

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM



As we gather in faith, let us reflect on the true gift of God's mercy. True freedom begins when we open our hearts to Christ, allowing His mercy to renew us. In Him,

the weight of sin is lifted, and we are led into peace, healing, and restoration. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). These were the words of Jesus to the "good thief" who confessed his sins and recognized Christ as the innocent Lamb of God. His act of contrition became an eternal example of God's mercy and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Paul reminds us that in Christ we are made new (2 Corinthians 5:17–18), and Jesus gave His apostles the authority to forgive sins (John 20:23). This mission continues in the Church today through priests, who,

ordained to serve in persona Christi, offer absolution as instruments of His mercy.

Even the earliest Christian

communities

depended on this priestly ministry. Without it, the Church could not have survived.

Rooted in Christ's words to Peter—"On this rock I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:18)—the ministry of reconciliation endures. Through it, Christ's mercy flows to us still, calling us to forgiveness, renewal, and true freedom in Him.

~Reverend Arputham Arulsamy (Fr. Samy), Risen Eagle Spiritual Director~

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Isaiah 43:18-19

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Matthew 16:19

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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Call and leave us a message with your brief prayer intentions. Prayers will be lifted at holy mass confidentially and our Eagle Ambassador prayer warriors will also intercede for your intentions.

RE-ENTRY ROADMAP:

Hope in New Beginnings.

Every step forward draws you closer to God's mercy. Leave yesterday behind—today is your chance to grow, forgive, and begin again. Need prayer or support? Call: 929-561-8301.

~Chemeka R, Risen Eagle Ambassador ~

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

True healing begins with self-care. Listen to your body, nurture your spirit, and guard your peace. In caring for yourself, you make room for God's grace to restore you fully.

~Tricia D, Risen Eagle Ambassador~

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Saint of the Month: Blessed Carlo Acutis



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) is a shining example of how God's grace works powerfully in ordinary life. Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo grew up like many young

people today. He enjoyed soccer, video games, and spending time with friends. Yet from an early age, he also showed a deep love for God and a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist. He attended daily Mass, prayed the Rosary, and entrusted his entire life to Christ. What makes Carlo's witness so powerful is the way he united faith and modern life. With his computer skills, he designed a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world, making them accessible for millions. In this way, he became a missionary of reconciliation and renewal—using technology not for self-promotion, but to lead others to encounter Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. His example reminds us that God's mercy and truth can reach every corner of the world, even the digital one. Carlo often said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." For him, spiritual freedom was found in living closely with Christ. Even when diagnosed with leukemia at age 15, Carlo embraced his

suffering with peace, offering it for the Church and the Holy Father. He once remarked, "All people are born as originals, but many die as



photocopies." His life encourages us to reject sin and mediocrity, and instead live as the unique and unrepeatable children of God we were created to be.

In 2020, Pope Francis beatified Carlo, recognizing his heroic virtue and devotion. Now, as the Church prepares for his canonization in 2025—making him the first millennial saint—we are reminded that holiness is not reserved for the past. It is possible here and now.

Carlo shows us that reconciliation, forgiveness, and freedom in Christ are not

distant ideals but living realities, even for the young and ordinary.

As we look to Blessed Carlo's example, may we too choose Christ as our "highway to heaven," living lives rooted in mercy, faith, and love.
Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Today, pilgrims from around the world visit his tomb in Assisi, where Carlo rests peacefully. His life and witness continue to inspire countless souls, reminding us that holiness is not distant, but possible for all—even in our modern age.



~Kim C, Risen Eagle Ambassador ~



WORDS OF HOPE

I am not defined by my circumstances.

I am defined by my actions.
I am committed to my personal growth and healing. I am worthy of respect, love and second chances.

~Redeemed~