



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

Reconciled to God through the blood of Christ, we are a chosen people, "a holy nation", the sheep of God's flock. We are called, as were the Twelve, to go forth and bear witness to the reign of God.

Pastor's Corner

Coping with Our Suffering

Beloved Parishioners,

Today's Pastor's Corner is centered on suffering and how to unite our suffering with that of the suffering of Christ. "At the basis of the whole world of suffering, there arises the question: Why? It is a question about its meaning. What makes suffering precisely human suffering? Although physical pain is widespread in the animal world, only the suffering human being knows that he is suffering and wonders why. Closely akin to the question of suffering is the question of evil. Why does evil exist? Why is there evil in the world? When expressed in this way, we are to a certain extent asking a question about suffering as well. Both questions are difficult when put to other people and when put to God. Man puts these questions to God as the Creator and Lord of the world. Concerning these questions there arise many frustrations and conflicts. It also happens that people, at times, reach the point of denying God."

During this ordinary time of the year, prayers and the readings of the Masses are carefully selected to equip us to cope with some of the suffering that may come our way. A reflective meditation on the gospel readings during this ordinary season will reveal how God speaks to us in the scriptures and how his power is evident to sustain us amid our suffering. In my priestly ministry I have witnessed how suffering like sickness, death of a loved one or family feud have negatively impacted the faith of many Christians. This makes us ask why me? Where is God in my suffering? If God is a loving Father, why does he not take away my pain and suffering? How did God allow such things to happen to me despite my faith in him? These and many other similar questions pose a great threat to our faith. Jesus at the peak of his passion had to cry out "If it thou will take this

cup away from me but not my will but let your will be done." This tells us that even Jesus himself faced suffering and would have wanted it taken away from him.

John Paul II, one of my most favorite popes in history, has written a lot on suffering especially in *Salvifici Doloris* he acknowledges that the issue of suffering is a difficult question. John Paul came face to face with suffering. He lost his mother at a very tender age, as that was not enough he lost his only brother through sickness and later lost his father. He was an orphan at his young age and the fear of being arrested or killed when he entered the seminary was constantly in his mind. In addition, his country Poland was under Nazi occupation, and he saw how many of his friends, colleagues and neighbors were killed, some ran mad and many lost hope because of the Nazi occupation.

One would have thought that with his election as the Pope that the suffering he faced ended but that was not the case. He came very close to death when he was shot on May 13, 1981, at a very close range. He recovered but that left him with many complications he had to carry for many years. He suffered from Parkinsons disease for many years. In all these he remained firm and close to God. What kept him going was his ability to unite his suffering to that of Jesus Christ.

Beloved parishioners, the most outstanding way to face our suffering is never to give up. Surrendering to depression does not do any good. Let us never forget that God has never abandoned us in any way. He never abandoned his son and would also never abandon us. Like John Paul II let us unite our sufferings to that of Jesus and he will give us the grace to face our suffering, challenges and problems.

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.

Theme: The Heart of Jesus is Mercy

11th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A, June 14, 2026

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6a, Second Reading Romans 5:6-11, Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

The Israelites experienced God's love in many ways especially how he treated the Egyptians and bore them on eagle's wings yet their unfaithfulness to him never stopped. God, in his mercy, never abandoned them or left them. In today's first reading God reiterated his promise to continue to be their God and care for them if they listen to his voice and keep his commandments. This same injunction is also directed at us his children as he promises never to abandon us if we keep his words intact. We are his people, he is our God, and his love never fails. He only asks us for our faithfulness.

Paul takes us into the same theme of God's unconditional love which is demonstrated in his death on the cross even when we are still sinners. His death brought a true reconciliation that takes our sins away. At times when faced with trials and temptations we seem not to experience God's love, but God has never forsaken his own people, and he will never forsake you.

In Jesus we see God's love and Matthew presents this to us in today's gospel as he was moved with pity on seeing the crowd as a sheep without a shepherd and immediately, he swings into action to care for them. The central message of today's liturgy is God's abiding love. This love has no limit, and its desire is that we continue to experience it in our daily lives. He calls each of us by name as he called the apostles in today's gospel and sends them out for a mission. Everyone has been called for a mission, and he has also given us the authority to share that love with those around us.

