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Sunday, January 24, 2021 — Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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A Prayer for the President and Some Updates and Clarifications

As we begin a new presidential term, I found this prayer from 1947 that I liked and I share here so you can pray for President Biden:

We pray, Lord Jesus, for our President.
We are deeply concerned that he may know the will of God,
and that he may have the spiritual courage and grace to follow it.
Deliver him, we pray, from all selfish considerations.
Lift him above the claims of politics.
Fill him with the Spirit of God that shall make him fearless to seek, to know, to do the right.
Save him from the friends who, in the name of politics or even friendship, would persuade him from that holy path.
Strengthen and empower his advisers.
Bring them, too, to their knees in prayer.
May their example and their influence spread, that we, in these United States,
may yet have a government of leaders who know Thee, the Almighty God, as their Friend,
and who place Thy will first in their lives as well as in their prayers.
Hear and answer, we pray Thee,
forgiving us all our unworthiness;
cleansing us from every ignoble thought and unworthy ambition
that we may be renewed in spirit and mind and heart, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

We are unfortunately still in a time of covid and national division. covid still is hitting Southern California quite hard. (continues next page...)

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Fr. Tom Verber, OSA continues to be in the hospital, although recently we heard report that he's improving. Fr. Fernando Lopez, OSA who is assigned to our sister parish in Ojai, St Thomas Aquinas church, and who served our parish for many years as a deacon and even before being ordained, is also in the hospital with Covid.

I may be getting two temporary screws removed from my tibia and fibula pretty soon. I have been approved by the doctor, and I am waiting to be scheduled. Thank you all for the care and support that you have shown me during my long recovery.

I am grateful for all your support, and also I welcome any concerns or disagreements. Please know that you are more than welcome to contact me, and I am always willing to hear you whether you agree or disagree with me. I am looking for dialogue: a mutual hearing of opinions, and through hearing each other we can come to examine ourselves more deeply, and in this way listen better to God's will and grow as persons.

One of the friendships I value most with one of our parishioners started out with a disagreement he had over something I said in a homily years ago. We have continued over the years to dialogue, and I have learned very much in the process.

Along the same line, feel free to ask me for further clarification. Someone who read the bulletin two weeks ago, asked me this week to spell out the moral reasoning on vaccines as well as the biology.

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The 2021 San Diego Walk for Life

On January 30th, this year instead of a walk for life there will be a car caravan, having cars individually decorated with positive pro-life messages. The caravan was originally scheduled for the 16th, but it was moved to **January 30th.**

As each car arrives, they will merge into the caravan circling the County Administration block bounded by Harbor Drive, Grape Street, Pacific Highway, and Ash Street, beginning at 1:00 pm and ending at 1:30 pm. Register on a link here: sandiegowalkforlife.org
Route: County Administration block bounded by Harbor Drive, Grape Street, Pacific Highway, and Ash Street.

Do: Have a positive pro-life message. Be sure that all decorations are secure.

Register to receive the prayer links!

Don't: Use graphic images; Use political messages; Use angry slogans; Place decorations that block your visibility and ability to safely operate your vehicle.

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On Moral reasoning: the fetal cell lines used for testing of the vaccines are not the cells of the fetus, but the descendants from an aborted fetus from the 1970s. If someone took some of my cells and grew generations of them in a lab, 50 years from now those cells would not be my cells anymore, but they simply originated from me. So vaccines are not derived from aborted fetus, but from celllines whose origin 50 years ago was gravely sinful, namely an abortion occurred. In moral theology, material cooperation with evil can be permitted (i.e. one does not incur in sinful action) in certain cases. Material cooperation is different from formal cooperation. It is a distinction that comes from Aristotelian philosophy of matter and form. Formal cooperation is carried out when we cooperate with the immoral action of another person by sharing in the intention of doing something evil. On the other hand, when we cooperate with the immoral action of another person, without sharing his/her evil intention, it is a case of material cooperation. Formal cooperation is never morally permitted, but material cooperation can be permitted, in certain cases of indirect cooperation.

Material cooperation can be further divided into categories of direct or indirect, depending on whether the cooperation is in the execution of the sinful action or not. In the case of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines the fetal cell lines were used for testing and not development. The temporal distance of the original fetus being from the 1970s and the material connection of testing make this cooperation remote material cooperation, which is allowed when there exists a greater possibility to do good, and with that intention in mind.

And regarding the biology, I would like to quote an expert. Dan Keays, one of our parishioners, spent a 40-year medical career working in the infectious disease laboratory at Mercy Hospital. He was head of the microbiology department at Scripps Health. He's more qualified than me to explain more about covid vaccines, so with his permission I share what he wrote:

“Vaccines, and the immune response they stimulate, vary widely. It would be nice if it was as simple as taking an attenuated form of the pathogen and injecting or swallowing it, but, of course, it is rarely that simple. The problem with the coronaviruses is that they do not grow well in cell lines in the laboratory, so a concocted version of the virus must be constructed. Messenger RNA coding for the viral spike protein and encased in lipid nanoparticles to introduce it into the host cell is one.

