

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rev 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29

[Jesus said,] “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

JOHN 14:27

Times Are a-Changin’

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissention arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?
- ★ As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.





Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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| 6th Sunday | Ascension Sunday |
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| Mass May 22, 2022 | Mass May 29, 2022 |
| Lector: Molly Kunkel | Lector: Greg Hart |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: |
| Maria Garcia | James Freitag |
| Greeters & Presentation of Gift | Greeters & Presentation of Gift |
| Larry & Jaeniffer | Wally & Marla Goade |
| Altar Servers: | Alter Servers: |
| Mackenzie P. & Adrian K. | Ruby B. & Giselle S. |

Pope's Prayer intentions:

For Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)
Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's
Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's
Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com
Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact
Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.
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Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please
email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

LIKE our Facebook page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on Facebook please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

June – Guadalupanas

July – Altar Society

NO CONFESSIONS

This week @ St. Vincent

**Connell Food Bank
Seniors: Tuesdays
3rd Edad- los Martes
24th**

**10:00 am – 11:30 am
General Public:**

**El público en general:
Wednesdays / los Miércoles
25th**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

TODAY

Reception for Graduating Seniors
Altar Society will have a reception after the May 22 Bilingual Mass in honor of the Graduating seniors.

Please join us in congratulating them.
Cake, coffee and lemonade will be served.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teaching?
When will you have to make a decision this week?
What will help you make a good decision?

STEWARDSHIP

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

| May 1, 2022 | May 8, 2022 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 10:30 am - \$1599.00 | 10:30 am - \$1409.00 |
| 12:00 pm - \$516.11 | 12:00 pm - \$516.72 |
| Basin city - \$686.46 | Basin City - \$719.50 |

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: May 16, 2022 - May 28, 2022

Monday May 23:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane @ Priest Meeting

Tues. May 24:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. May 25:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

6:00 pm Basin City Youth

Thurs. May 26:

10:00 am Adoration/@ Eltopia

10:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. May 27:

8:00 am @ Prison Ministry

5:00 pm 1st Communion Practice @ Connell

Sat May 28:

1:00 pm 1st Communion Mass @ Connell

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. May 29: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus In your daily prayers.

Monday May 30:

Fr. Gus Day of Rest

Tues. May 31:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. June 1:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Confirmation Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. June 2:

10:00 am Adoration/@ Eltopia

10:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

6:30 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Fri. June 3:

8:00 am @ TriCities Prep

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Basin City

Sat June 4:

1:00 pm Wedding @ Basin City

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. June 5: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell