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JUSTICE

The strength to have a constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due.



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“GIVING GOD AND OTHERS WHAT THEY
DESERVE.”

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Saint Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for us.



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DEFINITION

The virtue of Justice is the strength that consists in the constant and firm will to give God and neighbor their due.

Our lives are full of relationships and so all of our actions impact others for good or evil.

Justice guides and perfects our actions in relation to others.



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HOW TO STRENGTHEN

**How do we grow this virtue of
JUSTICE?**

Listen attentively and follow
directions.

Speak well of others in person, online
and with your friends.

Remember to say “Please” and
“Thank you”.

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BENEFITS

JUSTICE ENABLES US TO:

Always put God first in everything we think, say and do.

Treat others with respect knowing they are children of God.

Obey those with lawful authority.



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CHALLENGE

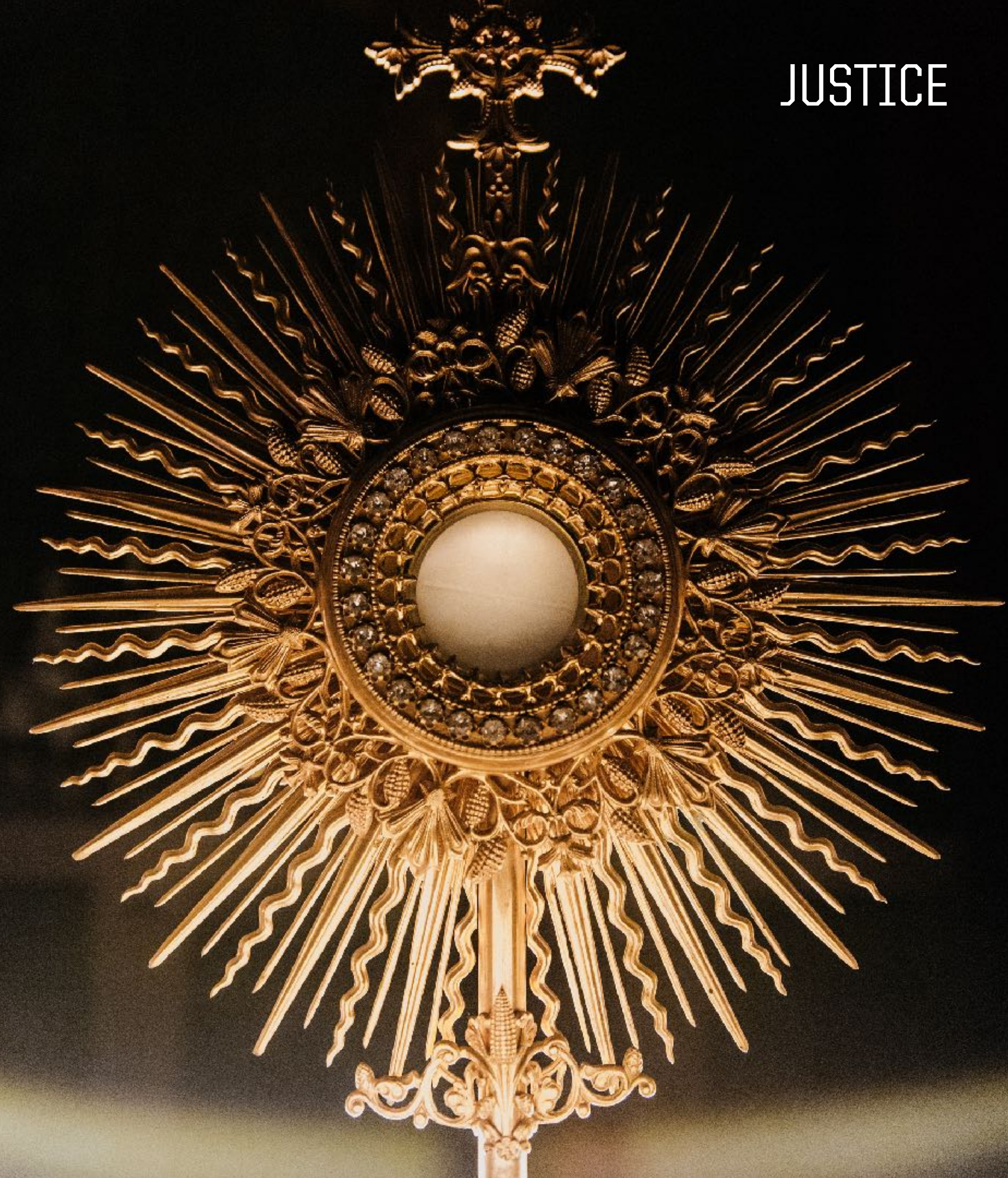
Let's put our **JUSTICE** into action!

