



The Armor of Faith
Topic Summary: Flame of Love
Part IV: Who Is Elizabeth Kindelmann?



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Introduction

[Greeting:] → Welcome to “The Armor of Faith,” a show where we hope to bring our listeners closer to the Word of God and the blessings we receive through living in the fullness of the Catholic faith. My name is Doug and I will be your host as we discuss the blessings of the Church Christ built upon Peter.

I am joined today by my panel: [names]

Helen is a lay-Dominican with a love for music ministry. The Dominicans, I always mention, are also known as the Order of Preachers. In addition to being my lovely wife as well as a wonderful blessing, Sharon is a youth and adult formation catechist. We are also blessed to have on our panel, Donna Mae, who is the artist who sculpted the statue of Our Lady of America which was carried by our youth and blessed by Saint John Paul II at the 1993 Word Youth Day.

We are also joined by special panel guests from the Flame of Love Movement; John Sullivan, Patti Schwartz, and David Proctor:

John is the National Spokesperson for the Flame of Love Movement in the US. John left the Church in 1973 but returned to the Catholic Church in 1998 after a study of the Ante-Nicene Fathers. Since then, he has been involved in local catechesis and parochial and diocesan evangelization.

Patti is the National Hispanic director for La Llama de Amor, United States. She taught in the New York public school system for 24 years and received the top model teacher award for New York State by an NBC affiliate. Patti is currently hosting a weekly radio show on The Flame of Love at Radio María Miami and evangelizes the Flame of Love movement to the cities in South Florida.

David is a cradle Catholic and is an active member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church. Since 2009, he has worked with the Missionaries of the Immaculate Mediatrix (MIM), a lay organization of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate and currently serves as Vice President and Treasurer. He has been actively involved with the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary since 2017 and is currently serving as Associate State Leader for Indiana.

Of course, as everyone knows by now, I am simply here to ask questions because it's kinda like placing the ball for the field goal kicker. I'm not sure where to take that analogy. Anyway, to answer my questions, correct my pronunciation, and make sure I know which century I am talking about is why we have our panelists, so welcome to our panelists as well as to our listeners.

Let us open with a prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanks and praise for this opportunity to open and share your Holy Word this day. We pray that You are with us and all our listeners as we share with one another the blessings of faith. We pray You will grant us wisdom and understanding as we seek to learn Your Holy Truth.

Dear Lord, we also lift up the prayers in our prayer basket. You know what is written on each one and you know the hearts of those who offer their thanks and praise as well as their petitions for the blessings of Your great mercy.

We pray especially today for the child Jake and Sister Veronica Paul. We ask, dear Lord, for Your healing hand to rest upon them, as well as your hand of comfort. We pray You will guide the hearts and hands of their caregivers; and that Your hand of comfort shall also rest on all who love and care for him.

We also lift up our hearts asking for your healing hand upon our nation. We pray You will enable hearts of justice, love, and mercy to prevail.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

If you would like to add your prayers to our prayer basket, all you need to do is send us an email at armoroffaithradio@gmail.com. We ask that you include the word “prayer” in the subject line so that we will give it priority and ensure we place it in our prayer basket. Just so you know, Sharon and I lift up our prayers with those in the Armor of Faith Radio prayer basket during the course of our daily prayers.

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Gospel and our trust in Jesus Christ. You can also help us by selecting the follow or subscribe option associated with the service through which you listen to our show.

Current Day Commentary:

Socialist Media and Faith

On Sunday, I saw John the Baptist trending. You can imagine my surprise that anything Christian would trend on socialist media (not to be confused with what we used to know as social media); so I made the mistake which I have promised myself over and over to stop making and that is clicking on anything in the “What’s Happening Box.” Personally, I wish I could hide or block that box, because it has really turned into nothing more than a trending box to highlight hateful, political, and mostly socialist propaganda.

To be fair, when I looked at the trend, there were several Catholic posts celebrating the readings for the second Sunday of Advent and the blessings of the voice which cried out in the desert to make straight the path, but that was not the reason John the Baptist was trending. As I clicked into the thread, I found a socialist hate storm denigrating Christians and professing that John the Baptist was a socialist. You can tell it is orchestrated when all the trolls use the same line by which to bait or attack their prey.

The basic theme of the political trolls was that Saint John the Baptist was socialist because he said in Luke 3:11, “*Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.*” What they want us to believe is that charity is socialism.

