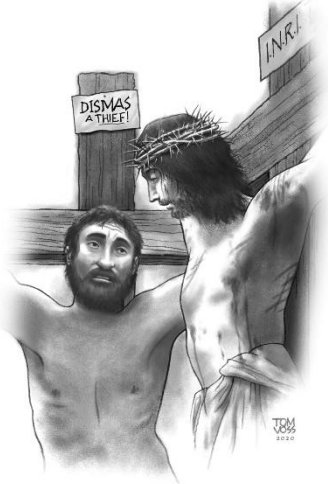


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“Lord, when did I see you ...in prison, and not help you?” Matt. 25:44

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THE CHURCH’S DEDICATION FOR FEBRUARY:

is to the **Holy Family...**

February 2026

TESTIMONY

St. Dismas Guild, thank for all the blessed work you do for prisoners like me. I would like to share my testimony. I want to witness the mercy and grace I have received from Father Almighty. I am a walking, talking, breathing testament to the Father’s Love for His Lost Sheep.

I have not written a paper in about 40 years, so please bear with me, I had a good childhood, went to the Catholic church, received first communion, baptized, and as a matter of fact my uncle John, on my dad’s side, is a retired priest in NY. I played sports until H.S. then it was the smoking area with the stoners and loose woman that I lost my way. Fast forward to the 80’s, I had a good job with union benefits, and in and out of drug rehabs. Then I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal LORD and savior.

I was changed for a while then went back to the old habits. I switched jobs, then meet a “good Muslim” woman. Got her pregnant and stayed married for 25 years, with two more kids. We separated in 2019, on and off with her till Dec. 2023. She stuck around when I did my first term, 11½ months and in Feb. 2024 I got pulled over for tinted windows, they felt the heater in my pocket. I wound up getting shot in the jaw with a 45 holo. I remember going to the golden clouds and feeling so worthy I opened my eyes to an EMT saying we are going to save your life. I remember trying to say no but my jaw had been shattered by the holo.

Fast forward to 2026 and I am waiting for my motion to Dismiss. I have been through about 20 surgeries and GOD has made my faith Stronger than ever!

Okay, ready for the good part? I have spent a year in scripture leading a Prayer/Bible study group. I am now back to the Catholic church, where I started and belong. I love and thank GOD for all the trials it has truly made me a child of GOD. When things get tough, please understand it is the Father’s way of burning off impurities so there is room for Christlike living - Don’t give up! It won’t be painless and it won’t be fast, but GOD will See you through it. Sincerely, A.M.

Dear A.M., Receiving the grace and mercy of God got you through so many obstacles in your life. Thank you for being a witness of what God has done in your life. He knew you when you were formed in the womb of your mother, you were fearfully wonderfully made. Psalm 139:13 You were blessed as a child and have come full circle. You have lived a life of sin, and the Lord has brought you through it all. You got into drugs to fill the hole in your heart for love and only God’s love can satisfy the hungry heart. For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope. Jeremiah 29:11 From the womb of your mother, He has had His eye on you. Now that you are in the word of God, learning and obeying it you are walking His way not your way. The Word brings you into repentance (Psalm 32). The Holy Spirit is your teacher and will remind you of all Jesus said and did. For all you have been through you truly are a walking, talking, breathing testament to the Father’s Love for His Lost Sheep.

DOING TIME WITH JESUS

Hey. My name is F.V. I was wondering if you could put me, my girlfriend, and my children on your prayer list? I’m currently incarcerated and they don’t give bibles out here, and I was wondering if you had any large print Catholic Bibles in English? I know it would be cherished and appreciated. I would also like you to make a special prayer for me because I tend to get spiritually attacked by impure spirits, especially here around my fellow inmates. Can you send any prayer books or something that will teach me to rebuke them off me. Recently I removed something, but I feel like this demon or spirit wants to get back inside me. It will try to attack me while I sleep. I’ve never in my life had anything happen like this. I would like to know more and learn how to protect my family from this spiritual warfare. When I got it off me, I felt like my sense of taste and smell, and I felt lighter. It felt supernatural!

I literally heard the voices in my head yelling for mercy. I was reading a book with the Virgin Mary on the cover, and it talked about Saints. The author had a picture of a father,

young white man, but ever since then I feel spirits around me. It's amazing and there is a lot to take in.

