

Embrace GRACE

St Monica Parish Mission 2021

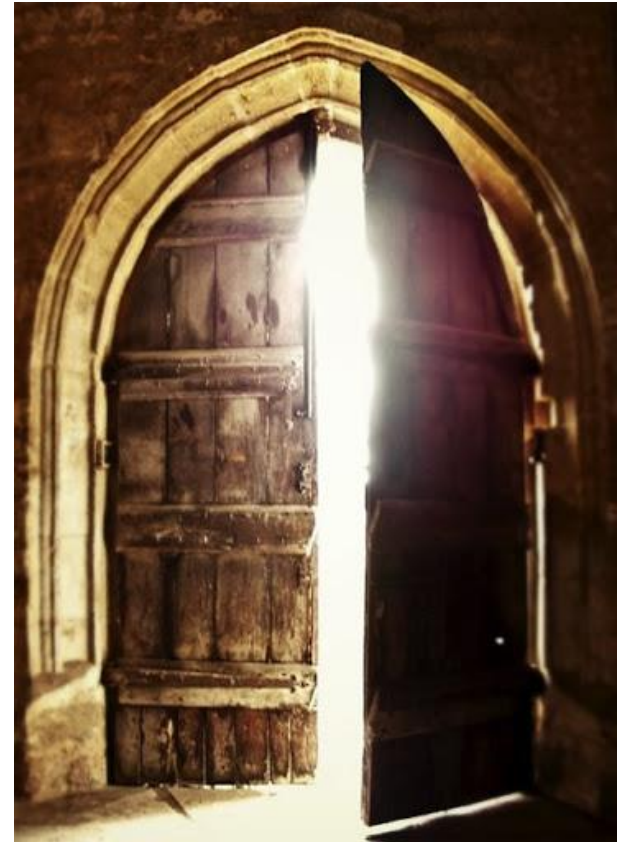
A Blessing of Welcome and Peace



Heavenly Father,

Every day is a new day that has
never been before,
This year is a new year, the opening
door.
Enter, Lord Jesus Christ-we have joy
in Your coming,

