



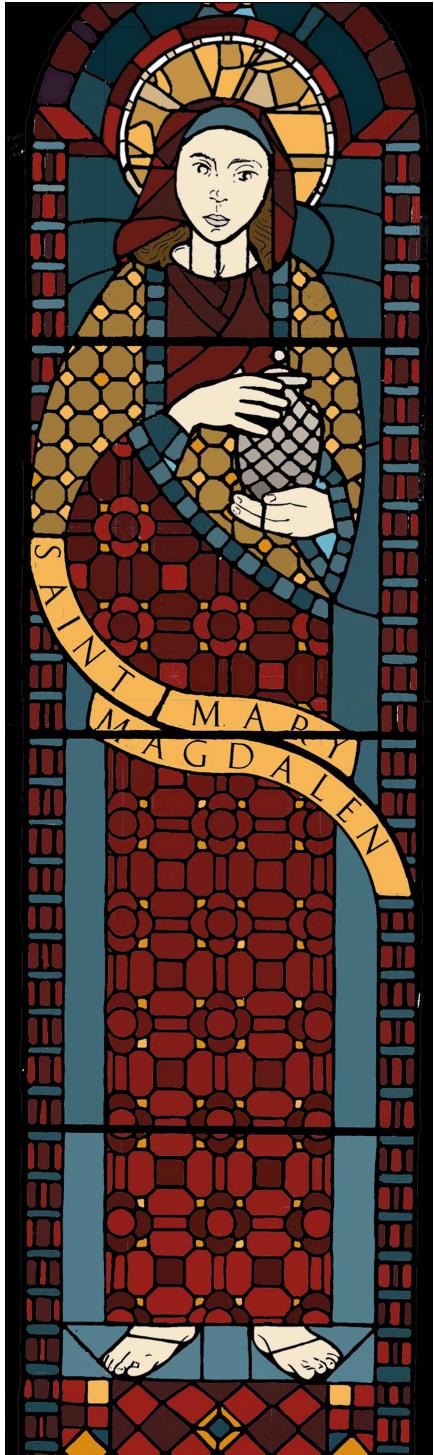
# Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

2005 Berryman Street  
Berkeley, California 94709

November 12, 2017  
32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time, Year A

Beatification of SMM Parishioner's Great-Uncle! See page 6 for details.

"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others."



## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am  
Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

## SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am & 5:15 pm  
Saturday: 7:30 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
and by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch:  
Noon - 1:00 pm

## WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

We are delighted to have  
all of you here,  
especially our visitors!

All are welcome, and we  
hope you will find our  
parish a place where you  
grow spiritually, put  
faith into action, and  
encounter  
Jesus Christ.

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## FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER  
19TH TO BE THE 1ST 'WORLD DAY OF THE POOR'.  
DETAILS INSIDE ON PAGE 3.

## THIS WEEKEND IS CENSUS WEEKEND

PLEASE KINDLY FILL OUT THE CENSUS FORM  
DURING THE HOMILY TIME.

YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP OUR PARISH TO THRIVE.

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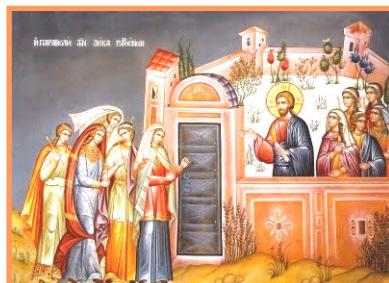
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## Calendar for November

**November 11 PARISH CENSUS WEEKEND!**

**& 12** A short census will be taken at all Masses.

**November 12, TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**12, 19** Sundays @ 10:45 am, Convent (upper floor)

**November 14, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for**

**21, 28** Adults)

7:00 pm, Norton Hall [rcia@marymagdalen.org](mailto:rcia@marymagdalen.org)

**November 15 SPRED** [Special Religious Education]

**& 29** 6:00 pm Wednesdays, Norton Hall

**November 16 Faith Studies: Acts of the Apostles**

7:00 pm Thursdays Norton Hall

**November 17 School of the Madeleine ECP Family Night**

**Friday** 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

**November 18 Book Group: Colm Tóibín, *The South***

**Saturday** With Fr. Cassian! 10:00 am, Conference Room

**November 19 CONCERT: Egon Mihajlovic, Harpsichord**

**Sunday** 5:00 pm, Church. "Handel's 8 Great Suites"

**November 21 Liturgy Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday** 7:00 pm, Conference Room

**November 23 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

**Thursday** One Mass only at 10:00 am

**November 26 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor**

**Sunday** 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall

**Help our Parish School  
through Amazon!**

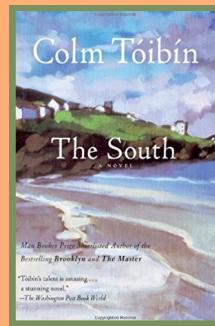
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Instead, please go to the site  
[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose the **School of the Madeleine**