Today the question for each of us is: how do experience the love of God in my life and how do I share that love of God with others especially those who seem not to experience the same love of God?

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.



Pastor's Assistant Job Opening **This position will be available July 1, 2026**

The Pastor's Assistant provides administrative, organizational, and ministry support to the pastor and church leadership. This role helps ensure the smooth operation of church activities, communications, scheduling, and member services while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent oral/written communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work independently, with minimal supervision and frequent interruptions. Requires excellent organizational skills, the ability to multi-task and the ability to work well with staff and volunteers in a team environment. Must be skilled in Microsoft Office computer applications (Word, Excel) and Google apps (Gmail, calendar, Docs). For a detailed job description please visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/4234745/Our-Lady-of-the-Lake-Roman-Catholic-Parish-Lake/Pastors-Assistant/> All applicants must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. To apply, please use the above website. For additional information or questions, please call Patti at 928-855-2685. Applications for all positions must be submitted no later than June 26, 2026.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Sunday	June 14	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11	Mt 9:36-10:8	7:00 am Aline Cecile La Roche 8:45 am Avila-Stowers Families SI 10:30 am Parishioners SI 12:30pm Jaretzy Pelayo HB 5:00pm Wisdom for World Leaders	(Lynn Hope & Family) (Stowers Family) (Karla Garcia)
Monday	June 15	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Mt 5:38-42	8:30 am William & Virginia Szymanski †	(Marianne Misiak)
Tuesday	June 16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Mt 5:43-48	8:30 am Betty Matteson †	(Gina Stinecipher)
Wednesday	June 17	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	8:30 am James "Papa" Stahl † 5:30 pm David Ramirez HB	(Family) (Ramirez Family)
Thursday	June 18	Sir 48:1-14	Mt 6:7-15	8:30 am Anthony Salamanca †	(Linda Salamanca)
Friday	June 19	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:19-23	8:30 am Father Thomas Kawai †	(LOLOL)
Saturday	June 20	2 Chr 24:17-25 Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15	Mt 6:24-34 Mt 10:26-33	8:30 am Jeffrey Morningstar † 4:00 pm Father's Day	(Mom)
Sunday	June 21	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15	Mt 10:26-33	7:00 am Father's Day 8:45 am Father's Day 10:30 am Father's Day 12:30 pm Father's Day 5:00 pm Father's Day	



ALTAR CANDLES
In honor of
Anthony Salamanca †
Love, Linda Salamaca



Second Collection

A second collection will be taking place at all masses this weekend for Church Campus improvements that need to be addressed.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Altar Flowers
In honor of
Anthony Salamanca †
Love, Linda Salamaca

Volunteers Needed

Farewell Party for Fr. Tony & Fr. Thomas

Our farewell party for Fr. Tony and Fr. Thomas is coming up, and we still need volunteers! We are looking for help with decorating, setup, serving, and cleanup. This is your chance to roll up your sleeves and be part of honoring two priests who have meant so much to Our Lady of the Lake. Please call the parish office to sign up. Don't wait!



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Our Lady of the Lake Parish Staff & Ministry Directory

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Phone Number: 928-855-2685

Monday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Tuesday: 10:30am - 5:00pm
 Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm

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Patti Miller - Assistant to Pastor
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 Daniel Plane - IT/Communications
 Nate Parnham - Music Coordinator

Liturgy, Baptism & Marriage Preparation

Martha Campos - Liturgy Coordinator

Evangelization and Outreach

Elliott Seidel - Youth Coordinator
 Laura Hernandez - Elementary Coordinator

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Martha Campos

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Soup Kitchen

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 Linda Nitschke, Supervisor 928-855-2685
 Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 pm
 Saturday 8:30 am

