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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.

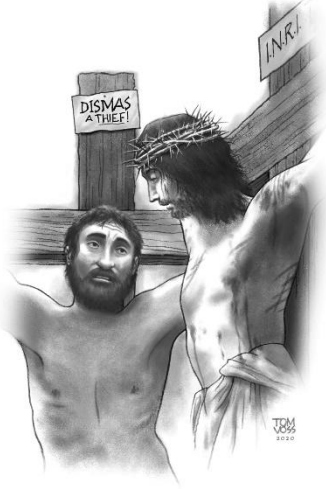
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**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.**

**June 2026**



### TESTIMONY

Hello to the staff of the St. Dismas Guild. I saw a newsletter about your ministry and want to take the time to learn more about Christ and all His life works. My life before prison was mixed with drug dealing, prostitution, violence and childhood trauma. I used drugs to cope with the pain and void I felt inside. At 22 years old I was arrested for murder and driving while license not carried. This was a pivotal moment in my life because I had had previous arrest but none so serious as this. Overtime and with prayer I was able to detox from my old mindset and that allowed me to seek the Father. Now I'm at a point of learning more about His Word and doing my best to find my purpose.

I would like to please request the following: 1. A "Catholic New American Bible." 2. A "Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study." 3. The St. Michael the Archangel Prayer. Thank you, God Bless, I.H.

*We sent Bible, Bible Study, St. Michael Prayer, Pamphlets*

*Dear I.H., we all have pitfalls in our lives when we finally hit rock bottom making wrong choices. Just like medication to take care of our physical pain, anxieties and illnesses, they numb us for a while only to relieve the pain temporarily. Then when that doesn't work anymore, we move on with sex, drugs, alcohol to coat our pains within even more. Only to wake up still feeling the same, alone, unloved, unwanted and downright lost.*

*Our Lord knew from the beginning the path of life you were going to choose. But He loves us all so much, that He allows us to fall. Knowing that we are nothing without Him. Like a child when hurt or lost runs to his parent. He knows he will be loved once again. Jesus has now opened your heart and your mind to see His light and to follow His way. In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. At that time, you followed the world's evil way. **Ephesians 2:3 "All of us once lived among them in the desire of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest."** Like you awakened by your "pivotal moment" God's mercy, grace, and love for you was so abundant He picked*

*you up. Eph. 2:4 "God's mercy is so abundant and His love for us is so great." That while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience, He brought us to life with Christ. "It is by God's grace you have been saved. God blessed you, opened your eyes to now live the life He created you to live by reading scripture daily and living the word. Your new life will have new meaning. Embrace and enjoy the blessings yet to come! May the Holy Spirit be your light & guide you on your new journey for life in Christ!*

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Hello, when I was 6, I was introduced to Sexual actions. When I was 8, I discovered pornography for the first time which I quickly became addicted to. When I was 13, my father died from a pulmonary embolism and I soon found myself smoking weed, snorting pills, and cutting myself, all attempts to numb the pain I was feeling. At 17, I was living with my grandparents, and I found crack cocaine and stole my grandma's credit card. I stayed on drugs for 6 years until I hurt someone and was sent to prison. I never thought drugs were a problem until I found the Catholic Church. The Church opened my eyes to all the wrong I had done in my life. Christ showed me how many people I had hurt due in part to drugs. **It would take me 5 hard years in prison before I finally succeeded in overcoming my addiction, but every step of those 5 years I felt Jesus holding my hand and leading me.** I got sober on 2/3/25 and I plan on never going back.

Since I got sober, I have been slowly but surely growing closer to our Blessed Mother also. I now pray the Memorare whenever I am tempted by lustful thoughts which I still struggle with, but **I know that by the grace of God and the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ I will overcome this affliction** also. I am currently in a facility that hasn't had a Catholic Chaplain or Mass since January, and I am fighting with the head chaplain and administration to allow a priest to visit me privately for confession and to bring the Eucharist. I just began this fight, but I see a long road ahead, but, I know that in the end Christ will be victorious. Please, I ask you all to pray for me that I may defeat the devil and his temptations,

that I am able to remain sober, that this administration will accommodate my spiritual needs, and most importantly that I may become ever closer to our Father God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your time, C.H.

