

CANVAS & THE CLAY

Seeing The Work of the Divine Artist & Embracing Catholic Living

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PRAAYER IN SONG

In Your Midst by Allie Page

Recommended by a friend several years ago, this song written by her best friend hasn't left me. I've found myself singing this song throughout my days this month. To be in the midst of our Lord: that is the sole desire of the Christian. Every verse of this song speaks to our heart, the truth of this desire. Is this our soul desire for 2021, to be in His Midst?

TRUTH IN PODCAST

Episode: Returning to Your First Love

The CFR Friars, with lighthearted laughs, draws us back to focusing on our relationship with the Lord. With all the distractions of this past year, they invite us to begin this new year by returning to our first love, to Christ, as he says "Let's get back to You and Me."



ERASMO LEIVA-MERIKAKIS



WISDOM IN WORDS

"Becoming Wet Clay in His Hands"

In his book The Way of the Disciple, Merikakis in this first chapter draws us to reflect on the truth that we are the clay in the hands of the Divine Artist. Will we allow Him to mold us? This book is one of my favorite spiritual reads of all time.



BEAUTY OF EXAMPLE

" Samuel, Samuel"

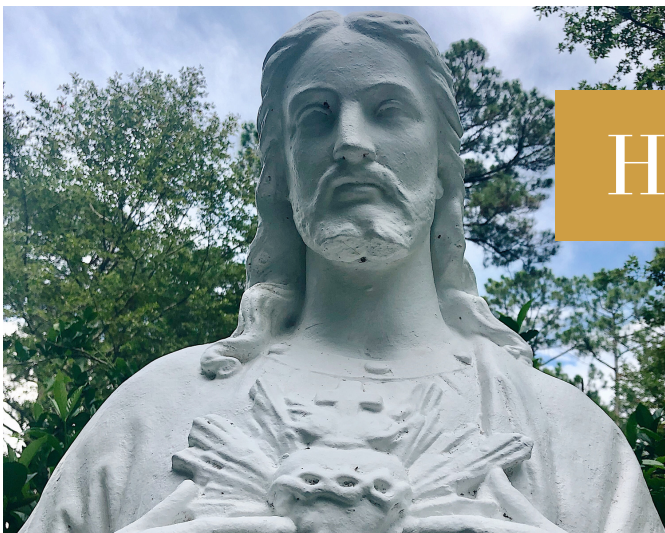
"the LORD came and stood there, calling out as before: Samuel, Samuel! Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Sam 3:10

While reading for Mass this summer, the Holy Spirit placed on my heart to beauty of having a childlike response like Samuel. What trust! What freedom in obedience He has with following our Lord! May we too respond "Hear I am Lord, I come to do your will."

CINEMA SPEAKS

Netflix's The Social Dilemma

A group from Silicon Valley in this documentary speak to the eye-opening effects of social media. Although technology has become a useful tool in this age, it is very interesting to see it through the lens of the tech industry that we may not be aware of.



HIS HOLY NAME

This month of January, the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. There is much power in His name that can cast out fear, draw us closer to His heart, and bring about healing in our lives, especially after this past year. I invite you to pray with the Litany of His Most Holy Name this month.