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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:30 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA
LAS MISAS**
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

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1892**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**DIocese of
SPRINGFIELD
-CAPE
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-4:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

“We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area.”

“Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área”.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Date	Location	Time
23-Mar	St Joseph, Billings	4:00 PM
6-Apr	St Mary's, Pierce City	4:00 PM
10-Apr	St Agnes, Sarcoxie	6:00 PM

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 16, 2025

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$2,340.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,162.25
Central & Eastern Europe	\$100.00
Children's Collection	\$62.00
Votive Candles	\$11.00
Mass Offerings	\$230.00
School Support	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$200.00
Religious Store	\$15.00
Baptism Fee	\$60.00
Easter Flowers	\$586.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$85.00
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Total	\$4,951.25

Fr. Rahab would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Mar. 30th - Church Relief Services
- Apr. 18th - Holy Land (Good Friday)

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524



HELP NEEDED CORNER

Please call or email the parish office if you are able to help with these activities:

- Eucharistic ministers, especially for the Saturday 5:30 pm mass
- Drivers to provide rides to mass for parishioners who are unable to drive
- Skilled volunteers to help with minor repairs
- Anyone interested in being an altar server please contact John Velten at 417-489-4266. All servers must have made their 1st Communion

WELCOME to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Our Parish has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Monett since 1892. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, Catechists, community life, and personal prayer.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

Every woman of the parish is a member of the PCCW. If you have not yet done so, please place your name and \$10 dues in one of the envelopes provided in the pews. These can be put in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or brought to our next meeting. **Mark these dates on your calendar:** April 7- PCCW meeting at 6:30 April 23 – Annual Salad Luncheon.

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER SOCORRO

Parents, Confirmation Sponsors and Students

I want to thank you for making time to attend the Confirmation retreats these past 2 Saturdays. If you have any concerns, please contact Mother Socorro at the parish office phone 417-235-3286 or email sisterlozoyaa@gmail.com and a reminder there is no class Wednesday, March 26th.

To my Confirmation Retreat Team

I want to thank Mr. Al Dohmen, Celio Salas, Ana Rodriguez, Lizbeth Fernandez, and Diego Fernandez, who were the presenters in the retreat for the sessions: Reconciliation, Origin of Confirmation, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for unfolding the gifts that God has given to you to share with God's people. Also not forgetting the ones who had lunch ready, the couple Alex and Coco Macias, Eustolia Rueda, Nicolasa Salas, Andrea Campos, and Reyna R. Thank you for all the support that you all are giving me in my ministry.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Ken Dudzik, Mrs. Mary Mael, Ms. Jacquelin Bussell, Mr. & Mrs. John Woodard, Mrs. Mary Ann Osterloh, and Mrs. Sonda Probstfield for donating to the school in the envelopes. Your support is very much appreciated. It is what keeps our school going.

This coming week the school will be on spring break. We will return to school on March 31st. If you haven't heard about MoScholars and how your tax dollars could benefit the school, please contact me and I will get that information to you. Students could also benefit by applying for a MoScholars scholarship. If you are unsure how to get started or if you can qualify for the program, please contact me at the school and I will help you through the process. God bless you and see you after spring break. Mr. Keaton

DIOCESAN NEWS

On March 25, there will be a Project Andrew/Project Miriam Dinner at Catholic Campus Ministry in Springfield with 4 p.m. Mass, dinner, and conversation. Bishop Rice asks everyone to consider the young people you know and invite them to attend. Parents are invited too. RSVP to Kim Kearbey at kkearbey@dioscg.org

Diocesan Youth Conference/DYC 2025

The 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference is fast approaching! The Office of Youth Ministry looks forward to hosting a weekend of faith, fellowship, fun and more on March 29-30 at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, MO!

