



The Armor of Faith
Topic Summary: Saints of Inspiration
Part VI: Saint of Fathers



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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. Sharon, in addition to being my lovely wife as well as a wonderful blessing in my life, 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 World Youth Day.

Of course, as everyone knows by now, I am simply here to ask questions because we have to give the panel something to talk about and questions keep them from talking about me. Well, at least on the show. Anyway, the hard part we leave to our panelists, which is to answer my questions, correct my pronunciation, and make sure I know which century I am talking about, 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 lift up our hearts in thanks for the parents who bring their children to Mass, for we know the health of not just our parishes, but also our society, begins with the number of coos and cries from the little ones in the pews. We pray too, dear Lord, that You will touch all the hearts which surround them so that these young families will feel encouraged and welcomed in the church You built for them.

We also pray, dear Lord, that You will guide us in how we may support and encourage those who seek to learn more about the Church You built upon Peter. We pray especially for those who are learning about and will soon enter Your holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

And we lift up our hearts especially for the safe delivery of Sarah's baby and for a safe surgery for Jennifer. We pray Your healing hand shall rest upon them, as well as Your hand of comfort; that You will guide the hearts and hands of their care givers, and that Your hand of comfort shall also rest on all who love and care for them.

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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Before we get into our current day commentary, we have a special message for our listeners in Colorado Springs and surrounding communities. Last week, we mentioned the Jericho Walk that was planned for Saturday, 13 March. The day after our show aired, we were notified that it was postponed due to extreme cold and snowy weather. The new date for this prayer effort is now set for 27 March, 2021. Even if you cannot go to the sidewalk, we encourage you to pray. For more details, you can go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/coloradosprings> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Current Day Commentary:

Lives We May Never Know We Save

As we have been following this year's 40 Days for Life campaign, we have received a variety of heart warming stories of babies saved. Think about this for a moment; lives are being spared because there are people visible and praying on the sidewalk. Lives are also being spared

through the support of Pregnancy Resource Centers and similar organizations working to assist parents to meet the needs of having and raising children. Lives are being spared because good souls are volunteering and donating to help encourage and protect the sanctity of life.

One particular story caught my attention. Michele Mason, the Campaign Leader for Colorado Springs wrote:

As we were ending our prayer time today, a woman pulled up in her car and talked to 2 of our girls. She gave them a bouquet of roses and blueberry muffins and thanked them. She told them that her daughter had gone to Planned Parenthood years before - not once, but twice to have abortions. BOTH TIMES the daughter saw people praying at the sidewalk and she chose life! This woman now has 2 beautiful grandchildren because of the presence of all of you praying at the sidewalk! (Michele Mason, email 7 Mar 2021)

This brought to mind a quote by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director. She wrote:

If you have ever wondered if your presence outside of an abortion clinic makes a difference. Well, let me tell you what Planned Parenthood announced at the last national conference I attended. They said this, "Our no-show rate goes up to 75% when people are outside our clinics praying." (Johnson)

In the moment, we do not always know the results of our prayers or the actions we take to help accomplish the will of God, but we must know, we cannot act without causing a ripple effect. Our prayers are heard, but we are not always aware of the totality of the answer. The love which we share through our actions sows seeds, but we are not always aware of the fruits. Sometimes someone may come to say thank you. Sometimes someone may repay the gift forward. We are blessed if we learn of such things, but we must always trust that what we do in love is never in vain. We must remember, the life we encourage and enable today may encourage and enable another in the days yet to come.

Lent is a time of reflection and a time to examine what we do with our talents and our works. It is not the only time for this, but it is a special time for us to pay attention. As we engage this time, let us look for the opportunities which God provides us. Let us look for how we may help preserve the sanctity of life, marriage, and family. Let us look for how we may help the less fortunate. Let us offer ourselves in faith to help accomplish the will of God, which a certain saint reminds us is love and mercy itself.

Why Catholics Do What We Do:

Catholic Definitions – Part XIX: Prayer

During Lent, we hear lots of talk about praying. What is prayer? What does prayer mean and where did it come from? Are we required to pray? How do we Pray? For what reasons do we pray?

The word pray comes to us from various languages. In ancient English it means to “ask earnestly.” In French, the word is “preier” and it comes from the Latin word “*precari*.” *Precari* means, to ask.

To pray is to communicate. In prayer we converse with God or even with saints. There are two forms of prayer, formal and informal. The formal prayers would be the Mass, or The Lord's Prayer as Jesus Himself taught us. Informal prayers would be those we express from our hearts. During these prayers we don't always know before hand what we are going to say, it just happens.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has a lovely way of explaining to us about prayer. For the sake of time, I am going to paraphrase, but check out paragraphs 2559 – 2561.

