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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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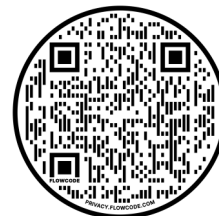
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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 12:30pm-4:00pm

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”.

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

September 1, 2024

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$5,300.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,025.00
Votive Candles	\$38.11
Mass Offerings	\$40.00
School Support	\$370.00
Outreach	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Religious Store	\$5.00
Baptism	\$90.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$645.00
Sacred Heart	\$2,204.17
PSR	\$1,060.00
Total	\$10,897.28

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

Need your rosaries repaired?

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 15th—Retirement Fund for Religious

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.

DDF (DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND)

To date our parish has made our goal of \$26,022 and more with \$26,425 and a total of 85 donors towards our goal of 90 donors. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount you can give.

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To sign up, text **SAINTL** To 84576
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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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FROM THE DESK OF SISTER SOCORRO

We will be starting PSR on Sun., Sept. 8th for 1st through 6th grade and Wed., Sept. 11th for 7th through 12th grade.

PSR Registrations will be closing September 30th. If you do not get registered by then you will have to wait until next year.

Please hurry up and register for PSR 1st through 12th grade.

PSR Teachers: September 15th is Blessing of the Catechists. Please attend mass this day for a blessing.

ADULT CATECHISM MEETING

- Adult Catechism Meeting held every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Conference Room
 - A study on Baltimore Catechism, is at 6pm every Tuesday.
- Please call Ed Laning at 760-250-4143 for more information.

You are Invited!

All parishioners are invited to attend the mass for Deacons in formation as they receive the Rite of Lector. The mass is on Saturday, September 21st at 11am at the Saint Agnes Cathedral in Springfield, Missouri.

PCCW/RCCW

St. Lawrence PCCW approved paying for the renewal of the Microsoft Office subscription that is used by the St. Lawrence Parish Office.

HELP: We are in need of a volunteer to work with other women to care for the altar linens. Geri Carey would be happy to teach someone how to do this. Please contact Geri or let the parish office know that you are interested in helping out. St. Lawrence will be hosting the RCCW meeting on Sept. 12th. Women from parishes in our area will be attending. All women are invited to attend the PCCW meetings. Please plan to attend our next meeting Oct. 7th at 6:30pm. .

Our PCCW is part of the Regional Catholic Women (RCCW) which are part of the larger Diocesan DCCW. We are encouraged to join the National NCCW which offers resources and brings our concerns to congress. At the urging of our Bishop, the Diocesan women have been praying daily for the priests and deacons of our diocese according to a printed calendar. These calendars with suggested prayers will be printed monthly in the bulletin.

School News

Greetings all, I hope everyone is happy and doing well. Thank you to the following for donating in the envelopes: Patricia Monto, Ann Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. George Rausch, Mrs. Marilyn Roetto, and Pauline Kelley. Thank you for remembering the school.

On Tuesday, September 10th we will celebrate Grandparents. After Mass we will treat them to doughnuts and juice. Then they can take a tour of their grandchild's classroom until 10. We hope it will be fun. God Bless you,
Mr. Keaton

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; Rosemary Schmidt; Sister Petra; Kenneth Wroblewski**

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 8, 2024

1st Read: Is 35:4-7a; **Psalm:** Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

2nd Read: Jas 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Mk 7:31-37

September 9, 2024

1st Read: 1 Cor 5:1-8; **Psalm:** Ps 5:5-6,7,12; **Gospel:** Lk 6:6-11

September 10, 2024

1st Read: 1 Cor 6:1-11; **Psalm:** Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a and 9b; **Gospel:** Lk 6:12-19

September 11, 2024

1st Read: 1 Cor 7:25-31; **Psalm:** Ps 45:11-12,14-15,16-17; **Gospel:** Lk 6:20-26

September 12, 2024

1st Read: 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13; **Psalm:** Ps 139:1b-3,13-14ab,23-24; **Gospel:** Lk 6:27-38

September 13, 2024

1st Read: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27; **Psalm:** Ps 84:4,5-6,12; **Gospel:** Lk 6:39-42

September 14, 2024

1st Read: Nm 21:4b-9; **Psalm:** Ps 78:1bc-2,34-35-38; **2nd Read:** Phil 2:6-11; **Gospel:** Jn 3:13-17

September 15, 2024

1st Read: Is 50:5-9a; **Psalm:** Ps 116:1-6,8-9; **2nd Read:** Jas 2:14-18; **Gospel:** Mk 8:27-35

REQUESTING DONATIONS

The parish council is asking on behalf of the school for supply donations and student tuition sponsorships. The items that have been requested can be found on the donation board located in the church before and after masses. Please drop off all donations between August 20th and September 20th at the school office between 8am and 3pm. You may call the school at 417-235-3721.

