



ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN EDUARDO
SANTUARIO DE DIVINA MISERICORDIA

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DECEMBER 1, 2024
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First Sunday of Advent **Primer domingo de Adviento**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES **MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA**

Saturday/Sábado - 4:00PM (English)
Sunday/Domingo
9:00AM (English)
11:00AM & 1:00PM (Español)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES **HORARIOS DE MISA ENTRE SEMANA**

Tuesday/Martes - 6:00PM (English)
Wednesday/Miércoles - 7:00AM
CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN (Español)
Thursday/Jueves - 6:00PM (Español)
Friday/Viernes - 7:00AM
IN ADORATION CHAPEL (English)

CONFESSIONS & ADORATION **CONFESIONES Y ADORACIÓN**

Tuesday/Martes - 5:00 PM
Wednesday/Miércoles - 5:00 PM
Thursday/Jueves - 5:00 PM
Friday/Viernes - 3:00 PM
Saturday/Sábado - 3:00 PM
Sunday/Domingo - 3:00 PM

CHURCH/SHRINE OPEN **IGLESIA/SANTUARIO ABIERTO**

Monday/Lunes - Friday/Viernes
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday/Sábado - closed
Sunday/Domingo - 10:00 - 11:00 AM,
12:00 - 1:00 PM, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Welcome to All! | Bienvenido a todos!

Thank you for celebrating Mass with the St. Edward Catholic Community today! If you would like to register as a new member or you need to make updates to your contact information, please contact the Parish Office.

¡Gracias por celebrar Misa con la Comunidad de la Iglesia Católica de San Eduardo hoy! Si le gustaría registrarse como nuevo miembro o necesita actualizar su información de contacto, por favor comuníquese con nosotros en la Oficina Parroquial.

UPCOMING WEEK SCHEDULE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Ronnie Stone

6:00 PM - Mass - Lector: Miriam Moix

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Bill Wrape

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Vincente Mendoza

Friday, December 6, 2024

3:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Miriam Moix

Saturday, December 7, 2024

3:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Dianne Paladino

4:00 PM - Mass - Lector: Kathy Childs

Extraordinary Ministers: Ronnie Stone,
David Kern

Ushers: Doug Virden and friends

Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:00 AM - Mass - Servers: Sanson Family

Lector: Torin Gray

Extraordinary Ministers: Bill & Carole Canino, Patty James

Ushers: LeAnn Wellinghoff, Mary Palmer

3:00 PM - Holy Hour - Sacristan: Martha P.

PARISH INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Registration in Parish / Registro en Parroquia

To join our parish, please register online at www.stedwardchurchlr.org/new-member-registration or visit our offices Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Para registrarse a nuestra parroquia, vaya a la pagina de internet www.stedwardchurchlr.org/newmember-registration o visite nuestras oficinas de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm.

Baptism of Infants / Bautismo de infantes

Baptisms in English and Spanish are celebrated on the first and third Saturday of each month. To register for baptismal preparation classes for parents and godparents, call our offices Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. To register your child for baptism you must fill out a registration form with our parish office and bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of the baptismal class. For more information call our office.

Para inscribirse en clases de preparación bautismal para los padres y padrinos, llame a nuestras oficinas de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm. Para registrar su niño(a) para bautizo debe llenar un forma de registro con nuestra oficina parroquial y traer copia del certificado de nacimiento del niño(a) y constancia de las platicas bautismales. Para mayores informes llame a nuestras oficinas.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults / Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the office at 501-374-5767.

Para personas interesadas en hacerse católicas, comuníquese con la oficina al 501-374-5767.

Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los enfermos

Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the office at 501-374-5767.

Los feligreses que enfrentan una cirugía o luchan contra una enfermedad grave pueden solicitar este sacramento llamando a la oficina al 501-374-5767.

Vocations to Christian Marriage / Vocaciones al matrimonio cristiano

Couples planning to marry at St. Edward contact the office at 501-374-5767 at least nine months in advance.

Las parejas que planean casarse en St. Edward deben comunicarse con la oficina al 501-374-5767 al menos con nueve meses de anticipación.