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Marianne Nolte 760-846-2569



Mark Your Calendars Now for Future Fellowship, Faith-sharing, & Fun

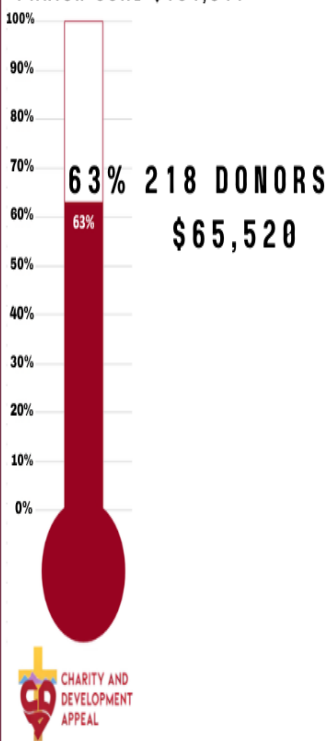
Soak up the summer with faith-filled neighbors at our 2nd Biannual Christ in Our Neighborhood Potluck July 18th in Saint Joseph Hall following Saturday 4:00 Mass. Open to all parishioners! We'll add your name to the member list at the next Narthex membership drive for Christ in Our Neighborhood or at the Potluck. If your last name begins with A-I, please bring a main dish; J-Q, a salad; R-V, a side dish, & W-Z, dessert. Beverages will be provided. Contact Toni Cain at 1-760-419-5445. Here's to a happy summer!



Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Do you have a Dad that has everything, and you don't know what to get him for Father's Day? Is your Dad deceased and you would like to remember him in a special way? We have a Spiritual Bouquet available for your Dad. He will be remembered in a Novena of Masses in his honor on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2026 and all daily Masses of that week. Special cards are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office. Stop by to pick up yours today so you can mail them before Father's Day. Please submit your bouquet request no later than June 17, 2026 for list publication. Donation envelopes may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or returned to the Parish Office.

PARISH GOAL \$104,841



Charity and Development Appeal

The annual Charity and Development Appeal has begun. Thank you to those who have already made their gift to the CDA! Please make your gift to the CDA at www.give.dphx.org

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Hoy comienza la campaña anual de Caridad y Desarrollo. Gracias a los que han dado su donación al CDA! Por favor de su donación al CDA Entrando al sito de [intenet www.give.dphx.org](http://www.give.dphx.org)

I Am Fr. Bazia Boro Elario Zambakari



I was born in South Sudan during a time of great struggle and uncertainty. Growing up during the Second Sudanese Civil War was not easy, especially for many South Sudanese Christians and Catholics after the imposition of Sharia Law in Sudan in 1983. Like many families, my family was forced to flee our homeland, and we eventually lived as refugees in the Central African Republic. Those difficult experiences shaped my faith, resilience, and understanding of God's presence even in suffering.

My vocation story began in a simple but powerful way. As a child, I loved "playing Mass." I would take a sack, cut it, and wear it like a priest's chasuble. The other children often allowed me to be the priest because I could imitate the Mass very well. Looking back now, I realize I was unknowingly acting out the calling God had already planted in my heart.

Still, becoming a priest was not originally part of my plans. Growing up, I dreamed of becoming either a pilot or a doctor. But God's call has a way of gently changing the direction of our lives. While living near a Catholic seminary in the Central African Republic, I spent a lot of time with the seminarians, especially playing soccer with them. One day, when I was about fourteen years old, the rector of the seminary met me on the road and told me, "Go tell your mom you need to pack your things and come to the seminary." That moment changed my life forever.

Entering the seminary did not mean I suddenly had all the answers. I struggled with many questions about faith and God. I often asked myself, "Is God really there?" and "How do I hear God speaking?" Through daily prayer, attending Mass, reading Scripture, and meditation, I gradually came to experience God's love deeply in my heart. Over time, I learned to recognize His voice guiding my life and vocation.

After my seminary formation, I was sent to the Diocese of Phoenix in Arizona. My first parish assignment was at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Chandler. Later, I began serving as a chaplain at Xavier College Preparatory and Bourgade Catholic High School. Serving young people has become one of the greatest joys of my priesthood. I love accompanying students on their faith journey, especially those who struggle with questions about God, because I understand those struggles personally.

I became an American citizen two years ago, and a year later, I was incardinated into the diocese of Phoenix.

