

Sacred Heart Parish

September 29, 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekdays: 8:00am to 5:00pm

HORAS DE OFICINA

Dias de la Semana: 8:00am to 5:00pm

*“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name
who can at the same time speak ill of me.”*

Mark 9:39b

Priesthood
SUNDAY

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

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THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH

| MONDAY September 30 | TUESDAY October 1 | WEDNESDAY October 2 | THURSDAY October 3 | FRIDAY October 4 | SATURDAY October 5 | SUNDAY October 6 |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>9:30am Centering Prayer <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p>10:00-11:00am Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p>1:00pm Lectio Divina <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Spanish Bible Study <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> | <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>6:00pm English Baptism Class <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> | <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>8:30am School Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>9:30am St. Vincent de Paul <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p>9:30am Study of Mystics <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p>6:00-7:00pm Confessions <i>Church</i></p> | <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>11:00am Spanish Legion of Mary <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p>1:00pm English Legion of Mary <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p>3:30pm English Legion of Mary 2 <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> | <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>First Friday Devotions After the Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Church</i></p> <p>5:00-6:00pm Blessing of Animals <i>In front of the Parish Office</i></p> <p>6:30-9:00pm Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> | <p>7:00am Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>7:30am That Man is You <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p>First Saturday Devotions After the Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>10:00-2:00pm K of C Blood Drive <i>Forum</i></p> <p>3:00-4:30pm Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p>Rosary 30 minutes Before Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>5:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Church</i></p> | <p>MASSES 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm <i>Church</i></p> <p>Rosary 30 minutes before Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p>7:00-9:00am Common Grounds <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p>12:00-5:00pm Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>Forum</i></p> |

**MASS INTENTIONS
 INTENCIONES DE LA MISA
 September 30 to October 6, 2024**

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| Mon. September 30 | 7:00am | Sandi & Walt Blood |
| Tues. October 1 | 7:00am | Sharon Bockrath† |
| Wed. October 2 | 7:00am | John & Elma Buitrago |
| | 8:30am | Stephen Connelly† |
| Thur. October 3 | 7:00am | Theresa Cattoor† |
| Fri. October 4 | 7:00am | Fr. Raj John Jack Hill† |
| Sat. October 5 | 7:00am | Bobby Bockrath† |
| | 5:00pm | Matthew Melbourne Butler |
| Sun. October 6 | 7:00am | Teresa Yahemeck |
| | 9:00am | Arnie Critelli† |
| | 11:00am | Jadwiga & Roman Jachimek† |
| | 1:00pm | Dora Maria Tellez Vera† |
| | 5:00pm | Grace Stewart† |

†Denotes deceased

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
 September 29, 2024**

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| Sunday: | Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 |
| Monday: | Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50 |
| Tuesday: | Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/ Lk 9:51-56 |
| Wednesday: | Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Thursday: | Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Lk 10:1-12 |
| Friday: | Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16 |
| Saturday: | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24 |
| Next Sunday: | Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 |

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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

CHURCH HOURS:

Saturday and Sunday | 6:00am to 6:00pm
Monday through Friday | 6:00am to 9:00pm



SUNDAY MASSES IN ENGLISH

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm (Youth)



MISA DOMINICAL EN ESPANOL

Domingo 1:00pm



DAILY MASS IN ENGLISH

Monday through Saturday: 7:00am



SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 8:30am
(when school is in session)



CONFESSION

- ◆ Monday morning | 10:00 to 11:00am
- ◆ Wednesday evening | 6:00 to 7:00pm
- ◆ Saturday afternoon | 3:00 to 4:30pm

All in the Church Confessionals



This week's Altar Flowers Dedication

"Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE."

**Happy 64th Anniversary
Dr. Paul and Grace Hicks**



*For Altar Flower Dedications/Donations contact
Alma at the Parish Office 928.445.3141*



Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date

The next
LIGHT OF THE WORLD (LOTW) RETREAT

at
Sacred Heart will take place the weekend of
November 2-3, 2024.

Call Mike Daniel at 928-910-1506

or

Kelly Daniel at 928-848-9039

for more information or to sign up.

There is no cost for attending the retreat this year;
the retreat is limited to 30 retreatants.

Attention Everyone

Our parish is in great need of Altar Servers and Sacristans to serve at Mass. The age limit is wide open from children in the 4th grade and beyond!

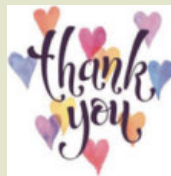
Parents, this is a great opportunity for your children to be an active part of the Mass.

There will be a training class on
October 7th at 6:00pm in the Main Church
conducted by Cathy Weber.

The only requirement is that you have a desire to serve and can follow directions.

No need to sign up, just be present.

For questions, please contact Deacon Ernie Gonzales at
egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com



We would like to thank all of our staff and other volunteers from the parish and from the St. Vincent DePaul Society who helped us to have a parish booth at Hopefest on September 14th. It was a very fulfilling day.