## Next Book Group Meeting:

**THIS SATURDAY, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am**



The Parish Book Group has missed our "Founding Father" so much that we are flying him up to lead our next discussion! St. Mary Magdalén's last Dominican Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Cassian Lewinski, O.P.**, will arrive in Berkeley this Friday, and plans to participate in a number of events throughout the weekend, including celebrating the **8:00 am Mass next Sunday (November 19<sup>th</sup>)**. We've chosen a book he recommended: **Colm Tóibín's *The South***, about an Irish-woman who moves to Barcelona in 1950 to create a new life. Borrow or buy the book and come join us!

## CURRENT DONATIONS

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> + EFT (see below) **\$12,337.17**

Sunday Donations	\$5,291.12
All Saints' Day	\$1,155.00
All Souls' Day	\$642.00
Food for the Poor	\$793.05
School of the Madeleine	\$35.00
Refugee Aid	\$200.00
St. Vincent de Paul Conference	\$131.00
Mexicali Mission Support	\$338.00
Thanksgiving	\$35.00

### EFT Donations 10/30-11/03:

Sunday Donations	\$3,717.00
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$3,123.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$45.00
Food for the Poor	\$42.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$160.00
Refugee Aid	\$127.00
School of the Madeleine	\$135.00
Mexicali Mission Support	\$55.00
	\$30.00

### BISHOP'S APPEAL: NEAR THE FINISH LINE!

The funds reported *still* stand at **\$24,878.00**, which represents **97.93%** of our goal. You may give by check or through the DONATE link at

[marymagdalen.org/donate](http://marymagdalen.org/donate).

We're nearly there—please help!

ANY 'OVERAGE' COLLECTED WILL REDUCE THE LARGE DEBT WE OWE OUR DIOCESE.

### Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Mary Lao RIP
Sunday	8:00	Holy Souls
	9:30	For the people of the parish
	11:00	Intentions of Owen Wesley Fitzgerald
Monday	8:00	Holy Souls
	5:30	Larry Hartman RIP
Tuesday	8:00	Holy Souls
	5:30	Cynthia Puech RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Holy Souls
	5:30	Javier Ramirez RIP
Thursday	8:00	Margaret Loverde RIP
	5:30	Holy Souls
Friday	8:00	Holy Souls
	5:30	Bill Ahearn RIP
Saturday	8:00	Holy Souls

November 12, 2017

### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS: FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 19 November 2017

*"Let us love, not with words but with deeds."*

"Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely:



'If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness....'

"We are called, then, to draw near to the poor.... It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on November 19th, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday, in such a way that there be an even more authentic celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on the following Sunday.

"Prayer should always be at the heart of every concrete initiative that takes place on this day. Let us not forget that the *Our Father* is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our trust in God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need.

"I ask my brother Bishops, and all priests and deacons who by their vocation have the mission of supporting the poor, together with all consecrated persons and all associations and volunteers everywhere, to help make this *World Day of the Poor* a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today's world."

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or do you simply have questions about the Faith?**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes are taking place on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Norton Hall (Located East of the parking lot.)**

No commitment is needed to attend.

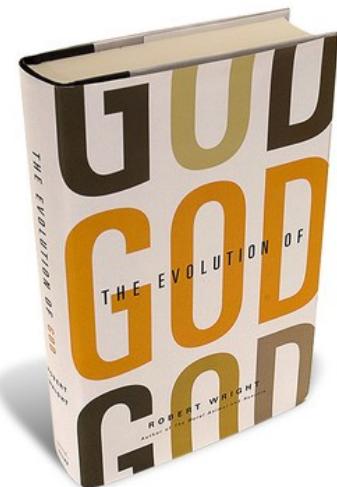
**Leader: Jonathan Harmon, S.J.**

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## Notes from Fr. Nick

### *The Evolution of God*

Now that I have your attention, note the italics. The statement above is actually the title of a book. I'm not making a theological statement or committing heresy, and I don't think Robert Wright, the author, intends heresy either. I suspect the title was intended to be controversial in order to get invited on talk shows and to sell more books. After reading the book, it is clear that Wright actually means the evolution of *our idea* of God. The book is really biblical and theological anthropology.