Arizona has become a second home to me. Over the years, I have grown accustomed to the desert heat and have come to appreciate the hospitality and diversity of the people here. At Xavier and Bourgade, I can often be found celebrating Mass, walking around campus, participating in school activities, retreats, prayer days, and simply spending time with students and staff.

I did my first Master's at Arizona State University, where in 2022 I graduated with a Master's in Communication. I graduated with my second Master's from the Catholic University of America with a Master of Science in Ecclesial Administration and Management. Bishop Dolan asked after that to do a certificate course at Villanova University in Church Management for 9 months.

Outside of ministry, I enjoy watching soccer, football, basketball, and tennis. I am also a passionate supporter of Arsenal F.C. I previously played volleyball and enjoy connecting with people through sports and community activities.

One of the blessings of my life has been the gift of languages. I speak English, French, Arabic, and several African languages. Among my favorite languages are the ones in which I can celebrate the Holy Mass: Zande, Arabic, English, and French. Being able to pray and worship with people in their own language is one of the most meaningful parts of my ministry.

Above all, my life has been a journey of discovering God's faithfulness. From a refugee child in Africa to a Catholic priest serving in Arizona, I continue to see God's hand guiding every step of my journey.

I look forward to meeting you and serving the parish of Our Lady of the Lake.

Meet Fr. Connor Companik



I was born and raised in Tempe, AZ, the oldest of 3 children. Growing up, my family and I were all very active: walking, swimming, biking, hiking, backpacking, running, and martial arts. Somewhere between the tender age of 5 or 6, an intriguing thought cropped up in my mind: “I made the connection — I could be a priest someday.”

I went to Catholic school K-12 at St. John Bosco in Ahwatukee and Seton in Chandler then studied Astrophysics at ASU before entering seminary in the fall of 2018.

My parents said they began to see signs of a budding vocation to the priesthood when I was in my last couple of years of high school. I didn’t really meet many seminarians until my years at Seton College Preparatory. When I first started seriously considering the call was on a Kairos retreat my junior year. One of my good friends, who is now Father Ian Wintering, announced that he was entering seminary. I thought someone from my peer group, someone like me, was making the move to enter seminary and that was when it became a real possibility for me.

While majoring in astrophysics, I lived in the dorms on campus at Arizona State University at first and then in my senior year resided in a St. Paul’s Outreach (SPO) household in Tempe with nine other college men. SPO is a Catholic movement focused on college campuses that builds strong Catholics and community.

A men’s Bible study was where I learned more about discovering my vocation. In contrast to just waiting for signs or waiting for something to work out, the idea of actually taking concrete steps was something I learned from this group. Over spring break, I visited St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. The experience wasn’t what I was expecting and some months went by. Then I attended a diaconate ordination. Something in that liturgy really spoke to me.

Not long afterward, my friend Ian, by that time a seminarian, asked me point blank if I was going to apply to seminary. I basically told him yes. It came out of my mouth before I even realized what I was saying. That was the day I started my application. I spent 7 years at St. John Vianney seminary in Denver, CO before my ordination on June 7, 2025.

My favorite memory of my seminary years is a 30-day poverty immersion experience. Seminarians are sent out in pairs to different areas of the country to work in homeless shelters, hospitals, alongside the Missionaries of Charity and in other areas of service. We don’t really know where we’re going until a few days beforehand. And there’s kind of an unspoken rule that you keep the location quiet. So, I won’t share where I went, but I had a really great experience there.

There’s just something about the freedom of having to rely on God’s Providence in a new way.

Now in my spare time I enjoy reading, baking sourdough bread, biking, and running marathons. I have never been to Lake Havasu City before, but as a very new priest I am excited for new opportunities & adventure and am looking forward to joining your parish in July!



Please join us as we celebrate and honor our beloved pastors, Father Tony and Fr. Thomas, as they prepare for their next assignments. Let us come together as a parish family to thank Father Tony and Fr. Thomas for their faithful service, spiritual guidance, and dedication to our community, and to wish them well on their next journey.

This will be a parish potluck celebration. The parish will provide the main dish and drinks. We kindly **ask that all food items be brought in disposable containers** to help simplify setup and cleanup.

Open to all parishioners!

