

# *On a Wing and a Prayer*

August 2016

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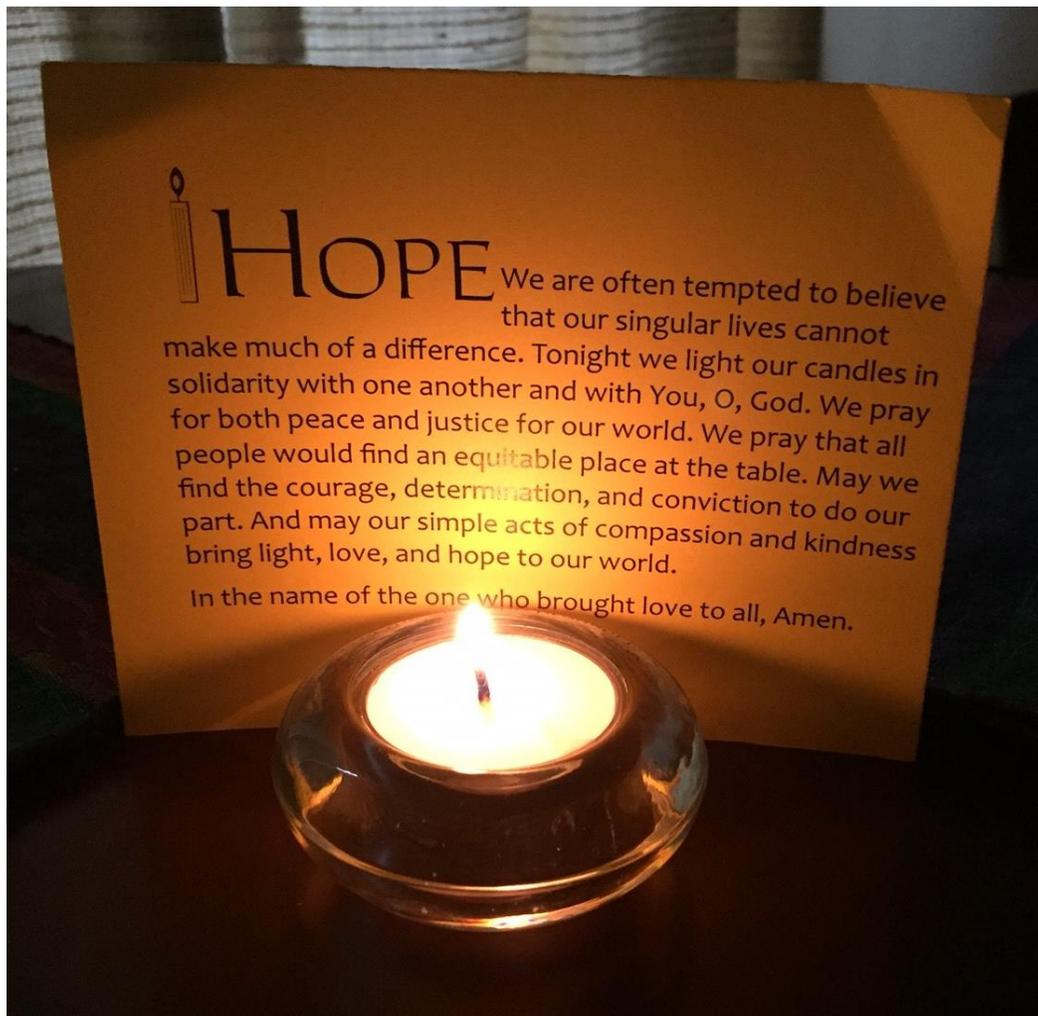
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**Join us for Mass every Sunday at 9AM and every Wednesday at 7AM**



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# Guardian Angels Calendar August 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>31 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</p>	<p>1 <i>August</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 MASS 7AM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF CHERYL McPEEK'S DEATH</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 MASS 7AM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9 – 11 AM MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST AT BISCUITS 1815 E. ELLIOT TEMPE AZ</p>
<p>14 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p>	<p>15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>16 Tuesday, August 16th Open for Worship Workshop Co-sponsored by Community Outreach Church and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church <b>OPEN FOR WORSHIP</b> ON AUGUST 16TH We will have a special presentation by Fr. Jim and Fr. Tom for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please bring an old image of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the workshop and we will give you a certificate to keep in honor of our Blessed.</p>	<p>17 MASS 7AM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED ELAINE - MUSIC PAUL &amp; JOSEPH ARE AWAY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY PAZ DE CRISTO 4 – 7PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 MASS 7AM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE PARISH POTLUCK AFTER MASS</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 MASS 7AM</p>	<p>1 <i>September</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY  WEEKEND</p>