OCIA (RCIA)

Are you thinking of joining the Church? Do you have a family member/friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith? Do you have questions about what we believe? Have you been baptized, but lack other sacraments like the Eucharist or Confirmation?

If our Catholic faith is appealing, if you have questions, or if you are a baptized Catholic who would like to be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist, our OCIA process can help you. The process can provide guidance and support in your spiritual journey toward a deepening relationship with Jesus. All inquiries are welcome, no immediate commitment is necessary. Classes will be on Wednesdays at 7pm starting October 2nd. For more information or to sign up please call the parish office at 417-235-3286.

Richard and Joan McNerney will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, October 6th with an open house in the Holy Trinity gym in Aurora from 1-4pm.

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:30pm

- September 7th.....Al Dohmen
- September 14th.....Nikki Pierce
- September 21st.....Patricia Randall
- September 28th.....Thomas Kump

Sunday 10:00am

- September 8th.....Youth (Jonah Rosebaugh)
 - September 15th.....Sandy Jastal
 - September 22nd.....Sara Schad
 - September 29th.....Angie Madison

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturdays

September 7th—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

September 14th—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey

September 21st—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff

September 28th—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner, Marilyn Ceselski

Sundays

September 8th—Youth Group

September 15th—Jay Jastal, Sandy Jastal, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders

September 22nd—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Sonie Probstfield

September 29th—Sara Schad, Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt

SERVERS 10AM MASS

September 8th—Youth

September 15th—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas

September 22nd—Joseph Velten, Isaac Saunders, Gabe Romo

September 29th—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas



HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 5pm-6pm St. Lawrence is having Holy Hour.



**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 7TH: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SABADO: BENDITA VIRGEN MARIA**

4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Monett Mass — + Gene Spivy, Cecilia Martinez, and Augustina Noriega

SUN. SEPTEMBER 8TH: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DOMINGO: VIGESIMO TERCERO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

8:00 am Verona Mass
10:00 am Monett Mass— + Lynnix Curry
11:00am PSR
12:30 pm Monett Misa de Domingo - Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Verona Misa de Domingo- Spanish Mass

**MON. SEPTEMBER 9TH: ST. PETER CLAVER
LUNES: SAN PEDRO LISTO**

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:15am Monett Weekday Mass + Rita Drake and Special Intention for McCaffrey Family
6:00 pm Adult Catechism Meeting in the Conference Room

WED. SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00am Verona Weekday Mass
7:00pm PSR

THUR. SEPTEMBER 12TH: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

JUEVES: EL SANTISIMO NOMBRE DE MARIA
8:15am Monett Weekday Mass + Jerry and Anna Maria Green

**FRI. SEPTEMBER 13TH ST. JOHN CHRYSOTOM
VIERNES: SAN JUAN CRISOSTOMO**

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

SAT. SEPTEMBER 14TH: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SABADO: LA EXALTACION DE LA SANTA CRUZ
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett - +Jim Ceselski

SUN. SEPTEMBER 15TH: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DOMINGO: VIGESIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —+ Debbie Netzer and Holy Souls in Purgatory
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: **Stlawrencecatholicchurc2.flocknote.com**

DEL ESCRITORIO DE LA HERMANA SOCORRO

Comenzaremos el PSR el domingo 8 de septiembre para los grados primero a sexto y el miércoles 11 de septiembre para los grados séptimo a duodécimo.

Las inscripciones para el PSR cerrarán el 30 de septiembre. Si no se inscribe para esa fecha, tendrá que esperar hasta el próximo año. Por favor, apúrese e inscribese para el PSR de primero a duodécimo grado.

