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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11am: +Angel Donahue
1pm: +Rodolfo Trujillo & Elva Gil

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

6pm: +Paul & Lillie Luebbering

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:30am: +Mike Tharp

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11am: +Tommy Galloway
1pm: +Rodolfo Trujillo & Elva Gil

Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week is open to youth in the 9th - 12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this 5 day session participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile “hands on” experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus’s invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI is held at St. John Center, Little Rock, July 8-11, 2024. An optional July 7th opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity house is provided as well. The fee is \$250.00. For more information and the registration visit our website at: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-2024.pdf>

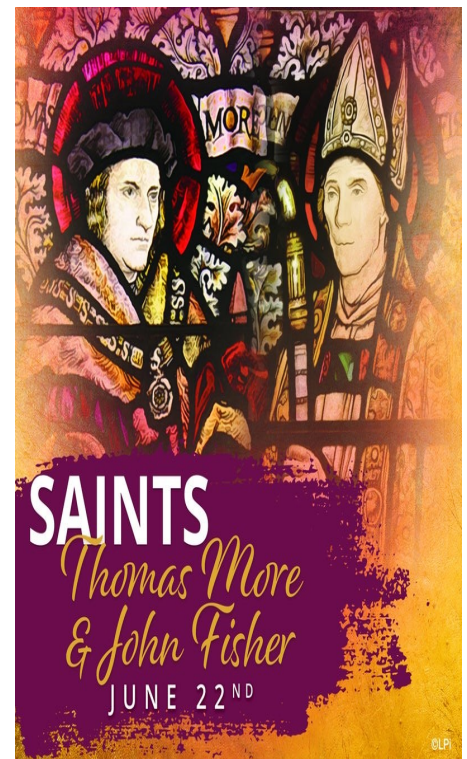
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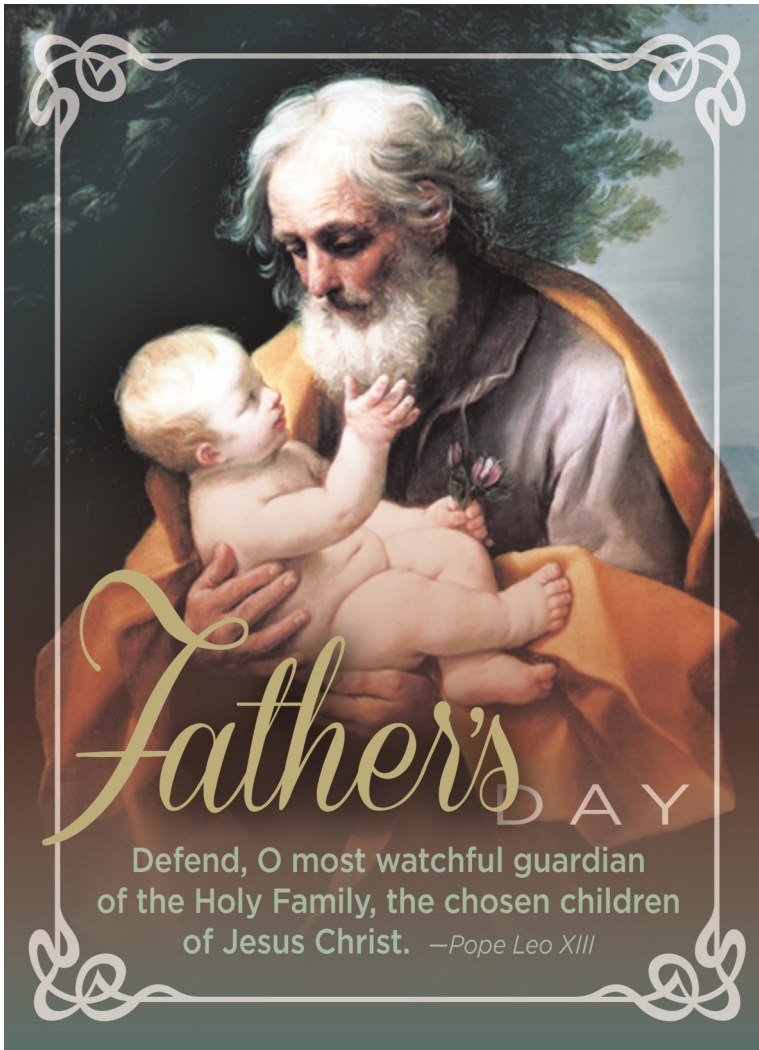
If you have questions, you may contact Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418.



