



## ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.”

This sweet poem found in many children’s books and artwork was originally a hymn first published in 1848 in *Hymns for Little Children* by Cecil Frances “Fanny” Alexander. The song was written by the Irish Christian poet and song writer based on the opening statement of Apostles Creed, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.” The Apostles creed is used as a testimony of faith not only by

the Roman Catholic Church, but also the Anglican, and some Protestant churches.

The hymn has evolved and changed through the years to emphasize the amazing world God created for us. Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) shares the Laura Wasson’s version of the song, which changes the meter and harmony for children’s choirs. You can listen to it [HERE](#).

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors. God made their tiny wings.

*Chorus: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

The purple headed mountain, the river running by  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky,

*Chorus: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

*Chorus: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

Versions of the song and poem often go on to include this last stanza, which inspires and reminds us to take action in honor of our Lord, “God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell. How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well!”

## EARTH DAY

### APRIL 22

The Church teaches us to care for God’s creation. So, make **Earth Day** special.

Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*, “*Care for Our Common Home*,” he emphasizes caring for our environment through faith, hope, and love as a fundamental tenet of our Catholic identity.

Catholic Social Teaching also outlines it is our duty to care for God’s creation and called to protect people and the planet. Showing respect for the earth and creation shows love of God, Creator of heaven and earth - “the land, the rivers, the sea and the animals that inhabit them - but also and especially God’s human creation: men, women and children and how our actions and inactions affect their wellbeing,” Bishop Mark Brennan said this past fall in a teleconference with Catholics on ecology, economy, environment and human dignity.

In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis warns us, “(Mother Earth) cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.”

This week let our actions be louder than our words. Be mindful on how you respect God’s creation in all forms.



# VENERABLE MATTEO FARINA ~ PRAY FOR US

“We must live every day as if it were the last, but not in the sadness of death, but rather in the joy of being ready to meet the Lord!”

These are the words of Venerable Matteo Farina. Last spring, Pope Francis advanced the cause of sainthood for Farina, a popular Italian teenager who died in 2009 from a brain tumor.

Farina was born in 1990 and grew up in a strong Catholic family in Brindisi, in southern Italy. At a very young age he was captivated by his faith and the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Padre Pio, who were Capuchin friars just like the pastors of his church.

At the age of nine, he had a vivid dream and said St. Padre Pio told him “who is without sin is happy,” and he must get others to understand this truth, “so that we can all go together, happy, to the kingdom of heaven.”

After sharing the dream with his family and friends he began to keep a journal and write poetry and meditations. He wanted to evangelize, his peers he knew and those he did not.

In 2003 after his confirmation and just before his 13th birthday, Farina began to have severe headaches doctors later



connected to a brain tumor. For the next six years he underwent several brain surgeries and chemotherapy. His positive attitude and goal to get people to fall in love with Christ did not falter. His love for Mary strengthened. He said the rosary every day, and when he was not receiving medical treatments, he was in school and hung out with his friends who like him loved music and sports.

In one of his last journal entries Farina wrote about how important it is to hold onto Jesus:

“My God, I have two hands, let one of them be always clasped to you in order to hold you closer in every trial. And let the other hand fall throughout the world if this is your will... as I know you by others, so let others know you through me. I want to be a mirror, the clearest possible, and if this is your will, I want to reflect your light in the heart of every man. Thanks for life. Thanks for faith. Thanks for love. I’m yours.”

Farina died at home surrounded by his friends and family on April 24, 2009. Let us pray for him to intercede for all youth to find life, happiness, and love in God.

## YEAR OF THE FAMILY RESOURCE



Domestic Church Project – a website for today’s parents with simple and practical help to strengthen the faith within their family.

A Minneapolis couple, Bill and Nancy Bandzuch, developed the website [domesticchurchproject.com](http://domesticchurchproject.com) to help parents who have the typical struggles of having tons to do and not a lot of time to do it. For example, they encourage families to make the most of their time together, be it mealtime or a 15-minute conversation in the car and see that time as an opportunity to grow in faith and honor God.

