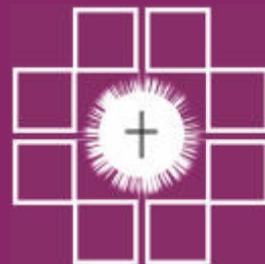


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12:00 PM

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bridget@lotw.org

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OUR MISSION

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From the Pastor’s Desk

Now that the coronavirus vaccines have become more available, the choice to receive the vaccine is a much more relevant decision for people. I would like to share what the bishops of Colorado, who draw on the universal teaching of the Church, have said about the moral permissibility of receiving a vaccination.

Overall, the Church is supportive of vaccines as a general medical practice.

“The Catholic Church supports the morally legitimate development of vaccines to eliminate suffering and to promote human dignity and the common good.”

Yet, over the years, some have chosen illegitimate means to develop them. Regrettably, some vaccines developed in the past have made use of human fetal cells from aborted babies. It is a great tragedy that the healing arts would make recourse to the destruction of children in the womb:

“Vaccines need to be developed according to ethical criteria. Human cell lines that come from aborted fetuses should not be used in the design, development, production, or lab testing of vaccines. The development of vaccines and other medicines using

aborted fetal cells is ethically unacceptable.”

Looking at the coronavirus vaccines that are available or in development, not all vaccines have the same moral status:

“Because of medical advancements, the development of vaccines no longer requires the use of human cells. Many vaccines are now created using no cells, or cells from animals, insects, chicken eggs, or yeast. In the case of COVID-19, eight vaccines were developed by the United States’ “Operation Warp Speed” and six of those vaccines do not use aborted fetal cells, including vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna that will soon be available.”

Therefore distinctions should be made between different vaccines:

“In the case of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, their use is morally acceptable since neither company used fetal cell lines from an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. However, we must also acknowledge that these two vaccine options are not untouched by abortion, as

both relied on fetal cells from an aborted baby for one of the confirmatory lab tests. In our current circumstances, when better options are not available, the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines remains a morally valid option. On the other hand, vaccines such as AstraZeneca-Oxford [and Johnson and Johnson] use aborted fetal lines in design, development, production, and testing, and therefore are **not** a morally valid option because better options are available."

The underlying principle is that we have moral responsibility for our direct actions, and that we have varying responsibility for the actions of others with which we may have cooperated in varying degrees. The level of cooperation is determined by how willingly a person supports the evil act and how much their cooperating action actually contributes to the evil act. The formal moral analysis can get quite complicated, but here is a basic example. Acting as the getaway driver for a bank robber is a much more grave cooperation than the mechanic who unwittingly did maintenance on the vehicle the day before the robbery, let alone the paperboy who a week earlier delivered to the robber's home a newspaper describing the bank opening.

The bishops of Colorado, heeding the analysis and teaching of the Vatican on this issue over the years, judge that taking a vaccine which went through a confirmatory lab test using abortion-procured fetal cells is a very remote cooperation with that original evil act of abortion. Though to the extent that we contribute to a market for such vaccines there is a degree of cooperation. Therefore, the bishops urge us to voice our objections and demand fully ethically created vaccines, even as we may find a proportionate health reason to justify taking a current vaccine.

Nevertheless, people may personally refuse to take the vaccine over moral objections or health concerns, and the bishops affirm that people should not be compelled to take a vaccine:

"However, if individuals have serious moral objections or health concerns about vaccines, those concerns

should be respected by society and government, and those individuals should not be forced into vaccination, contrary to their conscience. The government should not impose the COVID-19 vaccines on its citizens."

People may arrive at different decisions based on a host of factors, and this needs to be respected between fellow Catholics and citizens. I leave you with a compelling statement from Bishop Daly of Spokane, Washington:

"It has been over a year since a Catholic hospital in Washington State treated the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the United States. Since then, Catholics, from the bedside to the church pew, have confronted the challenges of this time with admirable generosity, ingenuity, and – above all – confidence in God. Yet we have also experienced how this pandemic has engendered resentment and division in our society and even within the Body of Christ. Sadly, we have seen differences in prudential decisions overshadow the unity rooted in charity and the sacraments. If we look at the present question of whether to accept a COVID-19 vaccine, we know that people will come to differing conclusions as they weigh both moral and prudential matters. For instance, a man may choose to accept vaccination to protect his health and livelihood, and his neighbor may discern that she should reject vaccination as part of a principled stand against violations of human dignity. They are morally free to make such choices. We ought not allow our differing responses to the demands of these times be occasions for division. Instead, I exhort us to be united in our common pursuit of virtue, respect for our neighbor, and humble reliance on God's grace. It is my prayer that as we continue to navigate this time of disease and distress, we, as God's people, may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord in a world in need of healing."