The argument goes something like this. John the Baptist preached to help the poor. Socialist propaganda preaches about helping the poor (although their solutions are problematic), therefore, John the Baptist was a socialist. They continue that if you accept the teachings of John the Baptist, you too, must also be a socialist. The other assumption, though is that by not accepting socialism, Christians are hypocrites and do not care for the less fortunate. Of course, this is propaganda logic. The flaw in this propaganda is that we may agree on certain problems, but we look to how God calls us to the charity of the heart. We do not to outsource the works of charity to the government as dictated by the centralized or social globalist ruling class.

Of course, they left off in their justification by scripture, the next verse, which states:

(Luke 3:12)

12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.”

What John was referring to was the corruption of the tax collectors who pocketed part of the tax collection for themselves. Corruption is one of the unfortunate fruits of socialism, for it relies on corruption to produce its promises until it strangles and kills all the individual and societal means of lifting populations to prosperity.

Socialism is simply an ideology of political power using the less fortunate as pawns. As the socialist ruling class solidify their power, those pawns become nothing more than chattel.

Socialism has never solved the problems of poverty, rather, it spreads it. Moreover, as it removes charity from hearts, what is left are hardened hearts which turn to corruption by which to survive corruption and make their own way. This dark and flawed ideology is spreading in America and it will lead to the destruction of our nation, indeed, we can see by the history of socialist propaganda, that has always been their intent.

What does this have to do with our faith? You have heard me say before, our salvation is not about whether this ideology or that is right or wrong, it is a matter of whether we understand and live what God asks of us. Socialism has no place for God, therefore, it has no care for our salvation.

I would like to share with you these words written by Pope Leo XIII on 28 Dec, 1878.

They [socialists, communists, or nihilists] debase the natural union of man and woman, which is held sacred even among barbarous peoples; and its bond, by which the family is chiefly held together, **they weaken, or even deliver up to lust.** Lured, in fine, by the **greed of present goods,** which is "the root of all evils, which some coveting have erred from the faith," **they assail the right of property sanctioned by natural law;** and by a scheme of horrible wickedness, while they seem desirous of caring for the needs and satisfying the desires of all men, they strive to seize and hold in common whatever has been acquired either by title of lawful inheritance, or by labor of brain and hands, or by thrift in one's mode of life. **These are the startling theories they utter in their meetings, set forth in their pamphlets, and scatter abroad in a cloud of journals and tracts.** (Leo XIII)

In other words, Pope Leo XIII, in 1878, was warning us against the means of socialist propaganda. To that list, we may now add social media, or more correctly, as it is being manipulated by Big Tech, "socialist media." We must be wary when we observe such propaganda, for souls are the ultimate target, including our own. If we know our faith, along with some knowledge of our Constitution, basic economics, science, and history; we will not be easily taken in. Indeed, we will recognize the wolves in the clothing of sheep; but what I fear the most are the wolves in the clothing of shepherds.

The more we study and learn what God asks of us and examine the fruits of what those in authority promote and do, we will have a better chance to correctly assess what is under the clothes. If we find ourselves confused at any time as to the truth of what God asks of us versus the dark extremes which seek to enslave us, then, we must ask the Holy Spirit to be our guide. He is our Advocate, as Jesus told us in John 14:26, He would send us to remind us of all which Jesus taught.

Why Catholics Do What We Do:

Catholic Definitions – Part V: Definition of Amen

Today's word is Amen. When we teach classes, one of the first words we find ourselves being asked about is, "Amen." Why? Because it is used in sooo many ways any more. For example, when there are crowds of people, you might hear people yelling, "Amen!" In Evangelical

churches the pastor calls the people to say Amen loudly. I have seen many times on social media where there is a message and it calls for an Amen response. And then there are folks like our beloved Fr. James Blount, who often says during one of his teachings, “can I get an Amen?”

For Catholics, Amen is used quite often, and mostly for prayer endings. So what is the meaning of this word and why do we use it in so many different ways?

Let us find the definition as told to us by Catholic Culture:

Solemn prayerful affirmation, taken over by the Christians from the synagogue for scriptural and liturgical use in apostolic times. It was often spoken by Christ, and is given as one of his names (see Revelation 3:14). Now used as an acclamation of assent or religious confirmation of the speaker's own thoughts. (Catholic Culture)

Amen means: truth, an affirmation, a confirmation, supported, upheld, dependability.

When we say “Amen.” we are saying that we agree with the speaker, the reading, or the document. It is an expression of faith. A faith which leads us to understand that God is hearing our prayer and will respond to it.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2856:

(CCC: 2856)

"Then, after the prayer is over you say 'Amen,' which means 'So be it,' thus ratifying with our 'Amen' what is contained in the prayer that God has taught us."

So next time you say, “Amen”, remember, you are confirming your belief and faith in what you are doing and saying. It is a vow that you speak that tells others that you are speaking truth.

Amen, So be it, I believe.

Have a blessed week All. Remember, you are loved dearly by God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and yes, by us as well.

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic definition of “amen,” we invite you to follow the links in the reference section of the topic summary for this show. You can obtain the topic summary by visiting <https://wcatradio.com/armoroffaithstudyguides/> and look for episode 176.

Discussion:

As we concluded our last discussion, I mentioned that we all walk the journey of faith at a different pace. Some are just beginning to chip away at trying to comprehend what God asks of us while others have known Him for many of their years. Some are blessed to hear His voice while others are blessed to feel Him in their heart. Still others know Him because they recognize His fingerprints on their lives or observe the footprints which walk beside them.

Some can point to a specific moment they were brought to believe. Others, such as myself, stumbled onto His path, but moments became years before the meaning of prayer and devotion began to take an appropriate root. The question for all of us, though, no matter where we are on this life long journey, is how we may help one another to know our Lord. Of course, to know Him requires we open our hearts to learn from Him and those He sends to teach us.

We look to history to teach us lessons. We stand on the shoulders of the generations which came before us and their experiences. Sometimes we learn from their successes. Sometimes we learn from their mistakes. Sometimes we learn from their relationships, especially the relationships they may have with Jesus and Mary. When we learn of such relationships, we may find our own personal benefit by examining what was shared.

When we become aware of someone who has interiorly heard the voices of Jesus and Mary in their hearts and minds, we, as they, are led to the question, why me; why not someone who is more respected, who is listened to, who is more righteous, who has greater talents? Why me and how can I possibly be the one who does what Jesus and Mary asks?

(Question 1: Indeed Elizabeth asked this about herself. John, can you relate to us what Our Blessed Mother told Elizabeth as to why Elizabeth was chosen as the person to begin the spreading of the Flame of Love devotion?)

After receiving these great graces, I exclaimed, “God, what have you done with me? Why do I no longer value earth? I cannot understand. **Why me?** Are there not pure souls who are worthy of you.”

Jesus said, **“From among the worst sinners, I choose souls for my work. If they accept, I fill them with great graces.”** Then he said, **“Use all your strength to bring sinners to me. Give no thought to anything else. By your desires, you have entered entirely into my heart.”** (Kindelmann, 18)

On November 19, Our Lady said, **“I will tell you why I chose you as the first person entrusted with the Flame. Many souls are more worthy, but the graces you received and the sufferings you have undertaken with such great fidelity have made you the chosen one.”**

“Your neighbors know and admire you. You have fought your battles before their eyes. I love to hear their good reports. I was attracted to you because you are not conceited.”

“You are a mother of a large family, and you know the pains and problems. You still experience many sorrows over your children. I have taken them all into consideration and shared with you the experiences of my Motherly heart.”

“Many families in Hungary are like yours, very cold. I want to warm all families with my Flame of Love. I am the Sorrowful Mother, and only a mother can share my sorrow. Be my eternal companion in lightening my sufferings.” (Kindelmann, 45)

On August 27, Our Lady explained, **“I chose a mother to transmit my messages because**

only a mother can experience my feelings. Without maternal experiences, you could not make great sacrifices. Motherhood is a vocation saturated with sufferings. As a Mother, I guarantee your heavenly reward.” (Kindelmann, 79)

(Question 2: Of course, when someone is chosen by Jesus and Mary to spread their requests, they become an immediate target of the evil one. Patti, can you tell us a little about how Elizabeth faced the onslaughts of the evil one, how she suffered, and what inspiration we may draw from Elizabeth's courage as a spiritual soldier?)

Our Lady pleaded, “Do not delay. Everyone has already wasted too much time. The Evil One works with greater success than everyone. Elizabeth, do not fear the devil who always encircles you. I have crushed him. Hide beneath my mantle, and frequently kiss the scapular that you wear.” (Kindelmann, 27)

On August 1, the Lord woke me up at 3:00 a.m. “*I seek hearts in the loneliness of the night.*” After he left, I decided to pray that the Flame of Love would be ignited. The devil filled me with anguish, but when I was immersed in the Flame of Love, the anguish disappeared and my soul felt light. It was like my body had been moved away, and only my soul was left. (Kindelmann, 30)

These battles exhaust me, but when I realize that I suffer for the Flame of Love, all becomes easy. The greatest suffering is total darkness accompanied by doubts. When these invade me, I can hardly walk.

The next day, as I was kneeling at the altar, the Evil One’s terrifying presence shook me. The devil spoke, “Do you know that this is pure imagination? You are trying to get attention. You are incapable of doing great things.” (Kindelmann, 36)

I did not understand how I could kneel for hours while the demon was so exasperated. Our Lady explained, “*You have been filled with my Flame of Love. Through you, I will fill all souls. While someone is at adoration or visiting the Blessed Sacrament, Satan loses his dominion. As a blind man, he ceases to rule over souls.*” (Kindelmann, 44)

The devil kept saying that I am deceiving myself and am filled with pride. I thought, “I should stop being involved in this Cause. I will admit my error to the priest and confess that all is a lie. I will recover my peace and be sincere.” (Kindelmann, 46)

At the Communion rail, the priest stopped in front of me. “Did he consider me unworthy?” He was just trying to separate two hosts. As he placed them on my tongue, they split apart, like two wings. I felt great relief, “O Lord, double your strength in me.”

I knelt for a long time, and it didn’t seem like I was inventing the Flame of Love. “O Jesus, there is nothing in me that comes from me. Please accept me.” He filled me with his presence and showed me the causes of these disturbances. (Kindelmann, 46)

On January 14, the Lord spoke, “*Make good use of this grace of abandonment. Satan wants to steal it from you. I permit these torments so he can see the power of abandonment.*” Satan tries to inject thoughts of pride. This is a terrible battle, giving me no peace. The Lord strengthened me with the penetrating look of his eyes. “*Always look into my eyes. The look of my eyes will blind Satan.*” (Kindelmann, 53)

After a long time, I finally got to Confession and told my spiritual Father that my soul was tormented because I was proud, untruthful, and deceiving him. I have had no peace.

He calmed me down and said that these accusations came from the devil and are not true. I need only be obedient and sincere, revealing to him all my future difficulties. (Kindelmann, 79)

(Question 3: We all walk the journey of our faith in different ways. Our experiences form us, and if we look carefully, we will recognize the fingerprints of God in our lives and the means by which He works to mold us and prepare us for our purpose. David, can you tell us a little about some of the key events in Elizabeth's life which formed her and prepared her to do as Jesus and Mary asked of her?)

- She was the thirteenth child - She, alone, survived into adulthood
- Orphaned, she was supposed to be adopted by a Swiss family, however, she was late for the train and a young couple took her back to Budapest
- In Budapest began the struggle of a 13-year-old orphan who needed to find work so she did not starve - as a lonely orphan who was often taken advantage of
- Twice she tried to enter religious congregations, but was rejected.
- In August 1929 when she was accepted for the parish choir - there she met Karoly Kindelmann, a chimney-sweeper instructor (a good paying position)
- She was married at 16 and had six children
- In 1946, her husband died
- In 1948, the Communist Nationalization of Hungary was harsh
- She was fired for having a statue of the Blessed Mother in her home
- By May 1951, she was in a humanly hopeless situation
- She became a technical supervisor at a foundry which saved her family from starvation
- Her children married and, with their grandchildren, moved back in with Elizabeth
- She became a lay Carmelite
- Her diary speaks of three years of spiritual darkness (1958 – 1961) that prepared her for the locutions (Kindelmann, 8-9)

I was a widow with six children. All my cares destroyed my solitude and drew me away from God. After a long battle, my spiritual life died. I even asked why I had such a large family. I constantly lost my work and had to seek a new job. Even Satan would laugh at me: “If you did not have your children, you would have abandoned your struggle.”

