



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

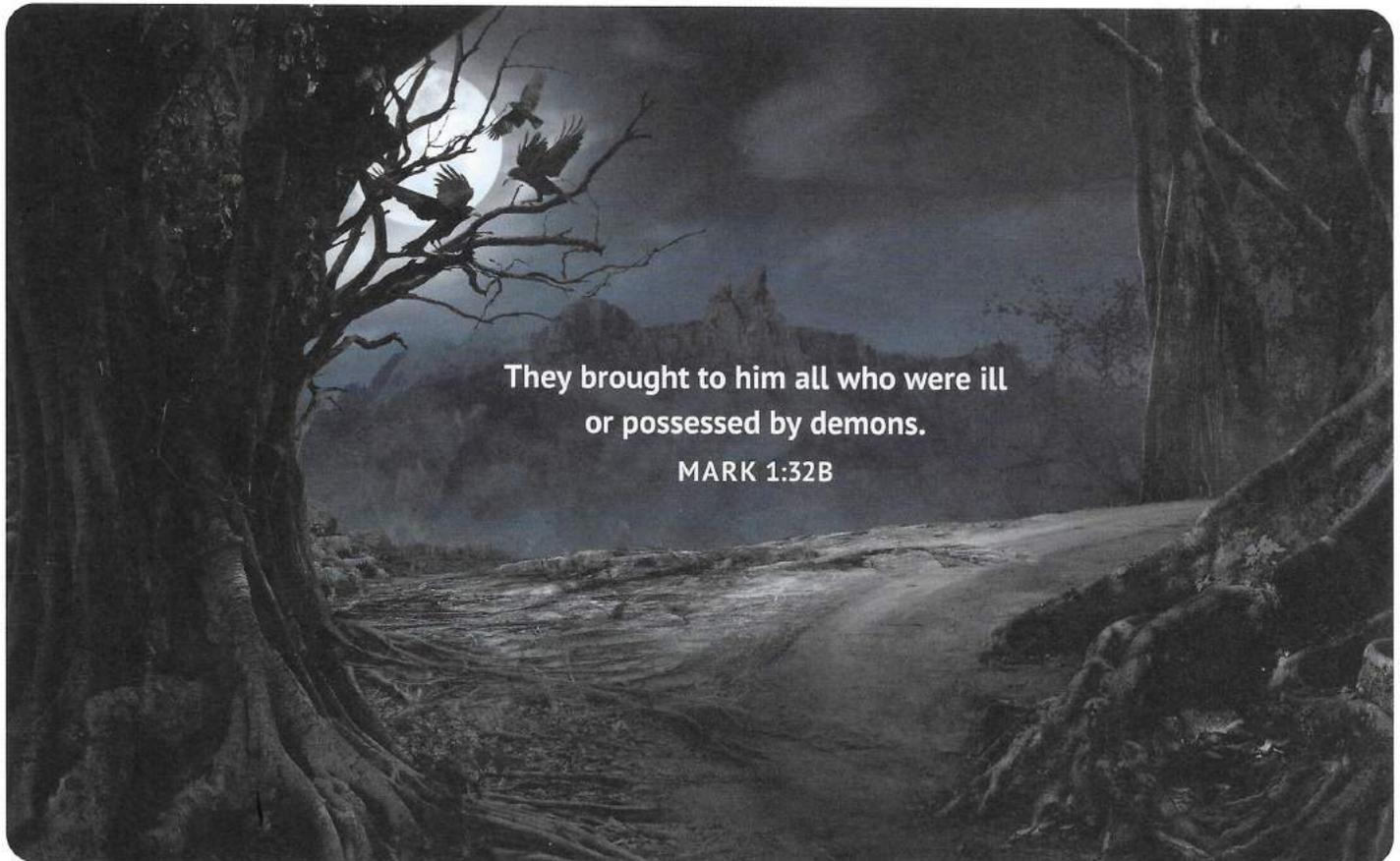
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?



