

CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA



For whoever
is not against
us is for us.

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway
Jackson, NJ 08527



Our Parish is Served by:

Reverend Alex Enriquez, Pastor
Deacon Christian Knoebel
Deacon John L. White

We invite you to celebrate with us

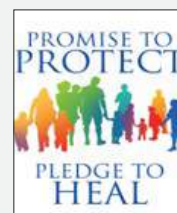
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The Church of St. Monica is a warm, accepting, and caring parish that worships God, teaches and lives the message of Christ, seeks to support and strengthen family life, and serves those in need through parish ministries and organizations.

Confessions

Saturdays
3:15 pm
to 3:45 pm
1st Thursdays 7pm
or by appointment

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28

4:00 pm Lorraine Braccio
(Barbara & Jerry Santangelo)

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am Antonio Sasso
(Dcn John & Caroline White)
11:00 am John Giardina (Kate Scott)

Monday, September 30

9:00 am Joseph Cassidy (Siwiec Family)

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 am Available

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Bill Hackett (The Spartacus Friends)

Saturday, October 5

4:00 pm Lois Robertson
(Theresa Calsetta & Elaine Giblock)

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Pasquale Fallone (Gerarda Fallone)
11:00 am Antonio Sasso (DiVicenzo Family)

*There are still dates in 2024 available for
Intentions
please contact the
Parish Office.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Laura Stoyer, Mike Scott, Andrew G Sabine, A.J. Sabine

Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.

Readings for the Week - September 29, 2024

Monday, September 30 Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 1 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 2 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 3 Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 4 Jb 38:1, 12-21 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 5 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 6 Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Please see pages 6 - 8 for a message from Bishop David M O’Connell, C. M.

Wednesday, October 2 there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, Dcn Christian Knoebel will **Bless the Animals** on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am in the parish parking lot.
All pets are welcome!

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING TO FR ALEX

October 1
39 years

Congratulations to Fr Alex celebrating the anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother.

You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. **Rachel’s Vineyard’s Retreat** is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.
2024 Weekend Retreats
November 15-17, 2024

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2024**

Total \$5,277.00

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.



Public Rosary
The Miracle
of the Sun
Our Lady of Fatima

St. Monica’s Parish is Participating in Praying a Public Rosary for America.

Please join us, along with the Legion of Mary’s “Mystical Rose”, Our Lord and Blessed Mother, as we pray for America.

When: Saturday,

Oct 12th at 12 pm.

Where: Outside in front of St. Monica’s

You are invited to join us in a Public Rosary Rally. This Public Square Rosary will be combined with our Knights of Columbus Novena for Life.



For additional info contact the parish office



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parishoffice@saintmonica.com

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(our old email will be retired soon).

RETREAT FOR CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY



“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

WHO IS THE RETREAT FOR?

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- Are you searching for God in your life?
- Are you a practicing Catholic seeking to deepen your faith?

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

Conferences • Guest Speaker
Adoration • Confessions Available

Payment: QR Code below or mail check with Registration form to Church of Epiphany.

Registration Form can be found at: www.churchofepiphany.org under the Parish Events tab.

Registration Deadline: 10/25/24



PRESENTERS

FR. MIKE SANTANGELO
SR. BRUNILDA RAMOS, MPF
KIM LORENTZEN, DRE

GUEST SPEAKER

“MURPH” 31 YRS OF SOBRIETY

SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 2024
9:30 AM - 3:45 PM
MASS: 4:00 PM

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RETREAT FEE: \$35 which includes Light Breakfast, Lunch, & Donation to St. Joseph By The Sea Retreat House.
Scholarship Available

LONGING FOR LIFE

“Catholics, Infertility, and IVF”

