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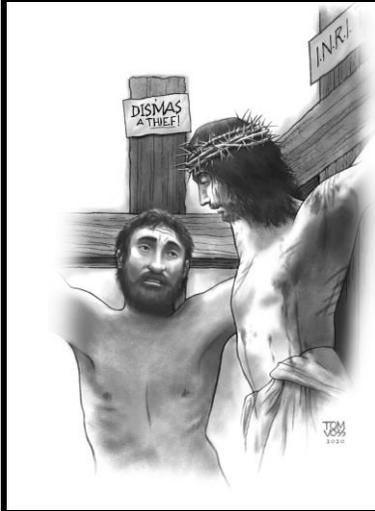
“Lord, when did I see you ...in prison, and not help you?” Matt. 25:44

St. Dismas Guild is a nonprofit organization which provides Catholic Bibles and Bible Study workbooks, etc., free of charge, to inmates.

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or by mail, PO Box 2129, Escondido, CA, 92033.

We especially LOVE receiving donations from inmates... Thank you to all of you who have sacrificed what you have to show your appreciations.

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TESTIMONY

To Whom it may Concern, Greetings in the mighty Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My name is M. The last time I wrote to you I was attending the Protestant services as I grew up Missouri Synod Lutheran. In prison I got angry at God and turned to Satanism and my wife followed and became a medium. I would evoke demons, etc.... we got really deep on the “Draconian Path” and my wife had a near-death experience in the hospital and Jesus Christ saved her. I ended up crying out to Jesus and He saved me. We went through about six months of intense supernatural demonic attacks. My wife was Catholic in her 20’s (she’s now 60) and attended a Lutheran Church because of me.

I’ve been listening to Catholic radio and have been praying for the Holy Spirit to show me signs. My wife would come out of church and sound sad. She would be hurt, as Lutherans would judge her because I was in prison, etc.... We were working on some serious legal battles for me to come home despite serious challenges. My wife said, do you mind if I hold my Rosary and sleep with it as it gives me comfort, etc...I said it is okay. Then a few days later she said, please don’t be upset, but could I stop by the Catholic Church and pray? I said, you find a lot of comfort in the Catholic Church, don’t you? She said yes and I miss it. I prayed and that night on Catholic radio was a story of a Lutheran Pastor who converted to Catholicism. I listened to it and God spoke to my heart. I called her the next morning and said, instead of just stopping by to pray, why don’t you attend Mass? She said, Really??? I said, if you want to go back to the Catholic Church, I will go too. I’ll go to RCIA when we are able, and I want to join the Catholic Church. She sounded so happy.

Well, this past week we went through demonic attack after attack. She talked to the Priest and called Catholic prayer lines and they said yes. I am sure the demons are mad you’ll join the Church, but we will pray for you all. God delivered us and protected us. So, I want to say thank you for ministering to me and for prayers even back when I wasn’t even in the Catholic Faith. Please continue to pray for me

and my wife as the Church loved us and has taken us in as Jesus Christ has done.

Know that I pray for you and Praise the Lord Jesus Christ and thank Our Blessed Mother Mary. May God Bless you. Love in Christ Jesus. M.R.

Dear M.R., what a blessing that our Lord not only saved you, but your wife as well! Satan will always use whatever means he can to distract, prevent, or impair you from feeling God's love. From broken relationships, pain or trauma, Satan has his own tactics to bring you down to his level. The people of God are never without their own weapons.

"Everything that happens in the world happens at the time God chooses." Ecc.3:1 God through His mercy and love already knew your heart from the beginning when He had created you... before you chose the wrong path. Also read, ***Ecc. 7:13.*** Now you can relate to what is happening in your life as well as your wife's. God already had His plan in store for you both. So, embrace the blessing God is giving you during this time and continue to persevere in prayer and read and live His Truth! Always remember to keep Jesus Christ as your focus because without His grace we are Nothing. May God's light and Grace continue to bless you and guide you in your new journey. My prayer to you is from ***Ephesians 1: 17-23.***

DOING TIME WITH JESUS

Dear Ministry, I hope this finds you and your family safe, healthy, and blessed. My name is C.L. and I am currently serving a 71-month sentence. I gave my life to Christ in 2018, just a few months after being arrested. I have lost everything due to my incarceration, including my family. I write to my kids each month, but they are returned unopened. My family has given up on me. My kids and I sure could use some prayers, please. I know it is going to be okay... God’s got this! He has big plans for me, I just know it!

