

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Monday-Thursday
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.
We will return your call in a timely manner.**

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
See the inside of the bulletin for details.**

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

**As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through
Word, Sacrament, and Service.**

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor 255-4600
Rev. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar..... 975-9802
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PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation 975-9810
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care 975-9805
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806
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PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
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sent to info@corpuschristibismarck.com)



August 10, 2025

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

OCIA Classes - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

We recently closed out the 2024-2025 Fiscal year and statements were mailed to homes. As I said in those statements, "As we end the fiscal year within this Jubilee year as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' I thank you for your generous contributions to Corpus Christi. Your financial and spiritual gifts to our parish are tangible ways to express your belief and acts of witness as the Body of Christ! I encourage you to remain active and engaged in the life of the Church." I am grateful for each and every gift that assists in the work of Corpus Christi. We are a large parish that comes with much financial responsibility (payroll, insurance, ministry and facility fees, etc.) and I know my staff works hard to "stay on budget" while sharing their gifts to enhance the work and ministry of Corpus Christi. As we do every year - and are required to by the Diocese - we will be sending the State of the Parish Report in October. Now that the fiscal year is over, we start to design and compile this report to send directly to your homes; watch for that in a couple of months. In last weekend's bulletin article, I asked that you take a few moments in the coming weeks to re-evaluate your stewardship gifts. If you have yet to do this, please take the time with the Lord to prayerfully consider how you share your time, talent, and treasure. I understand how life changes - schedules, finances, commitments, etc. Sometimes we seem to have more and other times, less. Our stewardship should evolve and change, not stay stagnant, because our life journey continues to change. What is consistent in the changes of life is God's love for us and the gifts he gives to us. Not only are we *CALLED* to share our gifts, we have an innate *NEED* to share with others. Basically, God created humans for generosity - we are 'wired' to give. "Neurologically, psychologically, socially, culturally, spiritually, evolutionarily - everywhere we look, evidence suggests that generosity is one of the hallmarks of humanity. Even if you'd not label yourself as a particularly charitable or philanthropic person - it is in your DNA." (Tim Maurer, Forbes.com, 2/4/24) Again, for all the ways you share God's gifts, thank you!

It's hard to believe that school starts this week, August 14, for Light of Christ's Schools and next week, August 19, for Bismarck Public. I wish all the students, teachers and staff a great 2025-2026 school term! Let's make this one of the best academic years, ever!



Lastly, while I was in South Dakota with my brother, I met Fr. Brian Christianson for lunch; he is the rector of the Cathedral in Rapid City. He was assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base in 1991 as a B1 pilot (he's born in NY). He loved SD and stayed. We had an enjoyable visit!

~ *Have a great week!* Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

Date: August 16-17	August 16, 2025		August 17, 2025		August 17, 2025		August 17, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1 Bob Deutsch	1	1	1	1	1	1	Karen Gaydos
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Ushers	1 Larry Thelen	1	Tim Kuntz	1	Dennis Kelly	1	Mark Gaydos	
	2 Rick Kramlich	2	Linda Feist	2	Joel Meyer	2	Joel Streitz	
	3	3	Charles Jaszowski	3	Maggie Meyer	3		
	4	4	Catherine Williams	4	Brianna Feist	4		
	5	5	Francis Williams	5		5		
Lectors	1 Sandy WaldClooten	1	Irene Goetz	1	Joyal Meyer	1	Bart Brackin	
	2 Steve Huebschwerlen	2	Dale Kasowski	2	Rose Kruckenberg	2	Mary Soucie	
Servers	1	1	Kasen Fitterer	1	Elyse Brossart	1	Kate Masset	
	2	2	Kanin Fitterer	2	Triston Brossart	2		
Eucharistic Min	BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST	
	R-1 Helen Berger	R-1	Bill Knudson	R-1	Joyal Meyer	R-1	Jackie Buckley	
	2 Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	
	3 Gisele Thorson	3	Dave Schmitz	3	Rose Kruckenberg	3	Margie Schiff	
	4 Jane Wolf	4	Teddie Herner	4	Cec Reetz	4		
	5 Clare Auble	5	Kermit Herner	5		5		
	6	6	Judane Ohlhauser	6		6		
	7 Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	
	8	8	Mike Hilbert	8		8		
	9	9	Linda Schmitz	9		11		
	10	10	Laurie Vanderpan	10		12		
	11			11				
At 4:00	D12			12				
	LG	LG		LG			LG	

Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., Aug. 11 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Krista Heilman

Tues., Aug. 12 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Francis Fritz

Wed., Aug. 13 - Collective Intention

(12:10 p.m.) - ✠Robert Schempp

✠Julia Becker

✠Alvin Emineth

Thurs., Aug. 14 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Leo & ✠Mary Margaret Pudwill

(5:30 p.m.) - **Assumption of Mary Holy Day Vigil Mass**

Pro Populo

Fri., Aug. 15 (12:10 p.m.) - **Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass**

✠Joe Zahradka

Sat., Aug 16 (4:00 p.m.) - *Charles & JoAnne Jaskowiak (50th Ann.)*

Sun., Aug 17 (8:30 a.m.) - ✠Orvin & ✠Bernadette Engelhard

(10:45 a.m.) - ✠Peter Massett

(5:30 p.m.) - *Pro Populo*



Have you ever attended Mass and wondered why the overflow camera in the gathering space isn't on? Have you tried to watch a weekend Mass and that particular Mass wasn't livestreamed? The **Media and Technology Ministry** relies on volunteers

for this important and widely requested ministry and when a volunteer is unable to help, the ministry is not provided. Our volunteers are amazing (*Thank you!*) but we could use additional help as livestreaming continues to be requested for weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, and other special events. **Did you know?** • The system is easy to use and training is provided - *there is nothing to fear!* • Scheduling is flexible - *help when you are available.* • You fully participate during Mass when you are assisting with this ministry - *you are fulfilling your Mass obligation.* • Adults, including High School students, are welcome to assist with this ministry. *To learn more, call Tracy Kraft, 701-975-9803.*

The Food Pantry is in need of:

Cold Cereal

Peanut Butter

Hamburger Helper



Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry!

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are accepted to assist in the purchasing of key items like meat, bread, milk, eggs, and other pantry staples as needed.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,464 households)	
Adult Envelopes (274 Envelopes)	\$19,734.00
Youth Envelopes	\$245.00
TOTAL RECEIVED (Aug 3)	\$19,979.00
1 st Sunday Aug 3	\$19,979.00
Online Giving Week (July 28-Aug 3)	\$6,350.00
Electronic Contributions (Aug 5)	\$0.00
2 nd Sunday Aug 10	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 4-10)	\$0.00
3 rd Sunday Aug 17	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 11-17)	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions (Aug 20)	\$0.00
4 th Sunday Aug 24	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 18-24)	\$0.00
5 th Sunday Aug 31	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Aug 25-31)	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity and for being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi!

Stewardship Thought:

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, not even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.

August is National Make-A-Will Month The Bismarck Diocese has secured FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will. Visit www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese and from the convenience of your home, in about 20 minutes, you create a will and you print it out and have your signature witnessed by a notary public. *If you have any questions, please contact the Bismarck Diocese: Ron Schatz, 701-204-7202, rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg, 701-415-0399, bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.*



Corpus Christi Women's Group
Wednesday, August 27
9:30-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall
"African Mission Presentation"

Join us for a light brunch, followed by a presentation by the team who served at our Diocesan African Mission this summer in June. Hope you can join us for this wonderful morning of good food and friendship with other women, while learning about the African Mission. No registration required - all women are invited! For more information, contact Cindy Anderst at the Parish Office at 255-4600.

Men's Group Breakfast
Wednesday, August 20

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast followed by discussion.
 All Corpus Christi men are invited!



Sitting before Christ in Adoration is LESS about "doing" and MORE about "being". Christ desires your presence & friendship.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation ~ August 15
 Mass Times:
 Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, August 15, at 12:10 p.m.
 • Liturgical Ministry Sign-up sheets are in the Worker's Sacristy.
 • The Parish Office will be closed for the Holy Day, Friday, August 15.



Fall 2025 Adult Faith Formation Class
Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God
 Monday evenings: Sept. 22 - Nov. 10, 2025
 7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
 The cost of the class is \$15
 Register by Sept. 15 - scan QR Code below

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Sr. Nancy Gunderson, OSB (Annunciation Monastery) will also present supplemental material from revelations of mystics, that give us deeper insights into the mystery of Mary. For information, contact Cindy Anderst at 255-6400.



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly joining the church?

Are you a Catholic who is interested in receiving Sacraments you may have missed - First Eucharist, First Communion or Confirmation?

