



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a diverse, multi-cultural Roman Catholic Parish. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to build the kingdom of God through liturgy, prayer, education and outreach to those in need. We come together as a faith community to celebrate life’s joys and sorrows and minister to all who come to us.



Prayers for Strength and Healing If you wish to add someone to the prayer concerns for the sick, please gain permission from the patient *before* calling the Parish Office. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers, the sick and their caregivers:

Jack Bullen, Bea Lambdin, Barbara Bullen, Kolton Kafader, Cindy McDonald, Justine McDonald, Dave Klingforth, Peggy Kinner Dawson, Maria Martinez, Cadence Bonham, Sam Ranberg, Cee Dempsey, Cynthia Loeffler, Jim Maki, Steven Barker, Scott Gadbois, Cully & Ruth Dodds, Kathleen Figuerido, Ernie King, Candy Harman, Judy Morris, Manuel Casados, Carolyn Gilbert, Tom Steffen, Paulette Goble, Laura Angelo, Louisa Barber, Anne Owens, Richard Reiner, Steve Thomas, Ron Crivelli, Jill Angliss, Mark Spanfelner, Aniya Thompson, Melissa Hernandez, David Miley, the Hernandez Family, John Parsons, Christa Parsons, Marley Hayden, John McDonald, Heidi Sandoval, Marley Hogden, John McDonald, Duke Durham, Mary Wise, Emma Meyers, and Ruthanne Caton.

RIP

Eva Carrillo, Rick Tamagni, Michael Lindeman

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of January:

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Mass Schedule / Intentions

Week of Jan 9 – Jan17

Sat	5:15 PM	Closed mass for pre-recording
	6:00 PM	Closed mass for pre-recording
Sun:	10:00 AM	La Wanda Runninghawk
	12:00 PM	† Josefa Sandoval
Mon	12:00 PM	Intentions of Plascencia family
Tues:	12:00 PM	† Eileen Rodrigues
Wed:	5:30 PM	
Thurs:	12:00 PM	
Fri:		No Mass
Sat:	5:15 PM	
	6:00 PM	
Sun:	10:00 AM	† Tom Wise
	12:00 PM	† Jesus Garcia

Rosary for January:

~ That everyone reverences all human life~

Feast Days and Readings for the Week

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

Wed: 6:30 PM CFF Spanish- Hall

BAPTISM CLASS: Parents and Godparents of children to be baptized are required to take an Adults-only Baptism Preparation Class. You are encouraged to take the class before the child is born. The Spanish class is usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7 PM in David's Rm. The class in English is usually held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in David's Room. Please call the office to register, and to confirm the class date, 527 - 1351.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & Concerns: Emeli Hernandez; emeli.hernandez@sacredheartredbluff.org

LAY MINISTRY: Breanna Farmer; breanna.farmer@sacredheartredbluff.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: John Reineman, Grand Knight, 530-945-1348.

MEN OF SACRED HEART: sacredheartone@gmail.com, phone: 722-6694

PARISH OFFICE: 10 AM to 4 PM, Mon-Thru, 2355 Monroe Ave., 527 – 1351; Fax 529 - 2586.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For persons wanting to know more about the Catholic faith please call 527 - 1351.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Margie Duey, 586-1506

GABRIEL PROJECT: Linda Rose, 527-3608

SACRED HEART PARISH E-MAIL:
SacredHeartRedBluff@outlook.com

SACRED HEART PARISH WEBSITE:
www.sacredheartredbluff.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Sandi Kramer, President, 527-8900.

NEW PARISHIONERS, OR IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Please call the Parish Office at 527 – 1351

North State Coordinator, Office of Family & Faith Formation

The Diocese of Sacramento Office of Family & Faith Formation seeks a tech-savvy, dynamic, collaborative, self-starter to support and invigorate parish ministry in the four Northern deaneries of the Diocese of Sacramento. The North State Coordinator is responsible for supporting the north state deans in pastoral planning and collaboration between parishes; supporting parish faith formation, evangelization and youth ministry efforts; supporting parishes in the use of technology, social media and the internet for pastoral ministry, catechesis and evangelization; and supporting the development of competent lay leadership. Ideal candidate is bilingual, English & Spanish, has at least 5 years' experience in parish and/or diocesan ministry, understands the reality of northern California rural ministry, and has excellent communication, social media and marketing skills. This is a full time position with benefits.

To apply for a position, please email a short cover letter, resume, and application to personnel@scd.org. Positions are open until filled. For more information, visit

www.scd.org/employment.