Yami Barragan	Lyndsey Longinotti
Kelly Beard	Mary Mauppin
Frank Bryant	Dylan McKinzie
Jake Thomas Bunker	Jimmy Murphy
James Carbillo	Barabara O'Brian
Guy Diemer	Tonny & Martha Petty
Pat Eichler	Lupita Reyes
Jackson Ryan Ermitano	Josephine Routh
Margarita Garcia	Gabrielle Sanson
Fitz Hagood	Pam Vander Schilden
Virginia Hall	Sharon Vaughn
Pat Hanson	David Ward
Cissy Johnson	Joyce Wewer-Diemer
Liz Kieklak	Donna Wewer-Holter
Ron Kieklak	Jason Woodruff
Jeannette Lisko	



Tuesday, December 3
Special Intention: Isidro & Teresa Méndez

Wednesday, December 4
Martha Lorena Castillo †

Thursday, December 5
Martha Lorena Castillo †

Friday, December 6
Benditas ánimas del purgatorio

Saturday, December 7
Freda Harness †

Sunday, December 8
9:00 AM - Pete Pilkington †
11:00 AM - Diego Aron Rivera †
1:00 PM - For all the Parish



Luis Gonzalez Amparo	James Daniel	Margaret & Charles Lukas	Ramon Alvarez Romero
Charles & Ella B. Armentor	Dayer Family	Francis Malagarie	Zirilo Alvarez Romero
Ned & Sherri Armentor	Mr. Don Dennis	Antonio Martinez	Sanson Family
Edith & Otis Armentor	Amparo Flores	Orrin F. McIntyre	Fr. Savory
Blaise Armentor	Francisco Flores	Creedence Mckinzie	Catherine M. Smith
Sonny Barnes	Jose Garcia	Gregorio Mendoza	Familia Sosa
Adolph & Willie B. Barnes	Howard Gaston	Victorio Mendoza	Cecil Souileau
Rosa & Regino Barragan	Anar Manuel Gonzalez	Tomas Mendoza	Bobs & Tom Sponer
Carlos Manuel Barragan	Jose Gonzalez	Demetrio Mendoza	Jon Springer
Lois Barras	Javier Gonzalez	Maria I. Molina	Azucena Vanegas
Mr. & Mrs. F.F. Bechtold	Luis Gonzalez	C.E. Bill Moore	Dc & Wilma Vargs
Jeanne Adele Begnaud	Flavio Gonzalez	Familia Moreno	Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Wankum
Andrea Emilia Bernabey	Andres Gonzalez	Juan Ortiz	Mrs. Mary Wankum
Elvin James Broussard	Jesus Gonzalez	Pete Pilkington	Henry Ward
Eufement & Ella Broussard	Ignacio Gonzalez	Ramona Presiado	Thelma Ward
Burns Family	Rafael Gudiño	Maverick Qualls	Fr. West
The Caceres Family	Maurus and Judith Jones	Lynette Raidt	David Wren
Juan Ortiz Carmen	Greg Kitterman	Rappold Family	Christian Wren
Carmen Ceja	Lange Family	Agnes Richard	
Emilia Chavez	Candelaria Llamas	Charles Rodgers	
Emelina Corralez	Lowary Family	Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Rogers	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers. We assist priests and deacons in the distribution of the body and blood of Jesus Christ at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Do you want to help? Please tell Father Juan or call the church office to get more information.



OUR PARISH ONLINE CALENDAR

NUESTRO CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL EN LÍNEA



We have added a parish calendar to our website at:

www.stedwardchurchlr.org/parish-calendar

If you have any additional parish events email us at info@stedwardchurch.org.

Hemos agregado un calendario parroquial a nuestro sitio web. Si tiene algún evento parroquial adicional, envíenos un correo electrónico a info@stedwardchurch.org.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Edward Catholic Church.

We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the Christmas Flowers Offering Form online or envelopes found in your mailing packet.



Join us for St Edward Christian Mothers Sodality Annual

BAKE SALE

If you would like to contribute, please bring your items before 4 pm Mass on Saturday. Any questions, please contact Rose Anne Smith 501-412-6489.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
DEC 14 & 15, 2024**

After 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and before & after 9:00 am Mass Sunday

**Cinnamon rolls, cookies,
candy, quiche, breads and
cakes plus much more!**

All Proceeds go to the CMS Special Projects.

"El consulado del Peru estará ofreciendo sus servicios a la comunidad de Arkansas, el **Sábado 14 de Diciembre**, de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm, aquí en San Eduardo, en el sótano de la antigua escuela"



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en Estados Unidos

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Go to: www.StEdwardLR.org

ST. EDWARD PARISH – PARROQUIA DE SAN EDUARDO



FIESTAS GUADALUPANAS 2024
12 DE DICIEMBRE
MAÑANITAS 6 AM EN LA IGLESIA
TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS!



Novenario

Día 3 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Familia Vias

Día 4 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Padres de Familia de Confirmación

Día 5 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Familia González-Treviño

Día 6 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Grupo de EPJ

Día 7 de Diciembre
Comunidad Hispana (peregrinación)

9-12 pm Misa y recepción después

Día 8 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Familia Rosas-Rivera

Día 9 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Familia Reyes - Contreras

Día 10 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Familia Garay de la Rosa

Día 11 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Danza Hot Spring

Día 12 de Diciembre
6 am Mañanitas
6 pm Misa

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE PEREGRINACIÓN GUADALUPANA

On Saturday, **December 7th** at 8 am we will process from at St. Mary's Church, 1516 Parker Street, North Little Rock and continue along the route. There will be a celebration of the Holy Mass upon arrival at St. Edward Church at 12 pm. All are welcome.



Sponsored by St. Edward, St. Mary's, St. Theresa, Good Counsel, Christ the King, Cathedral of St. Andrew, St. Anne's, St. Jude's, St. John's, St. Rosa de Luna, Our Lady of Fatima, Hispanic Ministry, EPJ.

El sábado 7 de diciembre a las 8 am realizaremos la procesión desde la Iglesia de Santa María, 1516 Parker Street, North Little Rock. Habrá una celebración de la Santa Misa a su llegada a la Iglesia de San Eduardo a las 12:00 horas. Todos son bienvenidos.

Patrocinado por San Eduardo, Santa María, Santa Teresa, Buen Consejo, Cristo Rey, Catedral de San Andrés, Santa Ana, San Judas, San Juan, Santa Rosa de Luna, Nuestra Señora de Fátima, Ministerio Hispano, EPJ.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00am - 3:00pm - Thrift Store (Half Price Sale)
6:00pm - *Platicas de bautizo en español*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00pm - Holy Hour
6:00pm - Mass (English)
6:30pm - Sewing Class
7:00pm - Rosario y recepción

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00am - *Misa en la Capilla de la Adoración*
5:00pm - *Hora Santa (Español)*
6:30pm - OCIA & PRE Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Classes
7:00pm - Rosario y recepción

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00pm - Holy Hour
6:00pm - *Misa (Español)*
7:00pm - Spanish Choir Practice
7:00pm - Rosario y recepción

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00am - Mass (English)
3:00pm - Holy Hour (English)
7:00pm - Rosario y recepción

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00am - Sewing Class
9:00am - Noon - Guadalupe Procession
12:00pm - Misa con el obispo en Saint Edward
3:00pm - Holy Hour
4:00pm - Mass (English)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00am - Mass (English) (Live-streamed)
10:00am - Coffee and Donuts in Cafeteria
10:00am - 3:00pm - Thrift Store Open
11:00am - *Misa (Español) (Transmitido en vivo)*
12:00pm - Sunday Food Sales in Cafeteria
12:15pm - *Clases de formación de español*
1:00pm - *Misa (Español)*
3:00pm - Holy Hour
7:00pm - Rosario y recepción

CHILDRENS' BOOK DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus Council 812 is conducting its annual book drive for the children served by Helping Hand in Little Rock. The books are given to the children with the toys they distribute for Christmas. The books must be in like-new condition and will be collected in the box in the vestibule this month. The goal is to collect 400 books. Contact Pete Stabnick at (501) 400-4460 for additional information.

WEEKLY GIVING DONACIÓN SEMANAL

We need YOU! We implore each of you to thoughtfully and prayerfully reflect on how you personally aid in meeting the needs of our parish. Our parish is our responsibility, and your participation in sharing your time, talents, and wealth is vital to the operation and maintenance of St. Edward! We strongly encourage you to sign up for online giving, regular automatic bank draft, or to use your weekly donation envelopes for all of your monetary contributions.

Reminder: Please write your envelope number on any donation that is not in the preprinted contribution envelope.

Utilice sus sobres de colecta o done en línea. Considere su donativo como un regalo para Dios. Tómese el tiempo para elegir su regalo, envolverlo y presentarlo con entusiasmo a nuestro Señor. Muchas veces, las familias solicitarán una carta que indique que están registrados como miembros participantes de St. Edward para convertirse en padrinos, padrinos de confirmación o para inscribirse en escuelas católicas. Usar su sobre o donar en línea facilita nuestro trabajo y nos permite decir: ¡Sí! Esta familia está registrada y participa aquí en St. Edward.

Recordatorio: Escriba el número de su sobre en cualquier donación que no esté en el sobre de contribución preimpreso.

SPECIAL DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation toward one of our special parish projects, please email sparks@saintedwards.net, or call Scott at the church office. Your name and dedication will appear in the bulletin. Thank you!

SPONSOR OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE



You can sponsor our sanctuary candle, in memory or honor of a loved one. The candle will be lit for 14 days and your loved one will be announced in the bulletin. For more information, call the church office.

¿Te gustaría apadrinar nuestra vela del Santuario? Done \$20 y una vela se encenderá en honor de su ser querido por 14 días y se publicará su nombre en el boletín. Para mas información llame a nuestras oficinas.

**This week, the Sanctuary Candle
burns in honor of**

Mary Murphy





**ONLINE
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By WeShare



Use the QR code to
access Online Giving
through WeShare

or go to:
www.tinyurl.com/32bv494
to sign up for online giving

If you need help with signing up online,
please contact the parish office.

MASS OFFERING OFRENDA SEMANAL

Fiscal Year Ends June 30, 2025
Año Fiscal Termina en Junio 30, 2025

Sunday, November 25 th Offering (all Masses)	\$6,346
<i>Ofrenda de Domingo (Todas las Misas)</i>	
Weekly Budget	\$5,711
<i>Presupuesto Semanal</i>	
Year to Date Offering	\$129,708
<i>Ofrenda hasta la fecha</i>	
Year to Date Budget	\$125,642
<i>Presupuesto Anual a la Fecha</i>	

RECENT CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Nov. 7 - Adam Pilkington
Nov. 8 - Anita Lowery
Nov. 9 - Mary Murphy
Nov. 10 - Jimmy Cooper
Nov. 11 - Debbie Krueger
Nov. 12 - Leah Philpott
Nov. 13 - Kevin Danaher

Nov. 14 - Sid Davenport
Nov. 15 - William Sparks
Nov. 16 - Martha Flynn
Nov. 17 - Donna Webster
Nov. 18 - Lisette Christensen
Nov. 19 - Blayne Smith
Nov. 20 - Carla Romero

DONATE TO JUNKTIQUE

As you prepare for Christmas and clean out closets, drop off your donations for Catholic High's Junktique in Little Rock. A special early drop-off day will be held from 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m., **Friday, December 6**. New and gently used household items, clothes, furniture, working vehicles, boats and four-wheelers will be accepted. No mattresses, box TVs or books, please. This is a great opportunity too for businesses to donate items before year-end. Mark your calendar for the next Junktique on **Saturday, March 15**.

PROJECT RACHEL "DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING"

The Respect Life Office, Diocese of Little Rock, will offer a Project Rachel "Day of Prayer and Healing", a one-day retreat for any woman from the state of AR who is suffering from the trauma of abortion. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, in English in the Jonesboro, AR, area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Women can find hope and healing with a trained team who are here to help you. Call or text our confidential help line at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. All inquiries are strictly confidential, and the exact location of the retreat will be revealed to registered participants only. This is a non-judgmental group, and we love you! Please don't hesitate to reach out.

95TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER

Save the date for the 95th Annual Sausage Supper sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 812. The date is **Saturday, December 7**. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the Allen Center at Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church. Price is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Menu includes our special Petit Jean sausage with sauerkraut, spaghetti, green beans, salad and dessert. Adult beverages are included. Santa will be there for the kids and there will be a large silent auction, raffles and door prizes. Sausage will be available for sale. For more information, contact Pete at 501-400-4460.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2024photos to meet the religious pictured.

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ENCUENTROS DE PROMOCION JUVENIL

ENCUENTRO MIXTO #33

Enero 9 -12, 2025

Regístrate

Requisitos:

- Ser Católico bautizado
- Tener Primera Comunión
- No estar casado/a, ni vivir en unión libre, o tener hijos
- Tener edad entre 18 a 31

No te pierdas la oportunidad de tener un Encuentro. Con Dios Contigo Y con los demás.

CHECA NUESTRAS PAGINAS

epj_arkansas: Instagram

encuentrosAR: TikTok

Encuentros Arkansas: Facebook

Para mas informacion:

Christian Colula: 501-762-4582

Marilu Vazquez: 870-273-0672

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 15th annual Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference is set! Join us on **February 8, 2025**, Super Bowl Saturday, at Christ the King Parish in Little Rock. The theme this year is "The Eucharist - Precious Body and Blood of Christ." We have some outstanding speakers who are certain to inspire you: Dr. John Bergsma and Fr. Jonathan Meyer. Be united with other Arkansas Catholic Men in faith, fellowship, education and encouragement. We're expecting over 500 men to attend, so register today! <https://arcatholicmen.com/register>

COME AND ADVERTISE WITH US!

Our bulletins are distributed at church every Sunday, as well as online, and are an essential way that we communicate with our parishioners. Not only do they contain relevant news about our parish and upcoming events, they support local business and community advertisers.