Going Away Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 27

Time: Following the 4:00 PM Mass

Location: Columbian Hall

Potluck Dish Assignments

If your last name begins with:

A–F: Salad

G–T: Side Dish

U–Z: Dessert



We hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and celebration as we send Father Tony and Fr. Thomas off with our prayers and blessings.



Soy el Padre Bazia Boro Elario Zambakari



Nací en Sudán del Sur durante una época de gran lucha e incertidumbre. Crecer durante la Segunda Guerra Civil Sudanesa no fue fácil, especialmente para muchos cristianos y católicos del sur de Sudan tras la imposición de la ley islámica (Sharia) en Sudán en 1983. Al igual que muchas familias, la mía se vio obligada a huir de nuestra tierra natal y terminamos viviendo como refugiados en la República Centroafricana. Esas experiencias difíciles moldearon mi fe, mi resiliencia y mi comprensión de la presencia de Dios, incluso en medio del sufrimiento.

Mi historia vocacional comenzó de una manera sencilla pero poderosa. De niño, me encantaba "jugar a celebrar Misa". Tomaba un saco, lo cortaba y lo usaba como si fuera la casulla de un sacerdote. Los otros niños a menudo me dejaban hacer de sacerdote porque sabía imitar muy bien la Misa. Al mirar atrás, me doy cuenta de que, sin saberlo, estaba representando el llamado que Dios ya había sembrado en mi corazón.

Sin embargo, llegar a ser sacerdote no formaba parte de mis planes originales. Mientras crecía, soñaba con ser piloto o médico. Pero el llamado de Dios tiene una forma de cambiar suavemente el rumbo de nuestras vidas. Mientras vivía cerca de un seminario católico en la República Centroafricana, pasaba mucho tiempo con los seminaristas, especialmente jugando al fútbol con ellos. Un día, cuando tenía unos catorce años, el rector del seminario me encontró en el camino y me dijo: "Ve a decirle a tu madre que tienes que preparar tus cosas y venir al seminario". Ese momento cambió mi vida para siempre.

Entrar en el seminario no significó que de repente tuviera todas las respuestas. Luché con muchas preguntas sobre la fe y Dios. A menudo me preguntaba: "¿Realmente existe Dios?" y "¿Cómo escucho a Dios hablar?". A través de la oración diaria, la asistencia a Misa, la lectura de las Escrituras y la meditación, fui experimentando gradualmente el amor de Dios en lo profundo de mi corazón. Con el tiempo, aprendí a reconocer Su voz guiando mi vida y mi vocación.

Tras mi formación en el seminario, fui enviado a la Diócesis de Phoenix, en Arizona. Mi primera asignación parroquial fue en la iglesia católica de Santa María (Saint Mary's), en Chandler. Más tarde, comencé a servir como capellán en Xavier College Preparatory y en Bourgade Catholic High School. Servir a los jóvenes se ha convertido en una de las mayores alegrías de mi sacerdocio. Me encanta acompañar a los estudiantes en su camino de fe, especialmente a aquellos que luchan con interrogantes sobre Dios, ya que comprendo personalmente esas inquietudes.

Me hice ciudadano estadounidense hace dos años y, un año después, fui incardinado en la diócesis de Phoenix.

Arizona se ha convertido en un segundo hogar para mí. Con el paso de los años, me he acostumbrado al calor del desierto y he aprendido a valorar la hospitalidad y la diversidad de su gente. En Xavier y Bourgade, a menudo me encontrarán celebrando misa, recorriendo la escuela, participando en actividades escolares, retiros y jornadas de oración, o simplemente compartiendo tiempo con los estudiantes y el personal.

Cursé mi primera maestría en la Universidad Estatal de Arizona (ASU), donde me gradué en Comunicación en 2022. Obtuve mi segunda maestría en la Universidad Católica de América, especializándome en Administración y Gestión Eclesial. Posteriormente, el obispo Dolan me pidió que realizara un programa de certificación en Gestión Eclesiástica en la Universidad de Villanova, con una duración de nueve meses.

