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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
The Bishop visits our parish for Confirmation every two years. *El Obispo visita nuestra parroquia cada 2 años.*

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.*

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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”.

WELCOME

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 5, 2024

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$5,161.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,142.66
Votive Candles	\$18.00
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The Mirror	\$14.00
Home Missions Appeal	\$20.00
Welcome Envelopes	\$98.00
Total	\$13,303.06

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

ADULT CATECHISM MEETING


Adult Catechism Meeting held every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Conference Room

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER SOCORRO

Thank you so much to all of you for all your good wishes on my birthday! You don't imagine what it means to me your love and friendship and all that I treasure in my heart. You are all present in my prayers. I feel very blessed with your love and friendship.

****Last Day for PSR Class is May 12 & May 15****

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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.

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PCCW

PCCW met on May 6. Salad Luncheon was a success and proceeds from the Salad Luncheon will be donated to St. Lawrence School and the Barry-Lawrence County Development Center. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Salad Luncheon! Next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 6:30pm.

Need your rosaries repaired?

Please call Al Fiffe for Rosary repair at (417) 236-6220 He does not charge for rosary repairs.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers needed to share Time and Talents:

- Prepare for our Parish Picnic (August 11,2024)
- Coordinate support efforts of new Catholic immigrants
- Participate on our new Liturgy Committee
- Take over the care and maintenance of the front flowerbed

If you have any interest in these opportunities, please contact the church office or Sandy Jastal 417-489-0980.

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

If you wish to place a name in the parish bulletin please call the parish office at 417-235-3286.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Meet Me at the Grotto This May

May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. As Bishop Rice has done for the past several years, he will be stopping at parishes to pray the Rosary at many of our grottos. The Meet me at the Grotto schedule:

- Sunday, May 12th—Joplin—St. Mary’s—6:30pm
- Sunday, May 19th—New Hamburg—St. Lawrence—6:30pm
- Monday, May 20th—Leopold—St. John—6:30pm
- Sunday, June 2—Cape Girardeau—St. Vincent de Paul—6pm

Please invite parishioners and let them know that they are welcome to bring lawn chairs and Meet Bishop Rice at the Grotto.

Bishop Celebrates Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Rice will celebrate Mass on Memorial Day, Mon., May 27, 2024, 9am at Resurrection Cemetery in Springfield. Priests are invited to concelebrate. After Mass a statue of the Blessed Mother will be blessed and dedicated in the priest section of the cemetery. The Knight of Columbus will provide coffee and doughnuts.

Bishop Rice’s May Prayer Intention

In imitation of Our Lady at the Visitation, may we bring the presence of Christ to others, especially the poor, the vulnerable and the unloved.

DDF (DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND)

To date our parish has \$8,490 towards our \$26,022 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. The diocese and Church in southern Missouri needs your participation.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please let us know of any parishioners who are sick/home bound and would like visitors. If you know of anyone please call the parish office at (417) 235-3286. Parishioners requesting prayers: **Barbara Alvarez; Jane Ellen Saunders; Sarah Sylvain Isidor (Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Father Peter Morciniec; Parker Laning; Pat Monto; Rosemary Schmidt**



HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 5pm-7pm St. Lawrence is having Holy Hour.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 12, 2024

1st Read: Acts 1:1-11; **Psalm:** Ps 47:2-3,6-7,8-9; **2nd Read:** Eph 1:17-23; **Gospel:** Mk 16:15-20

May 13, 2024

1st Read: Acts 19:1-8; **Psalm:** Ps 68:2-3ab,4-5acd,6-7ab; **Gospel:** Jn 16:29-33

May 14, 2024

1st Read: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; **Psalm:** 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8; **Gospel:** Jn 15:9-17

May 15, 2024

1st Read: Acts 20:28-38; **Psalm:** 68:29-30,33-5a,35bc-36ab; **Gospel:** Jn 17:11b-19