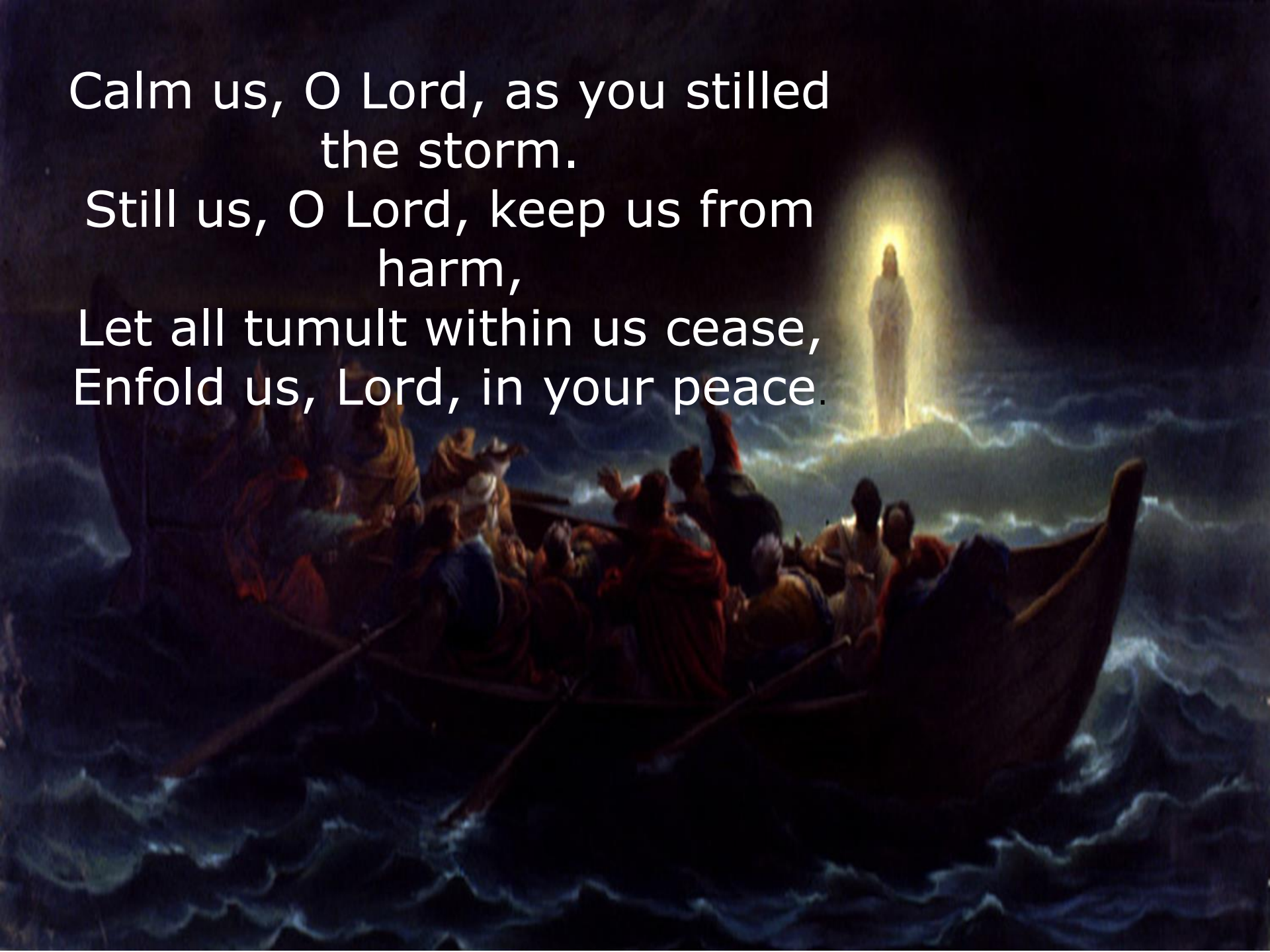
You have given us life, and we
welcome Your coming.



Calm us, O Lord, as you stilled
the storm.

Still us, O Lord, keep us from
harm,

Let all tumult within us cease,
Enfold us, Lord, in your peace.



We turn now to face you,
we lift up our eyes,

Be blessing our face, Lord
Be blessing our eyes.

May all our eye looks on
Be blessed and be bright

Our neighbors and loved
ones,

Be blessed in Your sight.





Bless us, Lord, with divine vision,
May this parish mission be a sacred place,
A grace-filled space,
A place where heaven and earth meet. Amen.



WINNER
2020 International
Book Awards

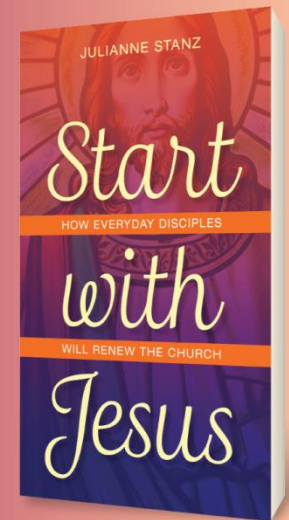
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2020 Catholic Press
Association Book
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MEDALIST
2020 Association of
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**DISTINGUISHED
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2020 Independent
Press Awards

