

June 21, 2026

The Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
72632
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Parish Center
232 Passion Play Rd
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72632

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am

Tuesday 8:30am

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am

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

Saturday 4pm at PC

Office Hours

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are
worth more than many
sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

Rooted in the love of Christ, Saint Elizabeth Catholic church strives to be a welcoming community of prayer, faith, and compassionate service. Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are blessed by your presence among us. In this sacred place, may all who enter encounter God's mercy, peace, and healing grace. We invite you to worship with us, grow in faith with us, and journey with us toward Christ. Please let us know how we may serve you.

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June 21, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for Betty Strauskowski

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for Florence Giels

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Don Mischo

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention is for Darrell Frederick & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Holy Rosary 8:00am
Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for David, Eric & Gretchen Longer

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Mindy Godfrey, Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church.



Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, & Virginia Jankowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Alice Midden & Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

John Mumaugh - 6/20, John Ciliberti - 6/21,
Erin Dennis - 6/21, Elizabeth Diederich - 6/23

May you have many more!



JUBILEE MASS

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be concelebrated at 5:30pm on Tuesday, June 23 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock to honor Fr John Oswald (65 years), Msgr. Lawrence Frederick (60 years), Msgr. David LeSieur (50 years), Fr. Joseph Marconi, Fr. Salvador Vega-Alvarenga, and Fr. Arokiasamy M. Irudayaraj (25 years) on their anniversary of priestly ordination. Senior priests will be honored during this Mass as well. A dinner reception will follow in McDonald Hall that is open to everyone. For additional information contact Maria Velazquez at 501-664-0340, ext. 340.



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. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.

The Sunday Collection for June 13 & 14, 2026 - \$3,526.

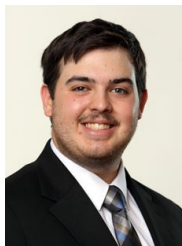
Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 5/26/26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$831,333	\$630,835
Non-Parishioners	\$119,740	\$ 72,293
Donations	\$ <u> 0</u>	\$ <u>99,321</u>
	\$951,073	\$802,449



GIFT SHOP

Sun., 6/21	9:30-1:00	Godfreys
	1:00-4:00	Godfreys
Mon., 6/22	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breauxs
Tues., 6/23	10:00-1:00	D. Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Wed., 6/24	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 6/25	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00-4:00	Nanette Barnett
Friday, 6/26	10:00-1:00	Meyers
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sat., 6/27	10:00-1:00	Sandy McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sun., 6/28	9:30-1:00	Hornings
	1:00-4:00	Hornings



*Our Seminarrians
for the month of
June, 2026*

Holden Hargrave

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Taste of Faith *Dinner*

Friday, June 26, 2026 *at* 6:30 PM
Mary Mother of God Parish Hall

Please join us for a special Taste of Faith Dinner as we celebrate two seminarians visiting our parish this June before they return to the Diocese of Little Rock. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, hear about their vocational journeys, and support the formation of future priests for our diocese.

Did you know that the average cost to educate and form one seminarian is approximately \$40,000–\$50,000 per year? These expenses include tuition, room and board, books, spiritual formation, and pastoral training. Your generosity helps ensure that these young men can continue answering God's call to serve the Church.

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SEARCH #158 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #158, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #158 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 26-28, 2026. The fee is \$150.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at:

PAPER REGISTRATION: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-158-form.pdf>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE – C2SI

Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week is open to youth in the 10th - 12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this 5-day session participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile “hands on” experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus’s invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI is held at St. John Center, Little Rock, July 13-17, 2026. The fee is \$250.00. For more information and the registration visit our website at:

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c2si-catholic-charities-summer-institute-july-13-17--2026>

PAPER REGISTRATION: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-form-26.pdf>

If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."
(Mt 10:27)

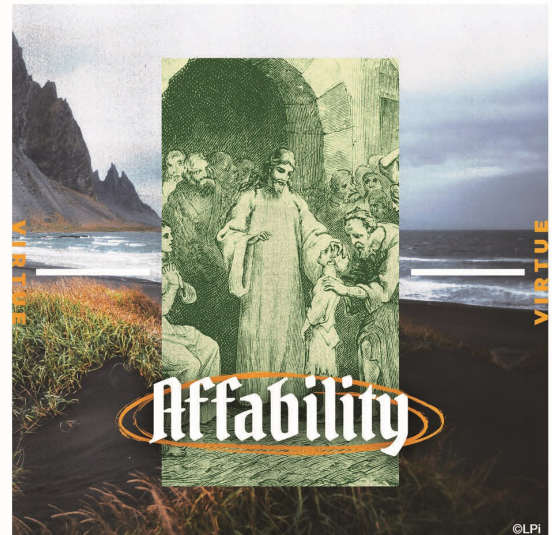
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

Observances for the week of June 21, 2026

- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Father's Day*
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

Blessing for Juneteenth

Dear Lord,
Pour Your goodness and grace upon our brothers and sisters. Even as we celebrate our triumphs, be with us in today's work that strives to bring justice to the oppressed and liberty to captives. Write Your message of freedom in our hearts, so that we might live more deeply healed. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

