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## The RAINBOW

In the month of June, you may have heard mention of rainbows...so perhaps it is important to review what a rainbow is, Who created it, and for what purpose. As the photo above shows, a rainbow comes after the storm, and glimpses of it are fleeting, as it was over St. Malachy Church earlier this month.

Let's go to Genesis 6:5 to begin our review.



Pray for  
Peace in  
Ukraine and  
the World

#### Genesis 6: 5-8

*When the LORD saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, the LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.*

*So the LORD said: I will wipe out from the earth the human beings I have created, and not only the human beings, but also the animals and the crawling things and the birds of the air, for I regret that I made them.*

*But Noah found favor with the LORD.*

The LORD looked upon His Creation, knowing how good it was and how the people should have seen how good it was, also. But the people rebelled and did all manner of evil things. The passage tells us that every desire of their hearts was toward evil and not towards holy desires. If you've ever done a great favor for somebody, perhaps giving them something that they really needed and received derision and mocking as a response...you might have some inkling of what the LORD felt about His Beloved Creation, and how it had gone awry.

Well, we all know the story...the LORD saw His servant Noah and how he loved what was holy. So, he instructs Noah as to what he should do.

#### Genesis 6: 18-22

*I will establish my covenant with you. You shall go into the ark, you and your sons, your wife and your sons' wives with you. Of all living creatures you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, one male and one female, to keep them alive along with you. Of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal, and of every kind of thing that crawls on the ground, two of each will come to you, that you may keep them alive.*

*Moreover, you are to provide yourself with all the food that is to be eaten, and store it away, that it may serve as provisions for you and for them.*

*Noah complied; he did just as God had commanded him.*

Noah complied...as did his family. Noah brought two of every animal with him, one male and one female...because that is GOD's plan that all should participate in the acts of creation. The LORD did not create a mechanism and go away and watch it from a distance. He created a reality in which every living creature is invited to share in the on-going creation, each in their unique manner.

When we consider the Holy Trinity, we are told that the Father loves the Son, and that the Son loves the Father...and this love between them generates another great Love that is sent into the world...the Holy Spirit. Likewise, when a male (of any species), loves a female and a female loves a male...the product of that love is the creation of more life. It is GOD's Holy Plan to invite all creation to participate in the plan of creation...eternally.

#### Genesis 9: 7-15

*Be fertile, then, and multiply; abound on earth and subdue it. God said to Noah and to his sons with him: See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: the birds, the tame animals, and all the wild animals that were with you—all that came out of the ark.*

*I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.*

*God said: This is the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature with you for all ages to come: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*

*When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and every living creature—every mortal being—so that the waters will never again become a flood to destroy every mortal being.*

When I looked up at that rainbow above the church in the photo, I noticed that it was there and then hidden and then it appeared again. In some ways a bit like the LORD. Not that he hides from us, but that we cannot always see so well. Certainly, this is true of our society at large. GOD's Holy Plan, so precisely described in the scripture passages above, is shunned by some, disguised to look like something else by others, and only followed by those who enter by the narrow way (Matthew 7: 13-14).

The LORD assures us that he will not destroy the earth by a flood...but he also offers us the greatest of all gifts, the sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He knows we struggle, but He has shown us the way. May we not be foolish and oblivious to the LORD, like those consumed by the Flood, but let us be among those who actively seek the narrow way.

-Gordon Peck



## **How Stiff-Necked is Our Society?**

We are all familiar with the passages from the Book of Exodus in which Moses received the Ten Commandments and was instructed to present (and impart them) to the people.

Exodus 32: 7-9

*Then the LORD said to Moses: "Go down at once because your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way I commanded them, making for themselves a molten calf and bowing down to it, sacrificing to it and crying out, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"*

*I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are, continued the LORD to Moses."*

The LORD's anger flares against the stiff-necked irrational people because they chose a path away from the LORD rather than closer to Him. After all they have witnessed, they deny GOD's graces poured out upon them. They were freed from over 400 years of slavery; witnessed an opening in the sea, which closed upon Pharaoh's pursuing army; were served quail in the evening and manna (that bread like substance) every morning for forty years...and still they turned away.

Today, the Supreme Court declared that the verdict in Roe vs. Wade (from 1973) was in error and in violation of the Constitution and Federal Law. The fate of many unborn is now passed to the states for their deliberation.

Almost immediately a barrage of news articles quoting women on how their futures, mental health, wealth and opportunities were saved by aborting their child, flooded the news media. All describe the great good that an abortion meant for them. None of them comment on what it meant for the child.

Exodus 32: 15-16

*Moses then turned and came down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, front and back. The tablets were made by God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.*

Exodus 32: 19-22

*As he drew near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing. Then Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets down and broke them on the base of the mountain. Taking the calf they had made, he burned it in the fire and then ground it down to powder, which he scattered on the water and made the Israelites drink.*

*Moses asked Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you should lead them into a grave sin?" Aaron replied, "Do not let my lord be angry. You know how the people are prone to evil.*

The people of our society have been blessed with many freedoms. Like the Israelites we have seen the grace of God bestowed on our people, whether we deserved it or not. The end of slavery, so long a plague on our land was ended a century and a half ago and more recently remembered in the advent of the Juneteenth Holiday. Other laws enacted in recent years strive to create equal opportunities for all and opposes discrimination of anyone's rights (except the unborn).

Yet like the stiff-necked Israelites, we are all too quick to forget where those blessings come from and how we are to act towards each other.

So, (among many) there is much anguish with what the new Supreme Court ruling could mean, but very little compassion for the obvious victims that have suffered to the total of over 53 Million since 1973. And like the Israelites, few consult the LORD in the matter.

The Israelites were given the greatest gift they could imagine ...the life-affirming Commandments of GOD, which if followed would set them free from worry, oppression and the curse of sin. Our post-Christian society is slow to acknowledge our blessings and quick to place the blame for our unhappiness on others. Like a spoiled child it is always somebody else's fault when things don't go as we would desire.

Now the truly great challenge begins.

Can we acknowledge the divine image in every human life? Can we comfort and guide the confused and distraught mother who is convinced her pregnancy is not a child, nor a gift from GOD? Can we help her see past her immediate emotions and accept the Will of GOD into her life and that of her child's? Can we respect those who scream for media coverage as they vandalize or destroy pro-life facilities...and guide them back to a constructive use of their energies? Can we support Crisis Pregnancy Centers (like Gianna House) and assist struggling mothers cope with what they do not understand...but could come to love?

In other words, can we (in the midst of this storm) love one another as Jesus told us to do?

-Gordon Peck



Luke 2: 12-14

*And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*





# Four Holy Women of GOD

An Adult Faith Enrichment Series (Four Parts)

LIVE (Gather Space) ZOOM

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|----------------------|---------|---------|
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| ▪ Teresa of Kolkata  | July 28 | Aug 1   |

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My Lord Jesus Christ,  
Thou hast made this journey  
to die for me  
with love unutterable,  
and I have so many times  
Unworthily abandoned Thee;  
but now I love Thee  
with my whole heart,  
And because I love Thee  
I repent sincerely for  
having ever offended Thee.  
Pardon me, my God,  
and permit me to accompany  
Thee on this journey.  
Thou goest to die for love of me;  
I wish also,  
my beloved Redeemer,  
to die for love of Thee.  
My Jesus,  
I will live and die  
always united to Thee.

Amen

Be kind to one another,  
Check up on your friends and family,  
Give your fellow parishioners a call,  
Share the Truth of the Gospel,  
Share this Newsletter with them.

**Christ is counting on us**

## CATHOLIC RESOURCES

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And Facebook

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