**They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.**

MARK 1:32B

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3- 6:00 PM

✠ Pauline & Gene McClellan by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, February 4- 9:00 AM

✠ Jeanne Ameli by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 6 - Noon

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Wednesday, February 7- 9:00 AM

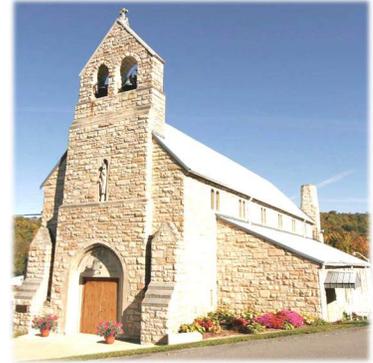
✠ Pacisico Oilveros by Martha Oliveros

Saturday, February 10- 6:00 PM

✠ Guy & Flossy Rumberg by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, February 11- 9:00 AM

✠ Joy Formica by Knights of Columbus



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10-11: 2nd Collection: U.S. Missions

February 10-11: Blessing of the Throats at Weekend Mass

February 12: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

February 13: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

February 14: Ash Wednesday ~Mass at Noon and 6 PM

February 15: PPC Meeting at 6 pm

February 16: Stations at the Cross at 6 pm

February 19-20: Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council -No Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

February 9 ~ Bluefield

We will take a break from Eucharistic Adoration to have the Stations of the Cross starting February 16th.

CHURCH STAFF

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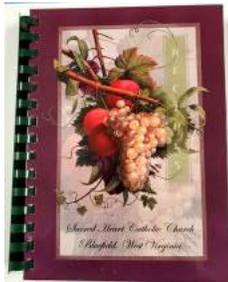
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Sacred Heart Cookbooks

The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived!

Please call Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the parish office to pick-up a Cookbook.

They are selling for \$15 per cookbook.



Recipe Misprint ~ page 72

NO PEEK BEEF TIPS

Misprint Reads:

2 packets of brown sugar

Correction:

2 packets of brown gravy

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PURCHASED A SACRED HEART ORNAMENT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE YOU CHERISH THEM FOR YEARS TO COME! WE DO HAVE 5 MORE ORNAMENTS LEFT FOR ANYONE WHO MISSED BUYING ONE EARLIER! PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!



Celebrate The Feast of St. Blaise.

St. Blaise Day 2024 is celebrated on February 3, 2024, which is the same day it is celebrated every year. He preached Christianity in his hometown and was a well-known healer. For his dedication to Christianity and helping others, Saint Blaise was made one of the earliest bishops of Christianity.

He is recognized as the patron saint of throats and throat disease in the Roman Catholic Church. This is because his most famous and memorable act was when he miraculously helped a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. The boy was placed at the saint's feet by his mother, and he healed straight away.

Father Sebastian will do the blessing of throats at the weekend Masses on February 10th and 11th in honor of St. Blaise.



ATTENTION DONORS!



2023 Tax receipts were mailed out this past week. Please carefully review your statement. If you feel there might be an error or missing information, please contact Kim Hickman as soon as possible. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is deeply grateful for your contributions. Without monetary support many of the projects, events and even turning on the lights would not be possible! Thank you. ~Kim

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Spring of 2024



*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”
Matthew 11:28*

The schedule through March 2024:

February 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ Regular Sessions

March 3, 10, 17 ~ Regular Sessions

March 24, 31 ~ No Faith Formation in Observation of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

RCIA



*The next RCIA meeting will be Wednesday, February 7 at 5pm in the school.
To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.*

CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 17 ~ Youth Sunday

MOUNT2000

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Sebastian and all the youth and parents who are attending the Mount2000! Youth Retreat this weekend. Those attending from Bluefield are Rhys Aiello, Tristan Brown, Wendi Aiello, and Kim Matzel-Brown .

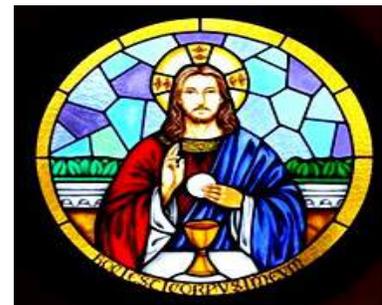
May their trip be safe, fun, and enlightening.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

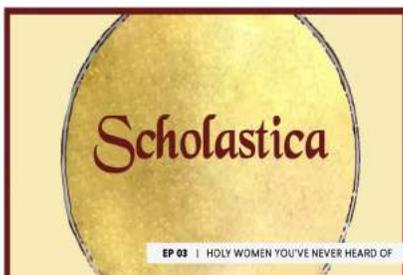
Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend is...

The Commingling



THIS WEEK ON FORMED...



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St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!



[St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3 - Catholic Saints - FORMED](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

12 Noon ~ Fr. Sebastian Devasya

6:00 pm ~ Fr. Pradeep Kumar Laladi

Attention parishioners with homebound family members or those in nursing homes. If you would like ashes and Holy Communion brought to your loved one on Ash Wednesday, please call the parish office and give them their name.