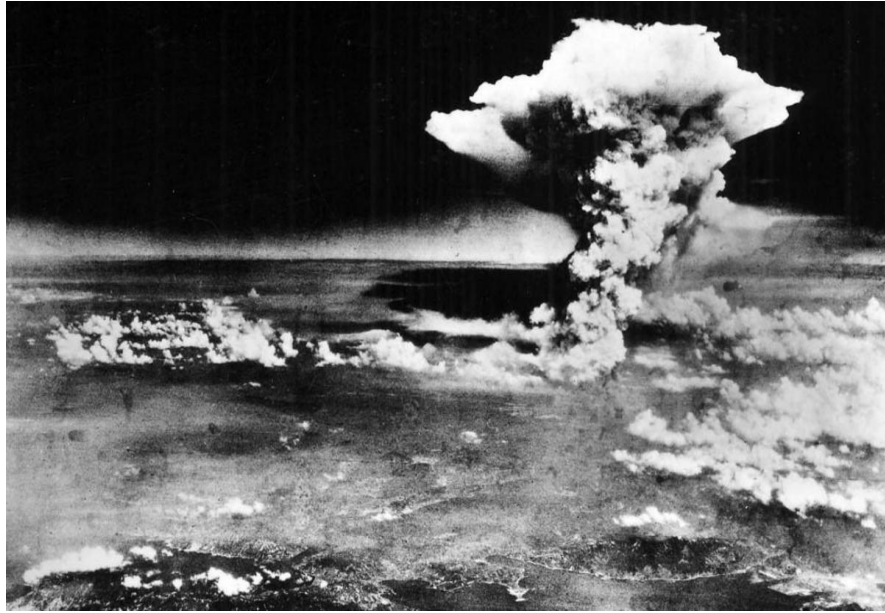
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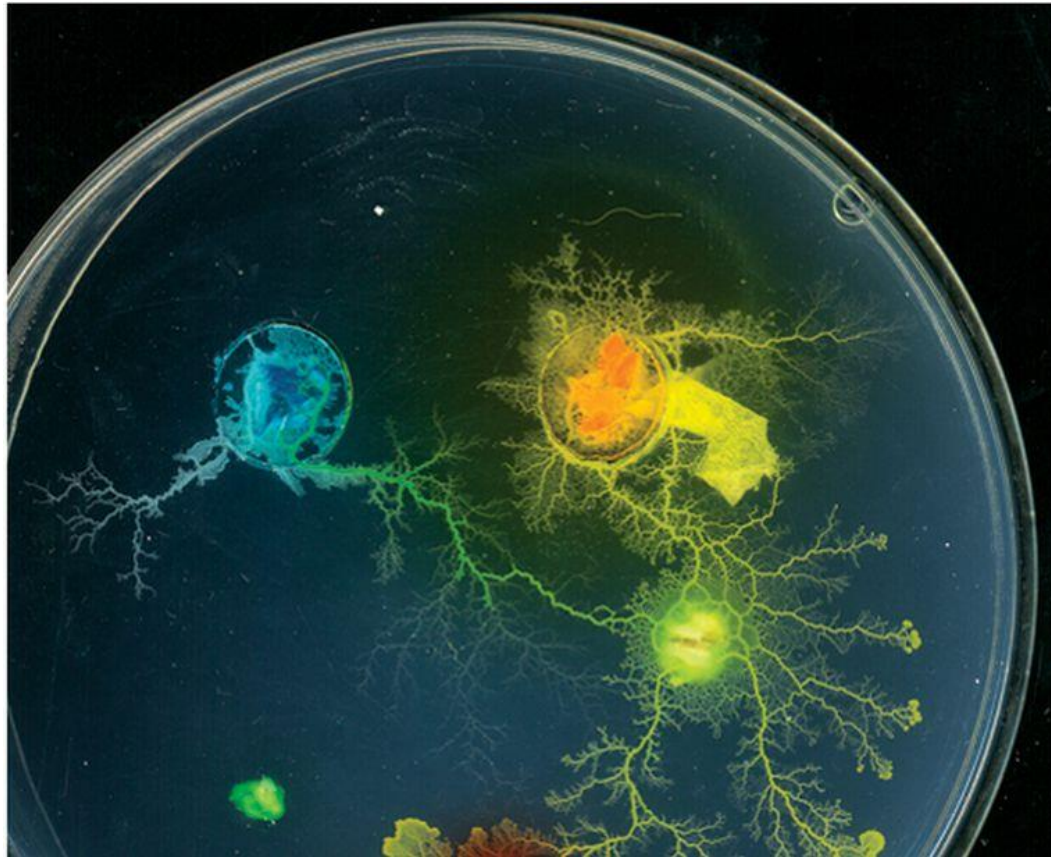