Join us as we learn how Catholics can navigate the often morally complex choices offered by modern medicine to couples struggling with fertility issues. Encounter the beauty of the teachings of the Church regarding fertility while discovering very effective cutting-edge medical treatments for infertility that are morally acceptable and that uphold the dignity of life and marriage. October 26, 2024, St. Mary of the Pines Church, Manahawkin. This event will include: **8:00 a.m.** Mass in the Church; **8:30 a.m.** hot breakfast; and **9:00 a.m. - 12 noon** seminar featuring Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Senior Ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

The event will include time for Q&A and free resources. Cost is \$10, free for clergy. Seating is limited, advance online registration required using:

<https://longing-for-life-stmary-s-parish.pushpayevents.com>

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille: Discover The Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program will be held the weekend of October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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CALENDAR

Saturday, September 28

3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Baptism

Monday, September 30

9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
5:30 pm Grade 7 Parent-Student Mtg.
7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm OCIA (LC)

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Mass

Friday, October 4

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg. (LC)

Saturday, October 5

10:00 am Blessing of Animals (Parking Lot)
3:15 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Women of St Monica Mtg (LC)

Monday, October 7

9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Religious Education Classes
6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Religious Education Classes
5:30 pm Rel Ed Gr 8 Parent/Student Mtg
7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
7:30 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

Wednesday, October 9

9:00 am Mass
5:30 pm OCIA (LC)
7:00 pm K of C CUF (Church)

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LET'S NOT BE AVICTIM**

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- **How To Detect a Scam.**
- **Examples of Spam.**
- **Safeguarding Personal Information.**
- **Ways to Avoid Being Hacked.**
- **Identity Theft Response Plan.**



**YOUR PRESENTER:
LAURA REEVES**



St. Monica is now recruiting new **Altar Servers** to assist Fr. Alex and deacons during the Liturgy.

Requirements to serve include:

- ~ be a registered member of St. Monica
- ~ regularly receive the sacraments,
~ in 4th grade or higher
- ~ and have been baptized and made
First Holy Communion

If your child is interested, please contact Deacon John or fill out the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. We will notify you when we schedule an instructional session for all altar servers.

Our 2024 call to exercise 'Faithful Citizenship'

A message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

It has become almost normative these days for political candidates of every stripe to end their speeches at campaign appearances, town halls or rallies with some form of the expression "God bless you and/or God bless the United States of America." Perhaps you, too, have noticed its appearance more frequently than in the past. I actually wait for it now while watching television broadcasts of these events, especially in this election year.

Certainly, it is an admirable sentiment with which to conclude their comments, since phrases like "In God we trust," "one nation under God," "endowed by their Creator," "so help me God" have long been an important part of the American vernacular throughout history.

Is it a prayer, a religious wish or "just something to say" to audiences in a country founded upon Judeo-Christian principles? I regularly wonder about it, especially when the speech that precedes it contains elements that advocate policies or positions that hardly seem reflective or consistent with our divine origins, the goodness of God or the religious faith of any and all believers, not even to mention the tone and tenor of some remarks that lack basic civility.

I guess it is better to acknowledge God and conclude remarks asking for his blessing on our nation than not.

We are once again in an election year anticipating the exercise of one of the most basic rights and responsibilities of an American citizen: the right and responsibility to vote. Regardless of which candidate or political party we support or endorse, the right to vote lies at the heart of our democracy. The free exercise of something so important should --- by its very nature --- be preceded by very careful thought and scrutiny. That goes for every citizen, whether they are believers in God or not.

Let me share a few thoughts on the exercise of voting by believers, Catholics in particular, in the enterprise of what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops refers to as "faithful citizenship."

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has written, "Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church (apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 181, November 24, 2013)."

The Pope is not directing the Church and its pastors to tell Catholics "how" to vote but, rather, he is identifying and placing the responsibility to participate in political life into the arena of the Church's mission.

The Church is called to proclaim the Gospel and to educate baptized Catholics about the truth of its social and moral teachings, especially as they impact the common good. In this way, the Church's mission includes --- through all means at its disposal --- helping Catholics form their consciences in light of their faith so that they might give witness to the Gospel.