We met with many people in need of prayer and brought their prayer intentions back to be prayed for at the Masses that weekend.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to provide outreach to those in need. We also provided a lot of information about our Catholic faith which hopefully will lead people to return to the church or to become Catholic.

We ask for your prayers for all the intentions we received on that day and we thank our wonderful staff and volunteers for helping Sacred Heart Parish to be a vibrant part of the Prescott community.



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
Mark 11:24

CATECHESIS

OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

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HISPANIC MINISTRY:

Cia Renzi 928-445-3141

**OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL MINISTRY
R.C.I.A., C.I.C., ADULT EDUCATION:**

Rory Endrizzi 928-445-3141

FUNERALS:

Deacon Pete Balland 928-925-1879

YOUTH MINISTRY:

TBD 928-445-3141

BAPTISM MINISTRY:

Deacon Ernie Gonzales 928-246-2926

LECTORS:

Deacon Ernie Gonzales 928-246-2926

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Shirley King 928-445-8912

ALTAR SERVERS:

Deacon Mark Weber..... 928-445-3141

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Dan Raiss, Grand Knight 928-830-8925

Joe Lungerman, Membership 928-778-5727

ST. VINCENT de PAUL:

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Bonnie Wolff 314-606-1702

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Catalina Snowden 928-710-6633

USHERS/GREETERS:

Ken Godbold 928-771-8350

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Doug McMurrin 928-445-3141

BEHAVEMENT

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Bud & Carol Bevenour 928-777-9040

LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

Mike Daniel 928-910-1506

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY:

Diane Anderson 928-350-8062

WALKING WITH MOMS:

Linda Wood 520-403-1179

LIFE CONNECTIONS

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER:

Diane Duncan, Director 928-227-3130

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Anthony Weber 928-301-0801

THAT MAN IS YOU/CURSILLO:

Mike King 928-925-3645

WOMEN'S CIRCLE Faith & Friendship:

Alma Helms 928-445-3141

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| May Willimann | Al Crook | Richard Karp | Gloria Gilliam | Deborah Portzer |
| Gene Murphy | Jose Jaquez | Theresa C. Humphrey | Patricia Givan | Rose Forte |
| DeeDee Quintero | Susan Thomas | Joe Yuzzi | Coralyn Mena | Austin & Grace Klise |
| Cia Renzi | Richard Thomas | Jan Mendoza | Sharon Bergeron | Becky Rue |
| Arthur Tabbot | Sherry Valdez | Anissa Charley | Grace Cook | Angela Harris |
| Gloria Tabbot | Barbara Frech | Michael Gatson | Gabriel Perry | Jake M. |
| Douglas Tabbot | M.A. Nesmith | Edith Ellington | Patricia Ayers | Patty Fields |
| Angie Noble | Marlina Perez | Becki Conrad | Cynthia Aurzada | Bev Salgado |
| Daniel Shaughnessy | B. Clair Denslow | Art Pope | Denise Jackson | Carolyn Wallace |
| Barbara Hillman | Frances Apolinar | Griffin Keighron | Tiffany Cambell Garcia | Elsbeth Coffin |
| Jean Brennan | Avanna Ribtzki | Tim Keighron | Clemencia Bernardino | Douglas Guzik |
| Dave Scheid | Les Henderson | Tom Steckhahn | Evangelina Laguatan | Christina Thompson |
| Frank Diamond | Shirley Henderson | Jeffrey Crummy | Urbano Laguatan | Edward D. Young |
| Regina Dougherty | Jim Granecki | Christina Helffrich | Yolanda Van Haren | Douglas Myers |
| Francis X. Dougherty | Marlene Burnham | Alastair MacDonold | Paula Tanzini | Kimberly Macias |
| John Wilhelmsen | Patricia Givan | James Vaca | Francine Sandoval | Thomas Pifer |
| Dorene Durley | Barbara Davis | John Eckert | Rose Anne Ditzig | Dave Faulkner |
| Melanie Monteno | Steve Sailor | Rudy Núñez | Brenda Saves | Shawn Martinez |
| Jesse Martinez | Seth Permenter | Candice Núñez | Angel Baker | Audrey Lanting |
| Audrey Smith | Jaime Corona | Laura Brophy | William R. Salazar Jr. | Ted Martens |
| Leticia Valdez | Bob Goff | Steve Han | Remington Claudt | Wally Raheb |
| Ralph Valdez | Tammy Rowland | LaVonne Cooper | Joe & Carole Childs | Julie Rusing Acklin |
| Delia Valdez | Anthony Andrade | Matt Brown | Janice Bartholomew | Susie Alvarez |
| Kristi Feeling | Linda Catalano | Brian Walker | Richard Petzoldt | Kenneth Watson |
| Tim Kilbourne | Carl Minnick | Elaine DeAugusta | Will Johnson | Julian Alcaide |
| Patrick Kilbourne | Beverly Thomas | Joseph DeAugusta | Steve Stelter | Rocco Giordano |
| Kurt Anderson | Ed Willimann | Michelle Zumbahlen | Adam & Taylor Hansen | Shawn Nutt |
| Michelle Lanting | Ewa Jones | Molina Lambert | Kathy Kirkpatrick | Joseph & Patsy Oliver |
| Nanette McGrath | Gary Frank | Ian Lambert | Yolanda Kersting | Judy Chavez |
| Sunny Leong | Adena Opitz | Audri Marehand | Ann Fountain | Denise Jackson |
| Misaki Cho Leong | Sarah Fernandez | Annette Reddick | Heidi Tate | S & N Purdy |
| Earl Wilkening | Pete Fernandez III | David Reddick | Cecilia Thornton | Julie Newman |
| Cathy Wilkening | Rita Meurrens | Christina Young Rehs | Rebecca Hamilton | Bill Newman |
| Dan Hyra | Sheila Solomon | Doug Hamm | Michael Liversidge, Sr. | Jane Thomas |
| Kelley Ward | Malina Lumbert | Joann Hamm | Colleen Mellies | Cotler Naraneic |
| Bill Muehl | Tony Charley | Paula Mathias | Kellene Monahan | Don Petroff |
| Mary White | Tara Todd | Sr. Anne Fitzsimons | Jerry Welna | Anthony Zembik |
| Delia Parker | The People of Haiti | Elizabeth Jacobs | Narancic Family | Nancy Newman |
| Dan Wegleitner | Edris Minnick | The Boyd Family | Barbara | |
| Carolyn Hasty | Liam McLoughlin | Linda Laguatan | Mary Ann Wagner | |
| Tom Trask | Bob Lee | Tony Palumbo | Nancee Kilbourne | |
| Frank Pew | Patricia Reardon | Lori French | Leanne DeFere | |
| Keggan Kenny | Gary Lightfoot | Karin Marsala | Rosanne Wartella | |
| Camden Liu | Juan & Stella Mendez | Cole Slaiding | David Cicon | |
| Steven Pedene | Dawn Gillet | Jacob Smith | Dan MacIndoe | |
| Tim Wickers | Angelica Baeza | Donna Groff | Carolyn | |
| Erik Hoyer | Joanna Booher | Lisa West | Kenneth Roger | |
| Cindy Kanelos | Scott Booher | Joyce Zembek | Morgan Sailor | |