I would like to know how to pray the rosary. Do you provide **rosaries**? I was in another jail, and a young guy let me borrow a catholic Bible and catechism of the Catholic Church. I was never taught by my parents or anyone how to pray or anything, but I have so much to tell about my testimony, it was supernatural. I felt so purified that I could sense the energy of other inmates and pure spirits they have here in them. God has given me a gift, and I thought experts like priests or apostles could only remove demons or impure spirits, but I did it to myself, with the help of the Holy Trinity, of course.

When I close my eyes to pray, a brilliant light appears, shining as if I'm gazing directly at the sun. Once my prayer ends, the vision fades back to normal, and I open my eyes once more. May God bless you, F.V.

Dear F.V., Thank you for your moving letter—your experiences of purification, light in prayer, and freedom are powerful signs of God's grace—we praise God for His work in you!

We'll add you, your girlfriend, and children to our prayer list right away, with special prayers for your protection from spiritual attacks.

Quick protection prayers:

- *St. Michael Prayer (daily, especially at night).*
- *"Jesus, cover me and my family with Your Precious Blood."*
- *Rebuke: "In Jesus' name, I rebuke you—leave and go to the foot of the Cross!"*

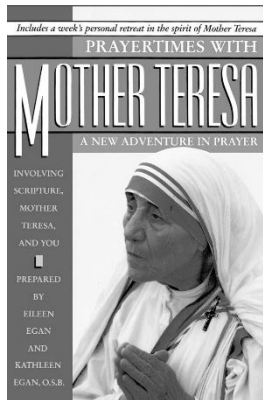
Focus on Jesus, Mary, Joseph and saints; don't converse with evil spirits. Consult your chaplain if attacks intensify.

Resources:

- *Large-print Bibles: Not available.*
- *Prayer book & Rosary pamphlet: Included on request (with protection prayers).*
- *Rosaries: We can provide rosaries but only ship them to Chaplains. Have him contact us to request.*

PRAYERTIMES W/MOTHER TERESA

Response from one of our SDG supporters: Hi Marie I love the retreat. What I learned on this 2nd week praying to the Holy Spirit is 1) I should have humility and care for every person no matter what the affliction as all people are created equal and should be treated with respect 2) Mother Theresa never showed her feet which were sore and deformed and never complained. My ankles and feet are sore from arthritis, but the Lord is saying continue to work with soreness and pray more to me to help the pain. I hope your retreat is going well. I would love to hear!



Thanks to a gracious donor, 12 more copies are available first come, first served. Invite the Holy Spirit as your Advocate, Teacher, and Guide. Do one chapter per week. Let a single word or phrase lead you into deeper contemplation, and by week's end, formulate your response from what the Spirit reveals.

DEACON KEN'S CORNER

Letters from the late Deacon Ken Finn dated, 1982. She stood there at the altar rail and held out her hand to receive the bread of life. I was startled because she was recently released from prison and told me over the

phone that she was doing all right. I forgot about her and there she was she looked radiant. Her smile was the smile of someone who has found what it is to be real. I handed her the Eucharist, and she said softly, but joyfully, "Amen, Chaplain, Amen." I responded to her alleluia (Jesus is Lord) Alleluia. He healed this young woman, and He will heal you too. All we need to do is reach out and touch Him and say, "Here I am Lord, heal me." ***"So, if a son frees you, then you will truly be free." John 8:36*** This verse comes from Jesus' discourse on spiritual freedom, emphasizing that true liberation from sin comes through Him, the Son of God.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION w/Fr. Richard

Examination of Conscience... Ask yourself these questions each evening before going to bed.

- #1. What people has Jesus brought into my life today?
- #2. What situations has Jesus allowed me to confront?
- #3. How did I allow Jesus to work through me?
- #4. How did I get in His way?

SACRED TRADITION

The Church's Dedication for February: "...is to the **Holy Family**. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. ... The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming from, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.
~ catholicculture.org



A Few FEAST DAYS:

Feb. 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

Feb. 8th – St. Josephine Bakhita

Feb. 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

MESSAGE FROM SDG DIRECTOR

EDOVO app platform: We're thrilled to share that, to help reduce printing and distribution costs, our Monthly Newsletter is now moving to the EDOVO platform! Check it out there—we'll stop mailing printed copies to inmates after February 2026. Share the news with your friends and encourage them to write to us for our List of Books. If your facility lacks the EDOVO app, send us a letter and we'll keep you on our printed mailing list.

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