RESOLUTION

Remember to dedicate everything you do to God. Whether you are going to class, practice, a game, work ... Give it first to God so you do your absolute best for Him.

FAMILY RESOLUTION

Visit a Catholic church or an adoration chapel and spend some time praying as a family before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



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WHAT DOES JUSTICE LOOK LIKE?



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WHAT DOES JUSTICE SOUND LIKE?

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SAINTS ALIVE PODCAST

ST. BERNADETTE

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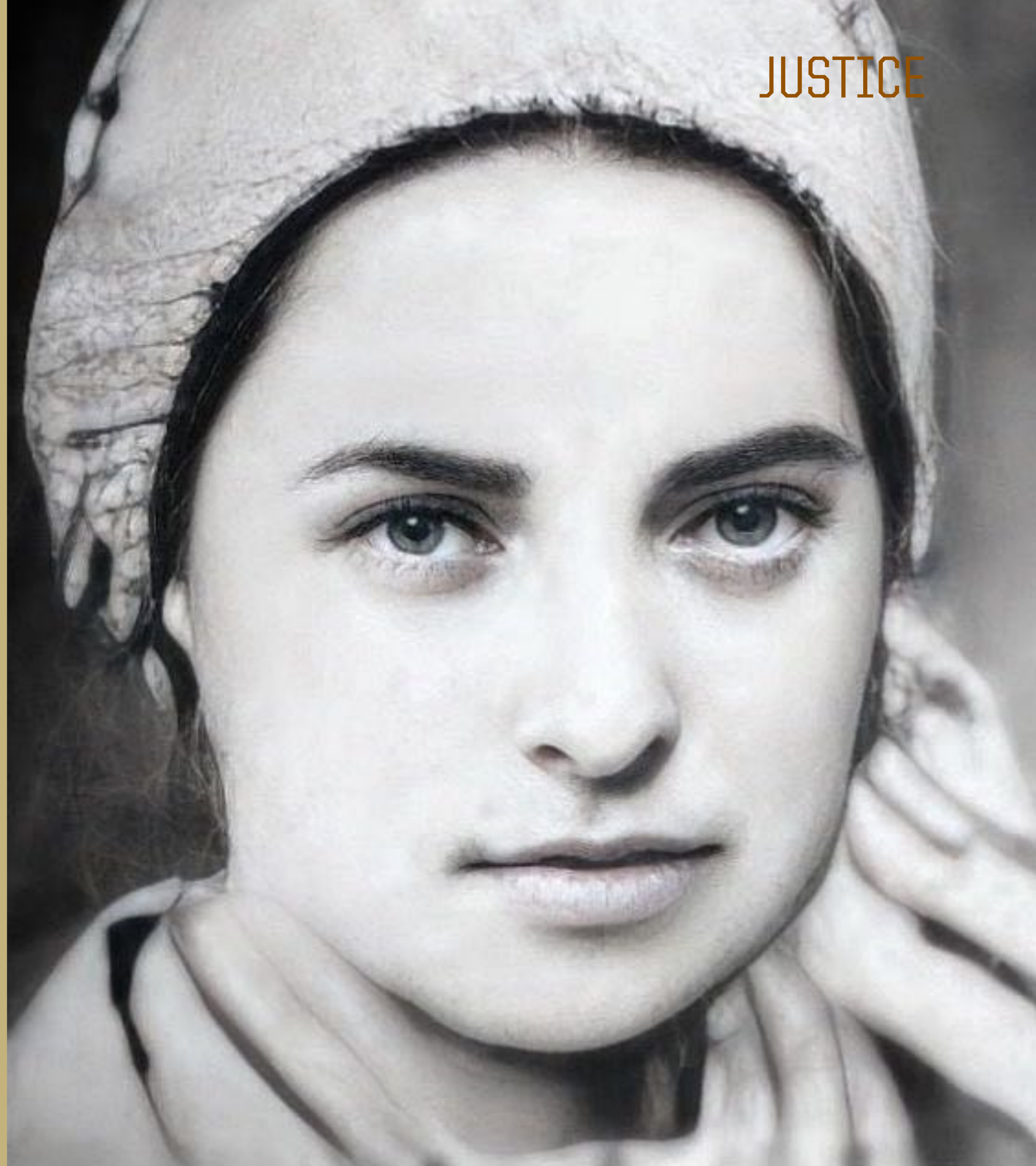
A radio theater podcast that tells the stories of the saints.