“Studies have shown that when parents show their

faith it important, are active in their church, and talk about the faith in the home, 82% of those children will be active in their faith as young adults,” according to the National Study of Youth and Religion – Report on American Catholic Religious Parenting.

The Bandzuchs also manage [CatholicSprouts.com](http://CatholicSprouts.com) as another way to help parents evangelize children and “RAISE SAINTS and champions of the faith!”

Both sites have wonderful resources, publications, podcasts, and links for Catholic families. Check them out by clicking [DOMESTIC CHURCH PROJECT](#) and [CATHOLIC SPROUTS](#).

A screenshot of the Domestic Church Project website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, DCP Podcast, Catholic Sprouts, DCP App, Shop, and Login. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a diverse group of people sitting around a wooden table, eating a meal together. The text at the bottom of the screenshot reads: "It's time to build your domestic church."

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA EMPOWERS MOUNTAIN STATERS TO A PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY

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*“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”*

- St. Francis of Assisi

As we look with hope toward the end of the coronavirus pandemic, thousands of West Virginians are still reeling with the challenges the past year has presented.

“We are providing three times the assistance we did in comparison to last year at this time,” said Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) President and Chief Executive Officer.



Keith Miller, CCWVa Staff Member, talks with Mintie Ross, CCWVa Client/Neighbor, about her current needs.

Over the past year, CCWVa has seen many new families that have not previously needed food assistance or financial assistance.

For some of our clients, this temporary assistance is enough. However, some need

additional guidance, support and services. Catholic Charities is uniquely suited to help these individuals through our case management program and our continuum of services.

“The power of case management is that it empowers people to make lasting changes that lead to greater stability, and construct a pathway out of poverty based on their unique strengths,” said Zarate.

Catholic Charities takes a holistic and strengths-based approach to case management.

“Without Catholic Charities, I’d be lost,” said Mintie Ross, CCWVa client/neighbor. “I wouldn’t know how to do different things – like go to the store and buy cheaper stuff one way or another.”

Catholic Charities provides the support to help clients move toward opportunity. Materials supports may include transportation to appointments, fees for official documents (birth certificate, driver’s license, etc.), vehicle repair, uniform purchase, fees for workplace certifications, and more.



Reggie Smith, CCWVa client, holds his daughter as he and his family move into their new home they obtained with help from CCWVa.

In Martinsburg, our case manager helped Reggie Smith and his family find housing and connected them to available community resources.

“I’m just so thankful that they [Catholic Charities] opened the door for us with a [first month’s rent] deposit,” said Smith. “I thank God for them. They gave me hope to keep pushing.”

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community

partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN



Saint Joseph was indeed a man of strong character and faith. He was chosen by God to teach, nurture, protect, and love His Son Jesus Christ. As men of faith, we are to aspire to be good fathers and guardians, putting faith and family first.

In this Year of St. Joseph, we are encouraged to seek him to intercede for us. We can also look to him as a model to try to imitate.

Virtual Catholic Conference has an opportunity for men - “A Man and a Father” - a Spring online conference from April 23 to the 25th. Check it out [HERE](#).

It is a free event, or you can upgrade your registration to be more interactive for a fee. The conference will discuss the role of a father today, leadership in church and business, tools to grow in faith, and the call to be men of honor.

Dear St. Joseph, guide us in the path of life, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 18

## First Reading ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

## Responsorial PSALMS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

**R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

## Second Reading 1 JOHN 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

## Alleluia Cf. LUKE 24:32

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel LUKE 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be a compassionate and forgiving people as we preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they may always grow in wisdom and insight and that they may be committed to the truth as they exercise their leadership, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For farmers, farm workers, and all who plant and tend to the crops that feed and nourish us throughout the year, that they may realize the fruits of their labors, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are preparing for receiving their First Holy Communion, and for all of us when we receive the Eucharist, that we may know our Lord in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*



# LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

*Liturgy of the Hours*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view a PDF version of the Liturgy of the Hours.

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## MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at [DWC.ORG](http://DWC.ORG).

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)