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri

Bishop Rice will celebrate the annual **Bishop's Mass for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri** (CCSOMO) on **Saturday, April 12, 8:30am, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Springfield.** During the liturgy, we will lift our prayers for the at-risk veterans, pregnant women with nowhere to turn, developmentally disabled individuals, homeless families, and others whom CCSOMO serves each day. As we reach out across the Diocese with the goal of providing hope to the most vulnerable in our communities, we ask for your part that you consider your Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri as part of your Lenten almsgiving. Gifts to the Bishop's Mass for CCSOMO support all clients across all programs

Midwest March for Life—May 1, 2025

The annual statewide March for Life in Jefferson City to raise awareness of the sanctity of life and to let our elected officials know we want them to work in upholding the dignity of life in all its stages will be Thurs., May 1, 2025. Transportation available from Springfield—chartered bus will leave The Catholic Center, located at 601 S Jefferson Ave at 6am; bus will return to The Catholic Center by 6pm; cost is \$15 per person and includes a t-shirt or \$7 per person without a t-shirt.

T-shirts are available to purchase for \$8, to guarantee a shirt you must register by April 1, 2025. To register visit: <https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/midwestmarchforlife>

PRIEST MONTHLY CALENDAR

The monthly priest prayers & prayer calendar are available in the back of church. Additional copies are available in the parish office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Jane Ellen Saunders; Sarah Sylvain Isidor (Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Father Peter Morciniec; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Oaklee Kay White; Les Erwin's Mother; Al Fiffe; Debbie Erwin

If you want to put a name in the bulletin or know of any sick or homebound parishioners who would like visitors, please call the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY

- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 5:00pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.
- ◆ **FISH FRY MARCH 28TH AT 5PM; Adults 10-64 \$12; Kids 6-9 \$10; 65 & Over \$10; 5 and under Free**

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL

A DIOCESAN SEMINARY VISIT

March 28-30, 2025

Conception Seminary College
Conception, Missouri



For high school sophomores thru 30 years of age.
Time for prayer, Sacraments, campus tours, & fraternity.
Contact your parish priest or Fr. Peirano at cpeirano@dioscg.org

Contact Ed Laning or Father Rahab for more information—transportation will be provided.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

We have space available for advertising your business in our weekly bulletin. Call the office for pricing or other questions!

FIRST FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Until further notice, we will only be having First Friday Mass at 10:00am. There will not be adoration or benediction services.

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:30pm

- Mar. 22nd....Patricia Randall
- Mar. 29th.....Jim Haston
- April 5th.....Jim Haston

Sunday 10:00am

- Mar. 23rd....Lynda Velten
- Mar. 30th.....Sandy Jastal
- April 6th.....Jim Haston

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturdays

- Mar. 22nd—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner, Marilyn Ceselski
- Mar. 29th—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- April 5th—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

Sundays

- Mar. 23rd—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Sonie Probstfield
- Mar. 30th—Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- April 6th—Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- Mar. 23rd—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse
- Mar. 30th—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra
- April 6th—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos

March 23, 2025

1st Read: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11; 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March 24, 2025

1st Read: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm: Psalm 42:2-3; Gospel: Luke 4:24-30

March 25, 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm: Psalm 40:7-11; 2nd Read: Hebrews 10:4-10; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

March 26, 2025

1st Read: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Psalm: Psalm 147:12-16,19-20; Gospel: Matthews 5:17-19

March 27, 2025

1st Read: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-9; Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

March 28, 2025

1st Read: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm: Psalm 81:6-11,14,17; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

March 29, 2025

1st Read: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4,18-21; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

SAT. MARCH 22ND

4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett - + Jim Ceselski

SUN. MARCH 23RD: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —+ Joe Miller
12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona - Spanish Mass

MON. MARCH 24TH

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. MARCH 25TH: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15 am Weekday Mass—Monett— + Janet Markworth
5:30 pm Rosary in Church

WED. MARCH 26TH

8:00 am Weekday Mass—Verona

THUR. MARCH 27TH

8:15 am Monett Weekday Mass + Julia Fritz

FRI. MARCH 28TH: ABSTINENCE

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles in the Church Basement
5:00 pm Annual Fish Fry
5:30 pm Station of the Cross

SAT. MARCH 29TH

4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett - + Michael Schmidt and Jim (Sonny) Bertalotto