## August Birthdays, Anniversaries and other important dates to remember:

5 - Sue and Gary's Anniversary 8/5/78

6 - Birthday Melissa Robison

7 - Birthday B. Phelps

7 - First Anniversary of Cheryl McPeek's death

send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: [rgkeck1@yahoo.com](mailto:rgkeck1@yahoo.com)



### Men's Ministry

Join the guys for breakfast on Saturday, Aug 13 @ 9 AM – 11AM at Biscuits on 1815 E. Elliot Tempe AZ. Drop by whenever you can between 9 & 11! For more info or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Ed ([ewalsh1991@gmail.com](mailto:ewalsh1991@gmail.com)).

### Emergency plea from the pantry!

Our pantry is totally out of tuna, fruit cups/applesauce and peanut butter. We are low on Vienna sausages (I never thought I'd say that!), cookies and chips. We have enough granola bars and crackers for a few weeks. This need is ongoing, and our homeless friends are very appreciative for the lunches we provide. Thanks for already responding!

We have also had good coverage while Keeley is away, but we have 3 weeks left, so **text Kay** at **602-568-9170** if you're able to help. We hand out lunches Tuesday-Thursday from 9 AM-10 AM. Kay takes care of Tuesday, but Wednesday and Thursday are available. Community Christian folks have really stepped up to help out, too!



**Matthew's Crossing could really use some diapers for the folks who use their Food Bank. The sizes that are needed the most are 4, 5 and 6. Bring them to mass and give them to Nancy or Ken! Thanks!**

Tuesday, August 16th  
Open for Worship Workshop  
Co-sponsored by Community Christian Church and Guardian Angels Catholic Community

**We will never change the world by going to church.  
We will only change the world by being the church.**

1701 S. College Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | RSVP: [doug.blund@tempeccc.com](mailto:doug.blund@tempeccc.com)

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Please join us for an interactive workshop on faith and LGBT inclusion that will refresh and deepen your commitment to full legal protections across Arizona.

Please join us for an interactive workshop on faith and LGBT inclusion that is especially important for Allies and family members, on August 16 at Community Christian Church from 6:30-8:30. 75% of Arizonans think that the LGBT community is protected by both state and federal laws, neither is true! ONE Community is working every day to create an Arizona that respects, protects and celebrates our diverse community to build the best possible future for Arizona! People of faith are needed to help us build a community with room for all and we promise that this 2 hours will open your eyes and hearts to both the need and ways to work for change!

To RSVP please email Sue at [irreverendsue@gmail.com](mailto:irreverendsue@gmail.com)



**May Guardian Angels Community always offer "Safe Space" AND "Brave Space!"**

# ANGELS LOVE TO SERVE!!

## PAZ DE CRISTO AND I-HELP JULY 2016





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNcP82-trrA>  
This link is Rev. William Barber's "sermon" from the Democratic National Convention. If you missed it...don't...click on the link and believe and say alleluia and AMEN!

A few examples from Barber's remarks which seemed to hang in the air:

"I am worried by the way that faith is cynically used by some to serve hate, fear, racism and greed."

"Listen to the ancient chorus in which deep calls unto deep."

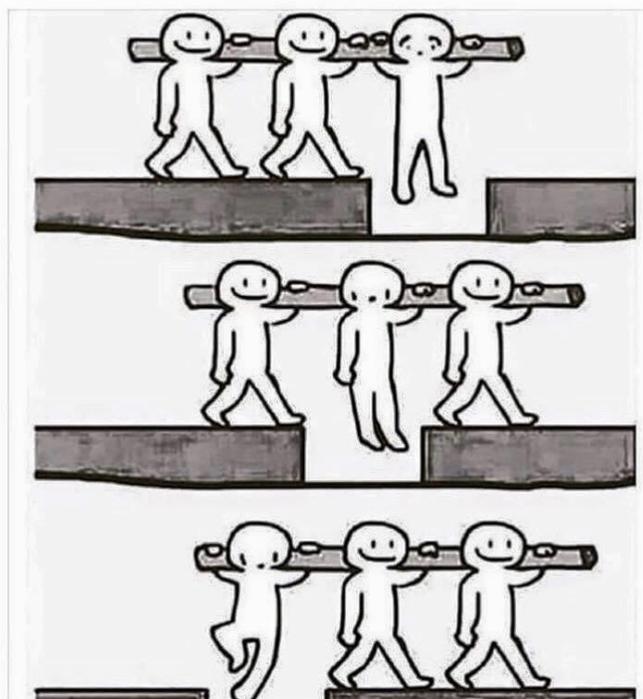
"Pay people what they deserve, share your food with the hungry. Do this and then your nation shall be called a repairer of the breach."

