

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

3:30 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. 2:00 to 3:00 pm

or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month

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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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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

December 25, 2020

Envelopes Used	73
Envelope Collections	\$ 6,595.00
Plate Collections	\$ 465.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,060.00

December 27, 2020

Envelopes Used	56
Envelope Collections	\$ 3,240.00
Plate Collections	\$ 347.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,587.00

January 3, 2021

Envelopes Used	55
Envelope Collections	\$ 6,378.00
Plate Collections	\$ 431.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,809.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 9-17, 2021

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Mt 1:7-11</i>	Sunday, Jan 9	3:30 pm	For the People
Monday:	<i>Mt 1:14-20</i>	Sunday, Jan 10	8:00 am	†Robert D. Jaynes
Tuesday:	<i>Mk 1:21-28</i>	Sunday, Jan 10	10:30 am	†Helen Holt
Wednesday:	<i>Mk 1:29-39</i>	Monday, Jan 11	8:00 am	Joan Pernicano
Thursday:	<i>Mk 1:40-45</i>	Tuesday, Jan 12	7:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
Friday:	<i>Mk 2:1-12</i>	Wednesday, Jan 13	8:00 am	†Sonjia Martinez
Saturday:	<i>Mk 2:13-17</i>	Thursday, Jan 14	8:00 pm	Robert Coutts
Next Sunday:	<i>Jn 1:35-42</i>	Friday, Jan 15	8:00 am	†Marie Bispham
		Saturday, Jan 16	3:30 pm	†Kathleen Espinoza
		Sunday, Jan 17	8:00 am	†Christina Lauffer
		Sunday, Jan 18	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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THE BAPTISM OF THE
LORD

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COME	CONSENTED	DESCENDING
DOVE	FITTING	FULFIL
GALILEE	HEAVEN	IMMEDIATELY
JESUS	JOHN	JORDAN
LIKE	NEED	OPENED
PREVENTED	RIGHTEOUSNESS	SAYING
SPIRIT	THEN	THUS
VOICE	WATER	WENT

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

Weekdays - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Reconciliation is available.



Religious Education Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

1st-5th Grade:

January 10: Class resumes

Religious Education Schedule Please take note: there will be no Religious Education classes on **January 17**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes resume on January 24.



Donate to Your Parish During this COVID-19 pandemic, your parish needs your support more than ever. Your parish gift provides a lifeline of support to our church family in this time of crisis. Please donate today.



THE SHAPE OF LOVE

by Donald DeMarco

December 28, 2020 crisismagazine.com

"You can't judge a book by its cover" is a truism. Nonetheless, that does not lessen the value of a book's title. Selecting the right title is important, like giving the right name to your child. I chose *The Shape of Love* to introduce my book about the importance of moral virtue, and its rootedness in love. Love transforms us. It gives us a certain shape, so to speak. Our lives are shaped by love, and that shape should be evident to others. If we live by virtue, our lives should take on a certain luster. We can think of the face of Jesus, or the actions of any number of the saints.

....love is a quality that rises from within the person. Suppose, however, that one could achieve a certain shape that is merely the product of one's will? Is such a maneuver even possible? In today's world, where the will is given centrality, the idea has become very popular.

Consider the 2017 romantic fantasy, *The Shape of Water*, which the American Film Institute hailed as one of the top ten movies of the year. In this film, the main character is abandoned at infancy by the side of a river. She is a mute who finds work as a cleaner in a secret government laboratory, and falls in love with a watery creature—a humanoid amphibian. At the close of the movie, she develops gills and lives "happily ever after" in a watery environment, remaining steadfastly in love with the Amphibian Man. Despite all of the awards the movie garnered, film critic Rex Reed of the New York Observer, called it "a loopy, lunk-headed load of drivel". He may have been right on the mark. Although the theme fits snugly into our modern-day assumptions, it is, from a philosophical point of view, purely fantastical.

