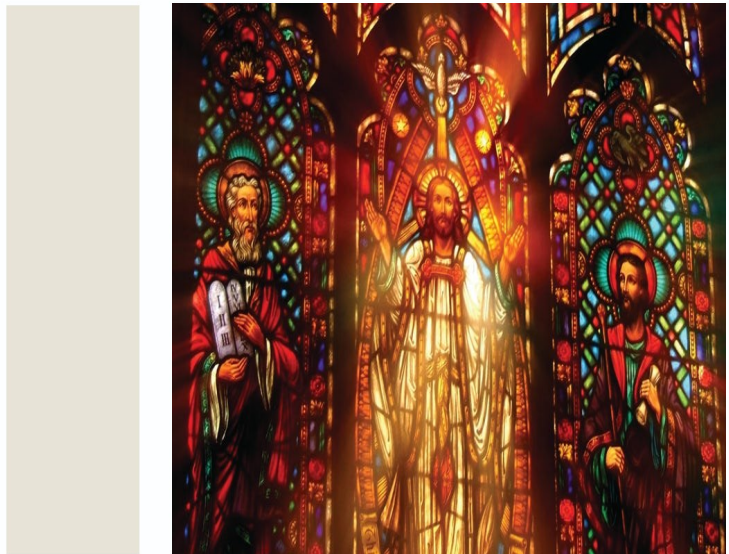
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **“He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit”** (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

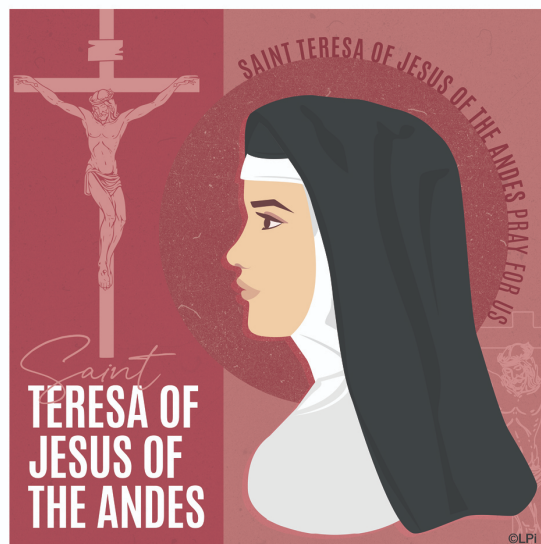
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. How easily do you trust people you don't know well?

Second Reading:

John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. How does anyone know what is in their heart?

Gospel Reading:

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?



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- ST. EUPHRASIA

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT SPEAKER:

CHRIS CARSTENS

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- ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING
- MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
- LISTEN TO THE READINGS
- PREPARE AT THE OFFERTORY
- RECEIVE COMMUNION TO THE FULL
- RESPOND TO THE DISMISSAL



MONDAY, MAY 6TH



6:30 - 8:00 PM



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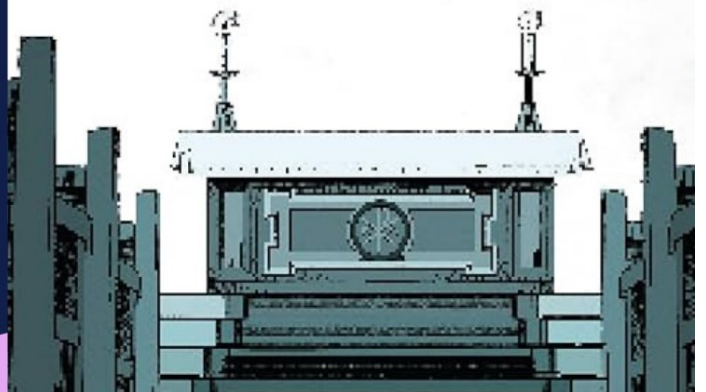
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PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

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."

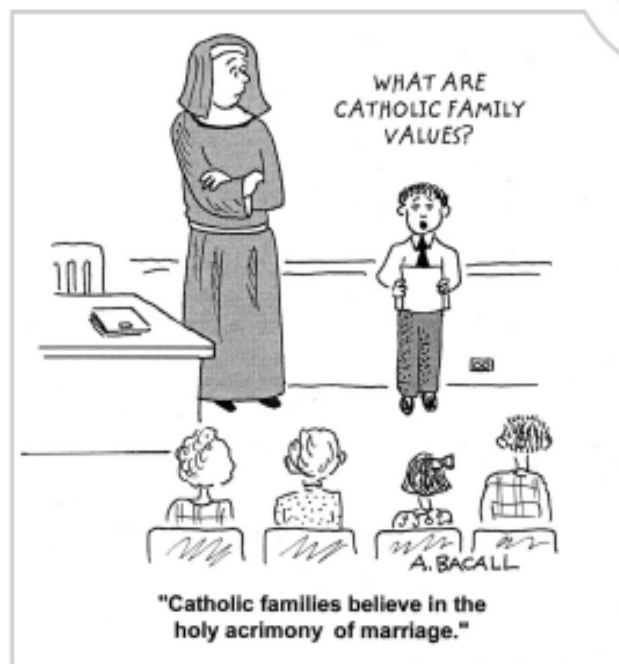
~ Pope Benedict XVI

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



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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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Virtual Healing Resource (VHR) Gatherings

Monthly virtual gatherings to assist in the process of spiritual healing from post abortion trauma.

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Monday, May 6 and/or Monday, June 3
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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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.



