QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Daily Mass

8:00 am: M, W, Th, F

Holy Days

Please see The Messenger



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mass 9:00 am

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Adoration 10:30 am-11:15 am (Benediction follows) Confessions 10:35 am-11:15 am Mass 11:30 am

Confession

Sat. 4:00 to 5:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month Contact Fr. Timothy

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The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:

Grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith by living and teaching the Gospel.

Serve God's People in our parish, our community, and our world.

Church is Handicapped Accessible

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If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. www.unplannedparenthood.org, 619.442.4357

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

April 11, 2021

Envelopes Used 65
Envelope Collections \$ 4,654.00
Plate Collections \$ 383.00

\$ 5,037.00

TOTAL

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Renewing HOPE", has begun. Queen of Angels assessment for 2021 is \$30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic schools, formation of new priests and care for our retired priest, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

Thank you for your support as we participate in living the Church's mission to be a witness of compassion and mercy to those in need.

GOAL: \$30,000.00 PLEDGED: \$18,075.00 BALANCE: \$11,925.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 17-25, 2021

		DATE		TIME	INTENTION		
		Saturday,	Apr 17	5:30 pm	For the People		
		Sunday,	Apr 18	8:00 am	Rev. William Peckman		
Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday:	Jn 2:1-5a	Sunday,	Apr 18	10:30 am	†Shirmaya Zeynalli		
	Jn 6:22-29	Monday,	Apr 19	8:00 am			
	Jn 6:30-35	Tuesday,	Apr 20	7:30 am	Rosary		
	Jn 6:35-40	Wednesday,	Apr 21	8:00 am	†Harold & Marie Bispham		
Thursday:	Jn 6:44-51	Thursday,	Apr 22	8:00 am			
Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:	Jn 6:52-59 Jn 6:60-69 Jn 3:1-2	Friday,	Apr 23	8:00 am	†Jim Archer		
		Saturday,	Apr 24	5:30 pm			
		Sunday,	Apr 25	8:00 am	Rev. Joseph Khuyen Van Lai		
		Sunday,	Apr 25	10:30 am	For the People		



Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Church Visitation Hours The Church will be open for personal prayer and visitation as follows:

<u>Weekdays</u> - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm <u>Saturday</u> - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Reconciliation is available at 4:00 pm.



Do You Feel the Calling?

If so, why not consider start serving your church. We are always in need of Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Please help! We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend. Please contact Sandy in the parish office at 619.445.2145 if you feel the call.











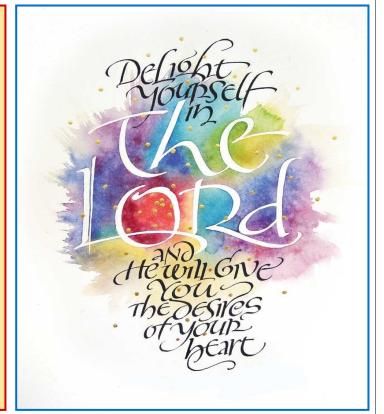
Please Welcome **Audrey Keryan Heady**,

as she joined our Queen of Angels Faith Community through Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation on Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Vigil.

HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS

HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS ARE BROUGHT HOLY COMMUNION BY FR. TIMOTHY. IF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 619.445.2145 SO THAT THEY CAN BE PLACED ON THE HOLY COMMUNION LIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND/SHUT-INS. THANK YOU!







Notice from the Diocese

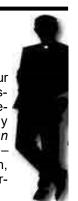
To report suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within our institutions and ministries please contact the Child and Youth Protection Office, Victims

Assistance Coordinator, at 858.490.8310.

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Physical Body of Christ and the Mystical Body of Christ are One and The Same

In the Gospel this Third Sunday of Easter [Lk 24:35-48] we see how St. Luke recounts the first appearance of Our Lord. St. Luke, as a physician, emphasizes the bodily aspect of the resurrection. Our Lord makes distinct His risen body to His Apostles to assure them that He has indeed risen bodily as He foretold. Notice especially how Jesus shows them His hands and side; He eats fish in front of them. He tells them that they should believe precisely in the risen body because they can "...touch and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." All these things Our Lord does so as to grant certitude to the Apostles that He – Jesus of Nazareth – has truly risen bodily from the dead. Certitude comes through our bodily senses. When one can see, taste, touch, hear, and smell a thing then we can have certitude about its existence and can come to know its nature and purpose. This is why Christ insists on impressing upon the senses of His Apostles the fact of His risen body.