"The Church does not wish to exercise political power or eliminate the freedom of opinion of Catholics regarding contingent questions. Instead, it intends --- as its proper function --- to instruct and illuminate the consciences of the faithful, particularly those involved in political life, so that their actions may always serve the integral promotion of the human person and the common good (*Dicastery --- formerly "Congregation" --- for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life"*, 6, May 24, 2002)."

In 2007, the USCCB issued its first teaching document on Catholics engaging in political life entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" (FCFC), updated every four years, usually before a presidential election. The most recent Introductory "Note" for the document was approved by the full body of bishops at the November 2023 Plenary Assembly.

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The USCCB document is intended as a guide for American Catholics on political responsibility, and how to participate in public life in a way that is consistent with the mission of Jesus Christ and the Church. It applies Catholic social and moral principles and teachings to a range of issues and warns against using the idea of "conscience" to justify choices that advance personal, ideological, or partisan political interests contrary to those principles and the Catholic social and moral teachings they advance.

The following commentary identifies some of those social and moral issues referenced in FCFC to guide our conscience formation.

1. Issues that directly affect human life

Every human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. That has been and remains firm Catholic moral teaching based upon sound human reasoning and is, therefore, our most basic principle as Catholics. FCFC asserts that "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed."

At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats that impact human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, the death penalty and so forth. Our efforts to protect the unborn remain as important as ever, for just as the Supreme Court has given greater latitude for state laws regarding abortion, state legislators have passed statutes not only keeping abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy but opening the door to infanticide.

Additionally, abortion contaminates many other important life issues by being inserted into legislation regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, health care for the poor and health care reform in general ("Introductory Letter," FCFC). The Catholic Church teaches that all these practices have profound moral consequences.

2. Religious liberty

The United States Constitution protects religious liberty in its First Amendment. It includes not only our freedom to worship but also our freedom to believe in and practice our faith as Americans ... or not to believe! The Church teaches that every effort should be made to preserve and support religious liberty. Individuals and communities of faith should not be subject to religious persecution, here or anywhere in the world, because of their faith.

3. Traditional marriage and family life

There has been and continues to be a growing movement in our country to "redefine marriage." The Church teaches that the faithful union of one man and one woman is the foundation of the family and, as an essential core element of a flourishing society and Church, traditional marriage and family life must be protected and preserved.

4. The disparity between rich and poor

Most of the world's resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its population. In the United States, federal budgets have moral implications and should prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable among us. Unemployment, homelessness and inadequate housing are evident throughout our nation, especially in major population centers, and need to be confronted and addressed to ensure economic justice for all.

5. Immigration reform

Despite their legal status, undocumented persons in the United States deserve respect and human compassion. There has been and remains an ongoing immigration problem in our country that requires a humane solution by our elected government leaders.

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6. Racism and inequality

The Declaration of Independence affirms that “all men are created equal” and “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The Church opposes all oppression and all injustice. The elimination of racism, bigotry, discrimination and inequality is a goal that needs to be achieved in our lifetimes.

7. Violence, hatred and crime

Society has a duty to protect and defend its members against violence, hatred and crime. “Violence cannot be overcome by violence. Violence is overcome by peace! By peace, by working with dignity to help your homeland move forward (Pope Francis, “Remarks” at Phoenix Center, Bethlehem, May 26, 2014).”

8. Protection of the Environment

Pope Francis has declared stewardship of the earth, our “common home,” a contemporary moral imperative. “Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years ... We are not God. The earth was here before us and was given to us ... The idea of unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth’s goods, and leads to the planets being squeezed dry at every limit ... Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start (Pope Francis, encyclical “Laudato Si’: Care for Our Common Home,” 53; 67; 106; 205, May 24, 2015). Progress in protecting the environment lies in our hands but especially in the hands of those who govern us.

