

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday/Sábado

Vigil/Vigilia

4:00pm, English

Sunday/Domingo

8:30am, English

10:00am, Español

12:00pm, English

Weekdays/Diaria

5:30pm

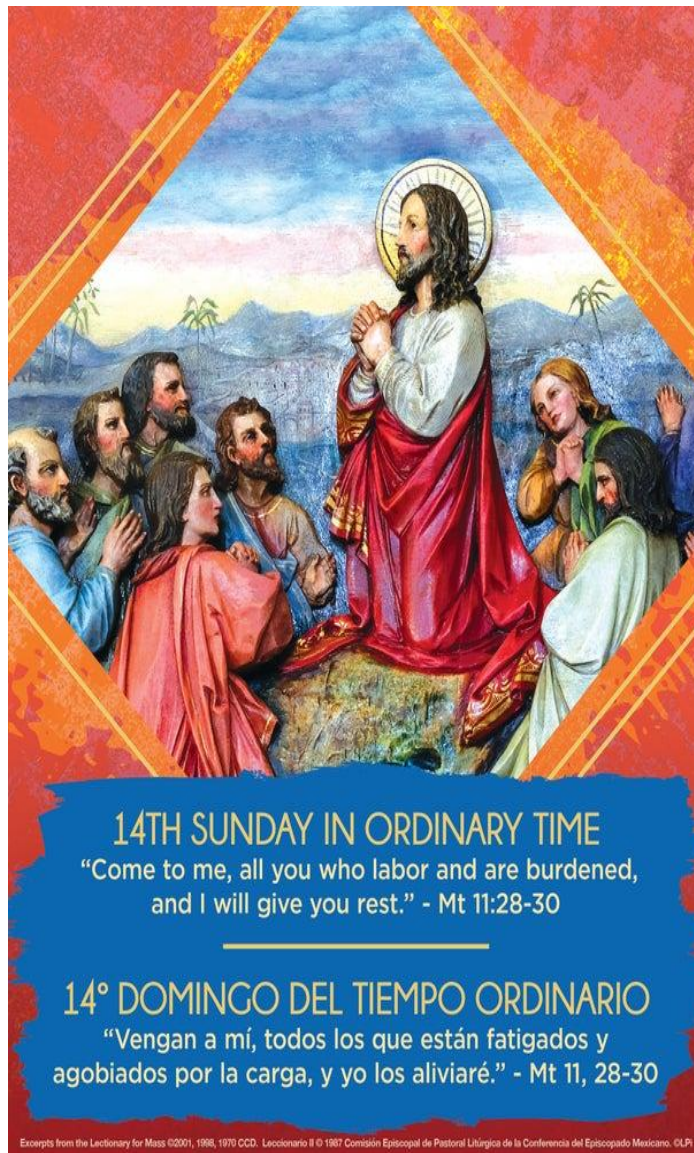
Mon. & Wed. English

Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &
Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y
Adoración



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30

14° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y
agobiados por la carga, y yo los aliviaré." - Mt 11, 28-30

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RECONCILIATION RECONCILIACIÓN

Wednesday/Miércoles

6:00 - 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am-1:00pm

Member of the
El Paso Inter-religious
Sponsoring Organization
(EPISO).

Working to end poverty
and injustice
in the Borderland.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Program for children and
adults to receive
Sacraments of Christian
Initiation.

Programa de preparación
para recibir sacramentos de
iniciación cristiana.
Disponible para niños y
adultos.

WEDDINGS/BODAS

Parishioners, registered or living
within Parish boundaries, please
contact pastor six months before
planned wedding date.

Parroquianos, registrados o residentes
de nuestra área parroquial,
comunicarse con el párroco al menos
seis meses antes de la fecha en que
planean casarse.

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

Celebrated the second
Saturday of the month.
Please call the office for
additional information.

Se celebran el segundo
sábado de cada mes. Favor
de llamar a la oficina para
información adicional.

QUINCEAÑERAS/OS

All boys and girls enrolled in our
Religious Formation program are
welcome to celebrate their 15th
birthday at the parish.

Todos los niños y niñas inscritos en
nuestro programa de Formación
Religiosa son bienvenidos a celebrar
su cumpleaños número 15 en la
parroquia.



Welcome to the community of Saint Thomas Aquinas!
We are Blessed to have you with us.

We want to be living proof to you of the Love and Peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray your time with us is a blessing for you as well! Welcome and God Bless!

¡Bienvenido a la comunidad de Santo Tomás de Aquino! Ya sea usted un vecino o un visitante que está de paso, sepa que es una bendición tenerlo con nosotros.