Maestros del PSR: el 15 de septiembre es la bendición de los catequistas. Por favor, asista a la misa ese día para recibir la bendición.

DDF (FONDO DE DESARROLLO DIOCESANO)

Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia había alcanzado nuestra meta y más con \$26,425 y un total de 85 donantes hacia nuestra meta de 90 donantes. Gracias! Si aún no has hecho tu compromiso, añade tu donación, sea cual sea la cantidad que puedas donar.



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

8 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: Is 35:4-7a; **Salmo:** Salmo 145:7,8-9a,9bc-10; **Segunda:** Sant 2:1-5; **Evangelio:** Mc 7:31-37

9 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: 1 Cor 5:1-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 5:5-6,7,12; **Evangelio:** Lc 6:6-11

10 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: 1 Cor 6:1-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 149:1-4,5-6a y 9b; **Evangelio:** Lc 6:12-19

11 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: 1 Cor 7:25-31; **Salmo:** Salmo 44:11-12,14-17; **Evangelio:** Lc 6:20-26

Noticias de la escuela

Saludos a todos, espero que todos estén felices y bien. Gracias a las siguientes personas por donar en los sobres: Patricia Monto, Ann Kennedy, el Sr. y la Sra. George Rausch, la Sra. Marilyn Roetto y Pauline Kelley. Gracias por acordarse de la escuela. El martes 10 de septiembre celebraremos a los abuelos. Después de la misa los invitaremos a comer donas y jugo. Luego podrán hacer un recorrido por el salón de clases de su nieto hasta las 10. Esperamos que sea divertido. Dios los bendiga, Sr. Keaton.



Solicitud de donaciones

El consejo parroquial solicita, en nombre de la escuela, donaciones de útiles escolares y patrocinios para la matrícula de los estudiantes. Los artículos que se han solicitado se pueden encontrar en la tarjeta de donaciones ubicada en la iglesia antes y después de las misas. Deje todas las donaciones entre el 20 de agosto y el 20 de septiembre en la oficina de la escuela entre las 8am y las 3pm. Puede llamar a la escuela al 417-235-3721.

12 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: 1 Cor 8:1-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 138:1b-3,13-14ab,23-24; **Evangelio:** Lc 6:27-38

13 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27; **Salmo:** Salmo 83:3-6,12; **Evangelio:** Lc 6:39-42

14 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: Num 21:4-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 77:1-2,34-38; **Segunda:** Flp 2:6-11; **Evangelio:** Jn 3:13-17

15 de Septiembre de 2024

Primera: Is 50:5-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 114:1-6,8-9; **Segunda:** Sant 2:14-18; **Evangelio:** Mc 8:27-35



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Office of the Bishop

September 3, 2024

Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

My Brothers in Christ:

As Catholic Gentlemen, we are called to a life of service. We are called to care for our families, serve our communities and serve our Holy Mother Church. I am excited to share with you that a great and wonderful opportunity exists for Catholic men to answer this call to serve by becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

This exemplary Order of Catholic men was founded in 1882 by a simple Parish Priest who had the vision and foresight to conceive of an organization which would provide Catholic men the opportunity to live their Faith through charitable works, caring for their families, and defending the Catholic Faith. Today, the Knights of Columbus are over 2 million members strong in 16 Countries, and provide a strong moral example in an age where culture promotes secularism over service to others.

Last year, this organization of practical Catholic men donated more than \$185 million and 50 million man hours to charity, in addition to providing its members with the opportunity to share a fraternal brotherhood with men of similar values. As a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work that these men accomplish in this Diocese.

However, there is much work which needs to be done in the name of charity. I strongly encourage each man in this Diocese who considers himself to be a practical Catholic and is at least 18 years old to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in Parishes after Masses on various weekends during September with more information. Please take some time to visit with one of these men so that you may join us in our mission to promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I promise you the experience of a lifetime.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



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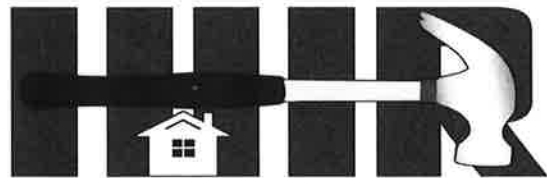
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Why are you a Catholic? Fr. William Saunders Each Catholic should be able to provide a solid, well-thought answer to the question, "Why are you a Catholic?" Granted, for each individual the answer is very personal and may be somewhat different from 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.