However, as Christ's physical body is sensible, tangible, and discernable, so too is His Mystical Body, The Church. It is called 'mystical', not because it is indiscernible, nebulous, or ethereal, on a cloud somewhere out there. Rather, The Church is called mystical because, while we can see Her visibly, hear Her audibly, feel Her tangibly, as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic in Her members – as we say in The Nicene Creed – one must nevertheless have the "eyes of faith" to see the Holy Spirit as the source behind all Her goodness. Indeed, all the Members of The Body of Christ, The Church, are weak sinners, but they are strengthened in Christ [I Cor 3:10-15]. This is the explanation that St. Paul uses to describe the members – including the leaders – of The Church.

"... consider your call, brothers and sisters; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, ... so that no man might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord." [I Cor 1:26-31].

As weak and as powerless as we are, however, Christ still identifies His very self (His physical body and Divine Person) with the body of Christian believers standing upon "The Rock" [Mt 16:18], His Church in the world built upon the foundation of the Apostles [Rev 21:14; I Peter 2:4]. This is Divinely Revealed in St. Paul's conversion ". . . as he [Saul] journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And He said, "I Am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting [Acts 9:4]. The Body of Christ is therefore not merely His physical body incarnate in the world 2000 years ago: suffering, dying, rising from the dead, and ascending into heaven. The Body of Christ is just as much His Mystical Body, The Church. Hence, the physical, material Church that Christ established upon earth over 2000 years ago is the same one, universal (catholic), holy, Apostolic Church that exists today. And, just as then, we too have our doubting Thomas' [Jn 20:25], our Magdalen's who have had seven demons, our Peter's who deny, our Judas' who betray, and indeed many in our midst who cannot believe the words of the Apostles of today, the Bishops, but must declare, 'only when I see and touch Him myself will I believe'.

For many Christians it is as if, on the very day and moment of Christ's bodily Ascension into heaven, His Church ceased to exist! To many Christians if they cannot see Christ, hear Christ, touch Christ, and be with Christ *just exactly as the Apostles were in the upper room*, they will not believe in Christ's Body operating in the world today. Is this the faith that Christ called upon His believers to have when He Himself declared, "'He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.' [Lk 10:16]?" If Jesus established a Church – just as it is Divinely Revealed in the New Testament that He indeed did [Mt 16:18; 18:17; Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; 9:31] – then we must believe that His Church still exists and still communicates the sufficient grace and truth for all men to be saved. For just as the Church is divinely established, so it is divinely preserved from failure and error, as Our Lord Himself guaranteed, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against Her". Therefore, Christ IS seen and touched and heard through His Church, not only in the infallible teachings of the Pope and the bishops united with him, but also in the sensible signs that Christ Himself has ordained to communicate to us a participation in His Divine Nature, namely, the Seven Sacraments.

As the sensible sign of Christ working in the world today through His Church, the Seven Sacraments are the closest means of direct contact with Christ and the principal means of His grace for us.

BAPTISM: Christ accepted baptism from John, sanctifying the waters thereof, and directed His Apostles to baptize in His Name [Jn 3:5; Mk 16:16; Col 2:11-12; Acts 16:15, 16:33; I Cor 1:16].

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CONFESSION: Christ directed His Apostles to forgive the sins of men with the words "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them...

"Receive The Holy Spirit._If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [Jn 20:23; Mt 9:2-8, 18:18; Jms 5:16; I Jn 5:16].

CONFIRMATION: Christ "clothed" [Lk 24:29] His Apostles with The Holy Spirit so they could cover the nakedness of humanity and strengthen and confirm them with that Same Spirit [Acts 19:5-6, 14:14-17; Heb 6:2].

EUCHARIST: Jesus directed His Apostles to take ordinary bread and wine and change the substance of them (transubstantiation) into His very Flesh, Blood, Soul, and Divinity through the words "*Take and eat; this is My body*." [Mt 26:28; Jn 6:35-71; I Cor 10:16, 11:23-29].

PRIESTHOOD: in doing this He therefore ordained mere sinful men to become His agents or 'priests' before the people to offer His sacrifice, "...do this in memory of Me." [Lk 22:19; Jn 20:22; Acts 6:6, 13:3, 14:22; I Tim 4:14; II Tim 1:6]; Titus 1:5].

ANOINTING: Our Lord commissioned His Apostles to go and anoint the sick with oil [Jms 5:14; Mk 6:12].

MATRIMONY: And finally, Jesus told His hearers that, regarding one man and one woman, "What God has joined together, no man must divide." [Mt 19:5-6; Mk 10:7-12; Eph 5:22-32; Heb 13:4].

Just as Our Lord assured the Apostles centuries ago of His physical presence through their human senses, so The Church has continued from that day to assure billions of people throughout history that Our Lord's physical presence is still among us in His Mystical Body, The Church. The sensible signs of Christ abound in our midst but we fail to be impressed by them because, like doubting Thomas, we lack faith.

