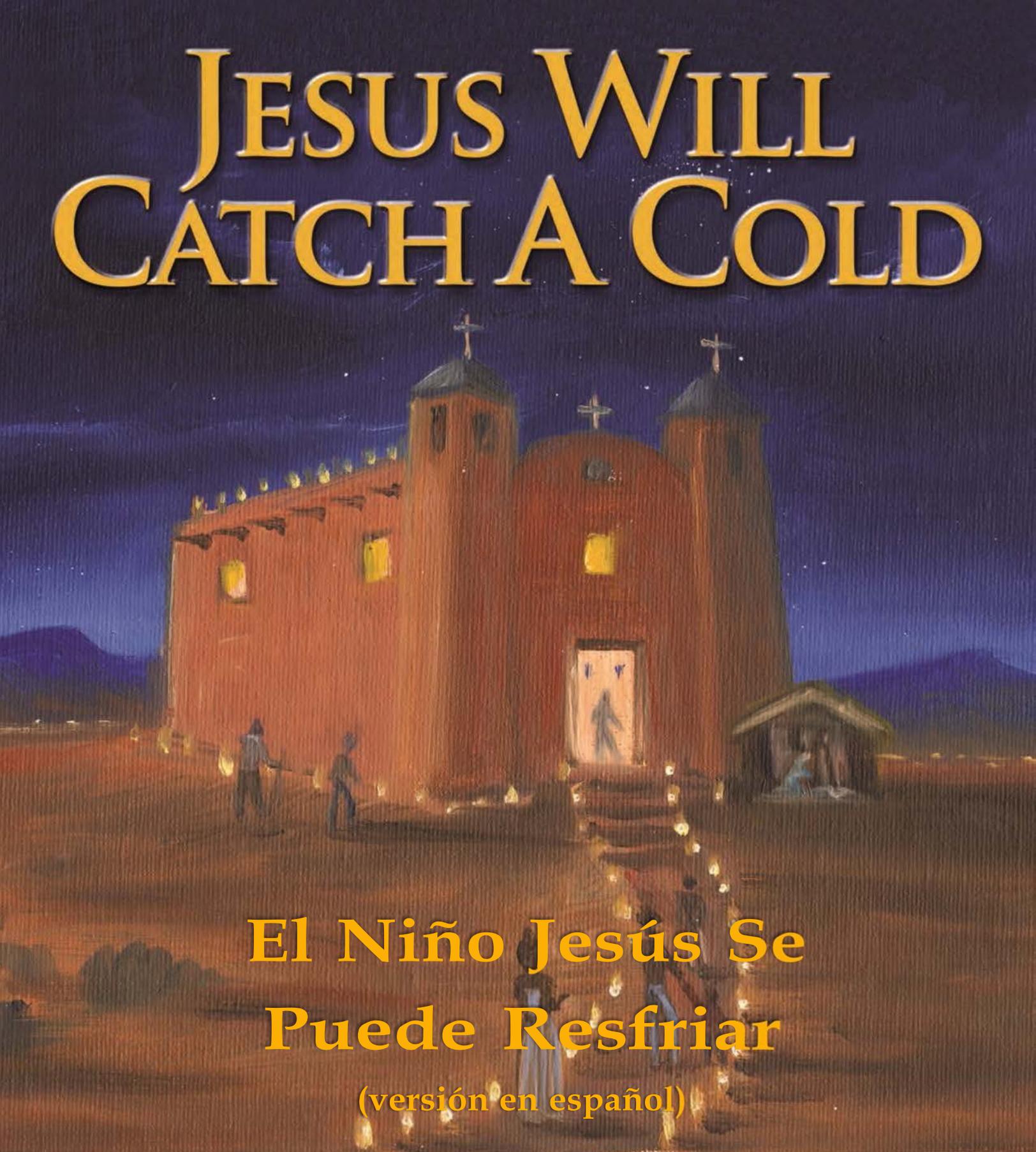


JESUS WILL CATCH A COLD

A painting of a church at night. The church is made of reddish-brown adobe and has three towers with crosses on top. The windows and doors are lit from within. In the foreground, several people are carrying lit candles, and a path of light leads towards the church entrance. The sky is dark blue with some stars.

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“She gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.” Luke 2:7

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Father Jerry was growing weary from all the holiday busy work. The “busyness” of the Christmas season stole away from his Christmas spirit, something Father Jerry knew he needed to experience.

“This book is dedicated to my mom and dad who have always inspired me to look beyond the ordinary. They challenged me to look for opportunities I would never have experienced without taking a leap of faith. This story is not that different from what my entire family experienced every year during Midnight Mass in our community church.

A good friend once told me that everyone has a story to tell; all we need to do is listen. I have been a seminarian and a hospice chaplain. The tired, often pained expressions I encountered in the places where I ministered told a thousand stories of lives filled with untold hardships, of wondering and wandering in search of the meaning of it all. Far too many do not realize that they are in fact looking for God. Their desire was to find someone trustworthy to whom they could communicate their troubles and woes. They had no interest in nor would they necessarily comprehend complex theology. “Just be,” is the way my friend phrased it.

Some bore the visible and invisible scars of pain, rejection, loneliness, abuse, and turmoil that they had endured. For those hurting souls, the path to a new life became possible and clearer only when their ears were opened and their eyes were wiped clean. It is through faith awakening that they began to discover that there may be more than trials and tribulations to this life.

I am no longer a chaplain in healthcare; my current ministry is to help feed the hungry. I continue to believe my calling is to help open up to people the wonderful mysteries of a life filled with God. We are all called to the incredible task of helping introduce those who are lost and wandering to the Divine; to bring them face-to-face with God.

I have endeavored to write my stories with all these folks in mind, especially those who do not walk the common path. Moreover, it is my fervent hope to help people discern more clearly God’s presence in their lives. I am not different from most of the people I talk about in these stories. If they learn from me, that is wonderful, for I also learn a great deal from them. They help me understand that the most important piece of ministry is not so much what I say, but more of how much I listen. Not so much that I tell them about the God I know, but that I help them understand the God they know. He is in all of us; sometimes we just need help identifying Him.”

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