

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024 • 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Merry Christmas!

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that "there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh; her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— Father John Muir @ LFI



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Find Christmas Now

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead; we may rise to the life immortal.



First, the prayer reminds us that Advent is a time of penitence. This is a time to "cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light." This is a particularly good reminder for us Americans who have exited the fleshly excesses of

Thanksgiving only to enter the consumer extravaganza that is Black Friday and Christmas shopping. Advent is not, emphatically, a time to be artificially cheerful for the sake of a Christmas season that will not actually arrive for another four weeks. This isn't to say that we are supposed to be gloomy in Advent, any more than we are supposed to be gloomy in Lent. But whereas much of the world is content to skip over Advent to make an endless season of feasting, Holy Church invites us to the countercultural witness of acknowledging that Jesus is coming but that he is not yet here, both in terms of Christmas and in terms of the end of the world. Like the birth of a baby in a normal family, the final month of preparation is joyful but also serious: things are getting real, and the preparations aren't just fun and games, but serious work. When the baby comes, we need to be ready for more than a dinner party.

Second, the prayer reminds us that the first Advent is intrinsically related to the second. The purpose of Advent is not merely to commemorate the nativity; it is to prepare ourselves for the final and definitive Advent of Christ in the world—the Advent spoken of in the Gospels, when the Son of Man will come in glory to judge the world. We prepare for this Advent, lest it "come upon [us] suddenly like a snare," as Luke says.

How then, should we prepare to avoid being taken suddenly and unawares? I think Scripture and tradition give us two definite ways to prepare.

The first is in a way the most direct, for it is a third form of Christ's Advent. He comes to us daily on all the altars of the Catholic Church under the external form of bread and wine. This is the way that he himself instituted his ongoing presence among and for us. And so the first way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ in the last day is to learn to meet him in the way that he already comes to us day after day in the Eucharist. We should spend time with him in adoration; we should receive Holy Communion with a right intention and in a state of grace. Christ ordained to be known to us in this form precisely because it is both present to our senses and beyond our senses. Our senses

are trained, in other words, both to acknowledge what is present and to recognize a presence beyond what is visible.

The second is less direct, but no less real: Christ is present in his members, the Church. Think about why the lectionary gives us this reading from 1 Thessalonians alongside the others. St. Paul speaks about growing in love for the brethren; he speaks of treating one another with love so that we will be blameless when Christ comes again. In other words, how can we expect to meet Christ with joy when he comes to judge when we cannot be bothered to see him in the brothers and sisters who stand next to us in his Church?

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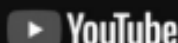
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As of September 2024, the MMG online giving services were transferred onto a new platform: OSV, Our Sunday Visitor. If you haven't already, we kindly request that you re-enter your information into this new website (**ABOVE LINK**).

Your giving information has been suspended in the WeShare platform, since we are no longer using it. Your donation will continue to be tax deductible, and Mary Mother of God Church is always so grateful for your ongoing contributions!

THANK YOU to those parishioners who have set up new accounts!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of DECEMBER 22

- Dec. 22:** Mi 5:1-4a / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4) / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
- Dec. 23:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 / Lk 1:57-66
- Dec. 24:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Lk 1:67-79
- Dec. 25:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a) / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11) / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c) / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Dec. 26:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Dec. 27:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Dec. 28:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 / Mt 2:13-18
- Dec. 29:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a) / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

2024 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 4th Sunday of Advent

- **SATURDAY, DEC. 21**
4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM - MASS: †Walter Israel
- **SUNDAY, DEC. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - MASS: SI - David & Cindy Durand
- **MONDAY, DEC. 23 - NO MASS**
- **TUESDAY, DEC. 24 - Christmas Eve**
3:30 PM - Christmas Concert & Caroling
4:00 PM - **VIGIL Youth MASS:** †Bill Burge
11:30 PM - Christmas Concert & Caroling
12:00 AM - **MIDNIGHT MASS:** †Ann May
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 - Nativity of Our Lord**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - MASS: †Michael J. Stephen
4:30 PM - **NO EVENING PRAYER, NO MASS**
- **THURSDAY, DEC. 26 - NO MASS**
- **FRIDAY, DEC. 27 - NO MASS**
- **SATURDAY, DEC. 28**
4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM - MASS: †Benita Manilla
- **SUNDAY, DEC. 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - MASS: †Bill Ogier

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Reconciliation | Guided Reflection | Praise & Worship



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& 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**The FRIDAY Group will
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**The SUNDAY Group
will meet in January
(Date to be Announced)**

HOLY BIBLE

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MASS FOR LIFE

ON JANUARY 19, 2025

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will preside at the annual diocesan Mass for Life at noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 17 Louisiana St., Little Rock. Before Mass, beginning at 11:20am, there will be a Rosary for Life and a time of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please join in our prayers for the legal protection of unborn children and for an end to the grave evil of abortion.