The Great Pause of 2020





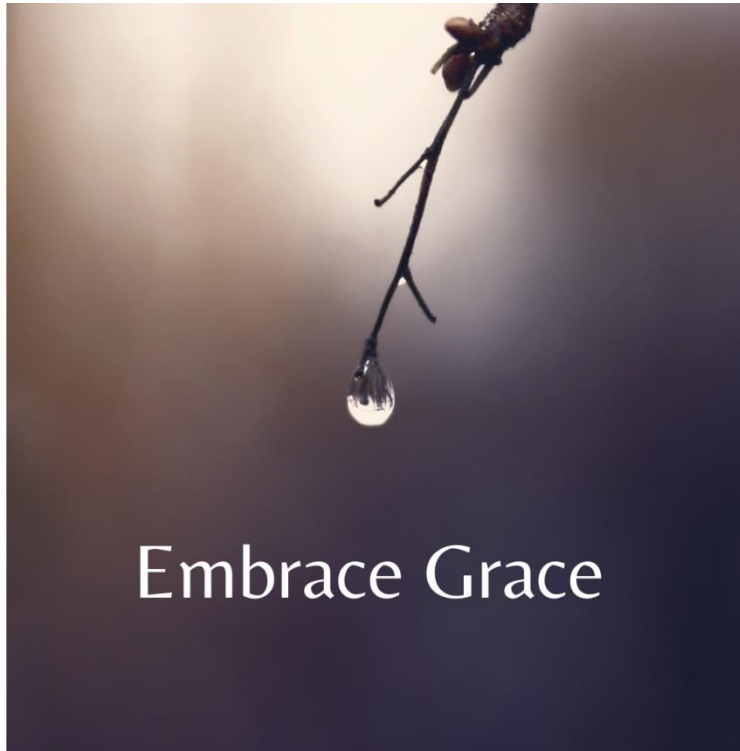
The “Living Cells”





"...and that Christ
may dwell in your
hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and
grounded in love"

