

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	05:00 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06:00 P.M.
Wednesday	08:30 A.M.
Thursday	06:00 P.M.
Friday	08:30 A.M.

(For holy days, see pg. 2 or check our website)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursday 05:00 P.M. - 06:00 P.M.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30-4:30 P.M.
or by appointment.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK WITHIN THE MASS

will resume as restrictions are lifted.

Be safe and stay healthy!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HE
IS
THE
SON
OF
GOD.

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HERALD OF CHRIST

January 15, 2023

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Agnes Parish, a Christian family located in Kanawha City, is a multi-generational community committed to Catholic spiritual and moral values. We share the Gospel of Christ through the liturgical, charitable, and social efforts as we endeavor to live out our baptismal call. All are welcome, especially visitors, guests, and those new to the community.

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

January 8

Attendance: **132**

5:00 PM **32**; 8:00 AM **24**; 10:30 AM **41**; 12:30 PM **35**

1st Collection \$ 2,675.⁰⁰

2nd Collection \$ 619.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Outreach

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance \$ 20.⁰⁰

St. Agnes Renovation \$ 22.⁰⁰

All Saint's Day [11-1-22] \$ 50.⁰⁰

Thanksgiving Day [11-24-22] \$ 2.⁰⁰

Immaculate Conception [12/08/22] \$ 40.⁰⁰

Catholic Charities of WV [12/25/22] \$ 50.⁰⁰

Solemnity of Mary [01/01/23] \$ 30.⁰⁰

TOTAL \$ 3,508.⁰⁰

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan. 22 St. Agnes Renovation

Jan. 29 St. Agnes Debt Reduction

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS (JAN. 16-22)

Mon 16	***	No Mass
Tue 17	06:00 P.M.	David Wood (D) by Daniel & Lisa Wood
Wed 18	08:30 A.M.	Paul J. Forney (D) by Mike Forney
Thu 19	06:00 P.M.	Juanita Leon (D) by Juan & María López
Fri 20	08:30 A.M.	Jesus Parra González (D) by Pedro & Violeta López
Sat 21	05:00 P.M.	Therese Rhee (D) by Agnes Rhee
Sun 22	10:30 A.M.	<u>Feast of St. Agnes</u> People of the Parish

*"I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know."
(Ps 40:10)*

You are invited!

To a special Mass
on Sunday, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

to commemorate
The Feast of Saint Agnes

with
Most Rev. Mark Brennan
Presiding

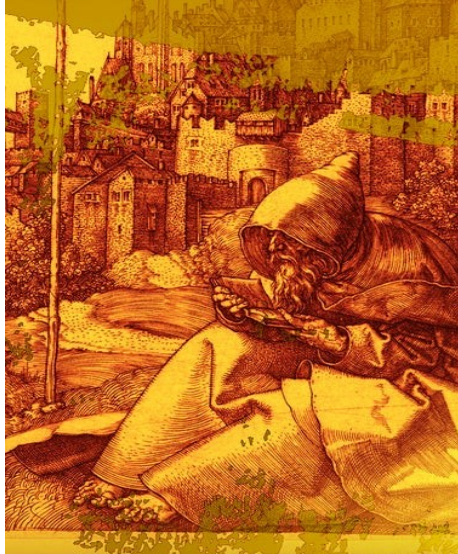
Please join us
for Mass and a reception to follow.



DAILY READINGS IN ORDINARY TIME – (JANUARY 16-22)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Heb 5:1-10/ Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18- 22	Heb 6:10-20/ Ps 111:1-2, 4- 5, 9 and 10c/ Mk 2:23-28	Heb 7:1-3, 15- 17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6	Heb 7:25—8:6/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b- 9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mk 3:13-19	Heb 9:2-3, 11- 14/Ps 47:2-3, 6 -7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT



— JANUARY 17TH —

On Jan. 17, Catholics celebrate the life of St. Anthony of Egypt, the founder of Christian monasticism. Anthony was born around 251, to wealthy parents. [He] would see the Emperor Constantine's establishment of Christianity. One day, he heard Jesus' exhortation to [a] young man in the Biblical: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." He followed the advice of selling everything he owned. Anthony attempted to live alone in a secluded desert. This period as a hermit lasted between 13 and 15 years. [He] became engaged in spiritual combat. When he was around 33 years old, his patrons found him in serious condition, and took him back to a local church to recover. Anthony emerged from his solitude to provide guidance to the hermits that had become established in his vicinity. His decision to become its spiritual father marked the beginning of monasticism. St. Anthony may have been 105 years old when he died, between 350 and 356.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-anthony-of-egypt-119>

