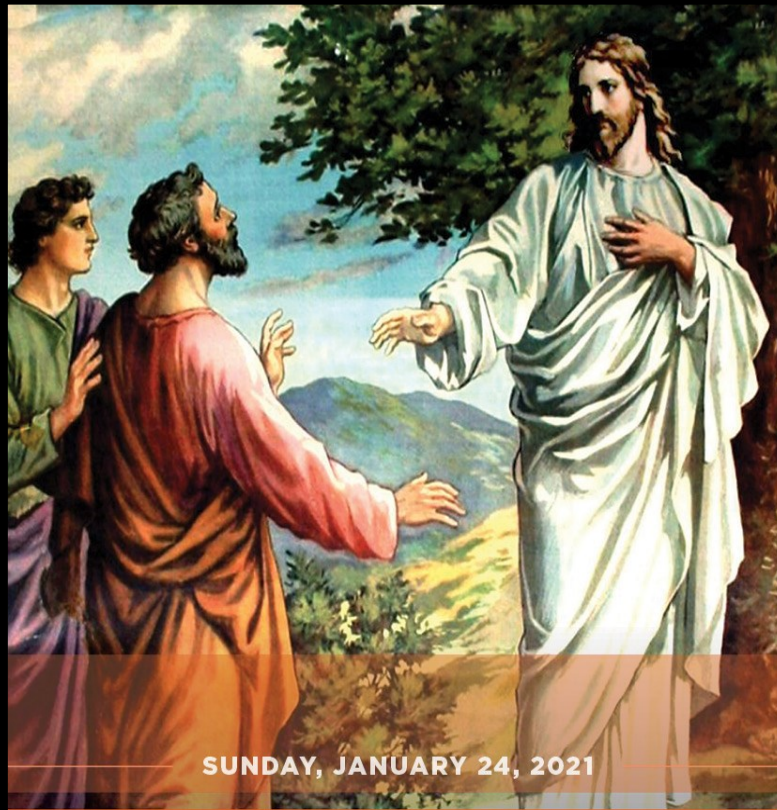


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/
Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28



January is "Sanctity of Human Life" Month
Pregnancy care centers - Supporting Life in our Community

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 25th **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**
No Mass

Tuesday, January 26th **Sts. Timothy and Titus**
Mass 8:15 am
† Richard Ziaja

Wednesday, January 27th **St. Angela Merici**
Mass 8:15 am
† Eric Montieth

Thursday, January 28th **St. Thomas Aquinas, Adoration Following Mass**
Mass 8:15 am
† Tina Franssen

Friday, January 29th
Mass 8:15 am
† Connie Cosgrove

Saturday, January 30th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† George V. Laubmeier

Sunday, January 31st **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
L&D of the Leineweber & Cahow families

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Each year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, starting the last Sunday in January. As with everything this year, it's going to look a little bit different. In fact, many of our traditional activities would be lost if we fully tried to celebrate it now, so we're going to be pushing off our official celebration until late April/early May.



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From your pastor . . .

This column continues the reproduction of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' (USCCB) statement entitled, "Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines". The first two installments appeared in the last two columns which can be accessed through our parish website www.stmarysrc.com. The statement is written in *italics* with footnotes appearing in parentheses.

II. The Latest COVID-19 Vaccines

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a situation with circumstances similar to those posed by rubella. First, at least at present, there is no available alternative vaccine that has absolutely no connection to abortion. Second, the risk to public health is very serious, as evidenced by the millions of infections worldwide and hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States of America alone. Third in many cases the most important effect of vaccination may not be the protection it offers to the person who receives the vaccination, who may be of relatively robust health and unlikely to be seriously affected by the disease. Rather, the more important effect may be the protection it offers to those who are much more likely to be seriously stricken by the disease if they were to contract it through exposure to those infected.

There are currently three vaccines that have been presented to us as having demonstrated their effectiveness and that are likely to be made available in the coming months, those from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca. The situation of the first two is essentially the same. Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine. A confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of abortion.

In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reason to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines. (Nothing in this document is intended to express any opinion as to the safety or efficacy of any vaccine in general or in any particular case.) In addition, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. (We should keep in mind that some people cannot themselves be vaccinated, they must rely on the rest of the community's becoming immune through vaccination so that the disease does not travel through the community and infect them.) In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good. (Every person who becomes ill with COVID-19 places an additional burden on the health care systems, which in certain cities, states and nations have been in danger of being overwhelmed.)

The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. The current vaccine for rubella, though developed earlier, relies on morally compromised cell lines in much the same way as the newly developed AstraZeneca vaccine. The AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if there are alternative available. (The situation is unclear in terms of what vaccines are going to be available where. Various factors may affect which vaccines are available in a given region. For example, the Pfizer vaccine must be stored at extremely cold temperatures [around -80 Fahrenheit], which may make its distribution difficult where the temperatures are high and where the necessary infrastructure is lacking. There is also considerable uncertainty as to how and by whom the vaccines will be distributed and administered. It seems reasonable to expect that there will be little or no consumer choice in the near future.)

It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others. In such a case, just as accepting a vaccination for rubella with a morally compromised vaccine is morally permissible because of the lack of alternatives and the serious risk to the public health, so it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine. (If one were to refuse the vaccination, one would have a moral responsibility to undertake all the precautions necessary to ensure that one does not become a carrier of the disease to others, precautions which may include some form of self-isolation.)

This will conclude the installment for this week. As I wrote before, it quite astonishing as to how intricately involved vaccine research and production is with the evil of abortion. Let us pray for the discovery of a vaccine that has no association whatsoever to abortion.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$44,256.00

January 16/17, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,135.00
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Religious Education.....	20.00
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Building & Maintenance.....	1.00
Holy Day.....	200.00
Total.....	\$3,530.00
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ST. MARY'S PCCW INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The PCCW will award three scholarships for graduating seniors whom are members of St. Mary's Parish. For more information refer to the application. Applications are in the main entrance of the church. The deadline is March 1st, 2021



Welcome to our parish family

Lane Karl Joseph

Baptized, December 13, 2020
Parents, Joshua & Kristen

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