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OUTDOOR MASSES:

Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.
Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 5:30 PM (CANCEL) & 6:45 PM (Spanish).

**Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, (English),
11:30 AM (English) 5:30 PM (CANCEL)**

Holy Days: The schedule will be announced

**DUE TO COVID-19 THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS
BEEN DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Parish Office

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Prayer Hour for Peace.

First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima (Rosary and meditation on the mysteries).

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My thoughts on The Vaccines

I live in a house where Augustinian friars can't wait to receive the vaccine against covid19, and others are apprehensive about it. It's a microcosm of our society, where certain sectors such as teachers' unions are lobbying to get access to vaccines, and others paying high sums to doctors with vaccines, and on the other hand, some nurses medical personnel who have access to vaccination are deciding to not receive the vaccine. The fears range from a fear of unknown and possible side-effects to conspiracy theories of a deep state trying to control everyone. Then a few people have moral qualms about the vaccine.

I would like to address the ethical qualms first. The issue is not new. Cells derived from elective abortions have been used since the 1960s to manufacture vaccines, including current vaccines against rubella, chickenpox, hepatitis A, and shingles.

I looked to the past to Pope Benedict XVI, since when it comes to the clarity of doctrine, no one has accused him of watering doctrine. Back in 2005, under Pope Benedict XVI, the Pontifical Council of Life studied the vaccine for Rubella, which used fetal stem cell lines, and stated that if considerable dangers to health exist due to an organism against which one can be vaccinated, vaccines with moral problems pertaining to them may be used if there are no alternatives. The reasoning is that one's involvement with the evil of abortion is quite remote and indirect, and the duty to preserve life is immediate. It is very difficult to live in the world without in some indirect way supporting evil in some remote way, especially when there are risks otherwise and no other alternatives.

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If the cooperation with evil is so remote, and especially if there is no alternative, and especially if the alternative poses significant risks, then the cooperation is permissible. This was stated again in 2008, by a higher authority, the congregation for the doctrine of the faith also under Pope Benedict XVI:

“Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such “biological material” [fetal cell lines]. Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available.”

Fast forwarding to the present, the moral landscape regarding Covid vaccines is different from the vaccines of the past. From an ethical point of view, both the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine offer a relief, because they are not developed using fetal cell lines. While fetal lines may have been used for testing the vaccine once it was developed, it is quite different from the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine (as of January 6th, approved in UK, Mexico, India), which used fetal lines for its development.

From a purely ethical point of view, the only currently available vaccines in our country were not developed using fetal lines. When other vaccines become available, not everyone might have a choice of which vaccine to receive, and in that case any vaccine deemed safe by the medical authorities is permissible under the 2005, 2008, and a more recent 2017, and 2019 statement from the CDF.

What is different about the Pfizer/BioNTech and the Moderna vaccines is that they are the first vaccines to use synthetic messenger RNA. Unlike DNA, which carries genetic information for every cell in the human body, messenger RNA is a single-stranded molecule of RNA that is read by a ribosome in the process of synthesizing a protein.

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The Pfizer vaccine and the Moderna vaccine use synthetic mRNA that contains information to make the spike protein characteristic of the coronavirus. The vaccines essentially work by directing the body to produce a small amount of the spike protein. The spike protein by itself is not dangerous, but it is how the coronavirus easily connects to cells in our body. Once the immune system detects this spike protein made by our own body with mRNA, the body subsequently begins producing protective antibodies. The antibodies will fight the coronavirus should one be infected.

This new biotechnology used in the only vaccines approved so far in this country while a better option ethically because it did not use fetal cells in its production, does leave some people nervous due to these vaccines being a new technology. We tend to fear what is new. As of Wednesday, January 6th there have been 28 cases of severe allergic reaction out of the 4.8 million doses administered.

Fr Carlos

Designated Donations

January 10 – Building Fund: Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

January 17 - For the Poor:

Support Catholic Non-Profits such as Fr. Joe's Village or grocery gift cards to aid our parishioners.

January 24 - For the Endowment

Support the future of the parish become more sustainable.

Please make checks payable to: **CCFSD** and write **St. Patrick Endowment in the memo line.**

Preparation to be a Catechist

The Diocese will offer a course intended for the certification of new Catechists beginning on **January 26**. Class size is limited. Registration **deadline is 01/20/2021**. Cost for online course is \$75.00. Contact info: **Lupita Perez 858-490-8232** or lperez@sdatholic.org.