Queremos ser para usted una prueba viva del amor y la paz de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. ¡Oramos que su tiempo con nosotros sea una bendición para usted también! ¡Bienvenidos y Bendiciones!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir. ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place? ©LP

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Mateo 11, 25-30

Vivimos en tiempos donde la gratitud y la confianza en la familia y en la sociedad han perdido su valor. Muy poco se agradece y la confianza está muchas veces a prueba entre las personas. ¿Dónde están esos sentimientos de aprecio por las cosas buenas? ¿Dónde se ha quedado la confianza del uno para el otro? Reconocer estos sentimientos en las personas que nos rodean y en nosotros mismos es un verdadero reto. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios nos muestra cómo Jesús es agradecido con su Padre: "Yo te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has mantenido ocultas estas cosas a los sabios y entendidos y las has revelado a la gente sencilla" (Mateo 11:25). Jesús nos da muestra de la confianza que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo.

Actualmente, ¿cuáles serán las cosas sencillas que debemos perseguir? La sencillez, la confianza y la gratitud, de seguro, se encuentran en una búsqueda sincera con el mismo Hijo de Dios. La base es la relación personal que llevemos con el Señor por medio de la oración y el acercamiento sincero a los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Los cristianos no debemos permitir que la tibieza y el cansancio nos alejen de la búsqueda de un encuentro íntimo con Jesucristo para aprender de sus enseñanzas. Cada día es una oportunidad para un nuevo comienzo y para seguirlo con fidelidad. Recordemos que "su yugo es suave y su carga ligera". ¡Es la promesa al seguirlo! ©LPI

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Hoy en día, todo el mundo es un experto. Tenemos un mundo de información al alcance de la mano. Pero algunas respuestas no se encuentran en los periódicos ni siquiera en los libros de historia. Lo que Dios oculta a los sabios, se lo revela a los pequeños. ¿Estás buscando en el lugar correcto? ©LP

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So, when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, “Don’t touch anything!” She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It’s the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we’ve tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can’t read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness. ©LPI



PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

La Pequeñez de la Gran Fe

Mis hijos asisten a la Catequesis del Buen Pastor (CGS) para su formación de fe. Debido a su base Montessori, los atrios de CGS, que son algo así como aulas, contienen muchos objetos hechos de materiales reales — vidrio auténtico, madera y cerámica.

Esto es una forma educada de decir que hay muchas cosas que se pueden romper ahí dentro.

Así que cuando mi hija de cuatro años entró en el atrio en su primer día de CGS, todo mi cuerpo se tensó, preguntándome qué rompería primero. Tuve que contenerme para no gritar: “¡No toques nada!” Vio la mesa de oración — el bajo soporte de madera que contiene una Biblia abierta, velas, un jarrón con flores y una estatua del Buen Pastor. Es el centro de todos los atrios.

Se arrodilló ante la mesa. Ella hizo la señal de la cruz. Y ella se quedó allí, quieta y en silencio.

Me quedé paralizada en seco. ¿Cómo había sabido que debía venir aquí? ¿Y dónde aprendió a hacer la señal de la cruz? (Obviamente hemos intentado enseñarle, ¡pero siempre lo hace mal!) ¿Y por qué estaba sentada allí tan callada, tan expectante, frente a un libro que no puede leer?

Un pensamiento me vino tan claro: Bueno, Colleen, puedes leer ese libro. ¿Pero puedes entenderlo?

Nos resulta tan fácil olvidar que la gran fe no requiere gran inteligencia. No requiere un gran conocimiento del mundo y de su funcionamiento. La gran fe no requiere que el creyente posea respuestas.

La gran fe solo requiere que el creyente conozca su propia pequeñez. ©LPI



Public Notice – Action Required

Sexual Abuse Claims in the Diocese of El Paso Bankruptcy

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026.

The Diocese of El Paso (“**Diocese**”) has filed bankruptcy to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Putative Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re: Diocese of El Paso* (Bankr. W.D. Tx.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, go to <https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> or call (833) 345-0351.

Who Should File a Claim?

Anyone who alleges they were abused and believes the Diocese, or persons affiliated with the Diocese, may be responsible for the abuse must file a claim. This includes abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese, including schools, orphanages, parishes, or Catholic Charities. A list of such entities associated with the Diocese is available on the website or by calling the toll-free number listed below.¹ If you have an abuse claim against any entity on that list, you may have a claim against the Diocese. Only the Diocese is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against any entity on that list, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

When and How Should I File a Claim?