(Kindelmann, 11)

One day, I decided to stop going to Mass. However, something happened. I did laundry all day Sunday until a few minutes before Mass. Then, my child startled me: "Please hurry." However, at church, **I did not know how to speak with God.** I thought about my Carmelite fast: "I will leave that all behind" (even though I kept it with no difficulty). When I returned home, I picked up my meditation book. However, **my efforts to pray were in vain. A silence and coldness surrounded me. "God does not want to know me anymore."** (Kindelmann, 12)

My inner thoughts blasphemed God. This battle lasted for three years. On June 15, 1961, I attended the burial of Brother B. I thought, "He has been a true Carmelite and has led a holy life." Inside, I heard his voice: "**Do not cry. Return to Carmel.**"

The next day (Sunday, July 16, 1961), the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, I went to Confession. I felt no sorrow, only a great dryness. I kept thinking of Brother B. His voice led me to the Blessed Virgin, "**Go and prostrate before her.**" I did so but without feeling any peace. However, when I got home, **I felt I had left my wounded soul at Carmel.** In the silence of the night, I went into the garden, knelt before Our Lady of Lourdes and began to pray with fervor. The next day, I went to a little chapel where I often met Brother B. I prayed, "**Heavenly Mother, my steps are so uncertain. Do not abandon me.**" (Kindelmann, 12)

On February 10, 1962, I had no home. This is what the Lord Jesus desired. On Sunday, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, I knelt in church. "Jesus, you have me here. **I am completely detached from the world, just as you wanted.**"

Jesus answered, "**You must live this way from now on, in the greatest humility.**" (Kindelmann, 14)

The next day, my soul was shaken by this rejection [by Priest X]. Then, the Lord spoke, "**Do you believe in this Cause? Tell me.**"

"Lord, you know my faith better than I do." He responded, "*You are an instrument in our hands. Your place is next to the Mother of Sorrows. Do you want to continue to be our instrument? The priest shook you by not believing your sincere words. This suffering is just a rehearsal for the future. **This time of grace for the whole world is a holy Cause, but you cannot have feet of clay. To put this into action, your soul must be strong like steel.***" *The Lord's words gave me faith and confidence. Without these two, **no virtue can take root.*** (Kindelmann, 58)

Later, the Lord said, "**Record my words the best you can. No need for neatness and spelling. Do nothing that would make you look intelligent. Through your humility, we want to put Our Cause into action.**" (Kindelmann, 62)

Quotes:

(From the Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann)

“Heavenly Mother, my steps are so uncertain. Do not abandon me.”

My heart sank and my mind went blank, until Jesus spoke: *“Look at my disfigured face and my tortured body. Did I not suffer for souls? Believe in me and adore me.”* I made acts of faith and asked never to be separated from him. After this, I felt secure. Everything changed and I was drawn closer to him.

“Jesus, am I capable of this?” *“Just will it and trust me,”* he answered.

Because I relaxed after Satan’s trials, Jesus said, *“You are too immersed in earthly things. In your battles, do not seek relief by looking to earth. Come closer to me. Always look up. I and my Mother await you in heaven.”*

Final Thoughts:

As I mentioned during the opening to our discussion, when we become aware of someone who has interiorly heard the voices of Jesus and Mary in their hearts and minds, we, as they, are led to the question, why me? Why this person? Perhaps if we consider 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, we might have a better understanding, it is not who is blessed, for we are all blessed. It is not the one who hears, but that through the one who hears, we may all hear. Consider this scripture:

(1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

I Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. 2 You know how, when you were pagans, you were constantly attracted and led away to mute idols. 3 Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the spirit of God says, “Jesus be accursed.” And no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; 5 there are different forms of service but the same Lord; 6 there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 7 To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; 10 to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

When we reflect on this scripture, we must see, whatever gift is bestowed upon us or created within us is a gift of grace from God. The question, then, is not, “Why me,” for God has already determined that. The question is, “What can I do with what God has given me to help accomplish His will?” And if we are tempted to believe we are lacking in what we need, then, in prayer, we must ask God to help us know in our hearts what He asks of us and that He will guide us in our actions. We must not allow the evil one to drive our doubt or deceive us to

believe we cannot help accomplish the will of God; it is by the grace of God we can help accomplish His will, but it starts with our, “Yes,” just as all which has come through Mary began with her, “Yes!”

Wrap Up: Well, our time has once more come to an end. We hope you will be able to join us next time as we discuss the cause Our Lady called Elizabeth to spread.

Let us conclude with a prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this opportunity to share the blessings of our trust and faith in You. We pray that as we go our separate ways, You will continue to walk with us and help us to see how we may put on the armor of **truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation**, and the **Word** of the gospel not only for the benefit of our lives, but also the lives of all who cross our path. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

And let us share the Flame of Love Prayer:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Thank you all and God bless.

Next Session: Flame of Love – Part V: Our Lady's Cause

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