Wright traces the development of human beings' idea of God from the earliest hunter-gatherer societies through Judaism, Christianity and Islam to present postmodern times. At every turn he avoids the temptation to assume that Jews, Christians and Moslems acted primarily on belief, and looks at practical reasons for religious behavior. For example, he notes that while late New Testament Jews resolutely believed in only one God, they were not above entering into treaties with other people who acknowledged their beliefs. The reason was that both sides had something to gain by the compromise. Christians and Moslems have made similar agreements.

The author doesn't think these treaties necessarily compromised beliefs — frequently these interactions led the monotheistic religions to a deeper sense of their own faiths. An example (not in the book) from modern times might be the way the Christian tradition of meditation has been validated by Buddhist practice.

An unforeseen side effect of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, has been hostility to religion by many of the world's thinking people, who see much of the world's violence originating from believers. While we recognize the distinction between religious fanatics and prayerful people at large, many agnostic and atheists lump us all together and see religion as a negative force. Wright believes that it is better to get to know these people (and for that matter thinking Moslems and Jews) to understand our common ground. This could ultimately bring the positive developments he outlines from the Bible.

In this area, the Church sees Wright on solid ground. In the document, *The Church in the Modern World*, the Second Vatican Council directed Catholics to take seriously even the views of people with whom we deeply disagree.

There are some significant points where I have major disagreements with Wright. Among them is discounting our traditional understanding of Jesus as distinct from what we can know of the historical Jesus. But on the whole I found *The Evolution of God* to be a thorough, insightful, and often witty treatment of our notion of the nature of God. It might be tough going for some (and not all of it agrees with Catholic teaching), but it is sure to provoke much thought and discussion.

### You May Still Add a Photo to the November 'Altar of Remembrance'

Parishioner **Florence Wahl** and our tireless Facilities Supervisor, **Oscar Guillen**, have created a beautiful tableau around the statue of the Blessed Mother on the south side of the church. Several photos have been contributed, but we have room for more. Deliver photos of your departed family members — *clearly labeled with your name and phone number or email address* — to the office, or email them to [bulletin@marymagdalen.org](mailto:bulletin@marymagdalen.org).

# Parish News

## St. Mary Magdalen Parish Needs YOU!

It is not generally known that **Altar Servers** can be grown-ups as well as teenagers. Fr. Nick is encouraging **any adults who are willing to serve** (at the 5:30 pm and the 11:00 am Masses) to please either call the parish office or sign up on the sheet in the Berryman vestibule. *Comprehensive training will be provided.*

Thank you to those who have responded to Fr. Nick's call to start a **Grief Ministry Team**. If you feel that you could help your fellow parishioners cope with the loss of a loved one, please call Fr. Nick at 526-4811 x 112 (email [pastor@marymagdalen.org](mailto:pastor@marymagdalen.org).)

## SMM Now has TWO Jesuit Deacons!

Next weekend (November 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>), St. Mary Magdalen parishioners will have the opportunity to hear



a homily from the newest member of our preaching team: **Dc. Oke Marien Robert Gbedolo, S.J.**, whom we may simply call "**Deacon Robert**." A native of Benin, Dc. Robert is based in Nairobi, Kenya, and is here to complete a

Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the JST. Look for an interview with Dc. Robert in next week's *Bulletin*.

On Thursday, December 14, 2017, Fr. Nick will hold the first of a continuing series of quarterly luncheons with (self-identified) "seniors." The December lunch will take place in the Parish Hall or Norton Hall, depending on attendance. *Please leave a message at the Parish Office for Mary Hurd if you are interested in helping to organize the lunch.* (Or you may email Norah, our Business Manager, at [nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org](mailto:nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org).)



# Social Justice Notes

## Front-Page Exposé in the *S.F. Chronicle*: 'Deplorable' Conditions for Detainees at the West County Detention Center

On November 2nd, the *Chronicle* published [an article by Otis Taylor](#) detailing complaints by women detained at the Center in Richmond; the most horrific being that the detainees are often kept in cells 23 hours a day without access to toilets. One woman has even petitioned to be deported to Honduras, despite having a house and children in California.

