Fr. Rafael Bercasio speaks to tourists gathered for Sunday Mass in late March at El Cristo Rey Chapel in Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. (CNS/Florida Catholic/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

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