May 16, 2024

1st Read: Acts 22:30; **Psalm:** Ps 16:1-2a and , 7-8,9-10,11; **Gospel:** Jn 17:20-26

May 17,2024

1st Read: Acts 25:13b-21; **Psalm:** Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab; **Gospel:** Jn 21:15-19

May 18, 2024

1st Read: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; **Psalm:** Ps 11:4,5 and 7; **Gospel:** Jn 21:20-25

May 19, 2024

1st Read: Gn 11:1-9; **Psalm:** 104:1-2,24,35,27-28,29,30; **2nd Read:** Rom 8:22-27; **Gospel:** Jn 7:37-39

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish,

The donations to our school are so very overwhelming again. I feel so blessed to be working at this school and with this parish. Thank you 1000 times over. All who donated, you know who you are, God bless you always. School is almost out for the summer. Only 8 days of school left. Keep us in your prayers Have a great week.

Mark Keaton, Principal

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group invites Confirmation students on May 22nd immediately following practice at 6pm. Any questions please contact Jay Jastal at (417) 489-5785.

Bulletin Deadline

If you would like to have something in the bulletin, please send it via email **stlawrence1892@gmail.com** to the parish office no later than Tuesday.

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:30pm

- May 11th.....Patricia Randall
- May 18th.....Al Dohmen
- May 25th.....Thomas Kump

Sunday 10:00am

- May 12th.....Youth Group (Serenity Laning)
 - May 19th.....Lynda Velten
 - May 26th.....Sandy Jastal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturdays

- May 11th**—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Cary
- May 18th**—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- May 25th**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner, Marilyn Ceselski

Sundays

- May 12th**—Youth Group
- May 19th**—Jay Jastal, Sandy Jastal, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- May 26th**—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Sonie Probstfield

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- May 12th**—Youth Group
- May 19th**—Gabe Romo, Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas
- May 26th**—Fernando Salas, Hudson Kramer, Joseph Velten



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHERS HOLD OUR HANDS FOR A LITTLE WHILE
 BUT THEY HOLD OUR HEARTS FOREVER.
 ALL LOVING GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR
 MOTHERS YOUNG AND OLD. WE PRAY FOR ALL
 MOTHERS OF EVERY KIND. THOSE WHO HAVE
 LOVED US AND HELPED SHAPE US WITH MOTHERLY
 CARE AND COMPASSION. WE REMEMBER MOTHERS,
 GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS
 WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US, BUT WHOSE LOVE
 IS IN OUR MEMORY FOREVER.
 AMEN

WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL

SAT. MAY 11TH

4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Monett Mass + Dr. Frank Esparrago

**SUN. MAY 12TH: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD;
 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY
 Domingo: La Ascension Del Senor; Septimo
 Domingo de Pascua; Dia de la Madre**

8:00 am Verona Mass
 10:00 am Monett Mass - Mothers and Graduates
 11:00 am Last PSR Class
 12:30 pm Monett Misa de Domingo - Spanish Mass
 5:00 pm Verona Misa de Domingo - Spanish Mass

MON. MAY 13TH: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

LUNES: NUESTRA SENORA DE FATIMA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. MAY 14TH: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

MARTES: SAN MATIAS, APOSTOL

8:15am Monett Weekday Mass + Anna Maria Green
 6:00 pm Adult Catechism Meeting in the Conference Room

WED. MAY 15TH: ST. ISIDORE

MIERCOLES: SAN ISIDORO

8:00am Verona Weekday Mass
 6:00pm Youth Group-Basement
 7:00 pm Last PSR Class

THUR. MAY 16TH

8:15am Monett Weekday Mass + Bernard Spradling

FRI. MAY 17TH

8:00am Verona Weekday Mass
 1:00 pm Card Party in the Church Basement

SAT. MAY 18TH: ST. JOHN I

SABADO: SAN JUAN I

10:00am 1st Communions
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett + Jim Ceselski