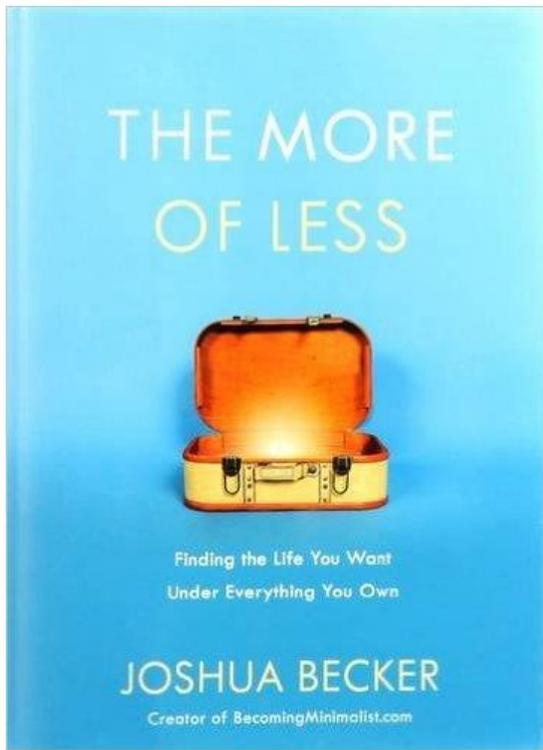
"Jesus, a brown-skin Palestinian Jew, called us to preach good news to the poor, the broken and the bruised and all those who are made to feel unaccepted."

"Some issues are not left or right or liberal versus conservative. They are right versus wrong."

"We need to embrace our deepest moral values...for revival at the heart of our democracy...When we love the Jewish child and the Palestinian child, the Muslim and the Christian and the Hindu and the Buddhist and those who have no faith but they love this nation, we are reviving the heart of our democracy."

If we unite, nobody falls





**Don't Settle for More** <http://www.becomingminimalist.com/>

Most of us know we own too much stuff. We feel the weight and burden of our clutter, and we tire of cleaning and managing and organizing.

While excess consumption leads to bigger houses, faster cars, fancier technology, and cluttered homes, it never brings happiness. Rather, it results in a desire for more. It redirects our greatest passions to things that can never fulfill. And it distracts us from the very life we wish we were living.

**Live a better life with less.**

In *The More of Less*, Joshua Becker, helps you....

- recognize the life-giving benefits of owning less
- realize how all the stuff you own is keeping you from pursuing your dreams
- craft a personal, practical approach to decluttering your home and life
- experience the joys of generosity
- learn why the best part of minimalism isn't a clean house, it's a full life

The beauty of minimalism isn't in what it takes away. It's in what it gives.

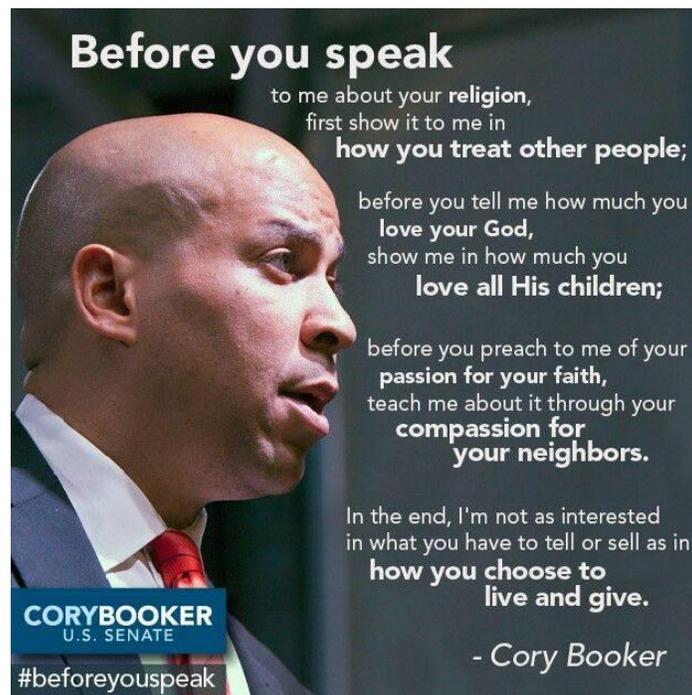
**Make Room in Your Life for What You Really Want**

"*Maybe you don't need to own all this stuff.*" After a casual conversation with his neighbor on Memorial Day 2008, Joshua Becker realized he needed a change. He was spending far too much time organizing possessions, cleaning up messes, and looking for more to buy.

