

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bulletin
for the week of
January 3, 2021



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
In the Rectory Chapel
Benediction
8:00 p.m.
Acompa e a Jes s
Sacramentado en
oraci n,
de lunes a viernes de
7:00 a 8:00 de la noche
en la Capilla de la
Rector a.**

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**Daily Masses
Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m.
All daily Masses are in
the Church**

**Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Closed on
Federal Holidays**

**Schedule of Masses
Sunday Obligation
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Catechism
Mass
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (Espa ol)
6:00 p.m. (Espa ol)**

****Bulletin Deadline****

**Wednesday Noon
Pre-approved by
the Pastor**

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Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

COVID19 Vaccines

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines
DECEMBER 14, 2020 BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON— On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

“In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

“Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be “more morally compromised” and consequently concluded that this vaccine “should be avoided” if there are alternatives available. “It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others,” the bishop chairmen stated. “In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics “must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.”

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★ **Join Us For Sunday Mass: Please Register** ★
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Hold your cursor on the line above, hold down the ‘ctrl’ key and left click.

★ With the surge of COVID cases in our area we are once again asking you to register in advance to attend a
★ weekend Mass. Masses are at 4:00pm (English) and 5:45pm (Español) Saturday, and 9:30am (English),
★ 11:30am (Español), 1:30pm (Español) and 6:00pm (Español) on Sunday.

★ **To register go to <https://stjamesmr.org/>** ★
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A Letter from Fr. Pablo Bonello

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you these words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen (+1979), about the new year as time as a grace:

“The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. What matters most is the sanctification of the now moment. Time is so precious that God doles it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however, has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection.”

“Time is equivalent to what can be done or gained by it. At the beginning of the new year, therefore, we wish that it be happy because we know that there is no greater melancholy or sadness than to use time for any purpose but the supreme one, which is the salvation of the soul.” (On Being Human: Reflections on Life and Living).

After all, Christ came to save us (See Matthew, 1: 21).

On January 1st we celebrate Mary Mother of God. She conceived the Head of the Mystical Body. And She conceived us as well, because we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ, and a mother never begets only a head; she gives life to the body as well; therefore, when She became Mother of Christ, Mary Most Holy became our Mother as well. In her Liturgy of Christmas, the Church reads St. Leo the Great: *“the birth of Christ is the origin of the Christian people; and the birthday of the head is also the birthday of the body.”* (Liturgy of the Hours December 31).

We look at the Mother of God. In her maternal heart we place our hopes and our lives and put all the days of this New Year.

May God bless you all!

Happy New Year!!

Fr Pablo Bonello IVE



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Visit usccb.org

(The following is the text of the Archdiocese of Washington's Family Prayer for Justice and Human Dignity recited by Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory at a Sept. 9, 2020 Mass at St. Peter Claver Church in St. Inigoes, Maryland marking a day of prayer and fasting for racial justice and healing promoted by the nation's Catholic bishops on the Feast of St. Peter Claver. The prayer was written by Archbishop Gregory, the archbishop of Washington and by the three auxiliary bishops of Washington, Bishop Mario Dorsonville, Bishop Roy Campbell Jr. and Bishop Michael Fisher.)

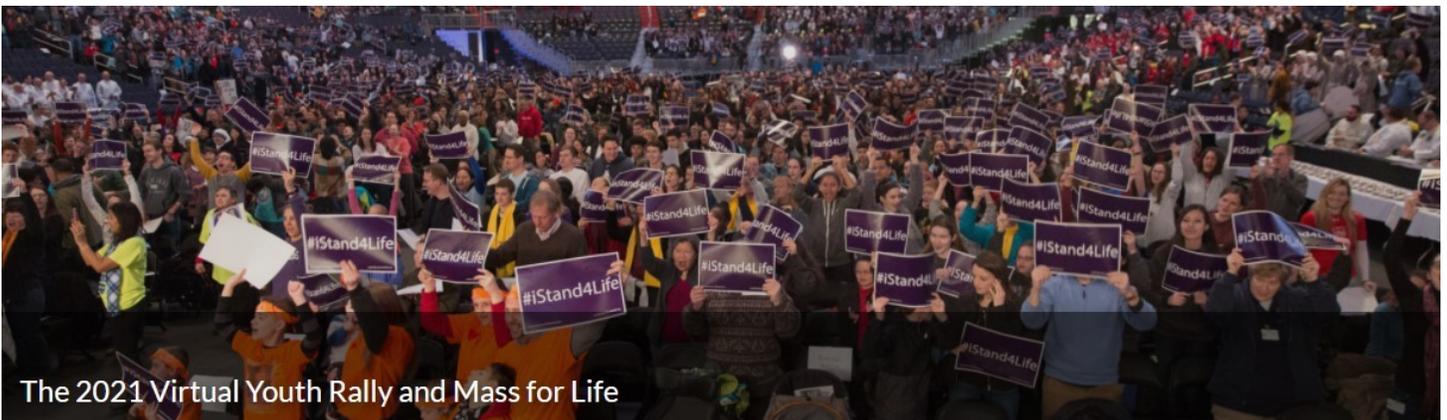
Loving and faithful God, we come to you, Father, to ask that through your Son, Jesus and in communion with the Holy Spirit, you help us in the battle against America's "original sin" of racism that divides us from being the Body of Christ that we are called to be as your children.

We implore you to give us your wisdom, so that we may build a community founded on the Gospel message of the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death, and to live in communion like the divine communion of the Holy Trinity.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith, to love one another regardless of skin color, ethnicity and national origin, just as Jesus loves us. Bless and protect all of us as we live out our faith in being "instruments of your peace" as St. Francis said. Fill us with a thirst for justice and righteousness.

Hear our prayer and give us the courage, compassion, and perseverance to root out any form of injustice within our communities and to bring the healing love of Christ to all in need.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Church, hasten to help us and intercede on our behalf, so that our Archdiocese can continue to witness to the Gospel message of life and dignity of all people.
Amen.



The 2021 Virtual Youth Rally and Mass for Life

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be an online only event on January 29, 2021.

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life occurs each year in conjunction with the annual National March for Life held on (or near) the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision making abortion legal in this country.

The Rally strives to encourage the youth participating in the national March for Life in their witness as disciples of Christ and promoters of the Gospel of Life. It is the largest annual archdiocesan event, which in many ways has grown to become a national (even international) event with pilgrims traveling from as far away as the US Virgin Islands and Australia.

Join us in prayer that as a nation, we may stop wandering in the wilderness of the culture of death and may enter into "life in abundance" (Jn 10:10) through our faith in Jesus Christ and our proclamation of the Gospel of Life.

[Youth Rally and Mass for Life – #iStand4Life](#)