ENCYCLICAL LETTER ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II TO THE BISHOPS PRIESTS AND DEACONS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CONSECRATED LIFE AND ALL THE LAY FAITHFUL ON THE EUCHARIST IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH



CHAPTER THREE: THE APOSTOLICITY OF THE EUCHARIST AND OF THE CHURCH

31. If the Eucharist is the centre and summit of the Church's life, it is likewise the centre and summit of priestly ministry. For this reason, with a heart filled with gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ, I repeat that the Eucharist "is the principal and central *raison d'être* of the sacrament of priesthood, which effectively came into being at the moment of the institution of the Eucharist".⁶³

Priests are engaged in a wide variety of pastoral activities. If we also consider the social and cultural conditions of the modern world it is easy to understand how priests face the very real risk of losing their focus amid such a great number of different tasks. The Second Vatican Council saw in pastoral charity the bond which gives unity to the priest's life and work. This, the Council adds, "flows mainly from the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is therefore the centre and root of the whole priestly life".⁶⁴ We can understand, then, how important it is for the spiritual life of the priest, as well as for the good of the Church and the world, that priests follow the Council's recommendation to celebrate the Eucharist daily: "for even if the faithful are unable to be present, it is an act of Christ and the Church".⁶⁵ In this way priests will be able to counteract the daily tensions which lead to a lack of focus and they will find in the Eucharistic Sacrifice – the true centre of their lives and ministry – the spiritual strength needed to deal with their different pastoral responsibilities. Their daily activity will thus become truly Eucharistic.

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_20030417_ecccl-de-euch.html

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

For more information contact us at 304-881-3228, 304-539-4630

Please pray for our sick and homebound...

Nancy Baker, Dustin Basham, Edgel Blake, Emily Blake, John Blake, Harry Bowe, Francisca E. Calderon, Steve Bukovinsky, Carlos Calixto, Connie Carey, Betsy Chigo, Jannell Cochran, Joanna Collins, Jesús Correas, Tom Crutchfield, John Cincinnati, Cathy Dorsey, Sister Nancy Dunn, Eva Celine Elkins, Dallas Elswick, John Elswick, Cindy Fish, James Ford Jr., Jay & Tiara Francis, Lucy Fulcher, Mary Hanson, Ann Harris, Carlos Hernandez, Bonnie Jackson, Christopher Jones, Matthew Jones, Thomas Jones Jr., Camille Keller, Mary Keeler, Elizabeth Kelley, Marianne Kogoy, Christine Lawrence, Suzanne Lawrence, Mara Lomas, Rev. Charles McGinnis Jr., Rick Mason, Ken Miller, Tina Miller, Harley Mooney, Marsha Morton, Bing Murphy, Bridget O'Connell, Sarah Price, Philip Primozic, William Rader, Linda Radochio, Elena Ramirez, Joan Reishman, Reynolds Family, Joel Riveria, Maria Roberts, Alberto Rodriguez, Magdalena Pineda, Diana Smith, Keith Smith, The Smith Family, John & Sara Snyder, Theresa Sprouse, Vivian Sword, Andrew Tignor, Nancy Tompkins, Barbara Theierl, Sharon Wade, Matt Wazelle, Jim Wegmann, Shawn Wheeler, Danny Whelan, Bill Wilson, Anna Wise, John Witek, Shari Woodrum, Wright Family, Bertel Zodorozny.

(Please contact the parish office if you would like to remove your name or family member's name from our prayer list.)

LECTOR SCHEDULE — January 14-15

Weekend	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration	Lector's Name
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat. 14	05:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass	Pat Fulcher
Sun. 15	08:00 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Dana Fox
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday Mass	Tiffany Hastings
	12:30 P.M.	Sunday Mass (in Spanish)	Mary Oñate

PLAY THAT ONE AGAIN

How many times have you sung the church song, “Here I Am, Lord”? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing. “Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.” Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: “I will go if You lead me.” It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years. We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, “I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me.” Then again, I don’t want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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READING THE BIBLE

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading. These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God’s word has to say to us this particular Sunday. Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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CHAPTER TWO THE SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Article 1 CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

IV. Where is the Liturgy Celebrated?

1196 The faithful who celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours are united to Christ our high priest, by the prayer of the Psalms, meditation on the Word of God, and canticles and blessings, in order to be joined with his unceasing and universal prayer that gives glory to the Father and implores the gift of the Holy Spirit on the whole world.