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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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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.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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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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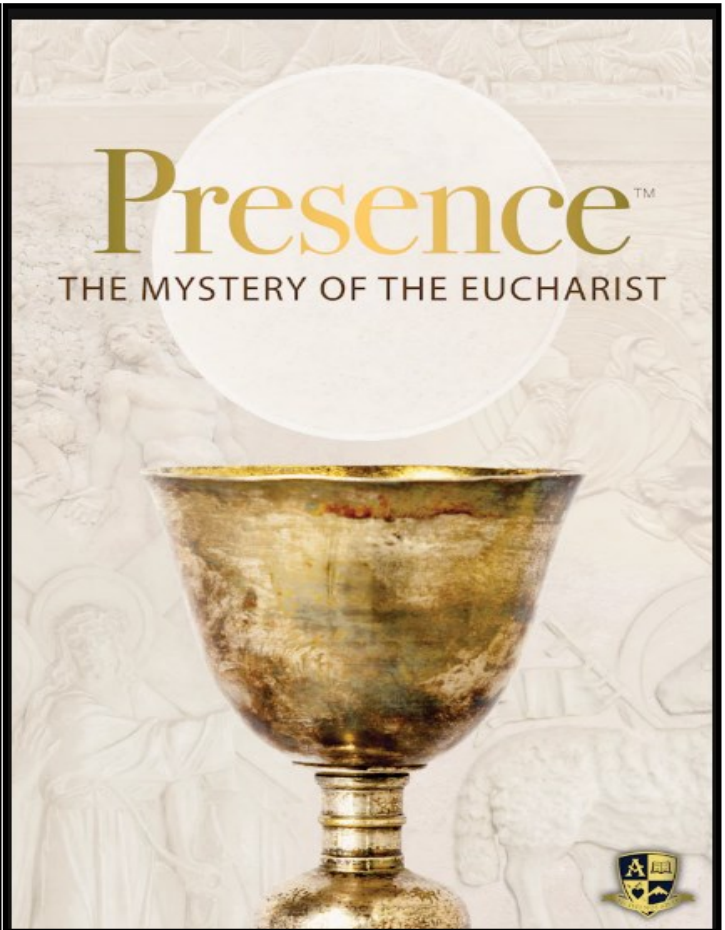
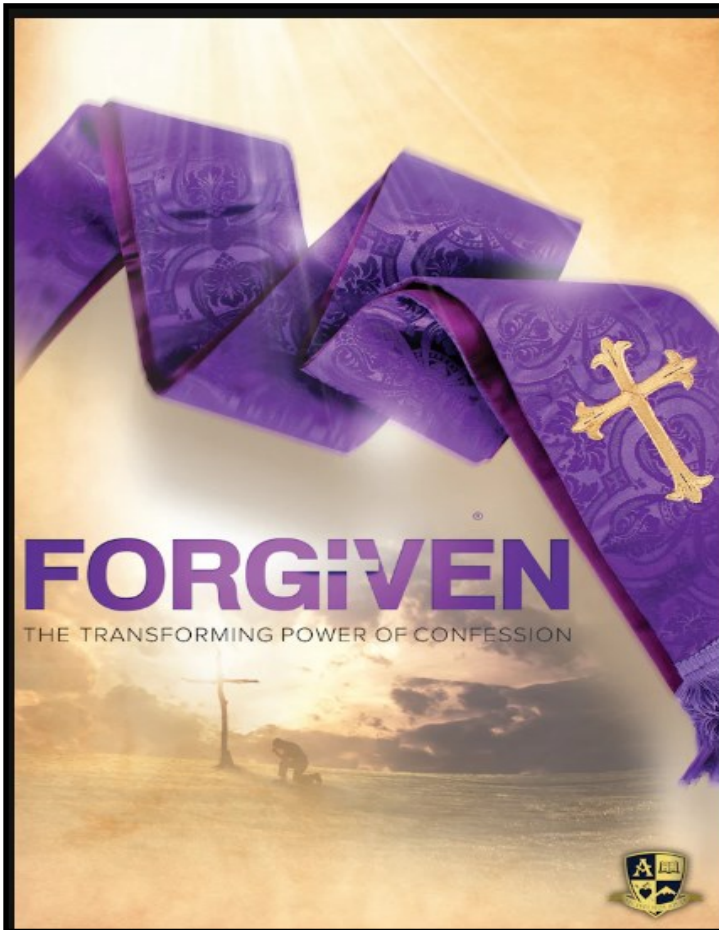
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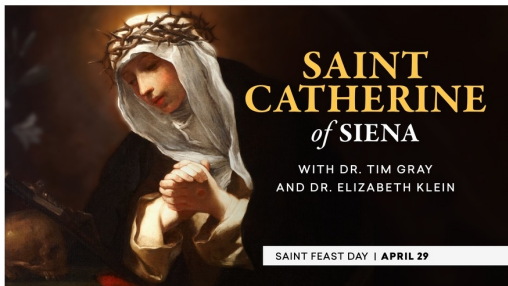
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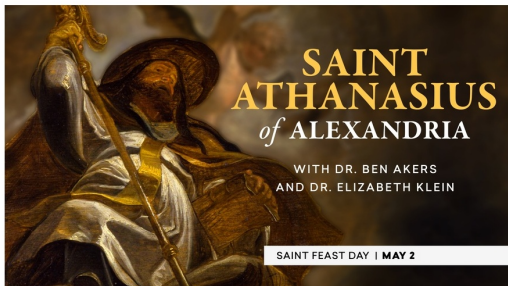
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