- Fr. Matt

Sponsor	Status	Development/ Production of Vaccine	Lab Testing
Pfizer/BioNTech	Approved (emergency use by FDA)		
Moderna	Approved (emergency use by FDA)		
AstraZeneca	Phase 3 Trials		
Johnson & Johnson	Phase 3 Trials		

Key:  Does not use abortion-derived cell line  SOME tests DO NOT use abortion-derived cells, SOME DO  DOES USE abortion-derived cell line

Parish Life

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE February 23
7:00 pm *In person!*
Church
Topic: The Real Presence



As parishioner Jesse Taitano completes his final semester of school before ordination to the permanent diaconate, he will speak about how Christ is present in the Eucharist and in one another.

Live streamed at lotw.org/tnl

Stations of the Cross
all Fridays in Lent

February 26
7:00 PM
Church

Immediately after...
a Bishop Barron film about evil and suffering

Episode:
"The Cross"



Thank you!

We extend our thanks to all volunteers and parishioners who made Mountain Madness (middle school retreat) a success last weekend!

Lenten Fish Fry: pre-order & take-out

\$12/person

Order after Mass this weekend OR online: bit.ly/3roiawx

Pick up Friday, February 26
4:30 - 6:30 pm | Community Center

Ladies of the Knights will also have desserts for \$3.00!

The continuation of Fish Frys during Lent will be based on the response from week to week.*



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JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO COLLECT CANS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY THIS LENT

Please bring cans you collect to the green bin in the Narthex throughout Lent.




Weekly Stewardship Report

February 13 - 14

Weekly Offertory	Year to Date July 1 - February 14	Foundation to Serve Initiative Total Goal: \$1,500,000
Envelopes \$ 12,296	Current Year \$ 1,275,173	Weekly Envelopes \$ 971
Online Giving \$ 18,230	Budgeted \$ 1,364,830	Weekly Online \$ 2,532
Weekend Total \$ 30,526	Current Year to Budget - \$ 89,657	Weekend Total \$ 3,503
	Last Year \$ 1,387,830	Total Donations & Pledges \$1,260,864
	Current Year to Last Year - \$ 112,657	

Stay Connected

Lent has begun!

Archbishop Aquila has released a Lenten Pastoral Note, titled "Our Apostolic Moment". He makes 3 Lenten invitations:

1. To rediscover the Gospel
2. To a movement of prayer and fasting
3. To form our consciences

To read the letter visit:
archden.org/our-apostolic-moment

Just a reminder...
Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

Gift Shop Lent Hours

Open after all weekend Masses during Lent

Open after the 8:30 am Friday Mass every week

Lent items available!

Our Food Pantry

Needs this week include:

mayonnaise | applesauce
canned pears | refried beans
ramen bowls | canned chicken
canned peaches
canned mixed fruit

Please continue bringing food donations to the white bins in the Narthex. Thank you!

Perpetual Adoration

Still considering an hour of adoration each week? No hour is considered closed and anyone is welcome and encouraged to sign up.

Call/text Kim Raber at 303-726-7425 or call Anita Haynes at 720-981-1675.

"I know I would not be able to work one week if it were not for that continual force coming from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Focus on Jesus Parish Mission

Also live streamed at
lotw.org/liveevents

Scripture - Witness - Encounter

7:00 pm | Church

Monday, March 1

Join Fr. Mike Rapp, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral, as he helps us understand how we hear God's voice speaking to us in Scripture.

Tuesday, March 2

Come and hear the personal experience of God working in peoples' lives. God interacts with all of us!

Wednesday, March 3

Encounter Jesus through music, guided prayer and adoration. What is God saying to **you**?

Please Pray...

For the Sick

- Tom Riley
- All those sickened with coronavirus
- All those who are injured or dying and in need of our prayers

For the Deceased

- All the innocent children who were aborted and all victims of deadly violence

How Should I Read the Bible? (continued from last week)

The Bible is a library of 73 books, and can be confusing to try to read front to back. Read these 14 Narrative books in order to get the whole story. Other books accompany or compliment these 14 books.

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Numbers
- Joshua
- Judges
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- 1 Maccabees
- Luke
- Acts

Always ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand Sacred Scripture before starting to read!



Lent Confession Schedule

Effective 2/20 - 4/2

Wednesdays: 4:15-5:15 pm

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00 am

Saturdays: 2:00-4:00 pm

Save the date for the Parish Penance Service on Friday, March 12 from 4:00 -6:30 pm.

Jesus to St. Faustina (#1602)



"Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy."

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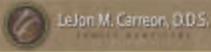
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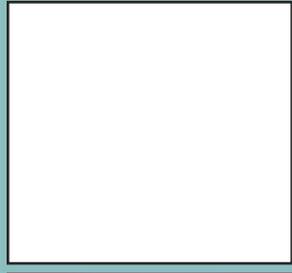
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