SUN. MAY 19TH: PENTECOST SUNDAY

DOMINGO: DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTES

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
 10:00 am Parish Celebration
 10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass + Ed Welters
 12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass
 5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona - Spanish Mass

INFROMACION EN ESPAÑOL




¡Mantente en contacto con nosotros a través de correo electrónico y mensajes de texto! Horarios de misa, cancelaciones por mal tiempo, actualizaciones de ministerios y más directamente a tu teléfono. Para registrarte, envía un mensaje de texto con la palabra SAINTL al 202-765-3441 . También puedes inscribirte en línea en: Stlawrencecatholic-church2.flocknote.com

DE ESCRITORIO DE LA HERMANA SOCORRO

¡Muchísimas gracias a todos por desearme todo lo mejor en mi cumpleaños! No se imaginan todo lo que significa para mí su Amistad y cariño. Todo eso lo atesoro en mi Corazón. Todos ustedes estan presentes en mis oracions; ¡e siento muy bendecida con su Amistad y carino

****El ultimo dia para la clase de PSR es el 12 y 15 de mayo****



HORA SANTA Todos los martes San Lorenzo tendra hora santa desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm. Ven y pasa una o dos horas con el santisimo sacramento.

ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Querida parroquia,
 Las donaciones a nuestra escuela son nuevamente abrumadoras. Me siento muy bendecida de trabajar en esta escuela y con esta parroquia. Gracias 1000 veces. Todos los que donaron, ya saben quienes son, Dios los bendiga siempre.
 La escuela casi ha terminado durante el verano. Solo quedan 8 días de clases. Mantennos en tues oraciones. Que tengas una Buena semana.
 Mark Keaton, director



NOTICIAS DIOCESANAS

Encuentrame en la Gruta

Mayo se dedica tradicionalmente a honrar y buscar la intercesion de Mayo como Madre de Dios y Madre de la Iglesia. Como lo ha hecho el obispo Rice durante los ultimos anos, se detendra en las parroquias para rezar el Rosario en muchas de nuestras grutas. El horario de Encuentrame en la Gruta:

- Domingo 12 de Mayo—Joplin— Santa Maria— 6:30pm
- Domingo 19 de Mayo— Nueva Hamburgo—San Lorenzo—6:30pm
- Lunes 20 de Mayo—Leopoldo—San Juan—6:30pm
- Domingo 2 de Junio— Cabo Girardeau— San Vincente de Paul—6pm

Invite a los feligreses y hagales saber que pueden traer sillas de jardin y conocer al obispo Rice en la Gruta.

Obispo celebra misa del Dia de los Caidos

El obispo Rice celebrara misa el Dia de los Cadiso, el lunes 27 de mayo de 2024 a la manana en el Cementerio Resurrection en Springfield. Los sacerdotes estan invitados a concelbrar. Despues de la Misa, una estatua de la Santisima Madre sera bendecida y dedicada a la seccion de sacerdotes del cementerio. Los Caballeros de Colon proporcionaran café y donas.

Intencion de oracion de mayo del obispo Rice

A imitacion de Nuestra Senora en la Visitacion, podamos llevar la presencia de Cristo a los demas, especialmente a los pobres, los vulnerables y los no amados.

DDF (FONDO DE DESARROLLO DIOCESANO)

Hasta la fecha nuestra parroquia ha dado \$8,490. y la meta es \$26,022. Gracias! Si usted no ha dado su contribucion, por favor anada la cantidad qu va a contribuir a los fondos que se han recaudado hacienda su promesa y entregando la tarjea de promesa. La diocesis del sur de Missouri necesita su participacion.