1197 Christ is the true temple of God, "the place where his glory dwells"; by the grace of God, Christians also become the temples of the Holy Spirit, living stones out of which the Church is built.

1198 In its earthly state the Church needs places where the community can gather together. Our visible churches, holy places, are images of the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, toward which we are making our way on pilgrimage.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

LITURGICAL EVENTS & NEWS



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The National Catholic Schools Week is from Jan. 29-Feb. 4. "Principals, staff, and volunteers in the 24 Catholic schools — 18 grade schools and six high schools — are working together to showcase our exceptional schools," said Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. Superintendent of WV Catholic Schools. Catholic Schools Week is a great time to schedule a tour or shadow day at the school if you are considering enrolling your child, grandchild, or loved one. Contact your local school to schedule, and ask them about their celebrations you can attend, such as athletic events, academic fairs, choral concerts, community service projects, school Mass, and more.



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

A five-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This is a LIVE course which is being held at Ascension Parish in Hurricane, WV, on February 8, 2023 at 5:00pm-6:30pm and 7:00pm-8:30pm. Tuition and the cost of the books are totally free of charge. To register, contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org.



Safe Environment:

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at (888) 434-2637 or (304) 233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270; or call the Office of Safe Environment at (304) 230-1504.

COVID-19 UPDATED GUIDELINES

In order to protect the most vulnerable, Bishop Mark Brennan has asked that parishes continue observing the COVID-19 safety protocols that have been in place since last summer. Please continue to use hand sanitizer when you arrive to help prevent the spread of germs. If you feel sick in any way or have a cough, please remain at home. Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for those who have been affected by the virus.

OFFER A MASS

We invite you to offer a Mass for your loved ones, living or deceased. Offer a Mass for anyone who is in need of God's assistance, for the sick, unemployed, or for any good intentions you have. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church and drop it in the collection basket. A suggested donation for a daily Mass is \$10.00 and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN!

Help support St. Agnes while enhancing your Business opportunities. Promote your Business in our Bulletin for less than \$10 a week. For more information contact Frank DeChiazza at (304) 419-1668. Thank you for your support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Agnes church is looking for a part-time maintenance person. If interested, please send your resume to Tabitha Hoeflicker at stap1101char@dwc.org. Job description and salary will be discussed at time of interview.

ST. AGNES OUTREACH

As we continue our efforts to serve low-income families in Eastern Kanawha County, we are in need of volunteers. We are also collecting food which can be left in the parish office Monday through Friday from 12:00PM - 4:00PM. For more information call 304-720-9690 or 304-552-5286.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028. For questions, please feel free to contact Deacon John Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@dwc.org.

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y PERSONAL

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de 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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HORA SANTA Y BENDICIÓN

Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.

o con cita previa llamando a la oficina.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS DURANTE LA MISA

Se reestablecerá cuando las restricciones
de Covid-19 se hayan suspendido.

MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Nuestra Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés, localizada en Kanawha City, es una familia multicultural comprometida a fomentar los valores espirituales y morales de nuestra fe Católica. Como bautizados, nos esforzamos a vivir el Evangelio de Cristo en nuestra liturgia y obras de caridad. Si quieres ser parte de nuestra familia, te invitamos a que nos acompañes a la Misa Dominical, la Hora Santa y a todas las actividades que tenemos durante el año. ¡Bienvenido!



15 de Diciembre, 2023

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Jn 1, 29-34

Con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor terminamos el Tiempo de la Navidad. Hoy iniciamos lo que se llama el Tiempo Ordinario. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos explica lo que este tiempo significa: *“El año litúrgico es el desarrollo de los diversos aspectos del único misterio pascual. Esto vale muy particularmente para el ciclo de las fiestas en torno al Misterio de la Encarnación (Anunciación, Navidad, Epifanía) que conmemoran el comienzo de nuestra salvación y nos comunican las primicias del misterio de Pascua”*. El Tiempo Ordinario es el más largo del año, consta de 33 a 34 semanas, se celebra en una primera etapa antes de la Cuaresma, y otra, más larga, después del Tiempo Pascual. Los colores litúrgicos también tienen un papel muy importante en las celebraciones litúrgicas y este tiempo la Iglesia se engalana con el color verde.

