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## ***St. Dismas Guild ~ Prison Ministry***

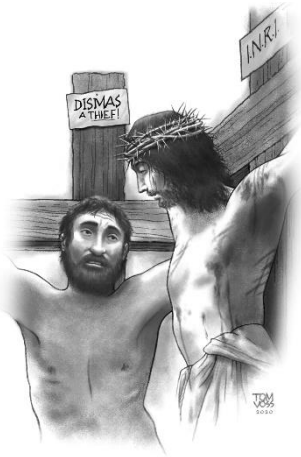
***“Lord, when did I see you ...in prison, and not help you?” Matt. 25:44***

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

Donations can be made on our website [www.StDismasGuild.org](http://www.StDismasGuild.org)  
or by mail, PO Box 2129, Escondido, CA, 92033.

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### **TESTIMONY**

Greetings to the staff at St Dismas Guild! St Dismas is the patron saint of prisoners! I was raised in a Catholic family; I have received every sacrament up to the Eucharist. I was a rebellious young boy, eventually a rebellious young man. The K-12 Catholic private school did not prevent my rebellious nature. I got incarcerated when I was 21 years old for first-degree murder and Agg. DUI, 24 years at 100%. God spared me in my car wreck, but an innocent woman lost her life. In 2015 I gave my life to Christ. In 2020 I was introduced to the faith I was raised in, and my love of the Catholic faith has exploded and I have finally come home to where I belong. St Dismas proved it is never too late to repent and **true peace is found within the tradition, scripture, and the sacraments of holy mother Church.**

Christ is our salvation and the salvation is best recognized in the Catholic Faith. Thank you for your ministry, you have led countless men and women to Sainthood. May the peace of our Lord be with you always. Amen.

Request: resources for Free Catholic Bible study, or Catholic college, prison correspondence courses, catholic study Bible and concordance, divine mercy chaplet, and Saint Michael prayer. God bless you, M.O.

*Dear M.O. Thank you so much for your heartfelt letter and for sharing your powerful testimony of redemption and return to the Catholic faith. Your journey—from rebellion and tragedy to surrendering your life to Christ in 2015 and fully embracing the sacraments and traditions of the Church—is truly inspiring. St. Dismas, the Good Thief, reminds us all that God’s mercy is boundless and that it’s never too late to repent and find true peace in Him. Your words reflect the very heart of our mission here at St. Dismas Guild: to bring the light of Christ, through Scripture, prayer, and the sacraments, to those who are incarcerated.*

*We’re grateful for your kind words about our ministry and for recognizing how the Holy Spirit works through it to lead souls*

*toward holiness. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to fill your heart, and may Our Lady and St. Dismas intercede for you daily.*

*Regarding your resource requests:*

*Our **Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study** workbook is available free to inmates (it follows the liturgical cycles to prepare for Sunday Mass readings), but it is designed for personal or group use and is **not** a correspondence course—we do Not offer correspondence materials or certificates. We also do Not provide Catholic **study** Bibles or concordances.*

*If you have any faith-based questions, feel free to send them to us—we’ll gladly forward them to Fr. Richard for his thoughtful reply.*

*The Bible we send is the **Catholic New American Bible** (free upon request). We also have the **Divine Mercy Chaplet pamphlets** in our materials, and the **St. Michael the Archangel prayer** appears in our Remember Me prayer book. If you didn’t receive these in your recent order, please let us know so we can send them.*

*Your growth in faith is a powerful witness—keep drawing close to Christ through prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments. We’re honored to support you in any way we can. May the Lord continue to pour out His mercy upon you, and may St. Dismas intercede for your ongoing journey home to the Church. God bless you...*

### **DOING TIME WITH JESUS**

Hello, I am writing to you today to give you an update on the power the Holy Spirit is bringing to my correctional center. **Mary is definitely praying for us!** Since August I have been working with our chaplain and started a rosary prayer service twice a month. The attendance has grown since then. We received a donation from my friend of 250 rosary. Now everyone has one that needed one! I have also been promoting the St Dismas Guild materials, and I hope you’ll get some letters from here asking for Catholic Bibles and Bible study workbooks. I’ve also told friends on the outside about this wonderful Guild and hope they will send donations

to you soon. Thank you again for all you do! Your love and support for all of us means more than I can express! With love in Christ, J.A.