You should file a claim using either Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410 (or a form substantially similar thereto) or the Abuse Proof of Claim Supplement Claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026. **If you do not file a timely claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese, including any right to compensation.**

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.

Your information will be kept private

<https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> and (833) 345-0351

¹This may include parishes formerly under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese and, as of August 17, 1982, under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM as set forth on the following websites:

- A. <https://www.elpasodiocese.org/parishes-by-vicariate.html>
- B. https://www.elpasocatholicschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=653277&type=d&pREC_ID=1108512
- C. <https://oldrcdlc.org/parishes-1>
- D. <https://oldrcdlc.org/catholicschools>

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

Zechariah speaks of a just and humble king who will lead all people to a future of peace and joy. What are some things that make you genuinely happy

2nd Reading

Paul teaches that the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe in Jesus. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as meek and humble of heart, and invites us to find "rest" in him. What are some burdens Jesus could relieve for you? ©LPI

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA - INVITAR A PARROQUIANOS A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura

Zacarías habla de un rey justo y humilde que guiará a todas las personas a un futuro de paz y alegría. ¿Qué cosas te hacen realmente feliz?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pablo enseña que el Espíritu de Dios mora en quienes creen en Jesús. ¿Dónde ves al Espíritu Santo activo en tu vida?

Pregunta del Evangelio

Jesús se describe a sí mismo como manso y humilde de corazón, y nos invita a encontrar "descanso" en él. ¿Qué cargas podría aliviarte Jesús?



PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,

Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love.

We are at our best when we're close to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision,

that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.

Amen.

ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Bendición para Nuestro País

Querido Dios,

Bendice esta tierra que amamos, una tierra que tú creaste, con amor.

Estamos en nuestro mejor momento cuando estamos cerca de Ti.

Por favor, inspira, guía y gobierna a nuestros líderes y nuestra visión,

para que nuestra grandeza se funde en Ti y se defina en ti.

Amén.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENT

This week the Blessed Sacrament perpetual candle is lit in memory of:

Esta semana la vela perpetua al Santísimo estará encendida en memoria de:

+Mariela Alcantar



CATHOLIC TRIVIA –JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: A Holy Hour



TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el término para una hora ininterrumpida de oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento?

Respuesta: Una Hora Santa

VIRTUS AMBIENTE SEGURO

La capacitación Virtus - Ambiente Seguro es un primer paso obligatorio para quienes estén interesados en ser voluntarios o unirse a un ministerio. La próxima sesión se llevará a cabo en inglés **el sábado 1 de agosto a las 9:30 a.m.** Favor de registrarse en www.virtus.org.

Si le interesa un ministerio en particular, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial y lo pondremos en contacto con el líder del ministerio correspondiente.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Virtus - Safe Environment training is a required first step for those interested in volunteering or joining a ministry. The next training session will be held in English on **Saturday, August 1, at 9:30 am.** Please register at www.virtus.org.

If you are interested in a specific ministry, please contact the parish office, and we will put you in touch with the appropriate ministry leader.

SECOND COLLECTION SEGUNDA COLLECTA

The second collection for July 12 of 2026 will be for Building Fund. Thank you for your support!!



La Segunda collecta del día 12 de julio del 2026 será para. fondo de construcción ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registrations for Religious Formation classes will begin on Tuesday, July and end on Friday, July 17.

They will take place Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

You can stop by the office for a registration package.



INSCRIPCIONES DE CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para las clases de Formación Religiosa comenzarán el martes 7 de julio y finalizarán el viernes 17 de julio.

Las clases se impartirán de martes a viernes de 10:00 am a 6:00 pm.

Puede pasar por la oficina para obtener el formulario de inscripción.

This Week

Monday; July 06 OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am Renacer Ministry

Tuesday; July 07

9am-12pm Bible Camp

10:00am Religious Formation Registration Begins

12-3pm OFFICE CLOSED FOR STAFF MEETING

Wednesday; July 8

9:00am Bible Camp

Thursday; July 09

9:00am Bible Camp

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot



SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Zec 9:9)

See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass.

Mira a tu rey que viene a ti, justo y victorioso,
Humilde y montado en un burrito.

Psalm (Ps 145)

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Acuerdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Second Reading (Rom: 8:13)

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.

Ustedes no viven conforme al desorden egoista del hombre,
sino conforme al Espíritu, puesto que el Espíritu de Dios
habita verdaderamente en ustedes.

Quien no tiene el Espíritu
de Cristo, no es de Cristo, Si con la ayuda del Espíritu
destruyen sus malas acciones, entonces vivirán.