Please Pray For:

Terry & Pat Dean, Del Waller, Allen Nieves, Andrew Tovar, Mary Lou Fuller, Amy Tegley, Toni Meyers, Myrtle 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.







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for the month of
June, 2024*

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Sunday Collections for 6/9/2024

Regular Collections: \$4,381.00
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SEARCH #154 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #154, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors, and recently graduated seniors. Search #154 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 28-30, 2024. The fee is \$150.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-154.pdf>


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Catholic Charities Summer Institute – C2SI



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **“he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.”** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.

Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.
Amen.

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”

- Mk 4:30-32b

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

During their captivity and exile in Babylon, God assured the Israelites He would restore them into a mighty majestic cedar tree. How do you find comfort in times of despair?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians to aspire to please the Lord, no matter your present circumstances. What could you do this week at home or at work to please the Lord?

Gospel:

We hear how Jesus often spoke in parables about the kingdom of God, stretching people’s thinking and imaginations. Where do you see the kingdom of God at work?



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Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, “This parable means...” I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom’s favorite casserole recipe. *Ah yes*, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. *Good ol’ mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don’t even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it’s certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn’t change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don’t ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus’ sentences.

“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.” — Mark 4:33

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn’t this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church’s experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

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National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – June 2024

We are on the threshold of the National Eucharistic Congress! Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, we have learned to discern and long for the Lord's Real Presence in the breaking of bread.



THE HOLY ANGELS ASSIST US IN EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP

Eucharistic Saint



St. Tarcisus (3rd century AD)—During a violent persecution, a twelve-year-old altar boy named Tarcisus volunteered to secretly carry the Eucharist to imprisoned Christians. On his way to the prison, he was attacked by a mob of boys who killed him but not before he handed the sacred Hosts over to a man who came to his aid. He is the first known martyr of the Eucharist.

Back to Basics

WORSHIP VS. VENERATION: The *Catechism* tells us that man owes worship to God as a sacred duty (CCC, 2095). In obedience to the First Commandment (Ex 20:5, Lk 4:8) we worship God alone! The Catholic liturgies, especially the Eucharist, are the Church's primary acts of divine worship.



Our relationship with God's holy ones—Our Lady, the saints and angels—is *not worship or idolatry*. It is veneration: love, esteem, and respect. Veneration increases our friendship with our spiritual companions in heaven and strengthens our own spiritual lives through their intercession.

The holy angels are our greatest allies in worshipping God, especially in the Mass: *In her Liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God ["Holy, Holy, Holy!"]* (CCC, 335).

We invoke the angels in the First Eucharistic Prayer, *"Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven,"* and in the conclusion of the funeral liturgy: *"May the angels lead you into Paradise."*

Faith in Action



Assistance – It is a holy thing to ask your guardian angel to help you worship better when you go to Mass. Angels are the custodians of heavenly worship (Rev 8:3-4) so they happily assist us with focus, attention, devotion, prayer, and praise.

Dressing for Mass – When the Book of Hebrews speaks of angels at worship, it describes them as "a myriad of angels in festal garments" (Heb 12:22)—such a beautiful metaphor! If the angels dress so wondrously for heavenly worship, shouldn't we also come to Mass as if it were the greatest event of our week?

"If the angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion,"
~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

SUNDAY JUN 2	Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI
MONDAY JUN 10	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
SATURDAY JUN 22	Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

June 2024 – The entire month of June is in Ordinary Time, but it is also filled with great post-Easter feast days like Corpus Christi and the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Let us ask the grace this month to immerse ourselves in the Church’s rich faith life and adore Christ with our reverent participation at Mass.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

The humble Polish nun who received the apparitions of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, from 1931-1938 had only three years of formal education. Yet, she was the originator of a worldwide movement of grace.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy was chosen by Jesus to spread the message of His Mercy during a century that was known for its utter barbarism: two world wars, the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, and the unleashing of plagues such as abortion, pornography, and euthanasia throughout the entire world.