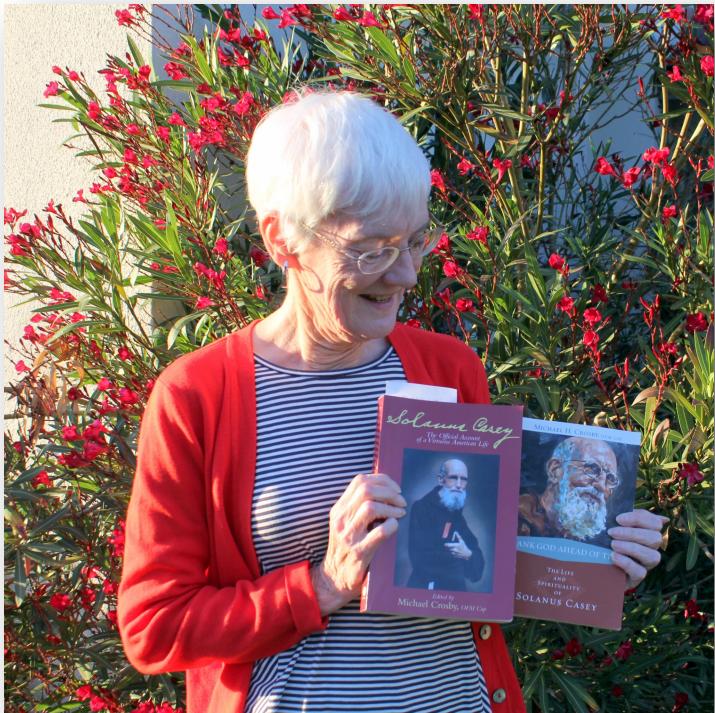
Elected officials have now demanded investigations into the facility *and* Sheriff David Livingston's contract with ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement). Former Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin has written to Livingston to "cease and desist" these degrading, harmful, and non-compliant practices.

**How can we help?** for many months, the [Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity](#) has sponsored an hour-long vigil outside the Richmond Center on the first Saturday of each month, from 11:00 am to noon. IMHI's goal is "*to galvanize faith communities to action around the principle that all human life is 'sacred across all borders.'*"

**Why does IMHI hold these vigils?** To stand in solidarity with the people being held in Richmond and in 250 other detention centers across the country, many of whom are asylum seekers, green card holders, and long-term residents. Our faith calls upon us "*to welcome strangers and aliens, for they are our sisters and brothers and our families; like them, we were once strangers and aliens in this land.*" For more information about the vigils, go to [im4humanintegrity.org](http://im4humanintegrity.org) or [detentionwatchnetwork.org](http://detentionwatchnetwork.org)

**TAKE ACTION!** [1] Attend the next vigil on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For information about the vigils, contact Maureen Wesolowski, 524-4006 or [mswesolowski@gmail.com](mailto:mswesolowski@gmail.com). [2] Call the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and demand improved conditions at West County Detention Center: **John Gioia**, District 1, 510-231-8686; **Candace Andersen**, District 2, 925-957-8860; **Diane Burgis**, District 3, 925-252-4500; **Karen Mitchoff**, District 4, 925-521-7100; and **Federal Glover**, District 5, 510-262-8800.

# Parishioner Ann Fitzgerald is the Great-Niece of Solanus Casey, to be Beatified Next Weekend!



Longtime parishioner Ann Fitzgerald holds two books about her great-uncle, Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

Ann Fitzgerald, a School of the Madeline graduate and Chair of our parish Refugee Aid Committee, was hesitant to be interviewed for the *Bulletin* about her Great-Uncle, the Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. "What would be the point?" she asked. Adding to her reluctance was an admonition often heard from her grandmother, Margaret Casey Ledoux: "She always told us not to make hay about the fact that our uncle was a holy man."

Yet parishioners in the know are excited about our 'local connection' to the legendary Capuchin priest, who will be beatified next weekend in the city where he lived most of his life. Tickets to the event at Ford Field (home of the Detroit Lions) have long been impossible to obtain. "Beyoncé sold out the stadium, and so has Solanus Casey!" Ann chuckled.

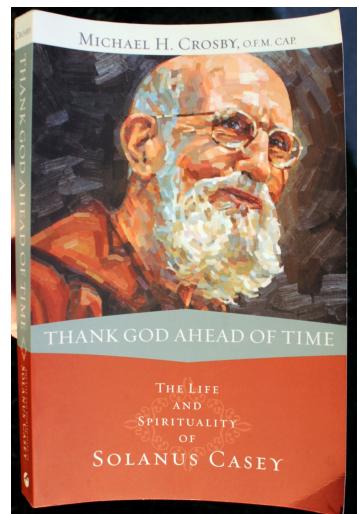
The Venerable Fr. Solanus was the 6th of 16th children born to Bernard and Ellen Murphy Casey in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. The 13th child was named Margaret, who later became the grandmother of Ann.