So Joshua and his wife decided to remove the nonessential possessions from their home and life. Eventually, they sold, donated, or discarded over 60 percent of what they owned. In exchange, they found a life of more freedom, more contentment, more generosity, and more opportunity to pursue the things that mattered most.

*The More of Less* delivers an empowering plan for living more by owning less. With practical suggestions and encouragement to personalize your own minimalist style, Joshua Becker shows you why *minimizing* possessions is the best way to *maximize* life.

Are you ready for less cleaning, less anxiety, and less stress in your life? Simplicity isn't as complicated as you think.





What should we do when the divine comes into our lives? God may come unexpectedly, in the guise of a stranger, or through a familiar face. Above all else, we are called to be welcoming people. Hospitality is expressed in many ways, and each of us is different. Today we reflect on ways of welcoming others.

Q: When you recognize God in your life, how do you respond?

Our homily on July 17<sup>th</sup> was beautifully interpreted by Bernella Phelps and Joan Crawford – our own Martha and Mary (with a little help from John Phelps). They illustrated for us today's Gospel, Luke 10:38-42, through a dramatic reading from the book *'Just a Sister Away'* by Rev Dr Renita J Weems. Thank you ladies. Truly inspirational. ~~Rudy Armijo-Pack



Is there a limit to mercy, forgiveness, hope, intercession? We sometimes run out of steam or reach impenetrable walls. The day's readings were about abundance, persistence and most of all assurance grounded in God's love for us. With God, there are no limits to mercy or promise. We don't fully understand God's mercy or the meaning of efficacy of prayer, but we are urged to continue head-on. We are invited into loving relationship with God and one another, where there are no bounds or limits.

In observance of World Youth Day the July 24<sup>th</sup> homily was presented by Johanna Crowl, a lovely, articulate young woman from our congregation. She gave her reflections on this week's readings and how their combined message reminds us that there is no limit to God's love for us all. It was refreshing to hear this point from someone so young. Thank you Johanna for your gift of hope for the future to us all. ~~ Rudy Armijo-Pack

"Blest Are the Merciful" (English Lyrics) 2016 World Youth Day hymn  
<https://youtu.be/yoCH0sPrVb8>



Hard to believe it has been a year since we lost our Cheryl. I met Cheryl in 1987 as she and I and the whole community of St. Timothy were putting together the future “major outreach ministry” that would become Paz de Cristo. For many years Cheryl met with people who came through our doors, first at the little yellow house of Country Club Drive and then at the facility we built and that still stands at Broadway Rd and Country Club Drive in Mesa. Cheryl was passionate, fearless and impatient when it came to this business of social justice work. She called out of me someone who would have been more timid and unsure without her support, love, drive, and general knowing how to be a pain in the butt with constant questioning and pushing us to be the best we could be. I’ve thought of Cheryl often this past year. I miss her. She could be a royal pain in the butt but she was my pain in the butt and she always wanted what was best for me, for Paz, for Guardian Angels and for the many people she loved and cared about. Thank you Cheryl for helping me know myself better and for being my loyal, loving friend. Love, Sue



Artist/Poet Jan Richardson writes: “It was three years ago this week that we learned Gary had a brain aneurysm. Four months later, at the end of a surgery that should have handily dealt with the aneurysm, Gary’s neurosurgeon stepped into the waiting room and said, *It did not go as we expected.*

And the world cracked open.

I’m thinking a lot about news these days—news that comes suddenly, news that comes after long waiting, news that we never wanted, news that begins the ending of the life we have known.

I pray such news is far away for you. But when it comes, if it comes, I pray that in the rending, a blessing will be waiting to enfold you.”

### Blessing for Getting the News

I don’t know  
how it will be  
for you.

For me,  
when the news came—  
when it sat down  
across from me in the  
waiting room  
at 4 a.m.,  
wearing scrubs and

speaking words awful  
and full of  
strangeness—  
it came with  
a humming in  
my head,  
an endless, echoing buzzing  
that would never  
entirely leave.