"I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them. I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home."

- St. Bernadette

In a small village in the south of France, a poor miller's daughter witnessed a miracle that changed everything. Come listen to the incredible tale of Saint Bernadette like you've never heard it before! Her patience through persecution, humility when tasked with the impossible and contagious joy in Christ continues to move hearts over a hundred years later. Bernadette's story is one you don't want to miss and one you won't soon forget!

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SAINT STORY

ST. CASIMIR

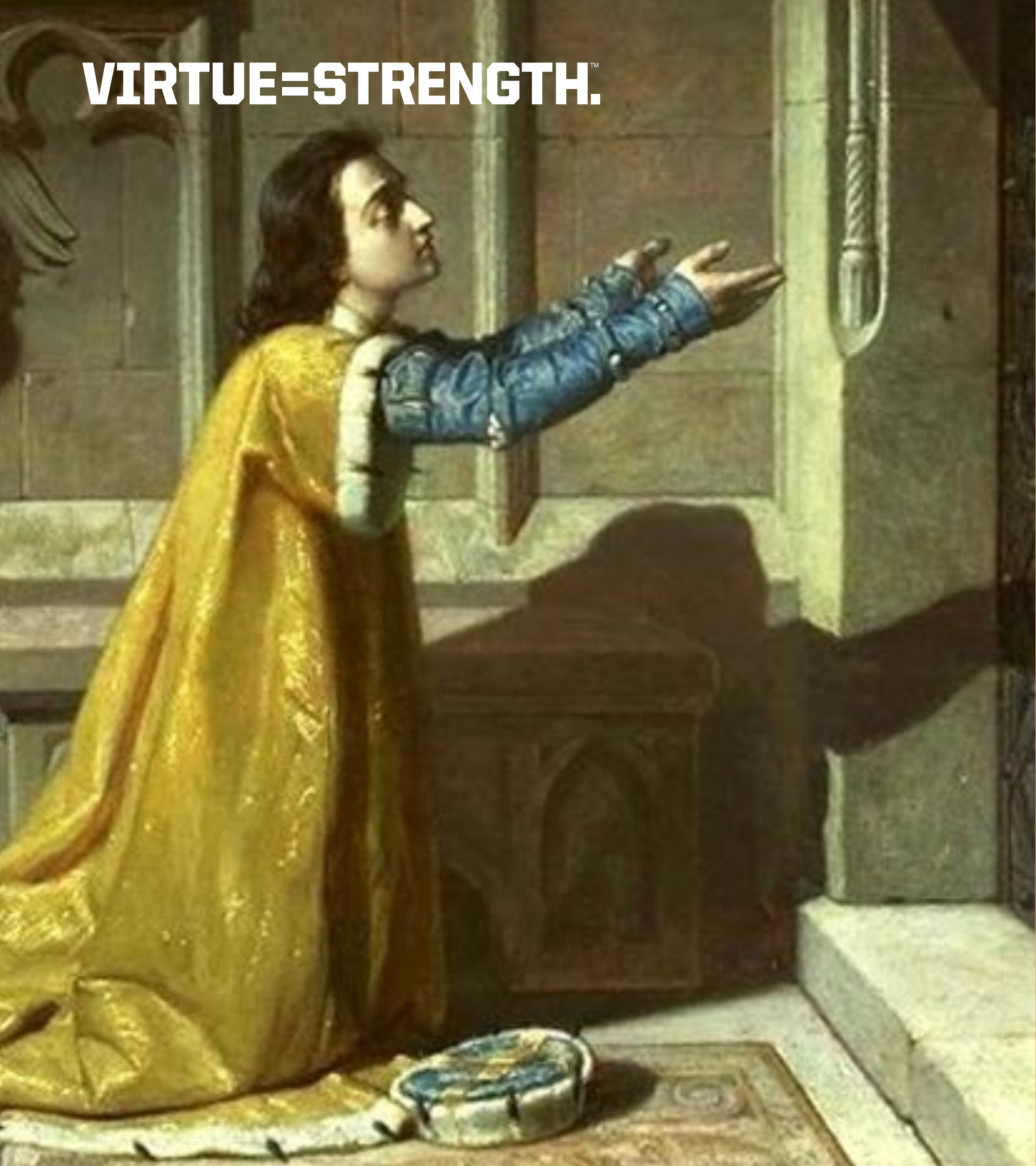
March 4
1458-1484

Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.



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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

You are parking your car at the grocery store.

You are distracted.

You open the door really wide and hard and you hit the door of the car parked next to you and you leave a sizable dent.

You reopen the door and you realize you definitely did it.

No one is around. You could just walk away.

What do you do?

How do you handle this justly?

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MATTHEW 5: 3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake:

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you.



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***“We are to love God for Himself,
because of a twofold reason;
nothing is more reasonable,
nothing more profitable.”***

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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“So dearly does His Majesty love us that He will reward our love for our neighbor by increasing the love which we bear to Himself, and that in a thousand ways.”