Prayer is our way of raising up our minds and hearts to God. During prayer we go to God with humility and contrite hearts to make requests for His assistance. The humility and contriteness we present to God are very important. We must always be aware of the fact that we are His children and He is all knowing.

When we go to God for help, for any reason, He is always there to help us and to hear us. Remember, He will do for us whatever is needed. What is needed is not always for what we ask, but then, He, who sees across the generations and time and space, knows exactly what we truly need. So when we go to Him, we need to accept that His answer is for our benefit and well being. He will never do us wrong.

Are we required to pray?

Well, are we required to eat? Are we required to breathe? Are we required to rest? The truthful answer is no. We don't have to do any of these things. However, it is always much easier for us if we do. The Catholic Church guides us with urges to pray especially during Lent. This is so that we may build upon a relationship with God. We need to have that face time with God to let Him know that we know who He is and that we desire to be counted among His flock.

How do we pray?

Prayer is something we can do anytime and any place. It is good to find a place where we can be alone and calm our selves in order to hear God talk with us. It is good when we are in places and witness distress. We can pray for others who we see having problems. Prayer can be done quietly or not so quietly. Prayer can be done by ourselves or with a few others or with many other people. There are no absolutes on how to pray. Just do it. Pray by reading scripture, or reading prayers of which others have written. Prayer can be reading a biography of Jesus, a saint, a holy person, church history. Prayer can be thinking about someone we love and commit this person to God's love and care. Prayer can be musical. We can play an instrument and sing to our heart's content. Oh yes, when we sing, we pray twice because we are using words and voice and heart. Prayer can be to praise, to ask, and to thank Him who loves us most.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has a passage which tells us that prayer is a covenant.

(CCC: 2564)

Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.

Prayer is communion.

(CCC: 2565)

In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is "the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity...with the whole human spirit." Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ. Prayer is *Christian* insofar as it is communion with Christ and extends throughout the Church, which is his Body. Its dimensions are those of Christ's love.

When I think of prayer, I think of talking with God. The problem for most of us is that we talk, but fail to listen. When we talk, we need to be aware that God also wants to talk as well. This is called conversing. A conversation happens when two or more people share time to share ideas. A conversation does not happen when one person monopolizes the time and does not let others have their chance to express their feelings. When we want to dialogue with God, we should feel free to tell Him anything we like. But we must also be willing to listen so that He might impart upon us His thoughts.

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 meaning of “prayer” we invite you to follow the links in the reference section of the topic summary for this episode. You can obtain the topic summary by visiting <https://wcatradio.com/armoroffaithstudyguides/> and select episode 190. We also invite you to listen to our series, “Prayer and the Holy Spirit,” episodes 16 – 21; as well as our series, “Put on the Armor of Prayer,” episodes 107 – 115. You can listen to any of these episodes on demand at <https://wcarradio.com/armoroffaith>.

Discussion:

As we concluded our last discussion, I mentioned that the vocations to which we are called, all point to God and are designed for us to assist one another during the journey of faith. It is a lifelong journey. When we are young, we look to our elders. As we mature and age, we must look to fulfill our responsibility to the generations which come after us. The manner in which we fulfill the vocations to which we are called will define our legacy and perhaps the

conversation we will one day have with our Lord when He asks us what we did with the gifts He gave us.

For those who are called to the sacrament of matrimony, they are called to be open to receiving the gift of children and the vocation of parenthood. They are also called to the responsible raising of that gift so their children are prepared to assume their vocation within their generation so they may help prepare the next.

As parenthood transitions to grand-parenthood, our role changes, but it is no less important. Grandparents must seek to assist their children with the education and faith formation of children. As we influence our youth, we prepare them to become elders. The fruit of our efforts is their character and their relationship with our Creator. If we are to be good grandparents, we must begin our preparation as we take ownership of our lives. Our legacy begins with the raising of our children. It continues as they raise their children and we help share with them the culture of our family, the lessons of our history, and most importantly, the blessings of living the fullness of our faith along with the blessings of love.

Scripture does not speak of the grandparents of Jesus, but would not the Heavenly Father have selected them as He selected the mother of His only begotten Son? Would they not reflect the good qualities of a grandparent of which scripture speaks? Should we not, then, ask for their intercession to help us see the path to which their Grandchild calls us? Let us, then, allow them to nudge our hearts to produce good fruits by which to enable our children and grandchildren. Let us ask these saints to help us see the ways by which we may come to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and Savior, as well as help accomplish the will of God, which, a certain saint reminds us, is love and mercy itself.

Today, we are going to discuss someone who is mentioned in scripture and who is known as the saint of fathers. He is also known as the patron saint of the universal church, unborn children, workers, travelers, immigrants, home seekers, and a happy death, among others. We know him from scripture as Joseph, the betrothed protector of Jesus and Mary.