After Mass, a grab-and-go lunch will be provided to make it easier for everyone to attend Arkansas Right to Life's annual March for Life which begins at 2:00pm.



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Art by Jack Moore, a 9th grader at Catholic High School in Little Rock.

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CHRISTMAS

• Find all eight differences



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Help Santa Find The Christmas Tree!



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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| CAROL | FIGURINE | JOLLY | PUDDING | TRADITIONS |
| JINGLE | PEACE | ANGELS | RED | GREETINGS |
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ANS: Wreath, greetings, merry, frosty, party, pomellie, celebrate, season, family, jolly, spirit, mistletoe, tree, holiday, reindeer, chimney, elves, santa, stockings, sled

Clergy Welfare Fund Collection December 24 & 25

The collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the **Clergy Welfare Fund**.

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During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. This is the last week to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?

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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT
Happy Birthday Jesus!
 In Loving Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

Christmas Mass Schedule

* Tuesday, December 24

- 3:30 pm ~ CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CAROLING
- 4:00 pm ~ Vigil YOUTH Mass
- 11:30 pm ~ CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CAROLING
- 12:00 am ~ Midnight Mass

* Wednesday, December 25

- 8:30 am ~ Christmas Day Mass at Mary Mother of God
- 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day Mass at St. Andrew's in Yellville

* Thursday, December 26 - No Mass

* Friday, December 27 - No Mass

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

Tuesday,
Wednesday,
& Thursday
December
24, 25 & 26

**THE SOLEMNITY
OF MARY MOTHER
OF GOD**

*A Holy Day
of Obligation*

Tuesday, December 31
5:30pm VIGIL Mass

Wednesday, January 1
8:30am Mass
at Mary Mother of God
5:30pm Mass
at St. Andrew's in Yellville

OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Wednesday, December 25th at Noon

St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Yellville, AR

Please join us for Christmas Dinner.

Church to provide Ham and Corn.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please Sign Up in the Vestibule!

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH - Harrison, Arkansas

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM - 8 PM Christmas Caroling Followed by Soup/Chili Supper	December 2 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ 5:30 PM Hand Bells / Hand Chimes & Trail Life - Hot Cocoa On the Square	December 3 5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ NO OCIA CLASS	December 4 4:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:00 PM Confessions ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 6:30 PM MEN'S Group ++ 7:30 PM Nativity Play Reh.	December 5 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM P&W Rehearsal ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir Rehearsal	December 6 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	December 7 <i>First Saturday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions & First Saturday Devotions ++ 10 AM - 4 PM ADVENT RETREAT ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass
December 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:00 PM ADVENT CONCERT Lessons & Carols ++ 5:00 PM Rosary 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS	December 9 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Holy Day of Obligation ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ OFFICE CLOSED	December 10 5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM Dinner 6:30 PM OCIA Class ++ 6:15 PM MMG Choir Rehearsal	December 11 2PM Silver Bells Perform ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:00 PM Confessions ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ 7:30 PM Nativity Play Reh.	December 12 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9:00 AM Rosary CCW Meeting Coffee & Sweets ++ 5:30 PM P&W Rehearsal ++ 5:30 PM Council Mtg	December 13 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ 4 PM - 7 PM Rectory Open House	December 14 9 AM - Noon Reconciliation Service ++ 11:00 AM CCW Christmas Party ++ 4:15 PM Nativity Play ++ 5:00 PM Mass Praise & Worship
December 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3 PM - 5 PM St. Peter the Fisherman Reconciliation Service Mountain Home	December 16 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ 7PM Handel's Messiah At FIRST BAPTIST Harrison	December 17 5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM Dinner 6:30 PM OCIA Class	December 18 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Adoration 5:00 PM Confessions & Benediction ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE POTLUCK	December 19 NO MASS ++ 5:30 PM P&W Rehearsal ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir Rehearsal	December 20 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ <i>Catechism in a Year</i> Friday Group	December 21 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass
December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 23 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg	December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> NO OCIA Class ++ 3:30 PM Rosary 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS Youth Mass ++ 12 AM Midnight Mass ++ OFFICE CLOSED	December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Christmas Mass ++ OFFICE CLOSED	December 26 NO MASS ++ OFFICE CLOSED	December 27 NO MASS	December 28 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass
December 29 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 30 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg	December 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 5:00 PM Rosary 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS ++ NO OCIA CLASS	January 1 <i>Mary Mother of God</i> 8:00 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> ++ OFFICE CLOSED	January 2 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	January 3 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	January 4 <i>First Saturday</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions & First Saturday Devotions ++ 10AM - Noon Marian Pathways ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass

Please check our website for any changes to the calendar.