SUN. MARCH 30TH: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —+ Charles Velten and Earl Andrews
11:00 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona - Spanish Mass

Del Escritorio de la Hermana Socorro

Padres, Patrocinadores de Confirmacion y Estudiantes

Quiero agradecerles por hacer tiempo para asistir a los retiros de Confirmacion estos últimos 2 sabadoes. Si tienen alguna inquietud, comuníquese con la Madre Socorro en la oficina parroquial al teléfono 417-235-3286 o envíe en correo electrónico a sisterlozoyaa@gmail.com y recuerde que no hay clase el miercoles 26 de marzo.

Gracias a mi Equipo de Retiro de Confirmacion

Quiero agradecer al Señor Al Dohmen, Celio Salas, Ana Rodriguez, Lizbeth Fernandez, y Deigo Fernandez, quienes fueron los presentadores en el retiro de las sesiones: Reconciliacion, Origen de la Confirmacion, Dones del Espiritu Santo y frutos del Espiritu Santo. Gracias por desenvolver los dones que Dios les ha dado para compartir con el pueblo de Dios. Tambien sin olvidar a los que tuvieron todo listo para el almuerzo, la pareja Alex y Coco Macias, Eustolia Rueda, Nicolasa Salas, Andrea Campos y Reyna R. Gracias por todo el apoyo que todos ustedes me están dando en mi ministerio.

PESCADO FRITO

LAS FRITURAS DE PESCADO COMIENZAN EL 28 E MARZO A LAS 5 P.M.; Adultos de 10 a 64 años: \$12; Niños de 6 a 9 años: \$10; 65 años y más \$10; Menores de 5 años Gratis

ANUNCIO DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Hasta nuevo aviso, solo tendremos la Misa del Primer Viernes a las 10:00 am. No habrá servicios de adoración ni de bendición.

23 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Exodo 3:1-8,13-15 **Salmo:** Salmo 102:1-4,6-8 y 11; **Segunda:** 1 Corintios 10:1-6,10-12 **Evangeli:** Lucas 13:1-9

24 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: 2 Reyes 5:1-15; **Salmo:** Salmo 41:2-3; **Evangeli:** Lucas 4:24-30

25 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Isaias 7:10-14; **Salmo:** Salmo 39:7-11; **Segunda:** Hebreos 10:4-10; **Evangeli:** Lucas 1:26-38

26 de Marzo de 2025

SE NECESITA AYUDA

Por favor llame o envíe un correo electrónico a la oficina parroquial si puede ayudar con estas actividades:

- Ministros de la Eucaristía, especialmente para la misa del sábado a las 5:30pm
- Conductores para llevar a misa a los feligreses que no pueden conducir
- Voluntarios capacitados para ayudar con reparaciones menores
- Jóvenes y adultos para ayudar con las actividades de Totus Tuus: Contacta a Bailey Flynt o Gabby Cecenas

ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Gracias al Sr. y la Sra. Ken Dudzik, la Sra. Mary Mael, la Sra. Jacquelin Bussell, el Sr. y la Sra. John Woodard, la Sra. Mary Ann Osterloh y la Sra. Sonda Probstfield por donar a la escuela en los sobres. Su apoyo es muy apreciado. Es lo que hace que nuestra escuela siga funcionando.

La próxima semana la escuela estará en vacaciones de primavera. Volveremos a la escuela el 31 de marzo.

Si no has oído hablar de MoScholars y de cómo el dinero de tus impuestos podría beneficiar a la escuela, ponte en contacto conmigo y te daré esa información. Los estudiantes también podrían beneficiarse solicitando una beca MoScholars. Si no estás seguro de cómo empezar si puedes calificar para el programa, por favor comunícate conmigo en la escuela y te ayudaré en el proceso.

Dios te bendiga y nos vemos después de las vacaciones de primavera.