Jesus asked St. Faustina to write down her experiences (now known as the *Diary*) and to propagate them in the form of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, which begins ↗

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



“The Lord said to me, ‘The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.’” ~ *St. Faustina’s Diary, n. 1397*

“It is not Death that will come to fetch me, it is the good God. Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the catechism it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body: that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever.” ~ *St. Therese of Lisieux*

begins with the noble and beautiful prayer below. He also commanded her to have an image of Him painted (with red and white light being emitted from His Sacred Heart) so that His Mercy could be venerated by all.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(The participant then repeats the following petition three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Although Sr. Faustina established the content of this devotion, it was the bishop of her local diocese, Karol Wojtyla, who is most responsible for its promotion. After he was elected Pope John Paul II in 1978, he authorized the devotion for universal use. He canonized St. Faustina in the year 2000, as the first saint of the new Millennium.

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CALENDAR OF FAITH | June

JUN 1 Sat	St. Justin, Martyr
JUN 2 Sun	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
JUN 2 Sun	Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI
JUN 3 Mon	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
JUN 5 Wed	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
JUN 6 Thu	St. Norbert, Bishop
JUN 7 Fri	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
JUN 8 Sat	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
JUN 9 Sun	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
JUN 11 Tue	St. Barnabas, Apostle
JUN 13 Thu	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
JUN 21 Fri	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
JUN 22 Sat	St. John Fisher, Bishop and St. Thomas More, Martyrs
JUN 24 Mon	BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
JUN 27 Thu	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
JUN 28 Fri	St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
JUN 29 Sat	STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
JUN 30 Sun	First Martyrs of Rome

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS



The Four Last Things

The Church always tells us what we need to hear, not always what we want to hear. This is especially true of the doctrine of the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

The Church wants us to think about what comes after this earthly life now before we actually come face to face with these realities at the end of our earthly lives.

Death is a certainty for all mortal beings. It is not just a physical reality but also a spiritual passage. It is that moment when our souls separate from our bodies and our spiritual destiny is fixed for all eternity.

Next comes **Judgment**. There is the immediate judgment of our souls, which the Church calls the "particular judgment". This is followed by the "general judgment" at the end of time where Christ will come "to judge the living and the dead" as we profess in the Creed.

At the moment of death, each of us will make one of two choices that will determine our eternal fate: either **Heaven** or **Hell**. Humans are endowed with free will, and our eternal destiny is fixed by our own choice. Where will you choose to spend eternity?

BIBLE BASICS



Proverbs 3:3-4 "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man."

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

CATECHISM CONNECTION



1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is, face to face".

1033 To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell".

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

Preparation for Holy Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come to You this day and to receive Your Body and Blood in this heavenly Sacrament for Your honor and glory and the good of my soul.

I desire to receive You, because it is Your desire, and You have so willed it: blessed be Your Name forever. I desire to come to You like Mary, Your most holy Mother, that I may be delivered from all my evils and embrace You, my only good.

I desire to come to You that I may be happily united to You, that I may henceforth abide in You, and You in me, and that nothing in my life or death may ever separate me from You. **Amen.**

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

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The Church in Latin America

This week our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

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Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Human trafficking and the abuse of children and vulnerable people are two serious violations of human dignity that demand urgent and comprehensive responses from the Church, governments, and human rights organizations. By working to heal the wounds of victims and their family members, bring perpetrators to justice, and implement awareness and prevention programs, the Church is bringing hope and helping to end abuse and trafficking.

In Venezuela's Archdiocese of Caracas, an anti-trafficking project—combining education, communication, training, and cooperation among ecclesiastical leaders, civil authorities, nongovernmental human rights organizations, and others—used grants from the Collection for the Church in Latin America to combat human trafficking in the region. This broad approach addressed the needs of victims and implemented programs to train civic officials, human rights advocates, and professionals in ways to combat trafficking.

In Peru, the Prelature of Chuquibambilla asked the Collection for the Church in Latin America to help it create, fund, and implement a program to prevent abuse of children and vulnerable people through a three-part training for Church leaders, alliance-building initiatives with health-care and law enforcement organizations, and the creation of protocols to address reported incidents of abuse.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America is vital to these efforts to prevent and end the violation of those most vulnerable among us.

The most effective way you can promote the collection is to mention it to your parishioners during Mass. You can find additional resources at www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection, including a social media tool kit. If you have any questions about the collection or need additional materials, including other stories of beneficiaries, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director of promotions, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always.

Gratefully in Christ,

+ *Octavio Cisneros* -

Bishop Octavio Cisneros
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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.

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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.