- St. Teresa of Jesus

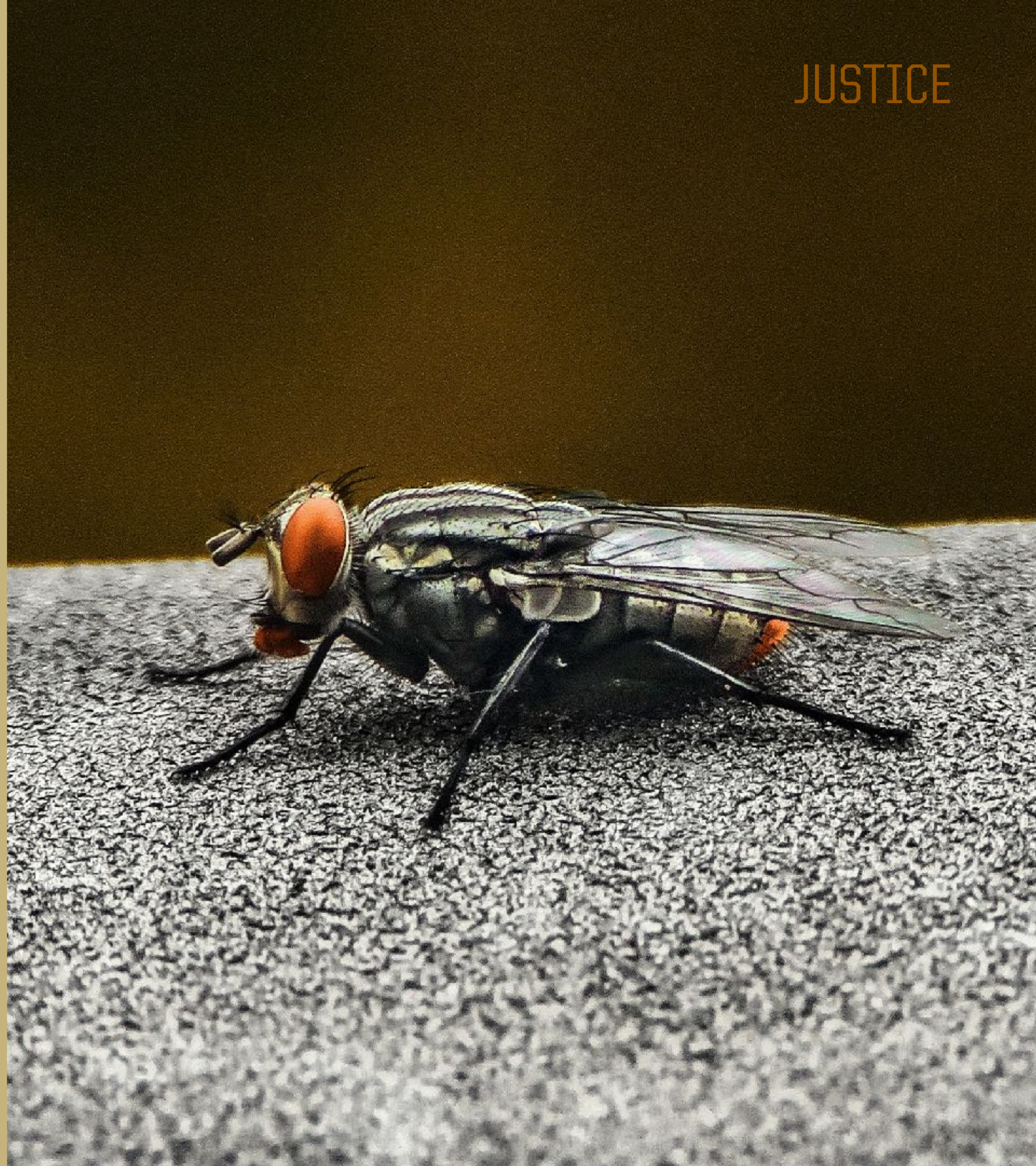


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*“All the efforts of the human mind
cannot exhaust the essence of a
single fly.”*