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Conference with Fr Spitzer, SJ

Professor of Philosophy and founder of Magis institute, which studies the relationship between faith and science, will be presenting in a zoom conference on **Saturday, January 16th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. To Register please visit www.sdatholicdisciples.net

Religious Education Congress February 18th to 21st

Usually takes place in Anaheim, CA, but this year will be virtual. Please visit recongress.org

FB Report

MASS AND FEASTS

Mass continues to be live streamed on Saturday and Sunday. Holy Hour is streamed on Fridays at 7 p.m. These videos are available on the Parish Facebook page.

A Holy Hour for the Sick was streamed on 12/18.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr Carlos shared a YouTube video of a poem reflecting on the annunciation to Mary.

HISPANIC SOCIETY

Holiday events included a Christmas Novena.

ONLINE RETREAT

A link was shared to an online retreat hosted by Oblate featuring prayers and readings from 12/24-1/2.

FR HARRY NEELY

The funeral mass and a video montage reflecting on the life of Fr. Harry are available on the Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The bilingual concert was livestreamed on December 30th at 8 & 7 PM.



January 11 — 16

Mon. 8:00 AM	Maureen Vaughan Maria Valdivia †
Tues. 8:00 AM	John Kevane † Patrick Christensen †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Beth Ann Foley † Con Vaughan
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Judy Zimmer † Catalina R. Flores †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Barb Mossinghoff HB Art & Dee Specht †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Fulham Family L & † Maria Romero †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

Centennial Planning

Last year around this time we began planning for the Centennial which begins in the Fall of this year, and a series of events will hopefully be remembered into 2022. The pandemic halted our planning, but we would like to resume planning again. Please contact the parish office to get in contact with parishioner **Bob Moser** if you would like to be added to the planning committee.



Readings for the Week

January 11 – 17

Sundays: Year A — Weekdays: Year II

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1&2b,6&7c,9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab&5,6-7,8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c,8-9,10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-7,8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8,9,10,15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; Ps 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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Sobre las Vacunas

Las dos vacunas contra el Covid disponibles en este país son diferentes de las vacunas del pasado. Desde un punto de vista ético, tanto la vacuna Pfizer / BioNTech como la vacuna de la compañía Moderna ofrecen un alivio moral, porque no se desarrollan utilizando líneas celulares fetales (células que provienen de un feto abortado). Si bien es posible que se hayan utilizado líneas fetales para probar la vacuna una vez desarrollada, es bastante diferente de la vacuna AstraZeneca-Oxford (a partir del 6 de enero, aprobada en el Reino Unido, México, India), que utilizó líneas fetales para su desarrollo.

Desde un punto de vista puramente ético, las únicas vacunas disponibles actualmente en Estados Unidos no fueron desarrolladas utilizando líneas fetales. Cuando se disponga de otras vacunas, es posible que no todos puedan elegir qué vacuna recibir y, en ese caso, cualquier vacuna considerada segura por las autoridades médicas está permitida por la Iglesia según la declaración de 2005, 2008 y una declaración más reciente de 2017 y 2019 de la Congregación de la Doctrina de la Fe.

Lo que tiene aprehensivos a algunas personas para recibir las vacunas es que la vacuna de Moderna y Pfizer son las primeras vacunas que utilizan ARN mensajero. Es una nueva tecnología para desarrollar vacunas que utiliza ARN. El ARN es una molécula de instrucciones que es leída por los ribosomas de nuestras células en el proceso de síntesis de una proteína.

La vacuna Pfizer y la vacuna Moderna utilizan ARN con la información para producir la proteína de las puntitas características del coronavirus. Las vacunas funcionan esencialmente dirigiendo al cuerpo a producir una pequeña cantidad de estas proteínas. La proteína que tiene el coronavirus en su "corona" por sí sola no es peligrosa. Una vez que el sistema inmunológico detecta esta proteína de forma de punta, el cuerpo comienza a producir anticuerpos protectores contra esta proteína, los cuales se utilizarán contra el virus si uno es afectado.

Y los efectos secundarios? Desde que empezaron a vacunar, hasta el miércoles 6 de enero se han registrado 28 casos de reacción alérgica grave de los 4.8 millones de dosis administradas.

P. Carlos

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