Ephesians 3:17



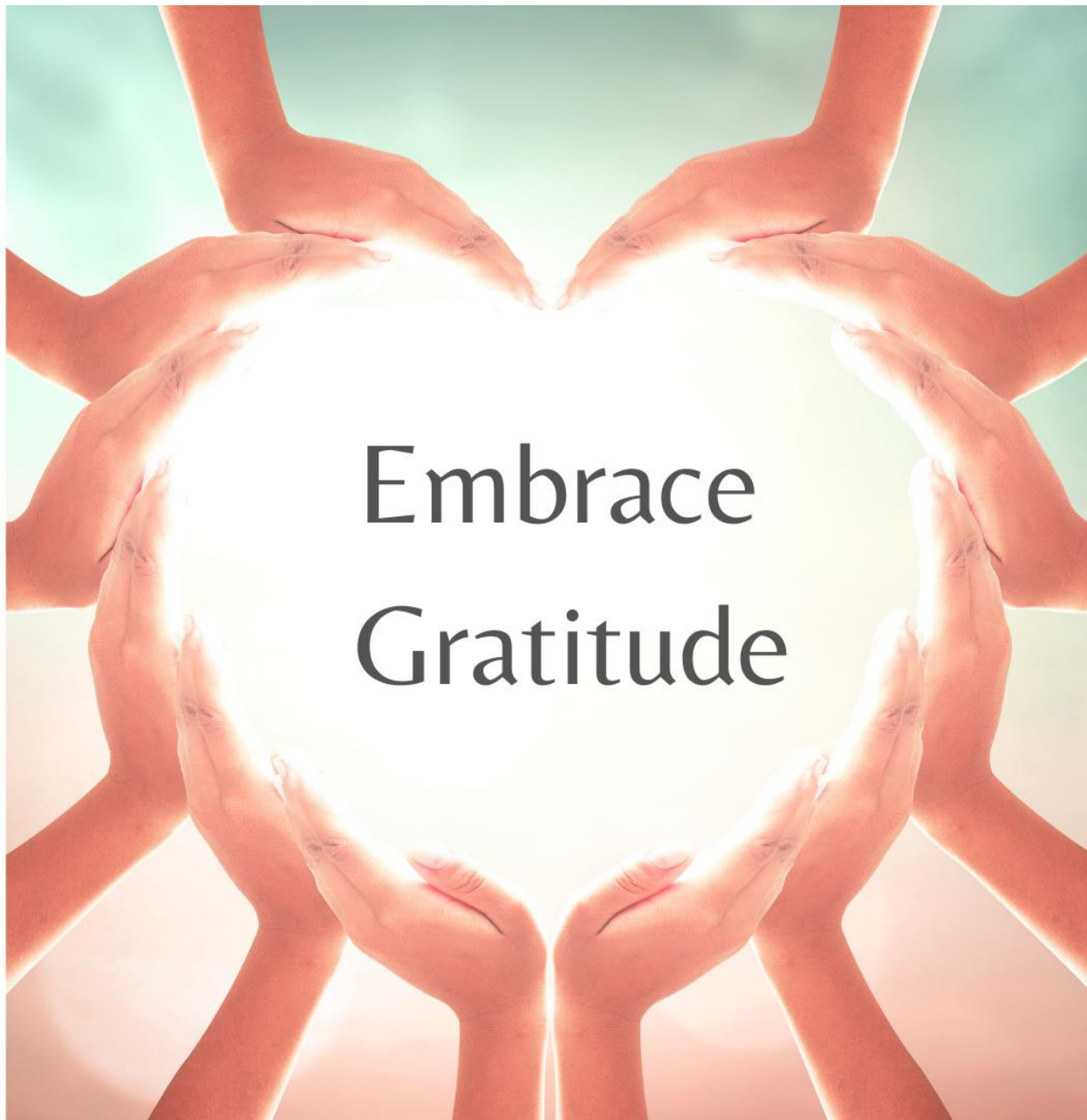
G- Gratitude

R- Release Regrets

A- Acceptance

C- Cultivate Radical
Hospitality

E- Embrace Stillness



A soft-focus background image featuring a hand holding a glowing, golden orb. The scene is set against a warm, hazy sunset or sunrise sky with a large, bright sun visible in the upper center. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

The heart of blessing is gratitude for the other.

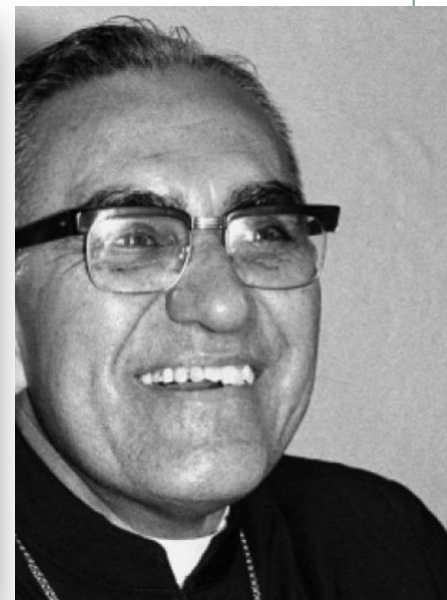
Gratitude allows us to see with God's eyes



I See God in You

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The Old Healer to the Soul

“It’s not your back that hurts, but the burden.

It’s not your eyes that hurt, but injustice.

It’s not your head that hurts, it’s your thoughts.

Not the throat, but what you don’t express or say with anger.

Not the stomach that hurts, but what the soul does not digest.

It’s not the liver that hurts, it’s the anger.

It’s not your heart that hurts, but love.