- St. Thomas Aquinas

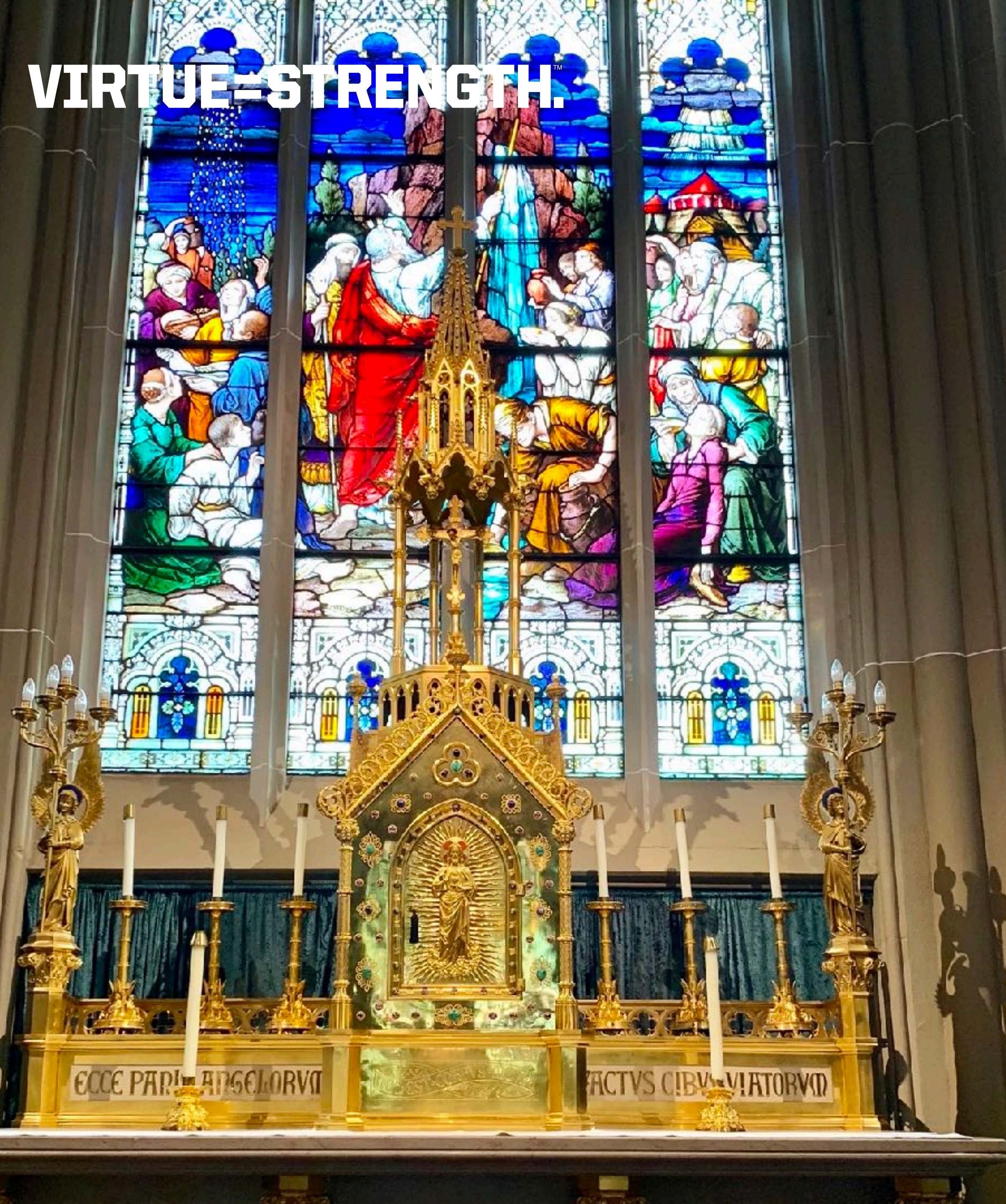


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*“He loves, He hopes, He waits.
If He came down on our altars on certain
days only, some sinner, on being moved to
repentance, might have to look for Him,
and not finding Him, might have to wait.
Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the
sinner for years rather than keep him
waiting one instant.”*

- St. Julian Peter Eymard



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*“Give something, however small,
to the one in need.*

*For it is not small to one who has
nothing.*

*Neither is it small to God,
if we have given what we could.”*

- St. Gregory Nazianzen

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INJUSTICE

The weakness to not give God and neighbor their due.



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EXAMPLES OF NOT GIVING GOD HIS DUE

Making something so important to you that it becomes an idol.

Taking our Lord's name in vain.

Not going to Mass on Sunday.

Failing to thank God for His many gifts and blessings.

Not genuflecting before the Most Blessed Sacrament when we enter a church.



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CLOSING PRAYER

O my God, I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love.

I love my neighbor as myself for love of Thee.

I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon for all whom I have injured.

Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of Your Love and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

May there be an end to division, strife and war.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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MONTHLY NOVENA

APRIL 7-15

Monthly Intention: Let us pray that we may grow in the virtue of fortitude, always choosing the right thing to do in the face of fear and/or difficulties

ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES NOVENA

Dear Saint Bernadette, chosen by Almighty God as a channel of His graces and blessings, and through your humble obedience to the requests of our Blessed Mother, Mary, you gained for us the miraculous waters of spiritual and physical healing.

We implore you to listen to our prayers, that we may be healed of our imperfections.

Place our petitions in the hands of our Holy Mother, Mary, so that she may place them at the feet of her beloved Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that He may look on us with mercy and compassion:

(MENTION YOUR REQUEST).

Help us, dear Saint Bernadette, to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours.

As we await the mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind.

Pray for us, St Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for us. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



LECTIO OR VISIO DIVINA

Ask for volunteers ... parents/parishioners to come into the classrooms and teach the kids about prayer.

Once you get the volunteers ... have a training session with them to show them how to do, set expectations ... watch video together ...

We can use this experience to practice the virtue of Justice - **giving God His due by praying and thinking of Him-talking to Him.**

[Click here for two videos that help explain Lectio and Visio Divina.](#)

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St. Joseph is a wonderful example of all the virtues.

He was chosen by God to be the foster father Jesus.

Good St. Joseph, most Just, pray for us.



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