Jean-Paul Sartre is the philosophical forerunner to absolutizing freedom so that a person can form himself—achieve his shape, we might say—purely through the force of his will. This notion of absolute freedom is very attractive to many who may be discontent about the thought of being affixed to a stereotype. Would it not be glorious if one could be anything he wanted to be? For Sartre, we define ourselves in time through our choices. Being born male or female, therefore, would not limit people to a specific gender. People could change gender, have no gender, or slide from one gender to another. Terms such as bisexual, pansexual, omnisexual, asexual, and non-monosexual have come into our language.

Sartre, an atheist existentialist, provided a simple, straightforward principle to enunciate his notion of wide-open freedom. He states "existence precedes essence". When I first came across this statement I regarded it as the most philosophically indefensible claim I had ever read. It belonged, I thought, to the category of jokes. According to the more realistic thoughts that belong to the tradition of Saint Thomas Aquinas, "existence does not exist". Things exist. Being exist. Wherever there is existence, there is always something that exists. But existence cannot exist all by itself, no more than one hand can clap or that there could be a smile without a face. How could anyone believe for one second that a person could be completely lacking in any essence or nature, and yet somehow have the capacity to make choices? At least such a being would have the essence of a choice-maker.

Water, as we all know, has no shape. It is fluid. The only shape it can have belongs to the container in which it is placed. But we are not watery creatures seeking an alien shape. We are human beings who have a destiny that is rooted in our being. We are born with the capacity to love. It is love that gives us our shape, not our will. The LGBTQ+ consortium, however, is insisting that freedom of choice, contrary to what Genesis teaches, precedes sexual identity. Therefore, we can be whatever we want to be. But if we are "nothing" to begin with, we are doomed to that barren state because nothing comes from nothing. In truth, we are God's creatures, endowed with His image and likeness, and given the opportunity to become who we are.

The view that man is a nothing, looking to be a something, is an impoverished idea. We are made in a way that our inherent capacities for love, knowledge, truth, beauty, justice, goodness, and so on are available for our benefit, our delight, and our beatitude. We are beings who have been given freedom. But our freedom is not absolute. We are not free to unmake ourselves and become something other than ourselves. We are free to be ourselves. We are free to say "yes" to the way God made us. That is a freedom that is both realistic and rewarding. It is a freedom that honors the myriad gifts that God has made available to us. Let the shape of our love be the shape that God had in mind when He created us.

Abridged for brevity read full story at: crisismagazine.com/2020/the-shape-of-love

PASTOR'S PAGE

Christ, in His body, is the Manifestation of The Mystery of God

Christmas ...Holy Family ...Epiphany ...Baptism of the Lord? The Feast of the Baptism ends the Christmas season. It fits in because it is a "Manifestation of the Divine". Christ comes forth and is presented by The Father and The Holy Spirit, the Divine Persons Who are His credentials [Mt 3:13-17]. This baptism presents Christ, Whom The Father in heaven confirms with the voice: *"This is My beloved Son..."*, and by The Holy Spirit, through the descending of the dove to signify the peace of Christ and the dawning of a new era. This is as St. Paul states: *"In many and diverse ways God revealed of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken (Revealed) to us by a Son, Whom He appointed the heir of all things, through Whom also He created the world. He (The Son) reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His Nature..."* [Heb 1:1].



Thus, the coming forth of The Son from the baptismal waters is truly a manifestation of the divine, an epiphany; *it is the revealing of a secret, a mystery, something not known before*. In this baptismal manifestation Christ wished to show us that, for the Christian with faith, the Mystery of God (His secret which He wishes to Reveal to the 'chosen') is revealed through ordinary things by faith. That through what *appears* to the ordinary eyes of man as nothing, such as the washing of a person with plain water, God is in fact exercising His great power to save people and destine them for eternal life (c.f. Naaman the Syrian II Kgs 5:10-12 *"Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?"*).