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The human cell processes the mRNA in its ribosome to produce a protein that the immune system recognizes as foreign and produces an antibody response to it. That antibody will also attach to the spike protein on the coronavirus. The other is to attach the viral genetic sequence for the spike protein to another virus such as adenovirus or vesicular stomatitis virus which can grow well in vitro, then using that to infect the body and induce an immune response to the entire virus, including the spike protein unique to the coronavirus. These carrier viruses are attenuated and non-infectious for humans, so we get only the immune response, not the overt infection.

The immune system is immensely complex, but there are two major types of adaptive responses to invading pathogens, humoral and cellular. Humoral response involves a B-lymphocyte, which produces antibody to a specific part of the organism or protein (such as a toxin or spike protein). The B-cell reproduces many times over and it and its progeny continue to produce antibody of different types. The other adaptive immune response is cellular, in which other types of lymphocytes, T-cells, recognize a human cell that has been infected by the pathogen and kills it. Better to lose a few easily replaceable cells than be overwhelmed by a pathogen capable of destroying the whole body.

Of the two responses the T-cell is much superior. The B-cell response is relatively short-lived, about 1-3 years, and antibody responses can vary. Not all are neutralizing or much effective. The response by the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines seem to be effective, but two factors come into play: the duration of the immune response and the mutation ability of the virus. Coronavirus is a single-stranded, negative-sense RNA virus, which are notorious for frequent mutations, which has been amply demonstrated by the emergence of the B.1.1.7 variant in Great Britain and is rapidly spreading world-wide. An immune response that induces a T-cell mobilization is much preferred as immune memory persists for many years. But, alas, nothing is perfect, as viral mutation can circumvent the effort. I personally prefer the formulation of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, as it uses an attenuated adenovirus which is capable of inducing a T-cell, or cellular response.

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As to the question of the moral responsibility for a person to be vaccinated, there are bound to be several perspectives. My own view is that vaccination is a matter of public health, with the emphasis on the word PUBLIC. A single individual may not be bothered much by a pathogenic organism and be willing to take their chances. But with communicable diseases, that individual may transmit it to someone else, who transmits it again, and so on, until it reaches a vulnerable person causing immense suffering or death. Vaccination is a very effective means of halting or greatly reducing transmission. Jesus' teaching to love our neighbor as our self is most applicable.

The duration of the current pandemic is immensely important, but uncertain. Viral mutation will not cease. The word pandemic means just that, all over the world. Even if we are successful at knocking it down over the next year, it will not disappear. There are other coronaviruses that re-circulate every five years or so. They are not as severe, but not extinct. Vaccination is a valuable tool in mitigating the current virulent form, but there is no perfect answer."

God bless, Fr Carlos Medina, OSA

Masses for the week: January 25 — 30

Mon. 8:00 AM	Beth Ann Foley † David Montelongo †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Judy Mozingo Parker Mozingo †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Evangelina Becerra † Intentions of M. L. Peters
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Paul E. Dato † A. V. Kozak Family †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Intentions of the Meador Family Jeanne Nasson †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Rev. Harry Neely, O.S.A. † Sonia Gutierrez Jaimez †

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

Readings for the Week: January 25 – 31

Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III

Monday:	Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1,2,3,4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4,5-6,23-24,39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70,71-72,73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2,6-7,7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Oremos

Por el nuevo Presidente: Oramos, Señor Jesús, por nuestro Presidente Joe Biden. Nos preocupa profundamente que pueda conocer la voluntad de Dios; y que tenga el valor espiritual y la gracia para seguirlo. Líbralo, rogamos, de toda consideración egoísta. Levántelo por encima de las exigencias de la política. Llénelo del Espíritu de Dios que lo hará intrépido para buscar, saber, hacer lo correcto. Sávalo de los amigos que, en nombre de la política o incluso de la amistad, lo persuadirían de ese camino sagrado. Fortalecer y empoderar a sus asesores. Haz que ellos también se pongan de rodillas en oración. Que se difunda su ejemplo y su influencia, que nosotros, en estos Estados Unidos; aún podamos tener un gobierno de líderes que te conozcan a ti, Dios Todopoderoso. Escuchanos y respondenos, te rogamos, perdonándonos de toda nuestra indignidad; limpiándonos de todo pensamiento innoble y ambición indigna para que seamos renovados en espíritu, mente y corazón, por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén. (Oración del capellán del Senado en 1947)

Oremos también por el alma del Señor Sixto Mendoza quien nos tocó a todos los que lo conocimos con su nobleza. También oremos por las demás personas de nuestra parroquia o nuestros parientes que han fallecido por esta enfermedad del covid. Y tengamos en oración a las familias que están en duelo.

Oremos por los enfermos que tengan solo síntomas leves, y mejoren pronto. El P. Tom Verber, OSA continúa en el hospital, aunque recientemente escuchamos informar que está mejorando. El P. Fernando Lopez, OSA, quien está asignado a nuestra parroquia hermana en Ojai, la Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino, y quien sirvió en nuestra parroquia durante muchos años como diácono e incluso antes de ser ordenado, también está en el hospital con Covid.

Oremos por nuestra parroquia para seguir en unión como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, unidos por la caridad y una misma fe, y caminando juntos hacia Dios. Agradezco todo su apoyo que me han brindado y también agradezco cualquier inquietud o desacuerdo. Por favor, no duden en contactarme o escribirme si notan algo mal o piensan que debe hacerse algo. No solamente conmigo, sino con el siguiente párroco también.

P. Carlos Medina, OSA



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