And it is love itself that contains the most powerful medicine”



Gratitude as Divine Memory



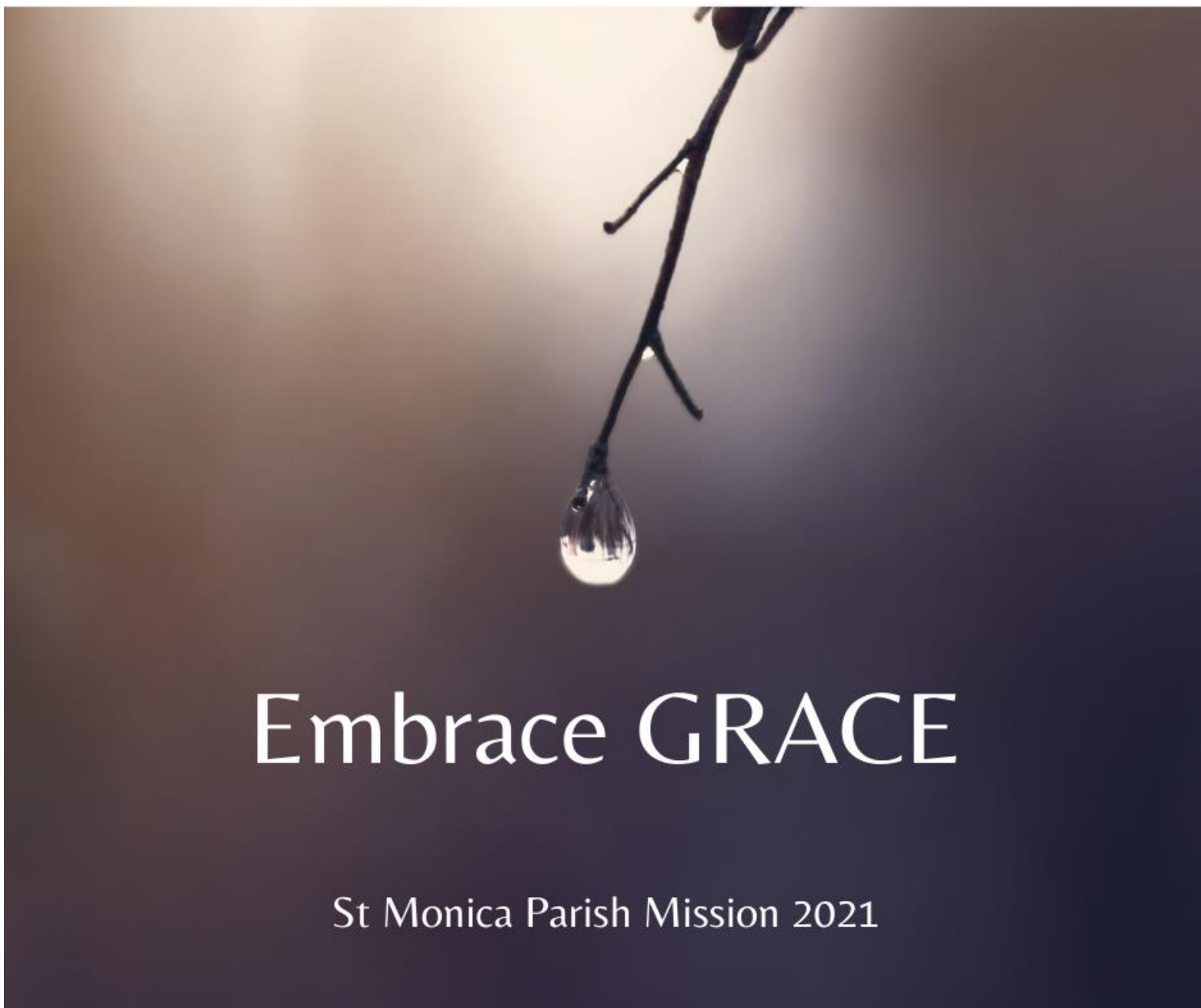
We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come.

Gratitude is Eucharist

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