Christ *is* The Mystery of God incarnate (in-the-flesh) and revealed to those who have supernatural faith [Tim 3:16]. Whatever Christ touches becomes sanctified. He touches the waters of baptism to sanctify them. St. Augustine says that *"Christ is not sanctified by the water, rather He sanctifies the waters; He did not need baptism, rather baptism needed Him!"* Thus whatever Christ touches becomes sanctified: bread, wine, oil, water, our offerings, and our vows – namely, the Seven Sacraments of The Church. Through these material things, as through a medium of the Divinity of Christ, Our Lord sanctifies in turn all those who touch them. Christ touches all these things and reveals the Mystery of God, through them, not to all, but to those who have been granted faith from above [Acts 10:41].

Yes. God works the miraculous power of His grace *through ordinary things*: the birth at a Bethlehem stable; the upbringing of Jesus in the insignificant rural village of Nazareth; the selection of simple fishermen as Apostles; the infamous cross as the instrument of our redemption, etc. So it is that the Seven Sacraments themselves, employing simple, meager material substances (water, oil, wine, bread, words), become the medium that God chooses to show forth and reveal His grace to the world even to this day. The sacraments are rightly: *external signs of the internal reality of God's grace among us*.

Thus ordinary physical and material things of this world become sanctified; they become 'set apart' and 'holy'. However, if holiness consists in 'doing the Will of God', how can material and thus inanimate things be understood to 'do the Will of God'? Simply, when they are used according to the Divine Will, in "the service of God", that is, The Liturgy [work of God CCC 1069], they become holy through Christ. Hence we speak of holy *water*, holy *oils*, holy *places*, holy *persons* (the baptized), all of which are 'set apart', *consecrated*, from this world's usage for the service of God. They are material things linked with Christ that become the medium of the Mystery of God. In fact, *The Catechism of The Catholic Church* begins its section on the Seven Sacraments entitled "The Celebration of the Christian MYSTERY". The sacraments are the means of God continuing the manifestation of His *Mystery*, revealing the grace of His Divine Son, to all the world. Hence, The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Our Lord spoke of the knowledge of the mysteries (i.e. the sacraments) *as necessary, not optional*, e.g. To Nicodemus [Jn 3:5]: *"...unless a man be born again..."* [Mt 28:19,20]. To those in Capernaum: Jesus said to them, *"... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."* [Jn 6:53].

The acceptance of the Mystery of Faith "*Mysterium Fidei*" is what distinguishes the Christian from all others. The Christian recognizes, *through the eyes of faith*, the working of God's Mysteries, the manifestation of the Divine in the ordinary things that God uses in the world to sanctify men (the Church, and the Sacraments). This is how we distinguish between the Christian and the pagan, in that the Christian has a *super-added knowledge* (Faith) *infused into Him from above by God, by which he exercises a superior mode of understanding and action. This superior mode of understanding and action is that he recognizes the divine workings of God in the world, whereas the pagan does not.* As Our Lord said to His Apostles: *"To you it has been given to know the mysteries (secrets) of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given"* [Mt 13:11]. In this sense the true meaning of the word 'pagan' comes out – pagan means literally one not informed, one who never got the message. It originally meant, in ancient times, 'the rural dwellers' (hillbillies) as opposed to the civilized, urban dwellers of the city of Rome who were able to be informed and catechized and thus were given the knowledge of Christ and His Church, the knowledge of "the Mysteries".

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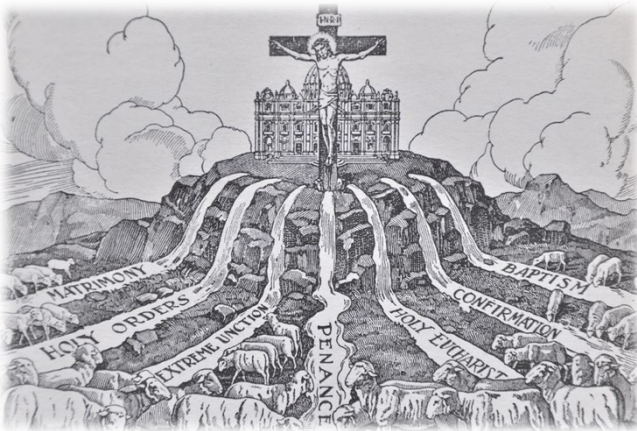
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Today we may speak of the Neo-Pagans. Those people who, *ignorant* [II Peter 2:12], and without faith, do not recognize, or at least do not acknowledge, God working before them, in their very midst. They are the ones who don't go to church, don't have their (one or two) children baptized, or at least educated in the faith, they don't pray, and certainly don't go to confession; in other words, those who really do not have knowledge and faith in The Mysteries. They do not exercise their faith and to that extent they are practical atheists, they have not really received the message of Christ and His Church. The seeds of faith planted in baptism never penetrated their minds and hearts, e.g. Parable of the Sower [Lk 8:5].