<https://harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar/>

ITEMS IN RED ARE REVISIONS

DECEMBER 2024

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Gary Bartz

Lector: Carrie Culhane
Abby Cuevas

E/M: Kathy Cuevas
Anna Culhane

BACKUP	Elisabeth Scouten
E/M's	Val Stechly

USHERS: Terry Draper
Chuck Draper
Chad Coffman
Bill Markham

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Nick Rykert

E/M: Greg Jasper
Judy Keith
Stacy Burge

12/24-4pm
12/8-530, 12/24-4pm, 12/31

BACKUP	Mary Billups
E/M's	Mike Galligan

USHERS: Steve O'Laughlin
Jason Johnson
James Virnig
Jerry Hogue

ALTAR SERVERS: DECEMBER 2024

NOV 30 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

DEC 1 Thurifer: Julia McFadden
Book/Cross Lily Pinson
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Ella McFadden

NO INCENSE DURING ADVENT

DEC 7 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
5pm Candle: Kori Eddings
Sat. VIGIL Candle: Laurel Eddings

DEC 8 Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
830am Candle: June Simon
Sunday Candle: Sam Shoemaker

DEC 8 Book/Cross: Julia McFadder
530pm Candle: Daniel McFadder
Sun. VIGIL Candle: Ella McFadden

DEC 14 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Kate Sidfried

DEC 15 Book/Cross: Julia McFadder
Candle: Daniel McFadder
Candle: Ella McFadden

DEC 21 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

DEC 22 Book/Cross: Michael Adamo
Candle: Ella McFadden
Candle: Julia McFadder

DEC 24 Thurifer: Julia McFadden
Tues. 4pm Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Ella McFadden

DEC 24 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Tues. Midnight Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Kaelyn Snyder

DEC 25 Thurifer:
Wed. 830am Book/Cross: Michael Adamo
Candle:
Candle:

DEC 28 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

DEC 29 Thurifer: Julia McFadden
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Ella McFadden

DEC 31 Book/Cross: Landon Snyder
Tues. VIGIL 530pm Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Kate Sidfried

JAN 1 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
Wed. 830am Book/Cross: Michael Adamo
Candle:
Candle:

If you are unable to serve, please contact Carrie Culhane. Thank you.

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” Mt 25:21
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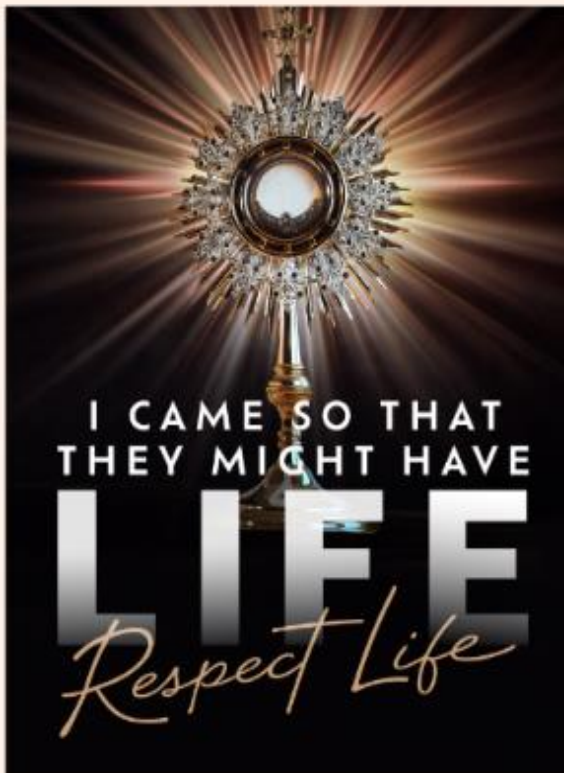
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Mass for Life

JANUARY 19, 2025 NOON
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW
617 LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK
BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR, PRESIDERS

The Respect Life Office invites you to join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children.



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FROM 11:20 - 11:50 AM



FREE grab-n-go lunch
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Any proceeds will benefit the Respect Life Office.



Please join Arkansas Right to Life at 2pm for the 47th annual MARCH FOR LIFE along Capitol Ave. to the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
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Prayer to
St. Michael
the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our safeguard against
the wickedness

and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Instructions to donate online through OSV (Our Sunday Visitor)

1. Visit harrisoncatholic.org and click on the GIVE tab.
2. Select which church you would like to donate to
(MMG or St. Andrew's)
3. You can choose from the following funds:
 - Offertory
 - Building / Maintenance
 - Cemetery
4. Fill in the amount, frequency, start date, and account information.

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The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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¹DuRoielle, C. 2010. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature." *The Lincoln Quarterly* 8(2): 252-269.
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!

In The Diocese of Little Rock



WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks

3) Eucharistic Ministers who serve the homebound

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” online training for adults
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(Or directly at: <http://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” in-classroom training for children/youth

We will no longer use VIRTUS's "protecting God's Children" or "Touching Safety". Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have information on both new programs."