Have you left the Catholic Church and are you interested in "Coming Home to the Catholic Faith"?

Are you a practicing Catholic and interested in learning more about your faith as an adult?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults "OCIA"** [Formerly known as RCIA] might be for you! Classes begin soon and are held Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning September 8, 2025. For more information or to register, scan the QR code, or call Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager, at 701-975-9803.



What's Going on Here This Week

- Sun. 8/10** Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 am Mass
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 8/11** Youth Ministry Jesus & Java, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Ultreya Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Tues. 8/12** Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:40-7:00 p.m.
KC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 8/13** Middle School Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sun. 8/17** SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140

BISMARCK, ND

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)
 Sunday, Aug. 10: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Topic: Transitioning Back to School
Middle School (Grades 6-8)
 Wednesday, Aug. 13: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Topic: Bonfire & S'mores

Faith Formation
Registration 2025-2026

Online Registration Opens August 8th

- Catechists ONLY – August 4th – 7th
- Corpus Christi parishioners ONLY: August 8th – 21st
- Open registration August 22nd – 29th

Registrations taken on a first come first serve basis!!

- Online only registration system
- Sunday, Monday, Wednesday class options
 - ***Class meets 12 times
 - Parents stay and meet in the Parish Hall
- If you feel you would be able to teach or aide, please contact Melanie at 255-4600.

Job Opening: The Bismarck Diocese is seeking to fill the full-time position of **Coordinator of Priests' Services**. Responsibilities include: serving as a resource to all diocesan priests as it relates to healthcare, insurance (*healthcare, Medicare and long-term care*), retirement planning and other benefits; coordinating the needs of diocesan retired priests, including the priests who reside at Emmaus Place (*priest retirement home*); coordinating the housing contracts and apartment assignments at Emmaus Place; assisting Emmaus Place residents with medical appointments/consultations, transportation needs and other appointments or needs that arise. A licensed nurse with experience in eldercare is required. Competitive salary and generous benefits package provided. Visit www.bismarckdiocese.com and click the "About" tab and then click the "Job Openings" tab to find specific details of the job requirements.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Gospel Praising Festival

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 **ND STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS**
11:30am-7:30pm

Scan for more information

SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS:

SARAH HART

Gospel Praising Ministries * Erhardt Country Band
Stealin' Country Band * One Dei * The Bluestems
Alice & Friends Gospel Music * Ascension Music Ministry

FOOD VENDORS ALL DAY (11:30AM-6:30PM)
Hensley's Tasty Truck * FOMD 10/40 Creamery * Holy Crepe
Baking with Beatitude * Just Desserts by Jessie * Auntie Jade's Catering
The World of Macarons * LoriLynn's Nibbles and Nosh

EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND. FREE-WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR MINISTRY ON THE MARGINS AND STEPPING STONE MINISTRIES.

***In case of inclement weather, event will be at the Bismarck Eagles, 313 N 26th St

Sponsored by Gospel Praising (GPS) Ministries
Julie Ternes 701-226-0356

The Bismarck Diocese is taking part in Newman Connection's **Faith Forward** movement, a national initiative designed to ensure that every high school senior is personally connected to a campus ministry, military chaplain, or young adult parish before they graduate. *Why is this important?* Nearly 80% of young Catholics stop practicing their faith after high school—not because they don't believe, but because they were never connected to a new faith community. Too many young Catholics lose their faith simply because they never find a new spiritual home after high school. The Faith Forward movement is our chance to change that. Visit newmanconnection.org/faith-forward to sign up a senior.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

August 10 & 24 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preschool - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.

Beginning Experience, a non-denominational peer ministry, is offering the 10-week session called *"Coping with Life Alone."* This program is for those who struggle and need support after the loss of a love relationship by death, divorce or separation. Sessions start Sunday, September 7. Contact Elaine at 701-400-1941 (Bismarck area) or Cindy at 701-690-9003 (Dickinson area) for more information. Brochures are available upon request.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, administration within the Bismarck Diocese has cancelled the 2025 Thirst Eucharistic Conference scheduled for October 31- November 1 at the Bismarck Event Center. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



There are various full-time & part-time Job Opportunities at Light of Christ Catholic Schools

<https://lightofchristschools.org/employment>



AFRICAN

MISSION

PRESENTATIONS

JOIN US!

WED., AUG. 20 – MEN'S GROUP – 6:30 A.M.

