

*March 10, 2024*  
*4th Sunday*  
*of Lent*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

## *Contact Us...*

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
Eureka Springs, AR  
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### PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road  
Eureka Springs, AR  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of  
month-12noon at PC)  
Saturday 4pm at PC

### OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Thurs.  
10:00am-4:00pm

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### GIFT SHOP

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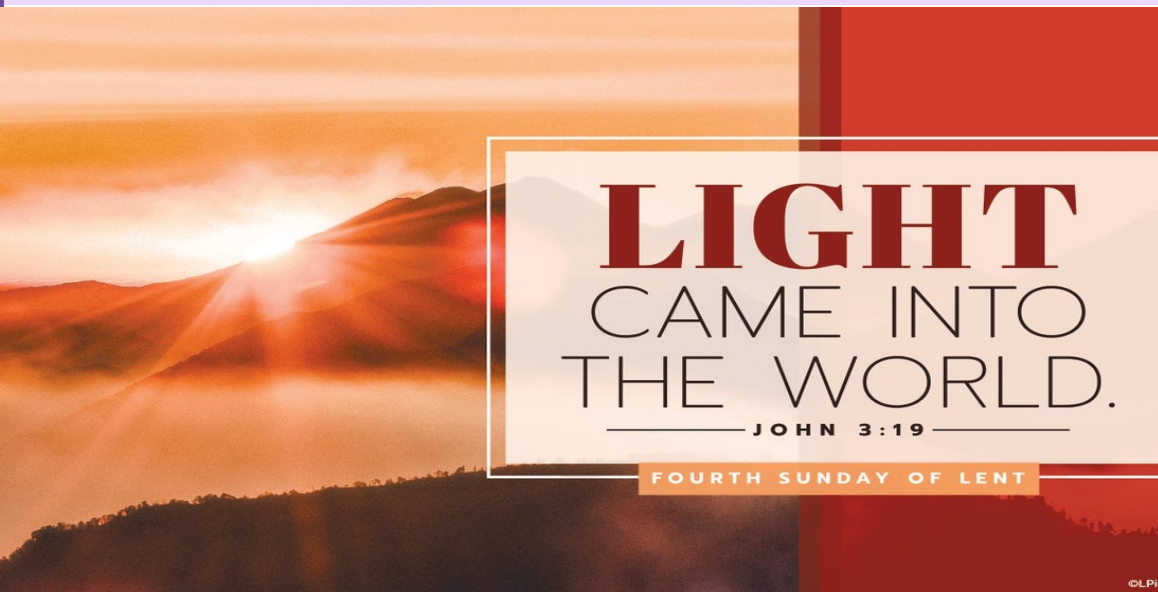
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

### MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

### GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

### TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

## *Getting Married?*

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 479.253.2222.

## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

### *Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Archibong

*Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper*

Nancy Elfter

### *Director of Music*

Sharon Parker

*Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,*

*Gift Shop Manager* Rod McGuire

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, 15

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC  
Stations of the Cross 12:30pm at the PC

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC  
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC  
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30am

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 3:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a); Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:*



Daylight Savings begins  
on Sunday, March 10th.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## Mass Ministers

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jerry Horning

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Larry Stamps

**EMCs:** Mike Godfrey, Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire

**Ushers:** Michael Murphy, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 12

For the Repose of the Soul of David Munich

Thursday, March 14

For the Repose of the Soul of David Munich

Friday, March 15

For the Intentions of Fr. Jess Herbert

Saturday, March 16

For the Intentions of Father Joseph Archibong

Sunday, March 17

For the Repose of the Souls of Mark & Gretchen

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# Pray for us...



## OUR PARISHIONERS -


Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

## OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

## THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

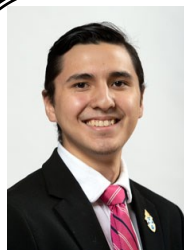
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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## The Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



**Pedro Alvarez**

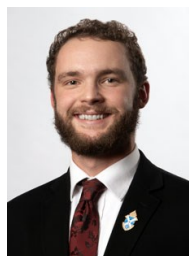
Contact address:

**House of Formation,**  
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For more information

on our seminarians, go to  
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*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
March, 2024*



**Elijah Bailey**



## STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



## GIFT SHOP

### *March Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 3/10	9:30-4:00	Selleck
Mon., 3/11	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 3/12	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 3/14	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri., 3/15	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 3/16	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun., 3/17	9:30-4:00	Godfrey

## St. Elizabeth Church

### FRIED CATFISH DINNER

*Catfish, Fries, Slaw, Hush Puppies, Drinks, Dessert*

*St. Elizabeth Parish  
Hall*



*March 8 & 22*

*5:00-7:00pm*

*2 piece/\$15, 3 piece/\$18*

FROM SHARON PARKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies will begin on Wed., Feb. 28th at 5:00pm in the Parish Center Hall. Special music is being prepared for Holy Week. We'll meet on Wednesdays. You may sing for either one, two or all of these liturgies as your schedule permits. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline to practice during this season of Lent, consider singing in the praise of God as fulfilling that requirement. Call Sharon at 479-981-0870 or email her at [Song-bird1960@outlook.com](mailto:Song-bird1960@outlook.com) for more information.