The preceding topics do not represent an exhaustive list of the social and moral issues of major concern to the Catholic Church in our country, clergy and lay faithful alike. War and peace, international relations, human trafficking, drug abuse, educational choice, health care reform, use of print, broadcast and electronic media, AI and a host of other social and moral concerns warrant our attention as Catholics. Careful study, civil dialogue and prayerful reflection should accompany our decision making as we consider our support for political parties, platforms and candidates for political office.

As American Catholics, we look to the Church and its official teachers for clear, careful and consistent presentation and application of principles that undergird, support and protect our Catholic social and moral teachings so that the common good, truth, justice and peace are enhanced, preserved and advanced in American society.

We should not expect bishops, ordained clergy or other Church leaders to tell us for whom or against whom to vote. In fact, they should not. As American Catholics, we should look to the Church’s teachings to help form our consciences for the exercise of faithful citizenship. I recommend the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the USCCB’s documents referenced herein as excellent resources for that purpose.

May God bless the United States of America!



The Eucharist - St Monica**Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
 Holy Days As Noted
 Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
 1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm
 or by appt.

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am
 1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with
 Confessions

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Baptisms

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

Knights of Columbus Council #11529

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. It is an international order of more than 2 million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in a busy, changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and many local charities. If you would like to join, simply scan the QR Code or go to KofC.org/join and enter council #11529.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Grief Support

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic-centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or dcnjohnw@gmail.com

Youth Group

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

RCIA/OCIA

Rite/ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com Please contact the parish office for further info.

Adult Faith Formation Core Team

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

Marriages

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey request a one year period of preparation for marriage in The Church. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Religious Education

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in on-going Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary

Members participate in the life of the parish through a program of prayers and service. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who have the good will to want to serve God through Mother Mary. Meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The Legion is always looking to recruit new members. If you discern a divine connection to the Blessed Mother, and feel she is calling you to join, please contact the Parish Office.

Women of St Monica

A Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community, and conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways. Please contact the parish office for more info.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Reflections on the Readings for the 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 29, 2024

HE IS THE TRUTH

We can often become so passionate about the details of our Catholic Faith that we want to impart to our children or non-Catholic friends, that we forget that our faith is in a real person, Jesus Christ. We can forget that our call is not to present to others our own truth, but the truth of Jesus Christ and the reality of his Incarnation.

In the Last Super discourse, Jesus tells us that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Today's readings invite us to meditate on what it means that he is the Truth. What are the ramifications of the truth being a set of rules that has the Person of Jesus Christ as its divine author?

To the extent that we see Jesus, recognize him, know him, and commune with him we are able to see things in the truth and perceive reality clearly. The more we know him and love him, the more we know and love the truth in all things.

PRAYER

Let's return to the Gospel for today. Jesus teaches that those who see him are able to do so clearly. Even though they do not fully know him yet, since full knowledge will only occur in Heaven, they recognize him, are open to him, and are drawn to him. Jesus is expanding his disciple's perspective to see that every person, even the Gentiles, is drawn to him and made to be with him.

Take the word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "Because you belong to Christ" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. Is Jesus calling you to renounce more of the world and belong even more to him?

RESOLUTION

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to forgive offences willingly. This kind of forgiveness is enabled by living in the truth, because we are also sinners in need of God's redeeming love. When we live in relationship with Jesus, we are poignantly aware of this reality. When we recognize our own need for mercy and receive it freely from Jesus, it becomes easier to forgive the offenses of others, because we know that we have made similar or worse mistakes.

Thus, we can see how living the truth actually produces great unity and not disunity like the world claims. By striving to live in the truth, we are capable of being part of God's saving work of drawing all people to himself. If we live in division with others and refuse to forgive them, then we refuse to live in the truth and fail to see Jesus in that person.

Are you holding any grudges in your heart? Are you quick to anger or judgment in social situations, including driving or waiting in lines? What can you do this week to avoid anger and turn to mercy instead? Are there people in your life who have hurt you that you need to forgive? | formed.org



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