12 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 1:1-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 46:2-3,6-7,8-9; **Segunda:** Ef 7:17-23; **Evangelio:** Mc 16:15-20

13 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 19:1-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 67:2-3ab, 4-5acd,6-7ab; **Evangelio:** Jn 16:29-33

14 de Mayo de 2024

Primea: Hch 1:15-17,20-26; **Salmo:** Salmo 112:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8; **Evangelio:** Jn 15:9-17

15 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 20:28-38; **Salmo:** Salmo 67:29-30,33-35a,35bc-36ab; **Evangelio:** Jn 17:11-19

16 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 22:30; **Salmo:** Salmo 15:1-2a y 5, 7-8,9-10,11; **Evangelio:** Jn 17:20-26

17 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 25:13-21; **Salmo:** Salmo 102:1-2,11-12,19-20ab; **Evangelio:** Jn 21:15-19

18 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Hch 28:16-20,30-31; **Salmo:** Salmo 10:4,5 y 7; **Evangelio:** Jn 21:20-25

19 de Mayo de 2024

Primera: Gn 11:1-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 31:1-2,5,6,7; **Segunda:** Ex 19:3-8a,16-20b; **Salmo:** Daniel 3:52-56; **Evangelio:** Jn 7:31-39



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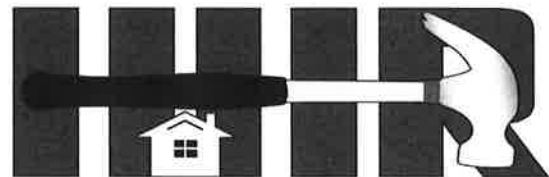
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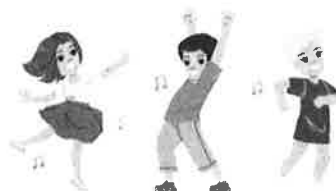
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Como recaudación de fondos de la iglesia, los alimentos tendrán un cargo.

Why are you a Catholic? Fr. William Saunders Each Catholic should be able to provide a solid, well-thought answer to the question, "Why are you a Catholic?" Granted, for each individual the answer is very personal and may be somewhat different from other people's answers. Hopefully, none of us who are adults and confirmed would simply state, "Well, my parents baptized me Catholic," or "I was raised Catholic," or "My family has always been Catholic." No, for each of us, the answer must be personal, heart-felt and full of conviction. Therefore, I will give you my answer to this question. First, I would say I am a Catholic because this is the Church that Jesus Christ founded. Any good historian worth his salt must admit that the first Christian Church existing since the time of Christ is the Roman Catholic Church. The second reason I am a Catholic is because of apostolic succession. Jesus entrusted His authority to His apostles. He gave a special authority to Peter, whom He called "rock" and to whom He entrusted the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Since the time of the apostles, this authority has been handed down through the sacrament of holy orders from bishop to bishop, and then extended to priests and deacons. The third reason I am a Catholic is because we believe in truth, an absolute, God-given truth. Christ identified Himself as "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). He gave us the Holy Spirit, whom He called the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:17), who would instruct us in everything and remind us of all that He taught (Jn 14:26). The truth of Christ has been preserved in sacred Scripture — the Bible. Another reason I am a Catholic is because of our sacraments. We believe in seven sacraments which Jesus gave to the Church. Each sacrament captures an important element of Christ's life, and by the power of the Holy Spirit gives us a share in the divine life of God. For example, just think what a precious gift we have to receive the holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord, or to know that our sins truly are forgiven and our soul is healed each time we receive absolution in the sacrament of penance. Finally, I am a Catholic because of the people who make up the Church. I think back to so many saints: Sts. Peter and Paul kept the gospel alive in the earliest times. During the Roman persecution, the early martyrs of the Church — like Sts. Anastasia, Lucy, Justin or Ignatius, who in the year 100 called the Church "Catholic" — defended the faith and suffered torturous deaths for it. In the Dark Ages, when many things were truly "dark," there were the great lights of Sts. Francis, Dominic and Catherine of Siena. During the Protestant movement, when heresy was ripping the Church apart, the Church was defended by Sts. Robert Bellarmine or Ignatius Loyola, genuine reformers. I think of living saints like Mother Teresa or Pope John Paul II, who day in and day out did God's holy work. There are so many saints that inspire each of us to be good members of the Church. In a nutshell, these are the reasons I am a Catholic and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I hope that each Catholic can proudly provide a solid, clear answer to the question, "Why are you a Catholic?"