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, October 4, 2024
after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.



First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday, October 5, 2024
after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.



Precious Blood Adoration Chapel

Call Timothy Rood, Coordinator
(310) 596-0511

HOURS NEEDED

Monday 4am-5am
Wednesday 12am-1am | Wednesday 11pm-12am
Saturday 3pm-4pm
Sunday 5-6am | Sunday 6-7pm

vitalant. BLOOD DRIVE

There is a Critical Need for Blood

Saturday, October 5th, from 10:00am until 1:00pm

we will have a blood drive at the church in the
Forum-Lower-Level.

There will be a limited supply of Chic-fil-A
gift cards for the first 50 donors,
and a Halloween T-shirt (limited supply).

Please visit the website: donors.vitalant.org
or call 1-877-258-4825 to schedule your appointment.

If you have any problems getting an appointment
or questions, call or text Robert Forte, Coordinator at
(909) 376-8154.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Please give by using your offertory envelope or online at <https://osvhub.com/sacredheartprescott/giving/funds>. Envelopes are also available at both entrances of the church.



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples : "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27th the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

Thank you to all who visited our information table last Sunday to learn about volunteering for our ministry or just to learn more about what we do in our community. We look forward to welcoming some of you as new volunteers. Anyone who missed this opportunity for more information about our works of mercy to the poor are welcome to attend one of our weekly Wednesday morning meetings at 9:15 in the St. Anthony Claret room in the lower level of the church. We look forward to meeting and possibly working with you. God bless you for your interest and your gifts as well as prayers for our work.

COMMON GROUNDS



"Being the living example of God's love to others"

Our Parish Prayer Groups & Walking with Moms Ministry
will be hosting Common Grounds
Sunday, October 6 after the 7:00am & 9:00am Masses

Donuts & Coffee
after the 7:00am & 9:00am Masses
Sacred Heart Room, stop by for a treat and fellowship!

ENGLISH BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, October 1 | 6:00 to 8:00pm

St. Anthony Claret Room

WINTER WARM-UP COLLECTION

SACRED HEART PARISH
will be donating 10 percent of today's collection to
Winter Warm-Up.

Winter Warm-Up is a local emergency shelter that feeds
and provides shelter to those who are homeless
during the winter months.

