

Mark Wahlberg Credits Faith for Success: 'Stay Prayed Up'

Actor Mark Wahlberg is crediting his faith for the massive success he's had in Hollywood.

"My faith, and my family, and just finding good balance," Wahlberg told Fox News, cataloging the reasons for his success. "But I have to attribute all my success to my faith."

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The "Patriots Day" star made his comments at the opening of his new restaurant, Flecha. He also had the establishment blessed by Bishop Kevin W. Vann of the Diocese of Orange Christ Cathedral.

Wahlberg is no stranger to sharing about his Catholic faith. In addition to being outspoken, he funded and starred in the 2022 film "Father Stu" about amateur boxer-turned-priest Stuart Long.

"You got to stay prayed up," Wahlberg told fans the year the movie was released. "God bless you."

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Prayer is certainly central to the actor's life. He has said he starts each day with Scripture and invocations. But Wahlberg doesn't foist these values upon his kids. Knowing they see his daily example of devotion, he hopes it resonates with them.

"Even with my faith, I don't force it on [my kids]. But they know that dad can't start the day without being in prayer,

can't start the day without reading my Scripture or going to Mass," Wahlberg told NBC's Today in 2022. "And hopefully, instead of forcing that on them, they'll say, 'Well, if it works for dad, maybe it'll work for us,' and they'll kind of gravitate toward it on their own."

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