Fuera de mi ministerio, disfruto viendo fútbol, fútbol americano, baloncesto y tenis. También soy un apasionado seguidor del Arsenal F.C. En el pasado jugué voleibol y disfruto conectando con las personas a través del deporte y las actividades comunitarias.

Una de las bendiciones de mi vida ha sido el don de los idiomas. Hablo inglés, francés, árabe y varias lenguas africanas. Entre mis idiomas favoritos se encuentran aquellos en los que puedo celebrar la Santa Misa: zande, árabe, inglés y francés. Poder orar y adorar junto a las personas en su propio idioma es uno de los aspectos más significativos de mi ministerio.

Sobre todo, mi vida ha sido un viaje para descubrir la fidelidad de Dios. Desde mis tiempos como niño refugiado en África hasta mi presente como sacerdote católico al servicio de Arizona, sigo viendo la mano de Dios guiando cada paso de mi camino.

Espero con ilusión conocerles y servir a la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Lago (Our Lady of the Lake).



Conozca al P. Connor Companik

Nací y crecí en Tempe, Arizona, y soy el mayor de tres hermanos. Durante mi infancia y juventud, mi familia y yo fuimos muy activos: caminábamos, nadábamos, andábamos en bicicleta, hacíamos senderismo y excursionismo, corríamos y practicábamos artes marciales. Entre los 5 y los 6 años de edad, surgió en mi mente un pensamiento intrigante: hice la conexión y comprendí que algún día podría ser sacerdote.

Cursé toda mi educación escolar (desde el jardín de infancia hasta el último año de secundaria) en escuelas católicas: St. John Bosco en Ahwatukee y Seton en Chandler. Posteriormente, estudié Astrofísica en la ASU (Universidad Estatal de Arizona) antes de ingresar al seminario en el otoño de 2018.

Mis padres comentaron que empezaron a notar señales de una vocación incipiente al sacerdocio durante mis últimos años de secundaria. En realidad, no conocí a muchos seminaristas hasta que estuve en Seton College Preparatory. Comencé a considerar seriamente el llamado durante un retiro "Kairos" en mi penúltimo año. Un buen amigo mío, que ahora es el Padre Ian Wintering, anunció que iba a ingresar al seminario. Pensar que alguien de mi propio grupo de amigos —alguien como yo— estaba dando el paso de entrar al seminario hizo que aquello se convirtiera en una posibilidad real para mí.

Mientras estudiaba Astrofísica, viví primero en las residencias estudiantiles de la Universidad Estatal de Arizona y, en mi último año, residí en una casa de *St. Paul's Outreach* (SPO) en Tempe junto a otros nueve universitarios. SPO es un movimiento católico centrado en los campus universitarios que fomenta la formación de católicos sólidos y la creación de comunidad.

Fue en un grupo de estudio bíblico para hombres donde aprendí más sobre cómo descubrir mi vocación. En lugar de limitarme a esperar señales o a que las cosas sucedieran por sí solas, aprendí de este grupo la importancia de dar pasos concretos. Durante las vacaciones de primavera, visité el Seminario Teológico St. John Vianney en Denver. La experiencia no fue lo que esperaba y pasaron algunos meses. Más tarde, asistí a una ordenación diaconal; hubo algo en aquella liturgia que realmente me llegó al corazón.

Poco después, mi amigo Ian —que para entonces ya era seminarista— me preguntó directamente si iba a solicitar el ingreso al seminario. Básicamente, le dije que sí. Las palabras salieron de mi boca antes incluso de que me diera cuenta de lo que estaba diciendo. Ese fue el día en que comencé mi proceso de solicitud. Pasé siete años en el seminario St. John Vianney en Denver, Colorado, antes de mi ordenación el 7 de junio de 2025.

Mi recuerdo favorito de los años de seminario es una experiencia de inmersión en la pobreza de 30 días. A los seminaristas se nos envía por parejas a diferentes zonas del país para trabajar en albergues para personas sin hogar, hospitales, junto a las Misioneras de la Caridad y en otros ámbitos de servicio. En realidad, no sabemos a dónde vamos hasta unos días antes. Además, existe una especie de regla no escrita de mantener el lugar en secreto. Por eso, no diré adónde fui, pero viví una experiencia maravillosa allí.

Hay algo especial en la libertad de tener que confiar en la Providencia de Dios de una manera nueva.

Ahora, en mi tiempo libre, disfruto de la lectura, la elaboración de pan de masa madre, el ciclismo y correr maratones. Nunca he estado en Lake Havasu City, pero, como sacerdote recién ordenado, me entusiasman las nuevas oportunidades y aventuras, ¡y espero con ilusión incorporarme a su parroquia en julio!

Prayer

Jesus, help me share your good news with other kids.

Mission for the Week

Tell a friend about Jesus this week.

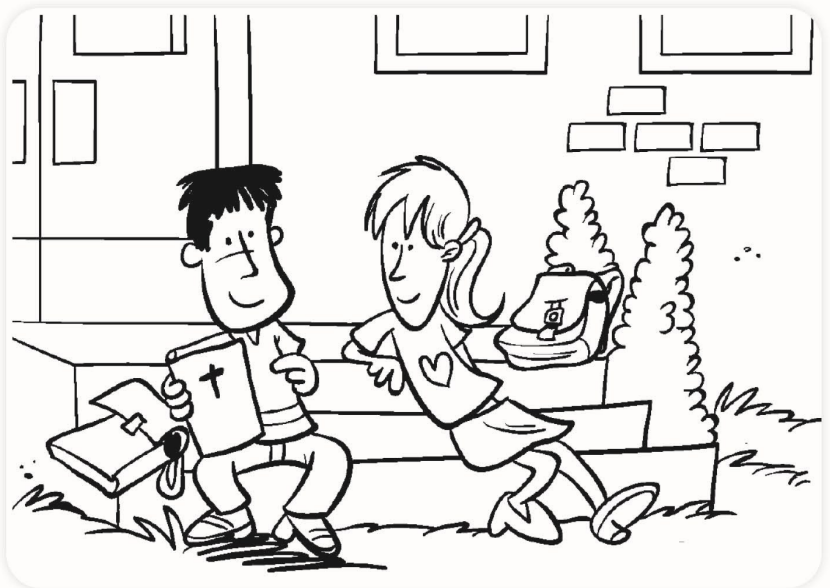
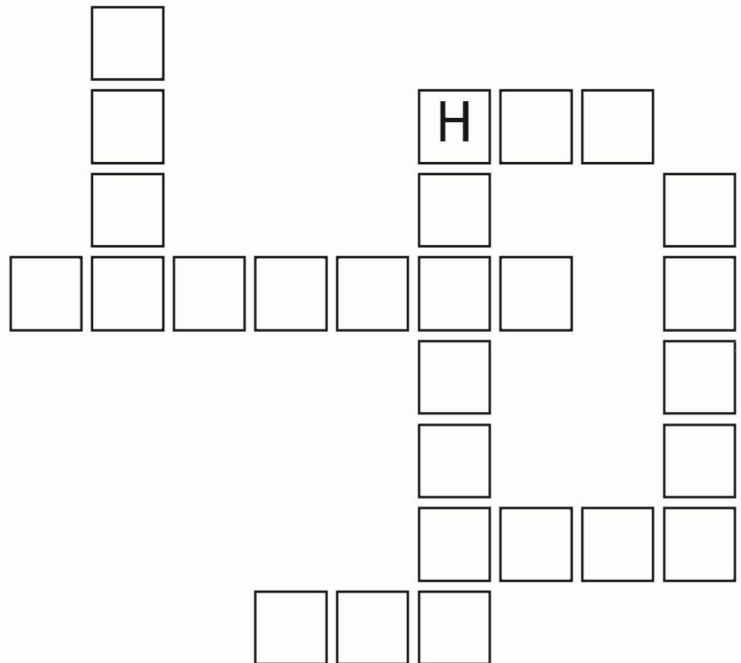
Sharing the Gospel

God wants all people to go to heaven one day. Some people are lost. They need help finding their way back to God. You can help them! You know that you are a sinner. You know that Jesus washed your sins away. Well, share that good news! Your friends have made mistakes. Tell them about Jesus' love that washed their sins away, too.

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