In conclusion we can see that, in the Baptism of Christ at the River Jordan, God The Father inaugurates (He begins, He ordains) a new manner of reception of the grace of The Son, in The Holy Spirit. God does this through external signs that would be the medium of the Divine Revelation of the mystery of the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – to all the world. In other words, *God gives us the Sacraments at the very start of Jesus' public ministry as the means of grace and salvation to all those with a humble faith.*

Why faith? Why Mystery? Why sacraments? Because,

"... 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, to reduce to nothing those who are something, 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 . . . I Cor 1:27



In other words...that what we as Christians have, we know we have RECEIVED gratuitously by grace and faith from God.

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the Mysteries of God. (1 Cor 4:1)

New Years Blessings, *Father Tim*

'We Don't Know What 2021 has in Store for Us': Pope Francis Calls for Commitment to One Another in the New Year

LOS ANGELES, CA (Catholic Online) - On Sunday, Pope Francis spoke via a live broadcast from the Apostolic Palace, warning against the temptation to ignore the suffering of others during the Coronavirus pandemic.

"We don't know what 2021 has in store for us, but what each of us and all of us together can do is to commit ourselves a little more to take care of each other and of creation, our common home," the pope said in his January 3, 2021 Angelus address, according to Catholic News Agency.

"Things will get better to the extent that, with God's help, we work together for the common good, putting the weakest and most disadvantaged at the center."

He stated that he understood the temptation many are faced with "to live hedonistically... seeking only to satisfy our own pleasure," was very real.

"I read something in the newspapers that saddened me greatly: in one country, I forget which, more than 40 aircraft left, to enable people to flee from the lockdown and to enjoy the holidays," expressed Pope Francis. "But those people, good people, did they not think about those who stayed at home, about the economic problems faced by many people who have been felled by the lockdown, about the sick? They thought only about taking a holiday for their own pleasure. This pained me greatly."

During his video, he personally addressed those who begin the new year with greater difficulties than last years' new year, specifically the sick and the unemployed.

"I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, He does not merely speak: He makes Him see the wounds of the flesh, He makes Him see the wounds He suffered for us," he shared. "This is Jesus: with His flesh He is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering."

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Just remember, nothing occurs that God is unaware of [Mt 10:29-30].
God is in charge of all things . . .



and if evil plotters appear to be empowered
it is only that God allows their evil to fulfill His Own Purposes

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decorate our parish for Christmas.*

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IDIOT DEMOCRATS END PRAYER WITH “AMEN” & “A WOMAN”

by Robert Walker January 4, 2021

WASHINGTON, D.C. –

It's now clear liberal Democrats on Capitol Hill did not pledge to stop their insanity as one of their 2020 New Year's resolutions. That became evident after Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, who appeared to be wearing a metal cheese grater over his face ended the opening prayer to start the new Congressional session with "Amen and Awoman". The ending of a prayer with "Amen" has nothing to do with ridiculous liberal gender identification politics, but translates to "So be it". "Awoman" literally translates to nothing at all, but a show of liberal Democrat party ignorance and idiocracy.

Besides the fact that Cleaver left out 32 other liberal-supported genders, assuming God is either a man or woman is a cardinal sin of liberal politics. And so it goes, in Washington, D.C., 2021 starts exactly where 2020 left off. Cleaver's opening prayer in Congress was nothing short of a hatchet job on religion.

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