

The Sanctity of Life

Sadly, we don't have to look very far to see terrible assaults on the sanctity of human life and the dignity of each person. They are seen in acts of violence, terrorism, war and injustice. They live in attitudes and expressions of racism, disrespect for one's neighbor and the outsider, and disregard for the right to life at every stage of life.

The Catholic Church globally must always be at the forefront in speaking out for and defending the dignity of each person at every stage of life. This week, the Church, in this country is called upon, in a special way, to provide leadership and give voice to the sanctity of human life in its most innocent form, life in the womb from the moment of conception.

When the Sisters of Life visited Queen of All Saints this past October, they spoke and witnessed most eloquently and beautifully about the sacredness of human life, and how they have accompanied women on their journeys to choose life or to find forgiveness and reconciliation after an abortion. This is a good week to recall their message and witness and to support them in their ministry with our prayers.

Perhaps the Lord will need us, in a particular situation, to be His instruments in protecting and encouraging life, or in accompanying someone on the journey back to new life in Christ.

Each and every day gives us opportunities to show respect for the dignity of each person and the sanctity of life at every stage of life from conception through natural death. In our thoughts, our words and our actions we are always being called to be "pro-life".

God bless you,
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Some thoughts to ponder...

...from Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta:

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate of human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts – a child – as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's by virtue of his or her humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

...and from Pope Benedict XVI:

"The Catholic community must offer support to women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ."



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, January 22
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro populo
Monday, January 23
8:30 am Open
Tuesday, January 24
8:30 am Open
Wednesday, January 25
8:30 am Open
Thursday, January 26
8:30 am Open
Friday, January 27
8:30 am Open
Saturday, January 28
8:30 Open
5pm Open
Sunday, January 29
8:30 Open
10:30am Pro populo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH
ESPECIALLY:**

Shirley Cook, John Anthony Edwards, Marie Henry, Chimene Jean-Paul, Aaliya Khudan, Ramesh Khudan, Jr, Miyoshi Vital, Eva Rotelli, Mona Kinssec, Mrs Pancari., Camille Mills, Frederick Lue, Jo Ann Ciavolella, Rasheeda Pierce, Montas Pierce, Ella Pierce, Freida Pemberton, Andre Petties, Ronald St. Charles, Joan Vincent, Cordelia Howard, Joelle Earle, Adrian Texidor, Sylvia Baker, Bettye Pinkney, Yeshi, Ryan Chin, Al Adami, Theresa Powell, Bertram Powell, Martine Dallemand, Rosa Maria Santos, Raquel Cruz, Dora Acosta, Trinity Ramdin, Hildred Brown, Shawn Earle, Ursula M. Aird, Patrocinio Binuya, Gregorio Binuya, Rick Mc Gill, Joshua Sardinha, Ken & Alison Sardinha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Fritz Galette Nancy Breier, Aulander Askew, Gwendolyn Finch, Beate Petties, Barbara Small., William Sullivan, Maurice Holland, Margaret Vincent, Michael Marable, Catherine Brown, Eugenie Dupree, Beatrice Corless., David Rampersad., Minerva Matias, Sheila Palmer, Elvia Powell, Florence Merine-Philip, Angela Steele, Franklin Forbes, Faye Bradbury, Stephen Sardinha.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at 7:15pm in St Joseph Hall.

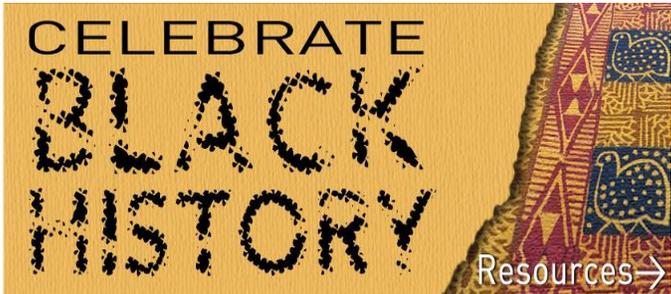
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PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.



**THE BLACK HISTORY
COMMITTEE**

Save the date!

***Queen of All Saints Black History
Month
Celebration***

Sunday, February 19, 2017