The first mention of Joseph is in the book of Matthew. After presenting the genealogy of Jesus, we read:

(Matthew 1:18-25)

18 Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. 19 Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. 20 Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. 21 She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means “God is with us.” 24 When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. 25 He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

(Question 1: From the genealogy, we learn that Joseph is in the line of King David, but Joseph is not himself a powerful king. In this brief description of events, what do we learn about Joseph?)

- He was a righteous man
- He was unwilling to cause harm to Mary - “expose her to shame”
- He had a plan, but it was not God's plan
- He did as the angel of the Lord commanded him
- He changed his plan and his efforts to align with that of God

We learn a little bit more in the second chapter of Luke:

(Luke 2:1-7)

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

(Question 2: Again, this is just a brief mention of Joseph. What do we learn here?)

- Another confirmation Joseph is of the house and family of king David
- Joseph was not a celebrity or perceived as powerful as there was no room for them at the inn
- Joseph sought to provide for Mary and Jesus, even with meager means

As we return to Matthew, after the nativity, we are told the following:

(Matthew 2:13-15)

13 When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” 14 Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. 15 He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

(Matthew 2:19-23)

19 When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” 21 He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. 23 He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazorean.”

(Question 3: So here, Jesus is being guided in his role as provider and protector for Jesus and Mary. What do we observe here and why should this bring us inspiration?)

- Joseph faced the armies of a king
- Joseph did not respond by raising armies of his own
- Joseph did what he was instructed by God
- There was no grand battle, yet the objectives of Herod were defeated
- Joseph was able to provide and protect by doing what God asked of him

Perhaps the last we hear of the actions of Joseph in scripture is found in Luke 2.

(Luke 2:41-52)

41 Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, 42 and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. 43 After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, 47 and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” 49 And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

(Question 4: We might be tempted to think that being the parents of the only begotten Son of God, a sinless child, would be a piece of cake. What do we have to worry, for there is no behavior we must correct? As we reflect on this story, though, we observe the worry and anxiety every mother and father experiences whenever they lose track of their child. What does this event reveal about Joseph?)

- Anxiousness for someone comes as the result of concern
 - Joseph did not understand what Jesus said about the need to be in His Father's house, the temple
 - Jesus, the Son of the Creator was obedient to Joseph in Joseph's patriarchal role
 - For Jesus to be obedient, Joseph could not be in opposition to God
 - This reveals Joseph as pure of heart, holy, and obedient to God
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On 8 Dec 1870, Pope Pius IX decreed Saint Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church. He wrote:

On account of this sublime dignity which God conferred on His most faithful Servant, the Church has always most highly honored and lauded the Most Blessed Joseph next after his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has implored his intercession in all her great necessities. And now that in this most sorrowful time the Church herself is beset by enemies on every side and oppressed by heavy calamities, so that impious men imagine that the gates of hell are at length prevailing against her, the Venerable Prelates of the whole Catholic world have presented to the Sovereign Pontiff their own petitions and those of the faithful confided to their care, praying that he would vouchsafe to constitute St. Joseph Patron of the Catholic Church. (Pope Pius IX; *Quemadmodum Deus*)

On 25 July 1920, Pope Benedict XV wrote in *Bonum Sane*:

We now see, with true sorrow, that society is now much more depraved and corrupt than before, and that the so-called "social question" has been aggravating to such an extent as to create the threat of irreparable ruin. ... This World Government will no longer acknowledge the authority of the father over his children, or of the public power over the citizens, or of God over human society. All things will, if implemented, lead to terrible social convulsions, like those which are already happening ... We, therefore, concerned most of all by the course of these events ... remind those on Our side, who earn their bread by their work, to save them from Socialism, the sworn enemy of Christian principles, that with great solicitude We recommend them in particular to St. Joseph, to follow him as their guide and to receive the special honor of his heavenly patronage. (Apostolate of Saint Joseph)

In 1937, Pope Pius XI wrote in *Divini Redemptoris*:

To hasten the advent of that "peace of Christ in the kingdom of Christ" so ardently desired by all, We entrust the vast campaign of the Church against world Communism under the standard of St. Joseph, Her mighty Protector. He belongs to the working-class, and he bore the burdens of poverty for himself and the Holy Family, whose tender and vigilant head he was. To him was entrusted the Divine Child when Herod loosed his assassins against Him. In a life of faithful performance of everyday duties, he left an example for all those who must gain their bread by the toil of their hands. He won for himself the title of "The Just," serving thus as a living model of that Christian justice which should reign in social life. (Pope Pius XI, *Divini Redemptoris*)

On 15 August 1989, Saint John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Custos*:

This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization in those lands and nations where-as I wrote in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici* - "religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and...are now put to a hard test."

(Saint John Paul II, *Redemptoris Custos*)

As we reflect on these statements of several popes, we observe a history where the intercession of Saint Joseph was requested for the protection of the Church against all enemies, in particular the atheistic ideologies of communism, socialism, and liberalism; which we know in our modern day as Progressivism.