*Dear J.A., Thank you for your uplifting letter! It's wonderful to hear how the Holy Spirit is moving through your growing Rosary service. Praise God for Mary's intercession and your friend's generous donation of rosaries!*

*We're grateful for your promotion of St. Dismas Guild materials and thank you also for telling your friends, we pray their support continues.*

**On rosaries:** *We also have prison-approved black rosaries available. However, due to security rules, they must be formally requested by your chaplain. Please have your chaplain write to us and we will ship them directly to him/her for safe distribution.*

*Your prayers and faithful witness bless us greatly. We pray for you and all inmates each day.*

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION w/Fr. Richard

**Even when we have fallen into sin**, we retain free will, but our will is already weakened due to original and actual sin. We can become so mired in sin that we can't rule ourselves. **The Sacrament of Penance is a great gift.** It frees us from our self-inflicted chains. We must strive to live without mortal sin. But we fall. In mortal sin we divest ourselves, as it were, of our spiritual armor. We make ourselves prisoners.

### SACRED TRADITION

**The Church's Dedication for March:** The **Solemnity of St. Joseph** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. Also, St. Dismas Feast Day and Solemnity of the Annunciation (both on March 25).



The entire month of March falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple – a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saints' days that are usually Memorials are shifted to Optional Memorials during the season of Lent.

### A Few FEAST DAYS:

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick** died in 461.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation of the Lord**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Dismas the so-called "Good Thief"** who was crucified along with another thief and Jesus on the hill called Golgotha on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Writing centuries apart, two Church Fathers, Tertullian and Augustine, claimed that the three died on **March 25, the date that was designated as Dismas's Feast Day.**

The Gospel of Luke relates Jesus' conversation with the two thieves... Jesus is taunted by one thief, who challenges Him, **"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us."** (Luke 23:39) But the other thief takes the opposite view. The **"Good Thief"** recognizes that Jesus is innocent and has done nothing wrong. He also acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah, by saying to Him, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."** (Luke 23:42) To which Jesus replies, **"Amen, I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise."** (Luke 23:43)

**DISMAS IS THE PATRON SAINT of All prisoners and especially to those CONDEMNED TO DEATH...** - <https://ucatholic.com/saints/saint-dismas/>

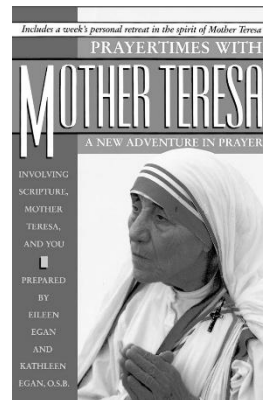
### DEACON KEN'S CORNER

**Letter from the late Deacon Ken Finn dated, March 1983. CHRIST, OUR HOPE**

Two years ago, a young man of eighteen was convicted of murder and given 25 years to life. I have been writing to him, and he has been growing in his walk with the Lord. He came back a few weeks ago for a modification of his sentence and I was amazed at how much he had grown in the Lord. We prayed together and he told me how much it means to get a letter from someone who is praying for him and helping him grow in the Lord: He said, "Chaplain, when mail call comes and there is a letter on your bunk, your whole body just lights up." He asked me to ask all of you to pray for the men and women in prison, because there is so much evil around them that it is hard not to fall prey to sin. I ask for your prayers for this young man who is only twenty and still looks at twenty-three more years of serving time.

### PRAYERTIMES W/MOTHER TERESA

**Response from one of our SDG supporters:** February 19, 2026, *Prayertimes with Mother Teresa* book, chapter 7, Referring to Peter 2:19



Christ suffered and we should follow in His footsteps. I recently had a fall and got very hurt and must be immobile and depend on others for the month ahead and then yesterday I got diagnosed with Covid. I am a caretaker and not used to it, but it has humbled me. **I've had more time to sit with Jesus.** I was angry at first and said to God "I thought we were friends. Why is this happening?"

"What did I do wrong to deserve this type of pain and sickness?" After talking to my special sister in Christ (Marie), I realized to suffer like He did is a grace from God. Maybe what's coming is something great and wonderful, a new life with a new closeness to God like never before and putting everything in His hands.

I heard a quote today that I love. "This is God, I will be handling all of your affairs today so sit back and relax and have a good day!"

I am looking at this accident in a totally different light now and feel less sad about it. 📖

### MESSAGE FROM SDG DIRECTOR

**EDOVO platform:** Dear Friends, Welcome, new readers! We're glad you've joined us on this journey of faith and hope. This is our **3rd month** on the EDOVO platform in order to cut printing and distribution costs and still reaching inmates in over 1,400 facilities. Please share this newsletter with your cellmates and encourage them to write to our PO Box address for our current **List of Books.**

**How to write a Testimonial:** We love hearing your personal stories and questions for our Spiritual Director. Share yours with us! **Structure it like this:** 1/3 on your life before Christ, 1/3 on how Christ transformed you, and 1/3 on how God is active in your life today. Keep it under 500 words.