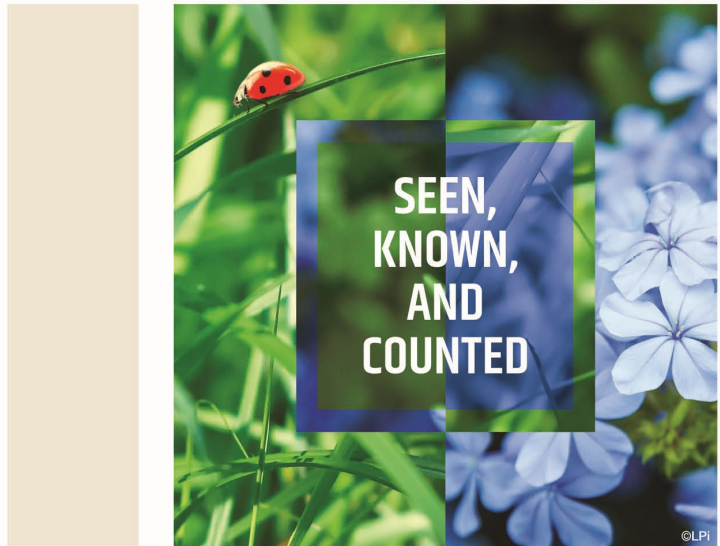
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I make my living writing for Catholic publications. My readers are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. But in my personal life, I am far less bold. I do not fear those who can kill my body, but I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

Fear No One

In the 1883 painting “Mass in a Connemara Cabin,” a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O’Kelley, depicts a “station Mass,” offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the “emancipation” of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word “emancipation” because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family’s prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they’re usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn’t matter that most Americans identify as “Christians” — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O’Kelley’s Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

“Mass in a Connemara Cabin” illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

“So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

- Mt 10:31-33

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Jeremiah trusts in the Lord despite his fear of being attacked and persecuted. Can you think of a time when you had to totally trust in God?

Second Reading:

Paul compares and contrasts the impact of Adam and Christ on our lives. Who would you say has made the biggest impact on your life so far?

Gospel:

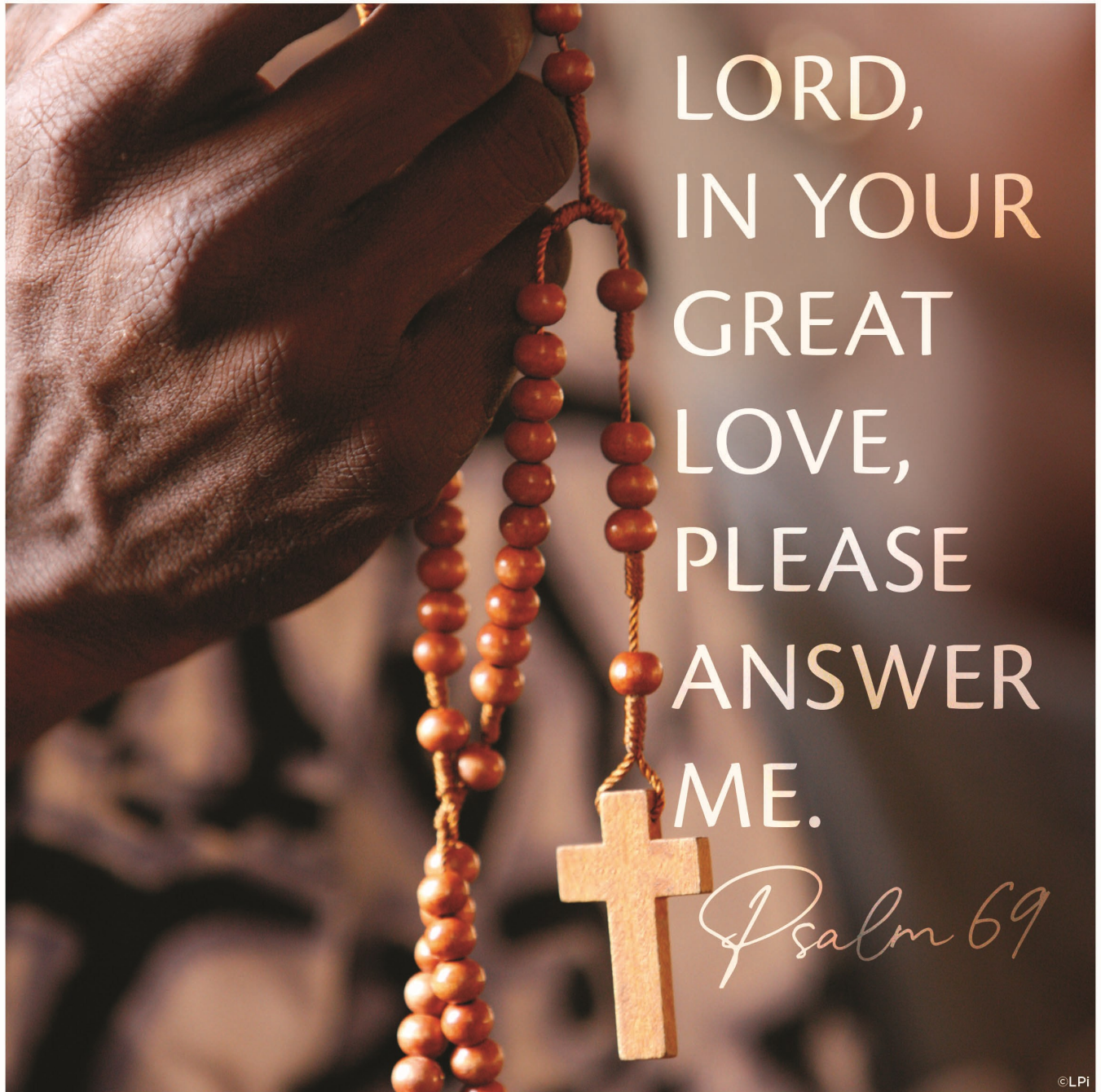
Jesus warns his disciples against spiritual forces that seek to destroy both the body and the soul. Where do you see malevolent spiritual forces at work in our world?



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LORD,
IN YOUR
GREAT
LOVE,
PLEASE
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ME.

Psalm 69

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“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29-31

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