THURS., AUG. 21 – 6:00 P.M.

WED., AUG. 27 – WOMEN'S GROUP – 9:30A.M.

Sunday, Aug 10, 2025

A gift you can bank on

With so much emphasis on work and consumption in American culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that “you are what you earn.” This attitude creates a lot of anxiety, leaving us constantly worried about our financial worth and feeling devalued if our “earning power” drops or if we are not part of the wage economy. Jesus offers a different vision when he assures us that God is pleased to give us the Kingdom. There is nothing to earn here, nothing to be gained, nothing to be lost. Our self-worth is a freely given gift of our Creator. Bank on it!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 (117). *“Do not be afraid . . . for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”*

Monday, Aug 11, 2025

Keep it simple

Isn't it amazing how much stuff we collect in our lives? You move into a house or an apartment with a few things and you think you've got plenty of room. But within a short period of time, you've got no place left to put all of it. Saint Clare didn't have that problem. Although from a wealthy family, she embraced a life of strict and total poverty, possessing absolutely nothing for the sake of the joy that comes with possessing only Christ. And joyful she was for nearly 40 years, so much so that she was declared a saint only two years after she died. “We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become,” advises Clare. Striving toward holiness and sainthood? Start with a little simple living.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *“He is your glory, he, your God.”*

Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025

Live Jesus in good times and bad

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, who founded the Visitation Sisters in France 400 years ago, suffered years of interior anguish and spiritual dryness. Her contemporary, Saint Francis de Sales, said of her struggles: “For all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth.” Her way of enduring through difficult times reflects the order's motto: “Live Jesus.” Whatever your inner struggle, hold fast to your faith and your holiness will shine through.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL,
RELIGIOUS

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414).
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.”

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025

Forgiveness ever available

What may be one of the strangest reconciliations in church history occurred between Pontian and Hippolytus. Pontian became pope in 235 A.D.—just in time for the Roman persecution of Christians. He spent most of his reign as a slave in the mines of Sardinia. Hippolytus, who was at odds with the papacy, got the idea to have his followers name him pope. But he was swept up in the same persecution that netted Pontian. Now both in prison, Hippolytus repented to the true pope, Pontian, and Pontian reconciled him to the church. As today's two saints came to know, forgiveness is always possible, no matter the circumstances. For as Hippolytus

notes: “Christ is easily found by those who live by faith and to those of pure eye and holy heart, who desire to knock at the door, he opens immediately.”

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS,
PRIEST, MARTYRS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *“Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Thursday, Aug 14, 2025

When compromise is not an option

Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar who offered his life to save that of a stranger sentenced to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Canonized in 1982, he also was honored in 1998 as one of ten 20th-century Christian martyrs commemorated with statues over Westminster Abbey in London. The martyrs represent victims of religious persecution and oppression worldwide. “There has never been a time in Christian history when someone, somewhere, has not died rather than compromise with the powers of oppression, tyranny, and unbelief,” said the Rev. Dr. Anthony Harvey, sub-dean of Westminster, when the statues were unveiled in 1998. They responded when their faith was tested. Can we do the same?

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST,
MARTYR

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21–19:1 (416). *“How often must I forgive?”*

Friday, Aug 15, 2025

Every body deserves respect

Assumption is a teaching about the Mother of God, but this dogma has much to say about all of us. It affirms the dignity of our bodies and how God is mindful of every hair on our heads. In an era when the idea of the human person is continually under assault—from the arena of public policy to the refugee camps and killing fields of war—Mary's Assumption is a divine response to our deepest fears as well as our greatest hopes about the fate of our bodies. “Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble,” said Pope Saint John Paul II. “She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home.” Honor your body and the bodies of others in ways that would make your Mother Mary proud.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”*

Saturday, Aug 16, 2025

Practice patience on everyone

In the year 2000 Hungarians celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of their country by Saint Stephen, who not only created one nation out of numerous tribes but also made it Christian. Though Stephen had already been canonized by the Roman Church centuries before, to mark the millennium, the Eastern Orthodox Church also canonized him—an unprecedented gesture endorsed by Pope Saint John Paul II, who emphasized the need for Christians more than ever to work together. Stephen's admonitions to his son Emeric include the words: “Be merciful to all who are suffering violence . . . Be patient with everyone, not only with the powerful, but also with the weak.” Spare a little more patience for the weakest and strongest in your own life.

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *“Let the children come to me.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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