The Casey family was always very tight-knit, and Fr. Solanus remained close to all his siblings and their offspring all his life. Even though Ann only met Fr. Solanus once in person ("I was three years old and hiding behind my mother's skirt when he blessed me"), he frequently exchanged letters with her grandmother, and stories were often told about him during Sunday dinners with the extended family.

Ann recalls that everyone simply "took for granted" her uncle's healing powers. For example, during his visit to the Bay Area, Ann's mother was pregnant with her younger sister, whom the doctors were predicting might be born blind, since her mother had contracted German measles. Fr. Solanus blessed the baby in her mother's womb, and Ann's little sister was born in perfect health (she is a lawyer today). At the same time, Ann's father was being treated for terrible injuries he had suffered at Iwo Jima. His doctors had predicted that they might have to amputate, because "there wasn't enough skin to stitch him together." Fr. Solanus visited Ann's father in the hospital and blessed him. Soon thereafter, the doctors were able to save all Ann's father's limbs.

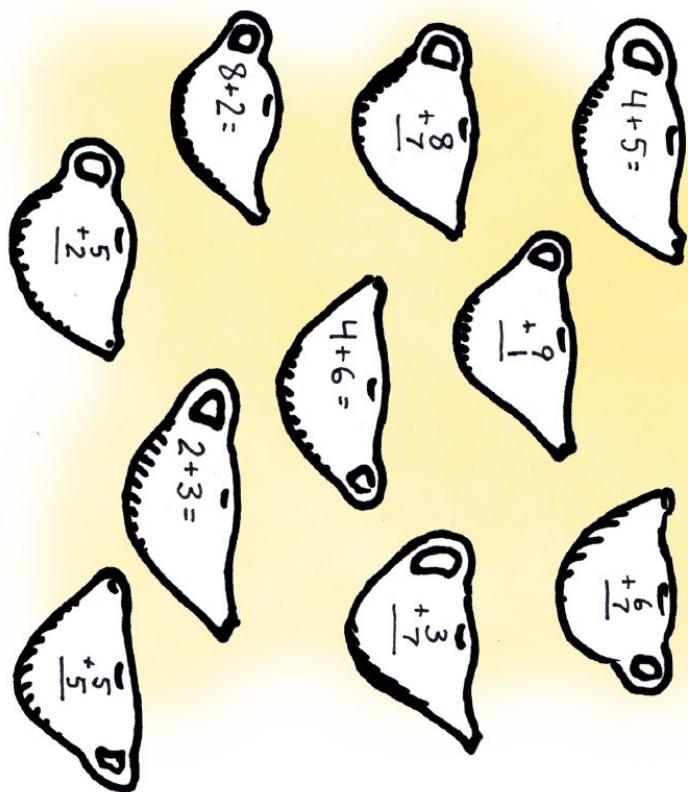
However, not until Ann was in college did she realize that her great-uncle was known outside the Casey family. One evening in her dorm room (at what is now Dominican University) in Chicago, some girls from Detroit were talking about going to a Mass at the Capuchin chapel for "Fr. Solanus." "I know him," Ann told the girls. When they asked how, she replied, "Well, he's kind of my uncle." "No!!!" the girls shrieked.

Ann's great-uncle will be known to many around the world after his beatification on November 18th as "Blessed Solanus Casey." We all wish Ann and her family a safe journey to Detroit for this joyful occasion!



# The Kids' Bulletin

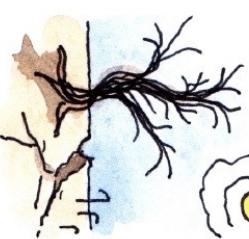
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In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps.  
How many of them brought extra oil?  
Figure out the problems on each lamp.  
Colour in the ones that equal 10  
to find out the answer!

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.

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S L I P S T O W A R D T  
A L T H P H U F L E S H  
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T G A Z E D V S F O A T  
U B L E S S E M O U T H  
A L I F E H A N D S E R  
R I C H E S G O O D R T  
Y H E E K I N D N E S S



O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK; for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY to see your POWER and your GLORY, for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE; lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME. As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be satisfied, and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.