2ND COLLECTION

2nd Collection -- February 10-11th

Black and Indian Missions - for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	weekend Jan 27 - 28	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	6,588.00	25,724.00	23,000.00
Loose Offertory	353.00	2,226.00	2,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,941.00	\$ 27,950.00	\$ 25,000.00
Food Pantry	1,205.00	2,949.00	
Food Pantry Grants	15,900.00	15,900.00	
Dioc: Latin American	15.00	222.00	150.00
Dioc: Central and East Europe	105.00	334.00	200.00
Dioc: Holy Land	50.00	1,280.00	
Dioc: Church in Africa	30.00	237.00	
Attendance:	6pm: 42	9am: 90	

YOU'RE INVITED

To all those who donated to CSA this past year you are invited to celebrate with Bishop Mark Brennan for reaching our goal and he would like share the impact your gift has made on the shared ministries and outreach efforts of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The DWC will be hosting three events to celebrate. The first will be on:

February 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm
 St. John XXXIII Pastoral Center
 100 Hodges Rd., Charleston, WV

February Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)	
2/3 Sat. 6 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	A. Peretti	F. Moran	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Hager 3.V. Hager	J. Monaco	The Albert's	
			E. Peretti					
2/4 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	Christine Tran	R. Albert	1.C. Stacy 2.J. Stacy 3.K. Kirk	B. Buzzo		
			Antonio Froy	C. Ott				
2/10 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	David Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.L. Mariotti 2.T. Behrmann 3.TBA	The Pascasio's		D.Duritzza
2/11 Sun. 9 am	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	H. Wills	T. Bales	1.K. Kidd 2.C. Havens 3.A. Robinson	R. Malamisura		R. Malamisura
			K. Wills	A. Rebuck				
2/17 Sat. 6 pm	P. Peretti	F. Moran	A. Peretti	D. Garton	1.J.McCloud 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	J. Monaco		D. Shumate
			E. Peretti					
2/18 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	T. Brown	B. Buzzo	1.M. Malamisura 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	S. Copolo	M. McCoy	
			A. Froy	R. Ciccolini				
2/24 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	David Kelley	V. Hager	1.T. Hager 2.T. Behrmann 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	The Aiello's	
2/25 Sun 9 am	The Winfree's	T. Lampert	R. Aiello	G. Abromitis	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.T. Lampert	R. Albert		
			A. Zinsmeister	A. Torrez				



ANGEL TREE

A Program of Prison Fellowship

Angel Tree Report

We are happy to report that a total of 31 children received gifts for Christmas through Angel Tree for the year 2023. Thank you to all who participated in this program that was started by Mary Albert years ago and we keep alive in her memory. A special thank you to our drivers who delivered the gifts and our coordinators Linda Mariotti and Michelle Smith.

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Benny Disibbio, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Bryson Fanning, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Ann Beck, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Susan Lively, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Dear Padre,

*In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?*

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

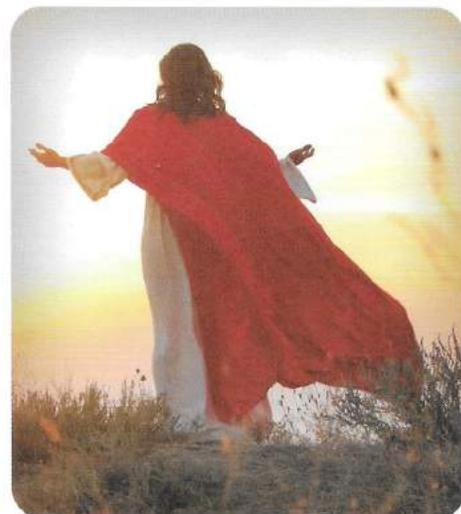
In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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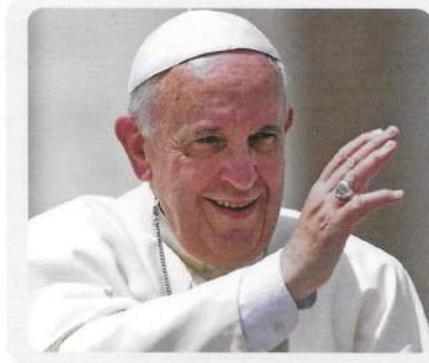


NEW AFRICA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 Mk 7:1–13	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 Mk 7:31–37	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Mk 8:1–10	February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 1 Cor 10:31– 11:1 Mk 1:40–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015