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¿Por qué eres católico? P. William Saunders Cada católico debería poder dar una respuesta sólida y bien pensada a la pregunta: "¿Por qué eres católico?" Por supuesto, para cada individuo la respuesta es muy personal y puede ser algo diferente de las respuestas de otras personas. Con suerte, ninguno de nosotros, que somos adultos y estamos confirmados, diría simplemente: "Bueno, mis padres me bautizaron como católico", o "Fui criado como católico" o "Mi familia siempre ha sido católica". No, para cada uno de nosotros la respuesta debe ser personal, sentida y llena de convicción. Por eso te daré mi respuesta a esta pregunta. Primero, diría que soy católico porque esta es la Iglesia que fundó Jesucristo. Cualquier buen historiador que se precie debe admitir que la primera Iglesia cristiana que existe desde los tiempos de Cristo es la Iglesia Católica Romana. La segunda razón por la que soy católico es por la sucesión apostólica. Jesús confió su autoridad a sus apóstoles. Dio una autoridad especial a Pedro, a quien llamó "roca" y a quien confió las llaves del Reino de los Cielos. Desde la época de los apóstoles, esta autoridad se ha transmitido mediante el sacramento del orden sagrado de obispo a obispo, y luego se ha extendido a los sacerdotes y diáconos. La tercera razón por la que soy católico es porque creemos en la verdad, una verdad absoluta dada por Dios. Cristo se identificó a sí mismo como "el camino, la verdad y la vida" (Jn 14,6). Nos dio el Espíritu Santo, al que llamó Espíritu de verdad (Jn 14,17), que nos instruiría en todo y nos recordaría todo lo que Él enseñaba (Jn 14,26). La verdad de Cristo ha sido preservada en las Sagradas Escrituras: la Biblia.

Otra razón por la que soy católico es por nuestros sacramentos. Creemos en siete sacramentos que Jesús dio a la Iglesia. Cada sacramento captura un elemento importante de la vida de Cristo y, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, nos da participación en la vida divina de Dios. Por ejemplo, piensen en el don tan precioso que tenemos al recibir la sagrada Eucaristía, el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor, o saber que nuestros pecados verdaderamente son perdonados y nuestra alma sana cada vez que recibimos la absolución en el sacramento de la penitencia. Finalmente, soy católico por las personas que componen la Iglesia. Pienso en tantos santos: los Santos. Pedro y Pablo mantuvieron vivo el evangelio en los primeros tiempos. Durante la persecución romana, los primeros mártires de la Iglesia, como los Santos. Anastasia, Lucía, Justino o Ignacio, que en el año 100 llamó a la Iglesia "católica", defendieron la fe y sufrieron muertes tortuosas por ella.

En la Edad Media, cuando muchas cosas eran verdaderamente "oscuras", estaban las grandes luces de los Santos. Francisco, Domingo y Catalina de Siena. Durante el movimiento protestante, cuando la herejía estaba desgarrando a la Iglesia, la Iglesia fue defendida por los Santos. Roberto Belarmino o Ignacio de Loyola, auténticos reformadores. Pienso en santos vivos como la Madre Teresa o el Papa Juan Pablo II, quienes día tras día realizaron la santa obra de Dios. Hay tantos santos que nos inspiran a cada uno de nosotros a ser buenos miembros de la Iglesia. En pocas palabras, estas son las razones por las que soy católico y miembro de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Espero que cada católico pueda brindar con orgullo una respuesta sólida y clara a la pregunta: "¿Por qué eres católico?" Usado con permiso del autor.

Why do we make the sign of the cross?