(Question 5: When we consider the request by the popes for Saint Joseph's intercession on behalf of the Church, what does that mean to us?)

- We are the Church, therefore, the intercession of Saint Joseph for the protection of the Church is also called to extend over our souls
- Our prayers ask for protection for all the missions and works of mercy of the church on behalf of the ill, afflicted, and less fortunate
- Our prayers ask for protection for the evangelization of our faith
- Our prayers ask for the protection of the sanctity of life, marriage, and family
- Our prayers ask for protection of the dignity of work and the worker
- As patron of the Church, we may also call upon Saint Joseph to protect the domestic church → protection of our family and our vocations by which to help accomplish the will of God

For a novena in honor of Saint Joseph, visit novenaprayer.com and search for Saint Joseph.
<https://novenaprayer.com/2020/09/11/saint-joseph-novena-2/>

Feastday: 19 March

Patron: Fathers, Families, Carpenters, Workers, Travelers, Unborn Children, Immigrants, and Houseseekers

Death: 1st Century

Beatified: By Pre-Congregation

Canonized: By Pre-Congregation

Quotes:

– *Pope Benedict XV*

We, full of confidence in the patronage of the one to whose provident supervision God was pleased to entrust the custody of His only-begotten Incarnate Son, and the Virgin Mother of God, we earnestly exhort all the Bishops of the Catholic world that, in times so turbulent for Christianity, to induce the faithful to pray with greater commitment for the valuable help of St.

Joseph. And since there are several ways approved by the Apostolic See with whom you can venerate the Holy Patriarch, especially every Wednesday throughout the year and month consecrated to him, We want, for every Bishop to heed these requests - that all these devotions, as much as possible, are practiced in every diocese.

– *Venerable Pius XII, Address to Italian Workers, 1 May 1955*

St. Joseph is the best protector to help you in your life, to penetrate the spirit of the Gospel. Indeed, from the Heart of the God-Man, Savior of the world, this spirit is infused in you and in all men, but it is certain that there was no worker's spirit so perfectly and deeply penetrated as the putative father of Jesus, who lived with him in the closest intimacy and community of family and work. So, if you want to be close to Christ, I repeat to you "*Ite ad Ioseph*": Go to Joseph!

– *Pope Pius VI - Homily, 19 March 1969*

Finally, the Church invokes him as her Patron and Protector through her unshakeable trust that he to whom Christ willed to confide the care and protection of His own frail human childhood, will continue from heaven to perform his protective task in order to guide and defend the Mystical Body of Christ Himself, which is always weak, always under attack, always in a state of peril.

– *Pope Benedict XVI – 19 Mar 2009*

Each and every one of us has a role to play in the plan of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If discouragement overwhelms you, think of the faith of Joseph; if anxiety has its grip on you, think of the hope of Joseph, that descendant of Abraham who hoped against hope; if exasperation or hatred seizes you, think of the love of Joseph, who was the first man to set eyes on the human face of God in the person of the Infant conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

Final Thoughts:

During episodes 152 and 155, we discussed the example Saint Joseph provides to the vocation of fatherhood. We were also blessed during episode 155 to be joined by Father Donald Calloway who wrote a very extensive examination of this saint of fathers. The title of the book is [Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father](#). It is available for purchase through the website, www.consecrationtostjoseph.org or you can also visit www.fathercalloway.com

The focus of our discussion was about the example Saint Joseph set for fathers as providers and protectors of the family. I must confess, as I prepared for today's episode, I suddenly came to the realization that God chose Saint Joseph, not just to be a foster father to His only begotten Son, but His protector when the child was the most vulnerable in human form. We must think of this for a moment, what our Heavenly Father entrusted to Joseph was the treasure of our salvation; Jesus Christ. As we discussed earlier, Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph, but He could not be so if they were not first obedient to our Heavenly Father.

Now, the question we must ask of ourselves, for those of us in the vocation of fatherhood, what has God entrusted to our hands? The souls who are our children are depending upon us to raise

them, just as we depended upon our parents. We must ask ourselves, what are we going to do to protect the salvation of our children? How will we prepare them to stand firm against the tactics of the devil? If we are in doubt as to the responsibility God has placed in our hands, then, let us ask Saint Joseph to touch our hearts. Let us look over our children, these precious gifts of God, and commit ourselves to provide for them, to protect them, and most importantly, love them so that as they prepare to assume their vocation, they are also prepared to assume their role to help accomplish the will of God, which a certain saint reminds us is love and mercy itself.

There is so much more we could share about the saint of fathers, but again, we have so little time. If you would like to learn more about Saint Joseph, 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 190.

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 turn our discussion to the Saint of Babies, Infants, and Youth.

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.

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.*

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

Thank you all and God bless.

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