I am contacting your today looking for tools to help me grow in my walk with Christ. I am very interested in your Bible Study course, Please. I would love to study the Word of God through your ministry. I am also interested in any

Christian literature, books, or mentorship programs you offer or know about. There are too many Christians in prison looking to get closer to Our Lord and Father and our chapel is very limited in here. Any help is sincerely appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a wonderful week and please be safe out there in our crazy world. God bless. C.L.

Dear C.L. **“See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name, your walls are ever before me.” Isaiah 49:16** It must be very painful losing your family. Even if your family has given up on you our loving God will never give up on you. When you get the Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study, we sent you, pray to God and ask Him for the grace to change and put your eyes on Him. Pray the prayer we sent you before reading the bible and God will teach you what you need to know about His love for you. The word will convict you of your sins and bring you into repentance. Whatever your crime is that got you in prison He still loves you.

“You did not choose Him; He chose you to go forth and bear fruit.” John 15:16 As you come to know Jesus personally through the Word of God your life will change, and you will want to become more like Him, and you will love others the same way He loves you. Yes, we will pray for you and your family to be once again united. **God’s peace be with you.**

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Dear St Dismas Guild, I have not written in sometime because I fell from God’s grace after getting another 12-month flop from the parole board. I was very down hearted and broken in my soul and fell into a very dark and angry place.

Two nights ago, I had a dream that I was standing on a grassy green hill with our Lord. In the dream HE would not talk to me and I could not see HIS face, but I knew it was HIM. All HE would do was point down the hill with HIS finger at a big ugly nasty looking city. And somehow, I could tell HE wanted me to go down to that city. At first, I said, “no Lord, I want to stay here with you on the hill,” but HE would not stop pointing down to the city, so I went. In the dream I was very happy that I have done what our Lord wanted me to do. The happiest I have ever been! I want so much for this dream to come true. I want to give my life back to God and be HIS and do what HE needs me to do in this life.

When I was in that darkness, I had given away all my books to another prisoner... would you be able to send me a new Bible, Bread of Life Bible Study, and a picture of Christ? It would be such a wonderful blessing in my life if you would do this for me.

Thank you so much for the newsletter every month. May our Lord always be with you all at St Dismas Guild and I shall keep you all in my prayers. Your brother in Christ, T.M.

Dear T.M., **“I bless the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me.” Psalm 16:7** Throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, God has spoken to people in dreams. When you fell into that dark and angry place, God was always close to you even if you did not feel His presence. He made a promise **“...I will not leave you or forsake you.” Joshua 1:5.** In your dream, the Lord allowed you to experience the joy that comes from doing God’s Will. Hold fast to that. Bad times will inevitably come again and when they do, **“... do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.” Ephesians 5:17**

We are sending you a Bible, Bible Study, and a basic catechism along with a picture of Christ and some prayer cards to help you in your studies. Pray this psalm often during the day **Psalm 25:4** and then let the Spirit guide you in all things.

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION w/Fr. Richard

How is the year’s Cycle determined?

The liturgical year was developed in the church over time:

- **Advent** celebrates the coming of Jesus
- **Christmas** celebrates His birth
- **Epiphany** celebrates His appearance to men
- **Lent** celebrates His 40 days of fast and prayer in the desert to prepare for ministry
- **Easter** celebrates His resurrection
- **Pentecost** celebrates His promise to send the Holy Spirit
- The Sundays after Pentecost, called **Ordinary Time**, celebrate the ministry of Jesus
- **Christ the King** is the last Sunday celebrating His final coming

Then it begins all over.

The first reading and gospel reading on Sundays are coordinated. The second reading on Sunday is a continuous reading from the previous week and into the following one.

The readings of the day were selected by the liturgists in the church to teach us salvation History.

SACRED TRADITION

THE CHURCHES DEDICATION FOR MAY: is to **The Blessed Virgin Mary. MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY...** The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity, and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. ~ www.catholicculture.org



A Few FEAST DAYS:

May 1st – **St. Joseph** the Worker, May 3rd – **Sts. Philip and James**, Apostles, May 13th – Our Lady of **Fatima** and **Ascension** (Thursday) of the Lord, May 14th – **St. Matthias**, Apostle, May 16th – **Ascension** Sunday, May 23rd – **Pentecost** Sunday, May 30th – **Trinity** Sunday.

PRO-LIFE

“The largest marginalized group in the world can be found in the U.S. They are the unborn.” Sister Dierdre Byrne

FROM THE DIRECTOR

*To grow in a personal relationship with God, we encourage you to participate in **The Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study** workbook, written by our Founders Deacon Ken and Marie Finn. This workbook follows the Liturgical Calendar of the Church and helps prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. We are currently in Cycle B. Request yours now...*

*Continued Easter Blessings,
St. Dismas Guild*