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:5



need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

To be continued on next week’s bulletin . . .



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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SACRED HEART HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10 AM to 4 PM
SCHOOL GYM

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Upcoming Events

Jog-a-thon
October 4th

Fall Break
October 7-11

Living Rosary—Gym
October 18

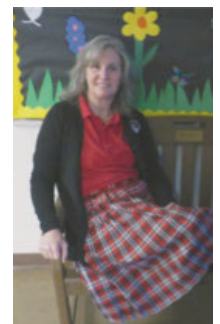
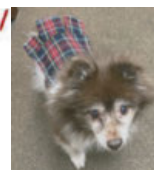
Annual Jog-a-thon CHALLENGE

- The Students of Sacred Heart Catholic School have once again challenged me to raise more money for the Jog-a-thon than the entire student body.
- In past years they have, slimed me, ice bucketed me, and made me wear a hot dog costume and a school uniform all day.
- Please help save me from this fate and sign up to support me with your pledge.

~Mrs. Cooper, Principal



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HE VENIDO PARA QUE TENGAN **VIDA**



Durante la liturgia de la Vigilia Pascual, la sola llama del cirio pascual brilla en la oscuridad. Esa pequeña llama se propaga a medida que se enciende la vela de cada persona y la luz de Cristo se comparte con los demás. En unos minutos, toda la Iglesia está ardiendo con el cálido resplandor de la luz de las velas y la oscuridad ha sido vencida. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado por Dios a ser esa luz de Cristo que penetra las tinieblas. Estamos llamados a ser sus discípulos, continuamente transformados por nuestro encuentro con él y compartiendo su misión. Jesús vino para que tengamos vida. Parte del ímpetu para el Avivamiento Eucarístico fue la preocupación de que algunos católicos no creen, o al menos no entienden, que Jesús está realmente presente en la Eucaristía. Aunque nuestros sentidos perciben el pan y el vino, la Eucaristía es Jesús: cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad. Del mismo modo, muchas personas no se dan cuenta ni reconocen la santidad de la vida humana cuando está encubierta en el vientre. Ambos casos nos exigen que ayudemos a otros a reconocer estos dones sagrados que nuestros sentidos podrían no percibir. Necesitamos ayudar a los demás a entender que el hecho de que algo no sea evidente a los ojos no significa que no esté ahí o que no sea importante. Vivimos en una sociedad que rechaza a los débiles, frágiles o vulnerables. Sin embargo, es precisamente dentro de estas condiciones que una persona está más necesitada de nuestro cuidado y protección. El papa Francisco nos recuerda que “cada niño no nacido, pero condenado injustamente a ser abortado, tiene el rostro de Jesucristo, tiene el rostro del Señor, que antes aún de nacer, y después recién nacido, experimentó el rechazo del mundo”.¹ Los obispos de los Estados Unidos han afirmado que, si bien es importante abordar todas las formas en que la vida humana está amenazada, “el aborto sigue siendo nuestra máxima prioridad porque ataca directamente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más vulnerables y sin voz y destruye más de un millón de vidas al año solo en nuestro país”.² Así escribió san Juan Pablo II, “estamos ante un enorme y dramático choque entre el bien y el mal, la muerte y la vida, la ‘cultura de la muerte’ y la ‘cultura de la vida’. . . . Todos nos vemos implicados y obligados a participar, con la responsabilidad ineludible de elegir incondicionalmente en favor de la vida.”

“La luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la percibieron.” Juan 1,5

Frente a desafíos como el aborto y el suicidio asistido por un médico, podemos sentir que no estamos a la altura de la tarea de superar la oscuridad. Sin embargo, no estamos solos. Jesús nos dice: “Yo estaré siempre con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo.” (Mateo 28,20) El Dios que se hizo hombre para salvarnos todavía habita entre nosotros. Porque Cristo es “La luz [que] brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la percibieron” (Juan 1,5). Él es el que venció la muerte y nos eleva continuamente a una nueva vida. Él permanece siempre cerca de nosotros, buscándonos en cada momento de nuestra vida. Jesús dio su propia carne para darnos el don de la vida eterna y nos invita a la experiencia más profunda de este don en nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús en la Eucaristía, este encuentro tiene el poder de cambiarnos. La Eucaristía tiene el poder de transformar lo más profundo de nuestro corazón y el corazón de nuestra cultura. Unidos al poder de su Presencia Eucarística, trabajemos para asegurar que cada persona tenga vida, y la tenga en abundancia.

“Yo estaré siempre con ustedes hasta el fin del mundo.” Mateo 28,20

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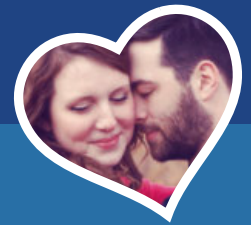
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