I can hardly tell you  
the words the news used—  
others would piece that  
together for me,  
later—  
but I can tell you that  
in the humming,  
a whole other conversation  
was happening.

In that conversation,  
I remember wanting  
to appear calm  
while the world  
was beginning the rending  
from which it  
never would return.



In that conversation,  
I remember wanting  
to be the wife  
who could withstand  
what the news  
was saying to me  
even as I could  
hardly hear it.

In that conversation,  
I remember wanting to ask  
if someone could please  
get me a blanket already  
because I was shaking so hard  
I thought I would shatter.

I do not know  
how it will be  
for you.

But when  
the news comes,  
may it be attended  
by every grace,  
including the ones  
you will not be able  
to see now.

When the news comes,  
may there be hands  
to enfold and bless,  
even when  
you cannot receive  
their blessing now.

When the news comes,  
may the humming  
in your head  
give way to song,  
even if it will be  
long and long  
before you can  
hear it,

before you can  
comprehend the love  
that latched onto you  
in the rending—  
the love that bound itself to you  
even as it began its leaving  
and has never  
let you go.

—Jan Richardson  
*from a forthcoming book of blessings*

Enjoy our August 2016 offering of two websites that come from a spiritual, faith perspective:

### ***Elephants in the Living Room and Patheos.***

Our offering is simply that – an offering “for your consideration” only, but not necessarily an “endorsement.” Remember, if you have a particular media source you’d like to share with your fellow Angels, feel free to send me an email or a text message about it.

Peace and all good to you and yours – elaine    Email: [egroppenbacher@gmail.com](mailto:egroppenbacher@gmail.com)    Text: 602-509-8412

### Elephants in the Living Room ~ Discussing What Needs to Be Discussed

<http://www.elephantsinthelivingroom.org/>



#### Mission Statement

We are an organization of priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit, strongly supported by participating laity, who seek renewal of the Church of Detroit. We do this by offering opportunities for education and creating an open forum for discussion and dialogue that will lead us to developing and advocating more collegial solutions to the challenges we face. We firmly believe these efforts will contribute to a greater solidarity among priests and a renewed Church of Detroit.

#### History

At the biannual priests' convocation at Boyne Mountain, MI in October 2003, Fr. Gerry Bechard rose to ask Cardinal Maida of they were going to talk about the Elephant in the Living Room. Cardinal Maida ignored the question and returned to the agenda. A few priests decided that some subjects needed to be discussed and agreed upon returning to Detroit to hold gatherings for that purpose.

The first meeting was held in November 2003 with 12 priests and 8 laypersons. They decided to continue to meet. Other priests and laypersons continued to join, so that today, the membership is almost 1,500, and continues to grow. There are committees dealing with the archdiocese's pastoral plan, with the abandonment of the Church in the city, and advocacy for those who may have been hurt by the Church. The Educational Committee strives to select topics of interest and concern, then tries to obtain the best speaker available to present the subject. The Elephants regularly sponsor educational forums featuring notable speakers on topics pursuant to our Mission Statement.



<http://www.patheos.com/>

Founded in 2008, Patheos.com is the premier online destination to engage in the global dialogue about religion and spirituality and to explore and experience the world's beliefs. Patheos is the website of choice for the millions of people looking for credible and balanced information about religion. Patheos brings together faith communities, academics, and the broader public into a single environment, and is the place where many people turn on a regular basis for insight, inspiration, and stimulating discussion.

