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Did you know?

Fact:



Over half of the abortions in the United States are by the abortion pill.* These abortions are euphemistically called "medication abortions".

It is possible to reverse the abortion pill if treatment is started within 72 hours.

See: AbortionPillReversal.com

*<https://www.gutmacher.org/article/2022/02/medication-abortion-now-accounts-more-half-all-us-abortions>



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Date Night at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

The Amazing Race at SEAS? Look no further for your next date night in MAY! Hoping to connect with your spouse and meet other Catholic married couples? Join us for our NEXT **Date Night!** This NEW quarterly date with your spouse is designed for married couples with children ages 0 to 18. Our FIRST Date Night in February was a wonderful success! Please join us Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the St. Stephen Modular Bldg. here. Space is limited so RSVP by April 28. Email MichaelaASims@gmail.com to RSVP. If you are in need of childcare, please let us know.

'Dignitas infinita' (continued)

The Vatican Office of the Doctrine of the Faith has published a new Declaration titled "*Dignitatis infinita*" ("On Human Dignity) which addresses current "indignities" against human life that we are witnessing in our society and in our world. Here is more information about what is contained in that document:

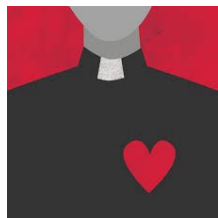
The condemnation of abortion is strong: "Among all the crimes which can be committed against life, procured abortion has characteristics making it particularly serious and deplorable", and reference is made to the fact that "defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right"

The Declaration's rejection of surrogacy, by means of which "the immensely worthy child becomes a mere object", is also strong. This is a practice that "represents a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child ... A child is always a gift and never the basis of a commercial contract."

The list goes on to mention euthanasia and assisted suicide, confusingly defined by some laws as "death with dignity". The document stresses that "suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity, which is intrinsically and inalienably their own".

The Declaration then speaks of the importance of palliative care and the avoidance of "aggressive treatments or disproportionate medical procedures", reaffirming that "Life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered".

[More next bulletin]



Sixteen years ago I arrived in Bakersfield to begin my new assignment as founding pastor of a new parish. It's difficult to believe that so many years have already gone by. Seems like just yesterday when we were beginning our first Masses at Frontier High School and opening our first office at the parish residence. Somehow, with God's grace, and with a lot of volunteers, we have become a very big and active parish in Bakersfield. I am so grateful to all of our "charter" parishioners who stuck with it through those first years as we were trying to get a foothold on our property and I welcome all of our parishioners who now choose to call St. Elizabeth's their "spiritual home."

I am being told that we are close to beginning work on Old Farm Rd. The road needs to be widened and the basic infrastructure will be readied: sidewalk, curb, gutter and more. Part of this immediate work will be to extend the driveway off of Reina around the back of the property so that people can exit onto Old Farm Rd. This will help with our parking lot traffic a bit.

We are also considering some surface changes to the current gravel parking area to the west of the Church. This is being used more frequently and needs to be marked out. We cannot create a formal parking lot there since this is not part of our site plan. But, until we do start construction, we might be able to utilize that space a bit more effectively.

In the meantime, I ask you to be considerate of how and where you park. Please observe the guidelines for everyone's safety—especially those areas marked out for the "disabled."

Msgr Perry

Next Special Collection Catholic Communications Weekend of April 27/28

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese *stay* here to support our local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

EASTER COLLECTIONS:

General Collection: \$38,126.

Building Fund: \$17,611.

Good Friday (Holy Land): \$2,537.

Thank you!

GALA SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who worked hard to make our annual GALA ("*That's Amore!*"—February 3) so successful and to all those who sponsored tables and purchased tickets! We realized a profit of \$92,539! Great work everyone!

New Daily Mass Intention Practice

With permission given by the Vatican, parishes can now accept more than one "intention" for daily Masses. We have chosen to have "**Collective**" Intentions on two days of the week: Wednesdays and Fridays at the 7 am Mass. This will help ease the demand of Mass Intentions. However, we encourage our parishioners *not* to request numerous intentions throughout the year. It is sufficient to have one or two Masses for a loved one and the graces that come from any Mass, are always applied to all the living and deceased. The donation for a Mass intention is \$10. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday	Apr 20	5:00 pm	Intentions of parishioners
Sunday	Apr. 21	7:30 am	+Margaret Pelz
		9:30 am	+Simon & Malini Mudryk
		11:30 am	+Craig Pelz
Monday	Apr 22	7 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	Apr 23	7 am	Communion Service +Kathy Jungman
Wednesday	Apr 24	7 am	+Pablo L. Jazmin / +Sally Lozano
Thursday	Apr 25	7 am	+George Navarro
Friday	Apr 26	7 am	+Jason Tolentino / +Jose V. Oconer Jr.

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