Mr. Keaton

SERVICIOS DE PENITENCIA CUARESMA

- **St. Joseph Billings** el Domingo 23 de Marzo a las 4:00pm
- **St. Mary's Pierce City** el Domingo 6 de Abril a las 4:00pm
- **St. Agnes Sarcoxie** el Jueves 10 de Abril a las 6:00pm

Primera: Deuteronomio 4:1-5,9; **Salmo:** Salmo 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; **Evangeli:** Mateo 5:17-19

27 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Jeremias 7:23-28; **Salmo:** Salmo 94:1-2,6-9; **Evangeli:** Lucas 11:14-23

28 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Oseas 14:2-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 80:6-11,14 y 17; **Evangeli:** Marcos 12:28-34

29 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Oseas 6:1-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 50:3-4,18-21; **Evangeli:** Lucas 18:9-14

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any.

He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

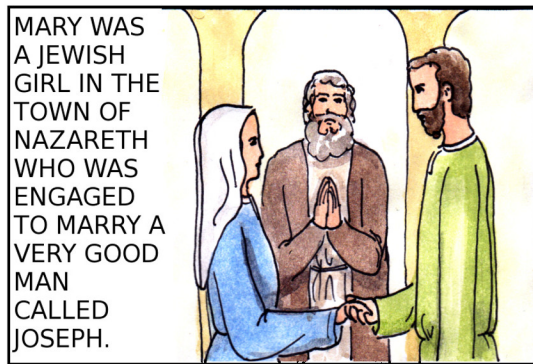
Third Sunday of Lent
March 23rd, 2025



*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.*

The Annunciation

March 25



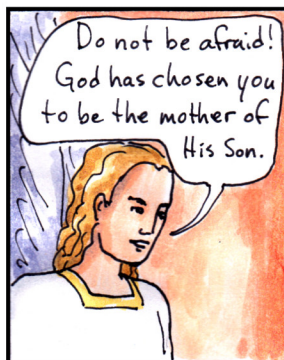
MARY WAS A JEWISH GIRL IN THE TOWN OF NAZARETH WHO WAS ENGAGED TO MARRY A VERY GOOD MAN CALLED JOSEPH.



ONE DAY WHILE SHE WAS PRAYING...



Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

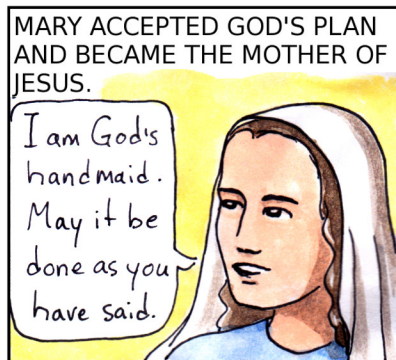


Do not be afraid! God has chosen you to be the mother of His Son.



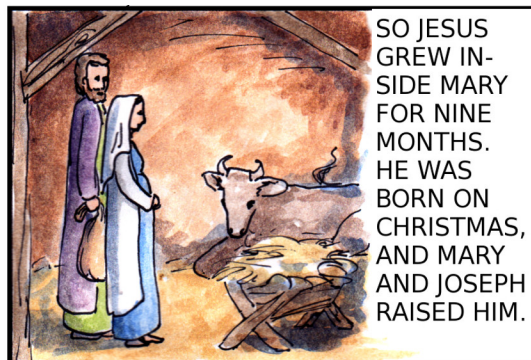
How can this be, since I am a virgin?

The power of God will come upon you. The Child will be the Son of God.



MARY ACCEPTED GOD'S PLAN AND BECAME THE MOTHER OF JESUS.

I am God's handmaid. May it be done as you have said.



SO JESUS GREW INSIDE MARY FOR NINE MONTHS. HE WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS, AND MARY AND JOSEPH RAISED HIM.

WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

The Burning Bush Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

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A F R A I D O F F R E E
 B D E L I V E R O M F S
 R G O D J E T H R O R U
 A L O R D E A O W S E F
 H A V E F S K L A E J F
 A N I L I H E Y R S A E
 M D S G R O U N D A C R
 F L A M E E G Y P T O I
 A O A B U S H O R E B N
 C O C N D B L A Z I N G
 E K M I S E R A B L E S

MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."