Gospel: (Mt 11:29)

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

Tomen mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mi, que soy
manso y humilde de corazón, y encontraran descanso,
porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga ligera.

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 05 2026

READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33



Saturday, July 04

4:00pm +Frank Hernandez III by Edward Pedregon
+Charles & Esperanza Rodriguez by Calderon Family
Respect for life by Grace Martinez
+Elvira Miranda by Irma Martinez

Sunday, July 05

8:30am +Yannel Rocha by Rodriguez Family
+Maggie Enriquez by Daughters

10:00am For the Parishioners

12:00pm Jordan Vucan (Going to Navy Seal) by Family
+Manuela Montenegro by Tina Morales
+Maolalla Guerrero by Tina Morales
+Juan D. & Esther Morales by Richard Morales
+Monica Esther Ponce by Valerie Rodriguez

Monday, July 06

5:30pm NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 07

5:30pm

Wednesday, July 08

5:30pm +Irene Prado by Margaret Aguilar
+Lavonne Griffin by STA Family

Thursday, July 09

5:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Frank Segura

Friday; July 10

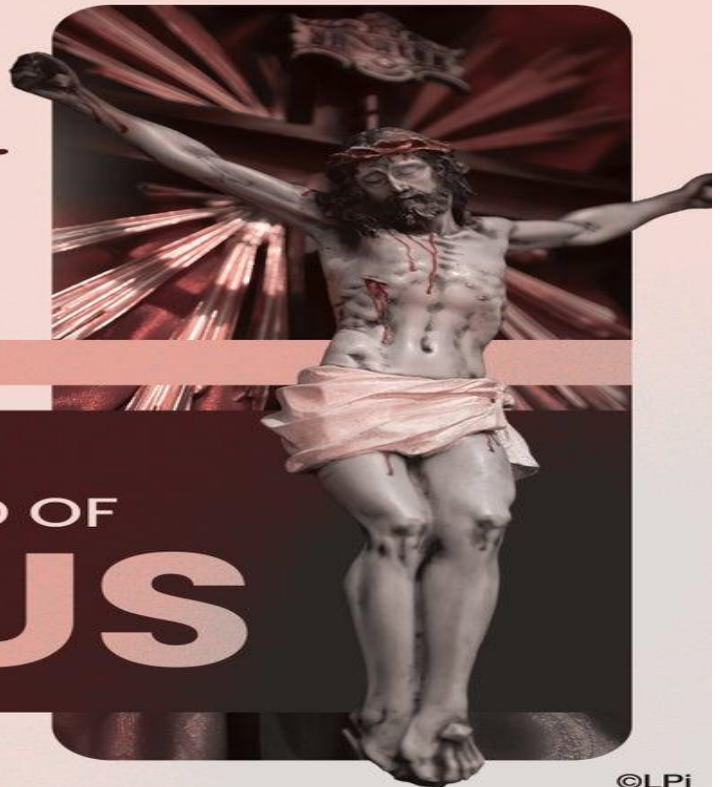
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JULY

MONTH OF THE
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF

JESUS



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RETIRO
de alabanza y oración.

"Y Jesús crecía en sabiduría y en estatura, y en gracia
para con Dios y los hombres."
Lucas 2:52



Sábado Julio 11
9 am a 2 pm



Tendremos Adoración Eucarística



Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino
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Aporte voluntario



Traer algo para compartir.

Invitan:



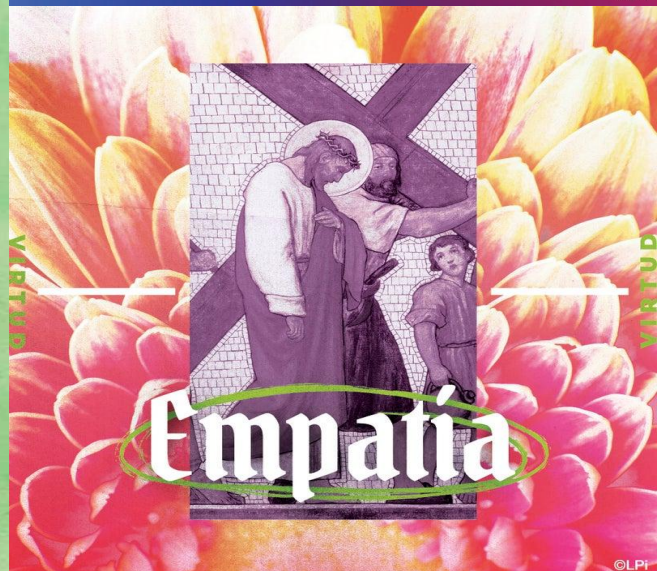
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