*We sent – Prayer Book, Overcoming Compulsive Pamphlets, list of books.*

*Dear C.H., We will pray you succeed in getting a Priest to come in and hear your confession and bring you Jesus in the Eucharist. Both Jesus and John the Baptist said to repent and believe in the gospel. Scripture says, “Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another that you may be healed.”, James 5:16 That’s what you are trying to do to be healed. Stay in the Word doing the bible study. The Holy Spirit will convict you of sins that you need to confess. Examine your conscience daily. Satan attacks the mind and tempts you to sin in your thoughts and when that happens “Resist him and he will flee. Put on your armor (Ephesians 6:10-17). We are in a battle. Our prayers are with you C.H., and our Lady is interceding big time for you to stay chaste and in the Word.*

### DOING TIME WITH JESUS

I wrote to you earlier and I am reading the Bread of Life Bible Study. I am trying to straighten my life out for the better and would very much appreciate all the bible studies and pamphlets you can accommodate. I’m also in need of a bible. I have to borrow one from my bunk mate. He doesn’t mind but it’s a King James Version and I can’t find the Baruch book in it, also if it is not too much trouble could you possibly put a rosary in the package. I would very much appreciate it. Thank you for reading my letter and God bless everything you’re doing. Sincerely, R.S.

*Dear R.S., Your Bible is on the way, along with some helpful pamphlets. We’re sorry, but we are unable to send the rosary directly to you. We only send rosaries to prison chaplains. Please ask your chaplain to request one from us on your behalf.*

*We are truly glad you are working to turn your life around. The Bible you will receive contains the answers to life’s most important questions. As you begin your Bible study, we encourage you to pray John 14:26 at the start of each lesson, asking the Holy Spirit to be your Teacher.*

Poem sent by D.S. –The Saving of Me

I once believed I would never be free, that there would never be, “A Saving of Me.” I once thought no one could see the fearful child inside of me. I once believed there was a slope, a slope that led to having no hope. I once thought I could do it all, whatever I wanted, and never fall. But...Now I see, I can be free and there has been a “Saving of Me.” There was always someone who could see, that fearful child inside of me. I now believe there is no slope, and through Jesus Christ I always have hope. I know now my ability is small, and only Jesus will catch me when I fall.

*Thank you so much D.S. for sending this poem and the beautiful artwork you sent with it.*

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION w/Fr. Richard

My question is whether the Roman Catholic Church has a definitive answer as to whom the US refers to? If not, who do you personally understand the term “us” refers to in Genesis 1:26?

*S.T., it is common for people in authority, particularly in years past, to use the term “we” instead of “I” in speaking of themselves. for example, Queen Victoria was supposed to have said “we are not amused” at someone’s jest meaning that “I am not amused” or in this case, she was not amused. So, when you read in the scripture, let “us” make him in our own image. I wouldn’t think of the Trinity I would think of God, speaking*

*as one using that style of language the royal We because He is the being of utmost importance.*

### DEACON KEN’S CORNER

This was written by Deacon Ken, June 1987 from Mission San Luis Rey Parish where he was assigned. It is Vol.6, No.3

Healing in Marriages – Another area that our ministry is moving into is the healing of marriages. The destruction caused by people in prisons is directly related to the family life. The breakdown of the marriage relationship is the breakdown of the family relationship. And the breakdown of the family relationship is a major factor in the abundance of drugs, violence and crime in our society.

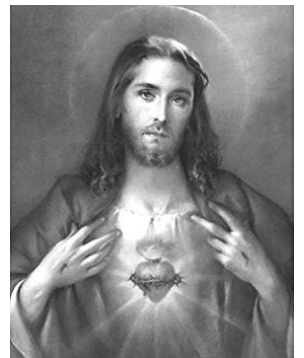
It was from this powerful insight, shared by Deacon Ken, that we were moved to write the book *Secrets of a Happy Family* and to offer numerous seminars based on its life-changing message.

Through this ministry outreach, we seek to bring hope and healing to incarcerated individuals and their families by strengthening marriages and restoring God’s intended design for the family — even across prison walls.

**Request your own copy of *Secrets of a Happy Family* today and begin bringing healing and restoration to your family.**

### SACRED TRADITION

**THE CHURCH’S DEDICATION FOR JUNE:** is to The **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.



His love, His heart is so big it covers every human person that ever existed. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life.”

#### A Few Feast Days

- June 4<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> The Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 13<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- June 24<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### PRAYERTIMES W/MOTHER TERESA

Week 23 - Words of Mother Teresa – She was all for God “Let us ask our Lady to make our hearts “meek and humble” as her Son’s was. It is so very easy to be proud and harsh and selfish, so easy, but we have been created for greater things. How much we can learn from our Lady! She was so humble because she was all for God. She was full of grace.”

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*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:28-30*

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

No one is beyond God’s mercy. St. Dismas, the Good Thief, met Jesus in his final hours and received Paradise. His story reminds us that True Freedom comes from turning to Christ with a sincere heart.