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8	Fr Randy Tochtrop 11/29/1996 Immaculate Conception *Cardinal Bernard Law 12/19/2017	9	Fr Shoby Chettiyath 5/9/2006 St Joseph/St Francis of Assisi *Fr Leo Herzog 8/7/1965	10	Fr Jose Antoney Thundathi 5/12/1988 Sacred Heart *Deceased Deacons Spg/CG Diocese	11	Fr Brian Straus 6/8/2018 St Peter the Apostle *Fr Frederick Lutz 3/25/2023	12	Fr Allan Saunders 9/12/1986 St Mary Cathedral *Fr Quentin Hahn 9/12/1993	13	Deacon Mathew Fletcher 6/21/2008 St Joseph *Fr Jacob Biernacki 3/1/2016	14	Fr Mathukutty Naduchirayi 12/27/2009 St Mary/St Canera *Fr Byron Edwards 1/18/2010		
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29	Deacon Kevin Henderson 6/10/2023 Sacred Heart *Fr Thomas Carney 12/8/1971	30	Fr Placid Guste 9/30/1961 Society Mother of Peace *Msgr Joseph Keusenkothen 9/30/1976	1	PRAY FOR ALL CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS WOMEN OF OUR DIOCESE	2		3							
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PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for a designated priest each day listed on the calendar prepared and distributed by Guardian Angel (PCCW).

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them. Guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let Us Pray For:

The Holy Father

Fill him with your grace, Lord

Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops

Give them your gifts, Lord

Diocesan Priests

Never leave them, Lord

Priests in Seminary work

Give them your wisdom, Lord

Priests in hospital work

Give them constancy, Lord

Priest who are ill

Heal them, Lord

Priests in danger

Deliver them, Lord

Priests who are weak

Strengthen them, Lord

Priests who are poor

Relieve them, Lord

Priests who are zealous

Help them, Lord

Priests who want to love you

Enkindle their hearts, Lord

Priests who are sad

Console them, Lord

Priests who are worried

Give them peace, Lord

Priests who are old

Sustain them, Lord

Priests who are young

*Impel them for your glory,
Lord*

Priests who are alone

Accompany them, Lord

Missionary Priests

Protect them, Lord

Priests who are preachers

Enlighten them, Lord

Priests who direct souls

Instruct them, Lord

Parish Priests

Give them prudence, Lord

Religious Priests

Make them perfect, Lord

Priests most in need

Carry them, Lord

Priests who have died

Bring them glory, Lord

On all the Church, militant

and suffering

Lord, Have mercy

For all Priests:

Give them Your wisdom, Lord

Give them patience and charity

Give them a burning zeal for souls

Give them a great love for Mary

Give them the gift of counsel

Give them peace in their sufferings

Give them an intense love for the Eucharist

Give them loyalty to the Holy See and their Bishops

Let them be the light of souls

Let them be other Christs

Give them virtue

Give them obedience and kindness

Give them respect for their dignity

Give them rectitude and justice

Give them strength in their labors

Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial

Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary

May they be men of prayer

May faith shine forth in them

May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls

May they be faithful to their priestly vocation

May their hands know only how to bless

May they burn with love for You and for Mary

May all their steps be for the glory of God

May the Holy Spirit possess them and give them his Gifts in abundance

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (*name of priest*), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in him and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (*name of priest*). Amen.

Let us Pray

O God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.

Daily Catholic Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Prayer for Deacons

Lord Jesus Christ, servant of all, send your spirit upon our deacons as they serve your church. Give them eyes to see the needs of your people. Give them a discerning mind to know your truth. Give them a generous spirit when they are tired but needed. Give them a humble heart when their work goes unnoticed. Give them peace of mind in obedience and service. Give them health of body so they may serve with strength. Make them fertile ground for your inspiration and love. Comfort them when they question themselves and their ministry. Grant them grace as they age so they may share your wisdom. Make their heart like yours so they may love your people. Amen