CFF

On **Jan 13, 2021** there will be a Spanish class. Classes will resume alternating English and Spanish on Wednesdays throughout the year.

Weekend Mass instructions

Weekend Masses are held at the Parish Hall under the so-called "drive-in" protocol. Please consult the parish website for details: <https://www.sacredheartredbluff.org/register-for-mass/>

Weekend Mass schedule

Our weekend Mass schedule follows:

Saturday:

3:30-5:00pm Confessions at the Church

Sunday:

10:00 am English

12:00 pm Spanish

At the Parish Hall

**Saturday Mass will be recorded to be viewed on Sunday. To watch the Mass please see the Sacred Heart Parish Website. **

First Communion books

There are First Communion textbooks available in the parish office for parents who are registered for CFF First Communion classes.

I HEARD GOD LAUGH!

This book, by Matthew Kelly, is a gift from the parish. If you haven't already received one, please drop by the parish office and pick one up. You'll be glad you did! It is available in English and Spanish.

Protect Every Life: Respect Life Novena

January 14-22, 2021: FB LIVE <https://www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/> Our Respect Life Novena is dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: @SCDFormedFaith. Donate to receive a prayer package: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect_every_life_2021 Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> Contact for more details Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org

Protect Every Life: Respect Life Mass

Friday **January 22, 2021** @12:10pm: FB Live: @CathedraloftheBlessedSacrament 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe this Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy and penance in preparation for the persistent violations of human dignity inflicted by the practice of abortion.

Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>

Contact for more details Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org

Pro- Life Walk

Get together with friends and priests for a peaceful and prayerful walk to promote the culture of life. The walk will begin from St. Joseph's and end with Mass at Our Lady of Mercy. Please dress in bright colors, bring your own pro-life banners, and a prayerful heart. Please follow local health guidelines and for more information contact Anna at (530) 515-9638. Event will take place on **January 23, 2021** from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

New Online Giving Platform

If you are already an Online Donor with the Old ParishSOFT program, please use this URL: <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=389> to access the Old ParishSOFT Online Giving (Legacy) program and cancel your donations in that program. If you have been donating online through the Diocese of Sacramento Catholic Foundation, please call the Diocese Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266 to cancel your donations.

Then go to the Sacred Heart Church Red Bluff website: www.sacredheartredbluff.org. Click on the "Donate Now" button and sign up for a new donor account and set up your donations.

Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart Church [via the new online method. The Legacy program](#) and the Diocese of Sacramento programs will eventually be phased out.

If you would like to mail a donation, the address to send it to is 2355 Monroe Ave Red Bluff, CA 96080

If you have questions, please call the parish office at 530-527-1351.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL 09/10 de Enero

¿Embarazada? ¿Necesitas ayuda?

Llame al Centro de embarazo LifeNet

(530) 527- 3608

CFF

El 13 de enero de 2021 habrá una clase de español. Las clases se reanudarán alternando inglés y español los miércoles durante todo el año.

Nueva plataforma de donaciones en línea

Si ya es un donante en línea con el programa Old ParishSOFT, utilice esta URL:

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=389> para acceder al programa Old ParishSOFT Online Giving (Legacy) y cancelar sus donaciones en ese programa. Si ha estado donando en línea a través de la Fundación Católica de la Diócesis de Sacramento, llame a la Fundación Católica de la Diócesis al (916) 733-0266 para cancelar sus donaciones.

Luego, vaya al sitio web de Red Bluff de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón:

www.sacredheartredbluff.org. Haga clic en el botón "Donar ahora", regístrese para obtener una nueva cuenta de donante y configure sus donaciones.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón a través del nuevo método en línea. El programa Legacy y los programas de la Diócesis de Sacramento eventualmente serán eliminados.

Si desea enviar una donación por correo, la dirección para enviarla es 2355 Monroe Ave Red Bluff, CA 96080

Si tiene preguntas, llame a la oficina parroquial al 530-527-1351.

Libros de Primera Comunión

Hay libros de texto de Primera Comunión disponibles en la oficina parroquial para los padres que están registrados para las clases de Primera Comunión de CFF.