Let us be as the converted 'doubting Thomas' and finally reply, "My Lord and My God!" [Jn 20:28]. Let us not look upon the mere physical nature of the Body of Christ, but see beneath, to the actions of the Holy Spirit that God is indeed with us yet and has not left us orphans [Jn 14:18]. Let us rather have the faith to see that Christ's Mystical Body, His Apostolic Church continues going forth, to "...teach all nations: baptizing them in the Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit, teaching people to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded us. And know with certainty, as Our Lord promised, "...I Am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world [Mt 28:19–20]".

Easter Blessings,

Father Tim



"At the center of The Church is the Eucharist! Here Christ is present and active in humanity and in the whole world by means of The Holy Spirit." – Pope St. John Paul II



WOMEN TAKE A 'SECOND LOOK' AT THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

By Courtney Grogan Washington D.C., Jun 1, 2018 (CNA/EWTN News) catholicnewsagency.com/news/in-an-age-of-metoo-women-take-a-second-look-at-the-sexual-revolution

Fifty years after the sexual revolution promised female empowerment through casual sex "without consequences," schol-

ars are looking into the far-reaching social effects of that revolution.

"Unlike our forerunners in 1968, those of us living today now have access to something they didn't -- 50 years of sociological, psychological, medical, and other evidence about the (sexual) revolution's fallout," said author and scholar Mary Eberstadt in the opening speech at a conference entitled, "The #MeToo Moment: Second Thoughts on the Sexual Revolution.'

"The time has come to examine some of that evidence," said Eberstadt. Eight female scholars presented research on birth control, infertility, the hook-up culture, sexually transmitted diseases, pornography, surrogacy, and sex trafficking at the May 31 conference, co-sponsored by the Catholic Women's Forum and Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture.

"The #MeToo movement has forced us to confront the reality that when it comes to sexual politics, women remain

very much at risk," said Dr. Suzanne Hollman, a professor of clinical psychology at George Washington University.

Seventy-eight percent of women said they regretted their most recent hookup encounter, according to a 2012

study cited by Hollman.

When Dr. Monique Chireau was in medical school at Brown University training to be an obstetrician-gynecologist

20 years ago, cases of venereal warts were extremely uncommon.

"Now it is a common disease," said Chireau, who discussed the rise in sexually transmitted diseases and their lasting effects. Sexually transmitted diseases have reached an all-time high in California, according to data released by the California Department of Public Health earlier this month, which showed more than 300,000 cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis in 2017. These sexually transmitted diseases can lead to infertility, explained Chireau.

"Women spend [their] 20s trying to avoid pregnancy and their 30s trying to become pregnant," said Dr. Marguerite Duane, an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University in her discussion of research on birth control versus

fertility awareness based methods.

"The explosion of sexual activity thanks to the pill has also been accompanied by levels of divorce, cohabitation, and abortion never seen before in history," observed Eberstadt. "It has also, as the #MeToo movement shows, contributed to a world in which 24/7 sex is assumed to be a sexual norm to the detriment of those who resist any advance for any reason.'

"The belief that sex is a casual, non-intimate, recreational, adversarial behavior" and pornography use among men are two of the main predictors of sexual violence against women, said another psychologist, Mary Anne Layden, who has

treated both rapists and rape victims in her cognitive therapy practice.

Pornography provides the "perfect learning environment" to train men to force sex on women, deafening their ability to perceive consent, according to Layden, who directs the Sexual Trauma and Psychopathology Program at the University of Pennsylvania. She cited multiple studies that have found that pornography's overwhelmingly violent content leads to violence against women. One study of students 18 to 21 years old found that the earlier the male child was exposed to pornography, the more likely it is that he will engage in non-consenting sex as a young adult. "The libertarian conceit that pornography is a victimless crime is over," said Eberstadt, who called pornography "the sexual revolution's bastard son" bastard son.

The sexual revolution empowered "the already strong and makes the weaker parties more vulnerable than before. This is true, for example, of the young women who were recruited for and demeaned by egg harvesting," continued Eber-

stadt. "It is true of the women and children exploited in the frightening rush to normalize prostitution."

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children found an 846 percent increase in reports of suspected child sex trafficking online in a period of only five years, said Professor Mary Leary, who specializes in criminal law and human trafficking and teaches at The Catholic University of America.

Women are also being exploited in the surrogacy industry, another arena in which "bodies are commodified," explained Jennifer Lahl, the founder and president of The Center for Bioethics and Culture Network. Lahl has testified at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on surrogacy and egg trafficking.

"The global fertility industry has grown into a multi-billion dollar a year industry," said Lahl. "Earlier this week, Market Watch announced this industry will reach \$30 billion dollars by 2023."

"As the years go by we have larger sample sizes and more studies being published, we are learning more and more about the very real harms to women who serve as surrogates or egg donors and also the children that were born of these tech-

nologies," Lahl explained.

"Bodies of women in particular are valued for their reproductive capacities -- their eggs, their wombs. Children bighly desirable eggs are sought from women of certain intelligence, features, capabilities are brought together with carefully picked sperm and often gestated by another woman, even a stranger in another country, a third world country," she continued. "This is the largest social human experiment of our time -- we are learning as we go of the harms to women and children. Where else in medicine do we allow such things to happen?" asked Lahl.

Gendercide is another global consequence of the sexual revolution's promotion of abortion, said Mary Eberstadt. "Around the planet millions more unborn girls are killed every year than boys. They are killed because they are girls." "This grotesque outcome could not have been foreseen half a century ago, but we see it now. It is as anti-female as it is possi-

ble to be," she continued.

PRO-LIFE RUSSIA: PROPOSED LAWS WOULD BAN ANTI-FAMILY PROPAGANDA

Allen Baldanza April 5, 2021 www.pop.org/russia-determined-to-raise-the-birth-rate

In early March 2021, Russia's ruling "United Russia" party held a conference titled, "Legal and legislative aspects of supporting families and family values in the Russian Federation", which is part of a United Russia party project called "Strong Family." They proposed a series of legislation to protect traditional family values and unborn children, in part to fight Russia's dire demographic crisis. It was attended by deputies of the State Duma and the Moscow City Duma, members of the Federation Council and the Public Chamber, representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Union of Orthodox Women and the Association of Large Families in Moscow.

Among the proposals include <u>banning</u> private clinics from performing abortions, as well as the <u>removal</u> of abortions from coverage from Russia's compulsory health insurance system. Also included would be laws intended to change the culture of Russia into a culture of life, which includes the banning of the "propaganda of abortion." Such propaganda that would be banned would include a ban on information that promotes abortion, calls for abortions, and advocates for the safety of abortions.

Deputy Vladimir Krupennikov <u>proposed</u> to strengthen the punishment for the promotion of abortion, stating "I believe it's necessary to propose a number of legislative initiatives aimed at establishing responsibility for the dissemination of information propagandizing abortion and strengthening the legal responsibility for advertising, forcing, or inclining towards abortion, as well as advertising the safety of abortions."

Inga Yumasheva, a member of the State Duma Committee on Family, Women and Children, <u>proposed</u> banning abortions in private clinics, as well as abortions for minors without parental consent. The deputy believes that in private clinics, abortions are often carried out the same day, stating that it is necessary to give women a "week of silence."

In the realm of supporting large families, State Duma Deputy Speaker Pyotr Tolstoy proposed to introduce progressive maternity capital, the size of which will grow with each new child. "Because the family in which children are born should become richer, not poorer," Tolstoy explained. To correct the demographic situation, in his opinion, it is also necessary to increase payments to families with children.

He also insisted that Russia should \underline{join} the pro-life $\underline{Geneva~Consensus}$, which argues that abortion cannot be considered a means of family planning, and that the family is the basis of the state. The United States, under the previous Trump administration, was a member of the $\underline{Geneva~Consensus}$.

Reduction of abortion has been one of Russia's demographic goals, and in October of 2020, Russian president Vladimir Putin issued an order to improve Russia's abortion prevention efforts.

Russia has already had some success in reducing the abortion rate. Since 2016, Russia's abortion rate has been reduced by 39%. Russia has for many years had among the highest abortion rates in the world. In 2000, Russia had as many as 2,139,000 abortions. In 2019, this has since been reduced to 622,000 abortions, according to Statista. The conference included other measures as well. These measures would expand the promotion of a culture of life, and include a ban on information that offends family values, motherhood, large families and childhood.

Responding to the LGBT ideology that has become popularized in the West, the Russian conference proposed <u>bans</u> on such propaganda within the Russian Federation. This includes measures to prohibit the propaganda of sex change, a ban on the propaganda of bisexuality, transgenderism, and polyamory. In addition, the conference participants pushed for the introduction of a ban on LGBT symbols in state institutions. Last year, a <u>majority</u> of Russians also voted for constitutional changes that would define marriage as a union between one man, and one woman.

On other right to life issues, the conference also proposed a <u>ban</u> on euthanasia.

With more pro-life legislation on the way in Russia, it could serve as a good role model for other nations to follow, in both helping to reverse each nation's population decline and protecting the unborn. Others, such as Poland and Hungary, have also introduced a series of pro-life, pro-family legislation in their respective nations. It remains to be seen if these policies will reverse Russia's population decline, but such policies are a welcome trend that will encourage respect for human life and protect the traditional family unit as God intended.