3 month ad: \$25, 6 month ad: \$50, Year ad: \$90

For more information call the church office
501-374-5767.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 1st
& MONDAY, DEC. 2nd

Thrift Store
Saint Edward Church

STORE HOURS:

Sunday 10 AM-3 PM

Monday 10 AM-3 PM

For donation drop-offs
Tuesday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

To schedule a donation pickup,
please call the church office at 501 374-5767
or LeAnn at 501 425 5630

Domingo 10-3pm y Lunes 10-3pm

Dejan donaciones para martes a viernes 8 am -4 pm
llame al 501 374-5767

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María López
(501)478-5544

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4700 S. University



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si tiene conocimiento de abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, comuníquese con la línea directa para delitos contra niños del estado de Arkansas al 1-800-482-5964 y con el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Mateo A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer al (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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November 24, 2024
Feast of Christ the King

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States and is a Holy Day of Obligation. For a period of time, when this feast fell on a Monday or a Saturday, as it does this year, it was not obligatory. However, the Vatican recently clarified that even when a Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to a Saturday or Monday, there remains the obligation to attend Mass on that day. Elsewhere in the United States a few bishops have made an exception for their diocese, lifting the obligation. We have not done that here. In Arkansas the obligation remains. As with any Holy Day of Obligation, individual priests can exempt individual persons from the obligation for a just reason, but there will be no blanket exemption of the diocese or individual parishes here. One reason is that this feast is the patronal feast of the United States, and our painfully divided country is in need of more prayer and more help from the Blessed Mother's intercession than ever before.

One such area where help from heaven is needed is in the area of immigration, about which there is much division and heated rhetoric about massive deportations. This is not just a political matter as some would have it, but also a moral matter, a human rights matter about which our Catholic faith has much to say. Back in 2008 I issued a pastoral letter on the human rights of immigrants, in which I address what our faith has to say 1) about immigration as a basic human right, 2) about the reason for national borders, 3) about the rule of law and its limits, and 4) about the need for comprehensive immigration reform. An electronic version of this pastoral letter can be downloaded from our diocesan website—dolr.org. The original print version is available by simply contacting the diocese.

This is not the only matter about which we need to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Mother on this our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception, but it is a big issue about which our faith has something to say. It is my hope that by entrusting to the Blessed Mother this and other matters we face as a nation, we will heal divisions and find solutions truly worthy of the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



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24 de noviembre de 2024
Fiesta de Cristo Rey

Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

La fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción es la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos y es un día santo de precepto. Durante un tiempo, cuando esta fiesta caía en lunes o sábado, como es el caso de este año, la asistencia no era obligatoria. Sin embargo, el Vaticano aclaró recientemente que incluso cuando un día santo de precepto se traslada a sábado o lunes, sigue existiendo la obligación de asistir a misa ese día. En otras partes de los Estados Unidos, algunos obispos han hecho una excepción para su diócesis, eliminando la obligación. No hemos hecho eso aquí. En Arkansas, la obligación sigue vigente. Como ocurre con cualquier día santo de precepto, los sacerdotes individuales pueden eximir a personas individuales de la obligación por una razón justa, pero aquí no habrá una exención general para la diócesis o las parroquias individuales. Una de las razones es que esta fiesta es la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos, y nuestro país dolorosamente dividido necesita más oración y más ayuda de la intercesión de la Santísima Madre que nunca antes.

Uno de esos ámbitos en los que se necesita la ayuda del cielo es el de la inmigración. Hay mucha división y una retórica acalorada amenazando deportaciones masivas. No se trata sólo de un asunto político, como algunos quieren decir, sino también de un asunto moral, un asunto de derechos humanos sobre el que nuestra fe católica tiene mucho que decir. En 2008 publiqué una carta pastoral sobre los derechos humanos de los inmigrantes, en la que abordé lo que nuestra fe tiene que decir 1) sobre la inmigración como un derecho humano básico, 2) sobre la razón de tener fronteras nacionales, 3) sobre el estado de derecho y sus límites, y 4) sobre la necesidad de una reforma migratoria integral. Se puede descargar una versión electrónica de esta carta pastoral en español o inglés desde nuestro sitio web diocesano: dolr.org. La versión impresa original está disponible simplemente poniéndose en contacto con la diócesis.

Este no es el único asunto por el que debemos orar pidiendo la intercesión de la Santísima Madre en esta nuestra fiesta patronal de la Inmaculada Concepción, pero es un gran asunto sobre el cual nuestra fe tiene algo que decir. Tengo la esperanza de que al confiarle a la Santísima Madre este y otros asuntos que enfrentamos como nación, podamos sanar las divisiones y encontrar soluciones verdaderamente dignas del Señor.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

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