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network or social medial platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that *if they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17) He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten Challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

-Father John Muir



## RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**Fr. Reginald Udouj, OSB**, will lead a Day of Recollection at Coury House on the grounds of Subiaco in Subiaco, AR, Tuesday, March 26, on "**Humility in God.**" Prepare for the holiest days of the Christian life with this day for reflection. Cost is \$30 and includes conferences, lunch, Adoration, opportunity for confession and Mass. Registration is from 8:30-9:00am. Conferences begin at 9:00am. Call 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) to register.

**Fr. Patrick Boland, OSB**, will lead "**A New Walk on an Old Path: C.S. Lewis The Screwtape Letters,**" a 3-night retreat April 15-18 at Coury House on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey in Subiaco, AR. Delve into the classic C.S. Lewis story of the devil's attempts to keep a young man from following Christ with Fr. Patrick. Cost is \$310 for a private room; \$250 per person in a shared room and \$140 for commuters. Call 479-934-1290 or email [couryhouse@](mailto:couryhouse@)



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!



## Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time - renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you.

Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call “forgiving light.” But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

“Is this really me?” you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

*“And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.” — John 3:19*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

### Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

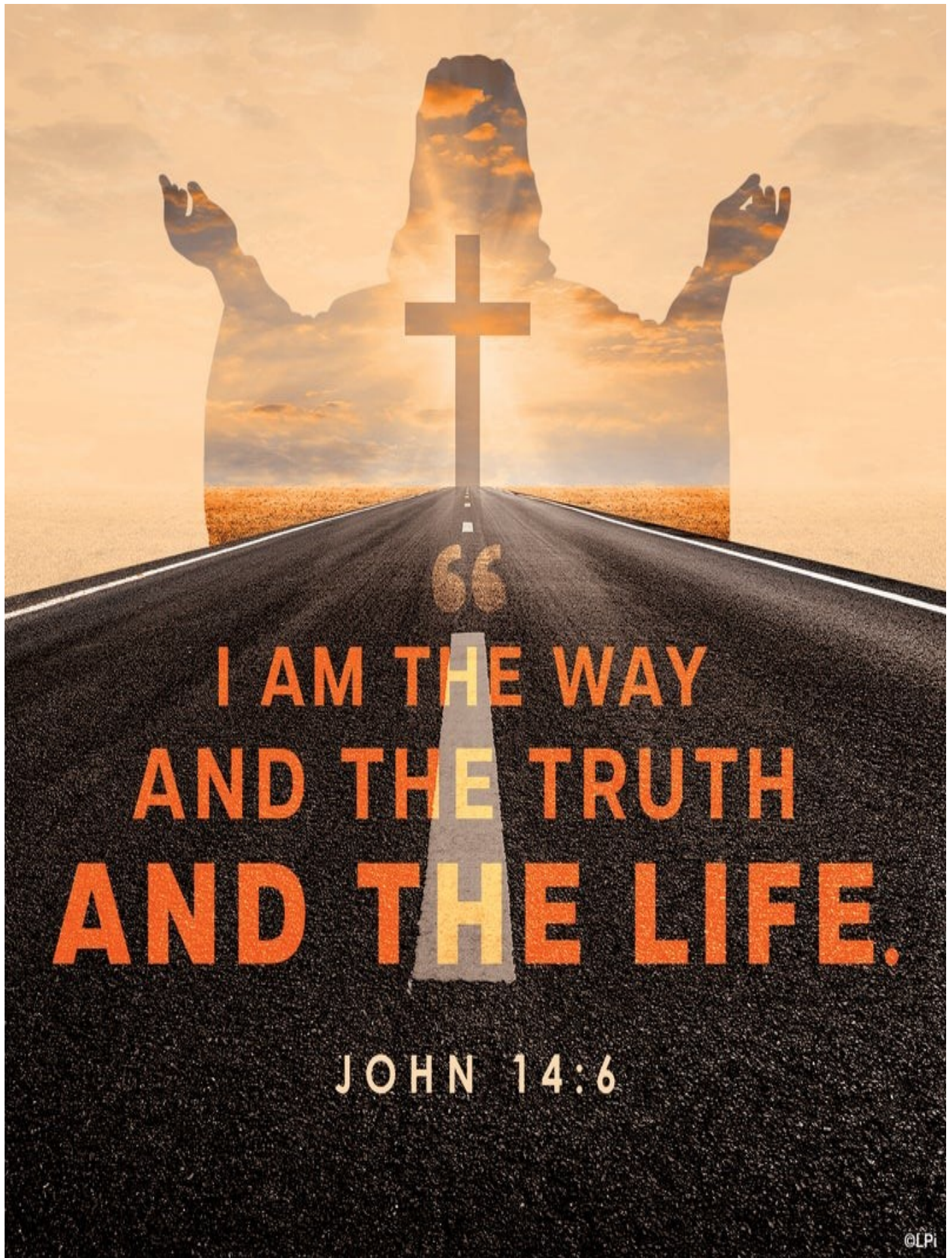
The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

**Priests:** A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

**Brothers:** Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

**Monks, Friars, and Canons:** These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.







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