Answer: Nicephorus writes that St. John the Evangelist blessed himself with the sign of the cross before dying. St. Paul used this same sign to restore sight to a blind man. Many even affirm that Our Lord Himself taught this sign to the apostles and that he used it to bless them on the day of his Ascension. "The sign of the cross," says St. Ignatius of Antioch, a disciple of St. John, "is the trophy raised against the power of the prince of this world; when he sees it, he is afraid; when he even hears of it, he is filled with terror." Tertullian in the second century says, "At every fresh step and change of place, whenever we come in or go out...we impress upon our forehead the sign of the Cross." Our Lord's death sanctified (made holy) the symbol of the cross. The cross went from being regarded as an instrument of shame, to the symbol of Jesus' triumph and victory over sin and death and a sign of our faith in Him. That is why we make the sign of the cross. If done with reverence and thought, the sign of the cross is a protection from the powers of Satan and a reminder of the power of our Faith. "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, proclaims for all to see, our belief in the Trinity and the Unity of God in three persons. The touching of the forehead is to show that the Son proceeds from the Father, and that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son is signified by touching the heart and the two shoulders; while the form of the cross reminds us of our redemption by Jesus' sacrifice the cross. Make the sign of the cross devoutly. It is one of the greatest sacramental of the Church. The cross is signed upon the forehead, lips and heart when the Gospel is read, to show that we must avoid sin in thought, word or deed, and professes our faith in these three ways.

¿Por qué nos persignamos?

Respuesta: Nicéforo escribe que San Juan Evangelista se bendijo con la señal de la cruz antes de morir. San Pablo utilizó este mismo signo para devolverle la vista a un ciego. Muchos incluso afirman que el mismo Nuestro Señor enseñó este signo a los apóstoles y que lo utilizó para bendecirlos el día de su Ascensión. "La señal de la cruz", dice San Ignacio de Antioquía, discípulo de San Juan, "es el trofeo levantado contra el poder del príncipe de este mundo; cuando lo ve, tiene miedo; Incluso cuando se entera de ello, se llena de terror". Tertuliano en el siglo II dice: "A cada nuevo paso y cambio de lugar, cada vez que entramos o salimos... nos imprimimos en la frente la señal de la Cruz". La muerte de nuestro Señor santificó (santificó) el símbolo de la cruz. La cruz pasó de ser considerada un instrumento de vergüenza a ser el símbolo del triunfo y la victoria de Jesús sobre el pecado y la muerte y un signo de nuestra fe en Él. Por eso hacemos la señal de la cruz. Si se hace con reverencia y pensamiento, la señal de la cruz es una protección contra los poderes de Satanás y un recordatorio del poder de nuestra Fe. "En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, proclama para que todos vean, nuestra creencia en la Trinidad y la Unidad de Dios en tres personas. El toque de la frente es para mostrar que el Hijo procede del Padre, y que el Espíritu Santo procede tanto del Padre como del Hijo se significa tocando el corazón y los dos hombros; mientras que la forma de la cruz nos recuerda nuestra redención por el sacrificio de Jesús; hacer la señal de la cruz. Cruz con devoción Es uno de los mayores sacramentales de la Iglesia. La cruz se firma en la frente, los labios y el corazón cuando se lee el Evangelio, para mostrar que debemos evitar el pecado de pensamiento, palabra u obra, y profesar nuestra fe. Estas tres maneras.

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Una Oración de Graduación

La vida es corta y no tenemos mucho tiempo para alegrar el corazón de quienes viajan con nosotros.

Así que sed rápidos para amar y apresuraos a actuar con bondad y compassion y la bendición de Dios Todopoderoso.

CREADOR, REDENTOR y SOSTENEDOR estén con nosotros este día y por siempre.

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A Graduation Prayer

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.

So be swift to love and make haste to act with kindness and compassion and the blessing of God Almighty.

CREATOR, REDEEMER and SUSTAINER be with us this day and forever more.

AMEN