Paseo Pro-Vida

Reúnase con amigos y sacerdotes para una caminata pacífica y de oración para promover la cultura de la vida. La caminata comenzará en San José y terminará con la misa en Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia. Vístase con colores brillantes, traiga sus propias pancartas provida y un corazón lleno de oración. Siga las pautas de salud locales y, para obtener más información, comuníquese con Anna al (530) 515-9638. El evento tendrá lugar el 23 de enero de 21 de 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Coordinadora de North State, Oficina de Formación Familiar y Religiosa

La Oficina de Formación de la Familia y la Fe de la Diócesis de Sacramento busca un emprendedor autónomo, dinámico, colaborativo y conocedor de la tecnología para apoyar y vigorizar el ministerio parroquial en los cuatro decanatos del norte de la Diócesis de Sacramento. El Coordinador del Estado del Norte es responsable de apoyar a los decanos del estado del norte en la planificación pastoral y la colaboración entre parroquias; apoyando la formación de la fe parroquial, la evangelización y los esfuerzos del ministerio juvenil; apoyar a las parroquias en el uso de la tecnología, las redes sociales e Internet para el ministerio pastoral, la catequesis y la evangelización; y apoyando el desarrollo de un liderazgo laico competente. El candidato ideal es bilingüe, inglés y español, tiene al menos 5 años de experiencia en el ministerio parroquial y / o diocesano, comprende la realidad del ministerio rural del norte de California y tiene excelentes habilidades de comunicación, redes sociales y marketing. Esta es una posición a tiempo completo con beneficios.

Para postularse para un puesto, envíe por correo electrónico una breve carta de presentación, un currículum vitae y una solicitud a staff@scd.org

Los puestos están abiertos hasta que se llenen. Para más información visite www.scd.org/employment.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Catholic Moral Teaching and Tradition on COVID-19 Vaccines

When considering a vaccine, one should review its safety and effectiveness as well as any possible health concerns such as allergies. Bishop Soto, in unison with his brother bishops in California, presents the following important moral considerations as well. Mindful of the Church's moral teaching, he encourages Catholics to receive a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine for the sake of oneself, our loved ones, and the common good.

As the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against COVID-19 become available, it is critically important that Catholics and others have an accurate understanding of how these vaccines may be viewed from the perspective of Catholic moral teaching and tradition. The Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), has determined that it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take these vaccines against the COVID-19 Virus. Their determination is deeply rooted in the Catholic moral tradition. A brief review of their discernment in reaching this determination will assist people as they consider use of these vaccine and other vaccines.

Vaccine development and production over the last several decades has often relied upon some cell lines that lamentably were originally developed from cells obtained from two fetuses that were aborted in the '70s and '80s. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are not dependent on these cell lines. They were developed using different technology relying on ribonucleic acid (RNA) from the virus itself. Even though the vaccines may have been tested using compromised cell lines, this does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Consequently, use of these vaccines is ethically sound.

Other vaccines in development (including AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) have been developed from compromised cell lines. The specific moral questions are whether a recipient of these COVID-19 vaccines developed from such cell lines is morally complicit in the original abortions, and whether use of the vaccine will lead others to have abortions. According to Catholic moral teaching and tradition, it is morally unacceptable for an individual or institution to contribute to and influence an immoral act committed by another in a way that shows they approve or intend the immoral act. It is also wrong for them to contribute components that are essential to the immoral act, even if they do not intend the act of the other, and to lead others by example to engage in an immoral act.

Since it is impossible to influence an act that occurred in the past, a recipient of the COVID-19 vaccines developed from cell lines in question cannot influence or contribute to anything regarding the original abortions. Again, the mere fact that a vaccine may have been tested using these cell lines does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Furthermore, simply knowing the origin of the cell lines does not mean that one intends abortion. Thus, a recipient of the vaccine does not approve of or intend the original abortions, or materially

contribute to them. Clearly, all that the recipient intends is the good preventing disease and saving lives. This includes protecting countless pregnant women from contracting COVID-19, who will be able to carry their unborn babies safely to term.

The act of receiving the COVID-19 vaccines developed from the cell lines in question does not lead others to procure abortion. The action of the recipient is not the reason why someone has an abortion, nor is it an endorsement of abortion. Furthermore, vaccine researchers and others who develop cell lines from abortion-derived cells or use such cell lines in research do not lead persons to procure abortions. Researchers who develop or use these types of cell lines do so because they either see no connection of their work to abortion and/or because of the success of the cell line for research to develop effective and safe vaccines.

On December 21, 2020, the Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), issued a statement noting it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against COVID-19. Among other things, the CDF stated:

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" ... "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

If some of the faithful choose not to take the vaccine for reasons of conscience, the Vatican says those persons "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

I hope these reflections are helpful. Our commitment to the health and dignity of each human life compels us to be vigilant about the moral implications of medical technological developments as well as taking the necessary personal precautions, including the vaccine, to protect and care for one another. We rely on the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary so that we may be guided by the wisdom and mercy of her Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,



+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento