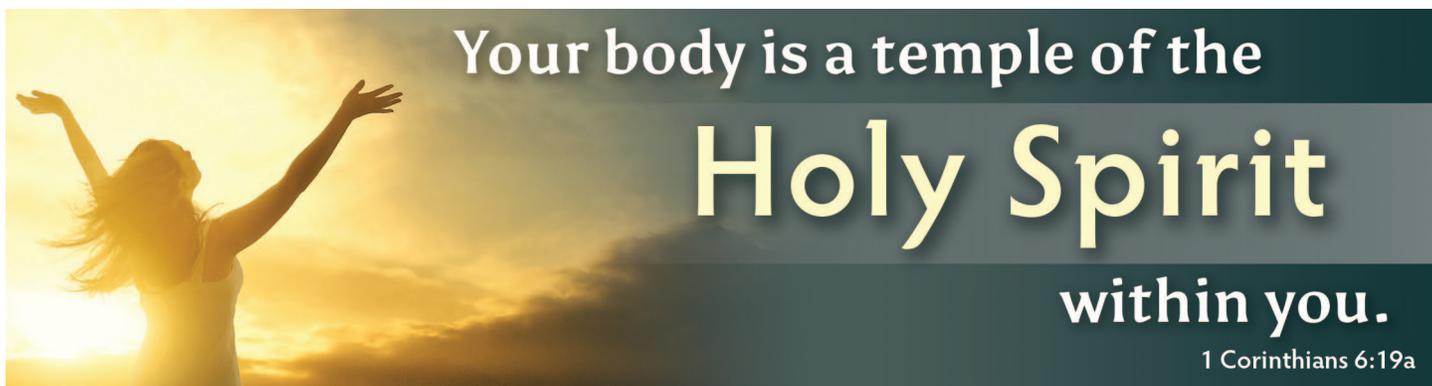


Saint Joseph Marello

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time • January 17, 2021



Virtual Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 19, 2021

You are invited to a Virtual Special Event on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the event is *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (cf. John 15:1-17). This event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, and has the support of Bishop Jaime Soto. It will feature the following:

- A rendition of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by a **Virtual Ecumenical Choir**
- A **Panel Discussion** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address *Racism in the Church*
- A **Worship Prayer Service** led by Christian faith leaders (including Bishop Jaime Soto), with Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the United Methodist Church, California Nevada Conference, as the Homilist

Here is the Web Link you can use for the Virtual Special Event on January 19th:

<https://www.scd.org/wpcu2021>

There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984- 8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 16	Thomas Lauer +Jane Anglim
Sun. Jan. 17	Edgar Jerome Witte +Jane Kong +Dave Magnani
Mon. Jan. 18	+Myrna DeRosas
Tues. Jan. 19	+Jane Kong
Wed. Jan. 20	Jaron Kong, Jr.
Thurs. Jan. 21	+Michelle Wix
Fri. Jan. 22	Fr. Phil Massetti, O.S.J.
Sat. Jan. 23	Grace Riley Lori Mazza

To have an intention mentioned at Mass, please email Georgette Schofield at sjmarelloparish@yahoo.com.

A \$10 donation is suggested.

Annual Mass for Life, Friday, January 22

Perhaps you noticed the white crosses surrounding our church this weekend. Friday, January 22, is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in our nation. The crosses remind us that since that decision in 1973, over 60 million unborn have been lost to abortion in the United States. The crosses also represent the grace and mercy found at the foot of the cross for anyone who has been harmed by abortion in heart, mind or body.

St. Joseph Marelo Parish will hold its Annual Mass for Life on Friday, January 22, at 8 AM.

Please join us for Mass, but if you can't be here, please keep the Sanctity of Life in your prayers on Friday.

Christmas in January Eagle Scout Memorial Blood Drive

17th Annual Blood Drive Jan 1st – Jan 31st 2021 with all proceeds from donations supporting the SJM Knights of Columbus.

SJM PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers. We will update the list monthly. If you would like to add/remove a name from the list, contact Suzanne Renda at 916-837-3541 or at prayerintentions5@gmail.com. In the case of an illness, please be sure that the individual or family has given permission to submit his/her name. You may also send an email requesting that a name be removed from the list.

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing:

Rick Fischer
Liz Kuhn
Pat Lindsay
Andrew Smock
Travis Vandervort

Pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Glenn Allen
Roger Krueger
Ann Marie Muenzberg
Lillian Robert

Please pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve:

Chad D. Alvarez
Luke Barrett
Gavin Muenzberg
Joseph Mugno

The Prayer Intention Ministry thanks you for your support and we hope this bulletin feature will enhance your prayer life. Our goal is to actively involve our parishioners in praying for each other when there is a need, and to connect us as a church community.



The St. Joseph Marelo Knights of Columbus
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Proudly Present
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2021 Annual Scholarship & Charity Fundraiser
Saturday, January 30th



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- 1 Quart New England Style Clam Chowder
- 1 Fresh Sourdough Bread Round
- 1 Green Salad and Dressing
- 2 Yummy Cookies



\$60 each

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Virtual Auction *All proceeds benefit our charities - Tons of Great Items*

On-Line Auction

- Starts: Thursday January 28 at 9:00am
- Ends: Sunday January 31 at 5:00pm

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TICKET INFORMATION

- **Event Date:** Saturday, January 30th
- **Pickup Location:** St Joseph Marelo Catholic Church parking lot.
7200 Auburn Folsom Rd. Granite Bay, CA 95746
 - Pick up ONLY (drive Through) - Please be on time for your scheduled pickup.
- **Cost:** Grab & Crab Dinner \$60 per person
 - Bundt Cake \$12 or \$40 choice
 - Advance purchase only, Hurry! Ticket sales END January 24th
- **How to Order:**
- **Go to** <https://kofc-council-13518-grab-crab-n-go-2021.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Bob Bennyworth: 916-802-4504



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Catholic Moral Teaching and Tradition on COVID-19 Vaccines

When considering a vaccine, one should review its safety and effectiveness as well as any possible health concerns such as allergies. Bishop Soto, in unison with his brother bishops in California, presents the following important moral considerations as well. Mindful of the Church's moral teaching, he encourages Catholics to receive a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine for the sake of oneself, our loved ones, and the common good.

As the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against COVID-19 become available, it is critically important that Catholics and others have an accurate understanding of how these vaccines may be viewed from the perspective of Catholic moral teaching and tradition. The Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), has determined that it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take these vaccines against the COVID-19 Virus. Their determination is deeply rooted in the Catholic moral tradition. A brief review of their discernment in reaching this determination will assist people as they consider use of these vaccine and other vaccines.

Vaccine development and production over the last several decades has often relied upon some cell lines that lamentably were originally developed from cells obtained from two fetuses that were aborted in the '70s and '80s. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are not dependent on these cell lines. They were developed using different technology relying on ribonucleic acid (RNA) from the virus itself. Even though the vaccines may have been tested using compromised cell lines, this does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Consequently, use of these vaccines is ethically sound.

Other vaccines in development (including AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) have been developed from compromised cell lines. The specific moral questions are whether a recipient of these COVID-19 vaccines developed from such cell lines is morally complicit in the original abortions, and whether use of the vaccine will lead others to have abortions. According to Catholic moral teaching and tradition, it is morally unacceptable for an individual or institution to contribute to and influence an immoral act committed by another in a way that shows they approve or intend the immoral act. It is also wrong for them to contribute components that are essential to the immoral act, even if they do not intend the act of the other, and to lead others by example to engage in an immoral act.

Since it is impossible to influence an act that occurred in the past, a recipient of the COVID-19 vaccines developed from cell lines in question cannot influence or contribute to anything regarding the original abortions. Again, the mere fact that a vaccine may have been tested using these cell lines does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Furthermore, simply knowing the origin of the cell lines does not mean that one intends abortion. Thus, a recipient of the vaccine does not approve of or intend the original abortions, or materially

contribute to them. Clearly, all that the recipient intends is the good preventing disease and saving lives. This includes protecting countless pregnant women from contracting COVID-19, who will be able to carry their unborn babies safely to term.

The act of receiving the COVID-19 vaccines developed from the cell lines in question does not lead others to procure abortion. The action of the recipient is not the reason why someone has an abortion, nor is it an endorsement of abortion. Furthermore, vaccine researchers and others who develop cell lines from abortion-derived cells or use such cell lines in research do not lead persons to procure abortions. Researchers who develop or use these types of cell lines do so because they either see no connection of their work to abortion and/or because of the success of the cell line for research to develop effective and safe vaccines.

On December 21, 2020, the Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), issued a statement noting it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against COVID-19. Among other things, the CDF stated:

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" ... "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

If some of the faithful choose not to take the vaccine for reasons of conscience, the Vatican says those persons "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

I hope these reflections are helpful. Our commitment to the health and dignity of each human life compels us to be vigilant about the moral implications of medical technological developments as well as taking the necessary personal precautions, including the vaccine, to protect and care for one another. We rely on the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary so that we may be guided by the wisdom and mercy of her Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,



+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Protect Every Life: Solidarity Walk with Testimony & Live Ultrasound

Saturday, January 23, 2021 @10:30am:
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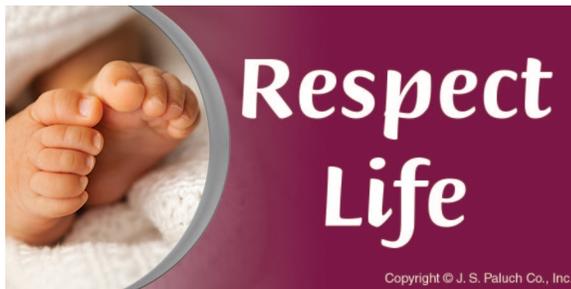
Live ultrasound from the Sacramento Life Center & a witness talk for youth & families.

We encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary.

Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using #SCDProLife
Donate to receive a prayer package:
https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect_every_life_2021

Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>

Contact for more details Moises De Leon
(916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org



17th Annual Walk for Life West Coast Saturday, January 23

The WFL will be different this year because of pandemic-related rules. There will be no rally or stage. BUT we will meet at 12:30 PM at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco and walk peacefully and prayerfully down Market Street. Portable sound will bring us Rev. Clenard Childress and other speakers as we walk. We WILL have the presence and protection of the good SFPD. Be prepared for last minute cancellation by the City of SF. See all details at www.walkforlifewc.com.

Into the Mix

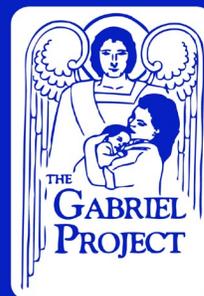
Thursday, January 21st 2021 at 7:00pm
FREE

YouTube Channel: Diocese of Sacramento

Into the Mix has kicked off and we have our next stream scheduled for Thursday, January 21st! "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream on YouTube where we will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology and reveal their signature drink. Come and ask questions through chat, engage in dialogue, and hear about various topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. Come to the table with a drink, some snacks and join in the conversation.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

The Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM) sisters, invite young women who may be discerning their vocation to religious life to an online Discernment Retreat on January 15-17 and February 19 - 21, 2021. For more information, you may send an email to rvmmaryvocation@gmail.com.



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Andrew was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have ..."

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M	S	H	
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F _____."

Answer: *found the Messiah*

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