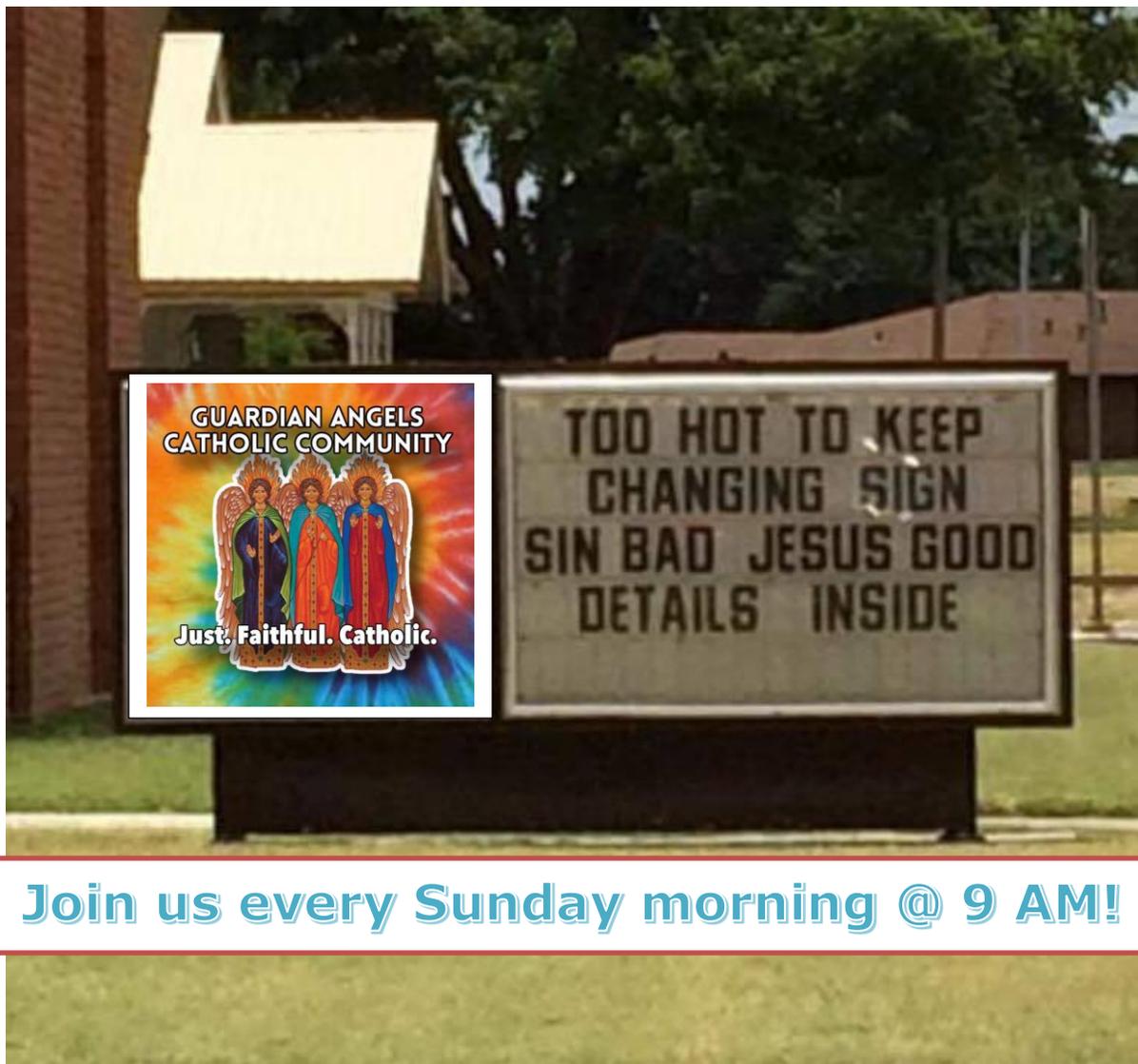
As evidenced by the company founders' story, religion and spirituality continue to be an important part of American life, with more Americans today than ever before identifying themselves as spiritual. In fact, according to the Pew Internet Project, more than 82 million Americans (and 64 percent of all Internet users) utilize the Web for faith-related matters.

Patheos is a place to:

- Find accurate, balanced information on the world's religions in our extensive library.
- View religious history and facts through unique interactive tools that allow visitors to compare, contrast, and explore religions and belief systems in new and innovative ways.
- Participate in the global dialogue on religion and spirituality through responsible, moderated discussions on critical issues across religious traditions.
- Read commentary on current events from a wide range of viewpoints.
- Follow your favorite bloggers and columnists.
- Engage with others from various faith traditions.
- Get a glimpse into the beliefs and traditions of other faith groups in a safe and welcoming environment.

For all that we hope to accomplish at Patheos, we also must be realistic about the things that we are not.

- Patheos is a resource for all belief systems and does not support, endorse, or promote any one religion.
- Patheos is not perfect. We have leaned on the guidance of some of the most respected minds in the religion and spirituality community, and have sorted through significant disagreements about nomenclature, categorization, historical references, and more. We are working to constantly improve our content and resources, and we appreciate your feedback and suggestions.
- Patheos is not complete. Our goal is to have more than 100 of the world's religious and philosophical traditions reflected in the library, as well as religion portals for a variety of the major traditions. We will continue building these resources as we are able.
- Patheos will not sand off the rough edges. While we want a fair and welcoming environment, we also deal with a content area that evokes passion and sometimes leads to controversy. We walk a fine line by presenting material responsibly and honestly without diluting it.



**Join us every Sunday morning @ 9 AM!**