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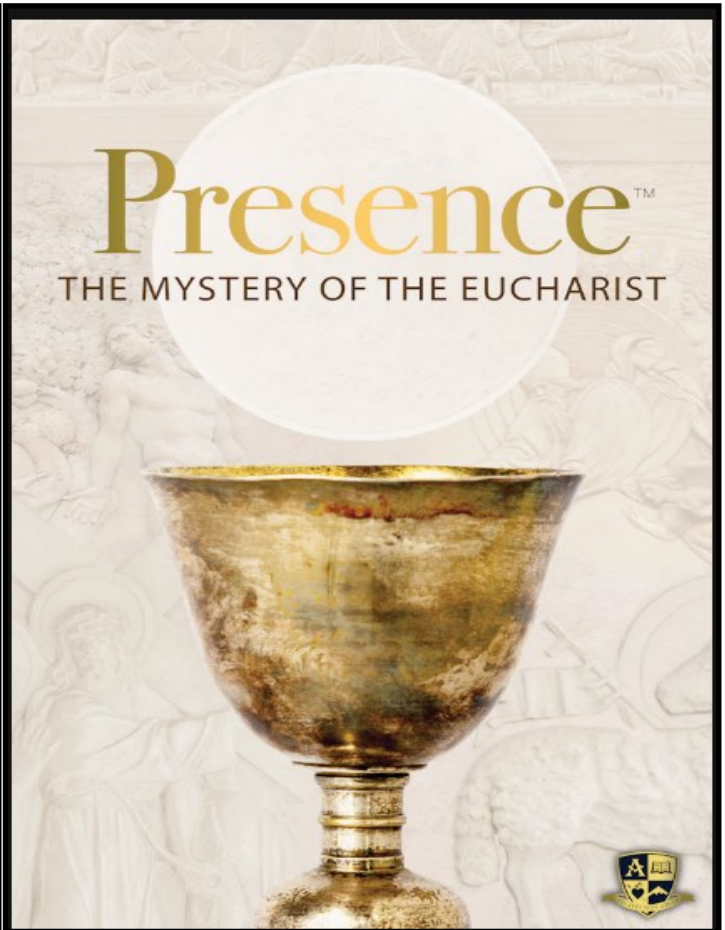
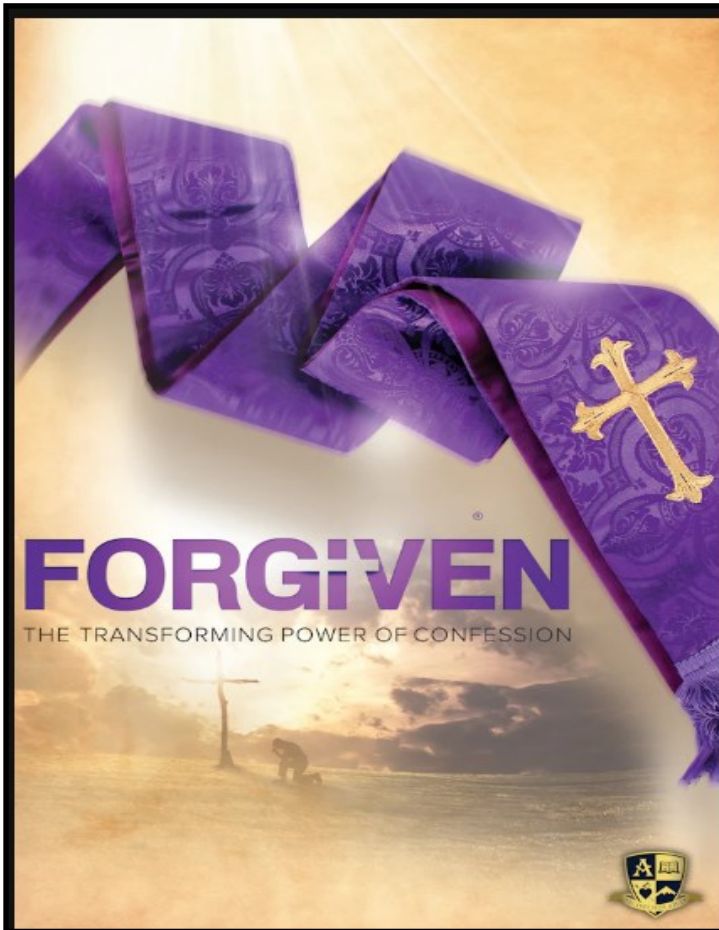
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