Además del entorno que nos rodea dentro de la iglesia, lo más importante de cada domingo es escuchar la Palabra de Dios y descubrir el mensaje de Jesús y ponerlo en práctica en la vida diaria. En el Evangelio, Juan indica el punto a seguir: *“Detrás de mí viene un hombre que ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo...Sí, yo lo he visto, y declaro que éste es el Elegido de Dios”* (Juan 1,29.34). Juan es el elegido de Dios, testigo de la divinidad, el que nos muestra al Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo. No es fácil dejar paso a otro que nos quita el lugar y más si tenemos fama y amigos que nos reconocen. Juan ve a Jesús, comprende y le deja libre el camino.

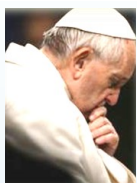
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BIENVENIDOS A SANTA INÉS

- La Santa Misa de los Domingos se celebra a las 12:30 P.M.
- Para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de Covid-19, el Sr. Obispo Mark Brennan, ha pedido a todas las parroquias que continúen observando las normas implementadas el verano pasado.
- Se les pide por favor, desinfectarse las manos con el gel antibacterial disponible en la entrada de la Iglesia.

¡ANUNCIA TU NEGOCIO EN NUESTRO BOLETÍN!

Al publicar tu negocio en nuestro Boletín estarás apoyando a la Parroquia en su ministerio pastoral. Por menos de \$10 semanal estarás promoviendo tu negocio durante todo el año. Para más información puedes comunicarte con el Padre José Manuel, al Tel.: (304) 925-2836 ¡Gracias por tu apoyo!



INTENCIÓN DEL MES DEL PAPA FRANCISCO Por organizaciones de voluntariado

Recemos para que las organizaciones de voluntariado y de promoción humana encuentren personas que estén deseosas de comprometerse con el bien común y buscar nuevas vías de colaboración a nivel internacional.

<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/todas-las-intenciones-de-oracion-del-papa-francisco-para-los-12-meses-de-2022-36904>



ENTORNO SEGURO:

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, comuníquese con delegados del Obispo al (888) 434-6237 o al (304) 233-0880: Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353, Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270; o a la Oficina de Entorno Seguro al (304) 230-1504.

HORARIO LITÚRGICO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (Del 16 al 22 de Enero)

Lunes 16	***	No hay Santa Misa
Martes 17	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Miércoles 18	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Jueves 19	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Viernes 20	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Sábado 21	03:30-4:00 P.M. 05:00 P.M.	Confesiones Santa Misa en Inglés
Domingo 22	10:30 A.M.	Fiesta de Santa Inés Santa Misa en Inglés

*"Este es el Cordero de Dios,
que quita el pecado del mundo" (Jn 1, 29)*

CRECIENDO

CON EL EVANGELIO

CICLO A



Lee el Evangelio de hoy y colorea la imagen



2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Jn 1, 29-34

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LECTURAS DIARIAS DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO – DEL 16 AL 22 DE ENERO

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
Heb 5, 1-10/ Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4/Mc 2, 18-22	Heb 6, 10-20/ Sal 110, 1-2. 4 -5. 9-10/Mc 2, 23-28	Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4/Mc 3, 1-6	Heb 7, 25—8, 6/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17/Mc 3, 7-12	Heb 8, 6-13/ Sal 84, 8 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mc 3, 13-19	Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 3, 20-21	Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3])/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

CRECIENDO EN NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA

*“He anunciado tu justicia en la gran asamblea;
no he cerrado mis labios: tú lo sabes, Señor”. —Salmo 39, 9-10*



San Sebastián, Mártir **20 de Enero**

Sebastián, hijo de familia militar y noble, era oriundo de Narbona, pero se había educado en Milán. Llegó a ser capitán de la primera corte de la guardia pretoriana. Era respetado por todos y apreciado por el emperador, que desconocía su cualidad de cristiano. [Fue] denunciado al emperador Maximino quien lo obligó a escoger entre ser su soldado o seguir a Jesucristo. El santo escogió la milicia de Cristo; desairado el Emperador, lo amenazó de muerte, pero San Sebastián, convertido en soldado de Cristo por la confirmación, se mantuvo firme en su fe. Enfurecido Maximino, lo condenó a morir asaeteado: los soldados del emperador lo llevaron al estadio, lo desnudaron, lo ataron a un poste y lanzaron sobre él una lluvia de saetas, dándolo por muerto. Sin embargo, sus amigos que estaban al acecho, se acercaron, y al verlo todavía con vida, lo llevaron a casa de una noble cristiana romana, llamada Irene, que lo mantuvo escondido en su casa y le curó las heridas hasta que quedó restablecido. Maximino mandó que lo azotaran hasta morir, y los soldados cumplieron esta vez sin errores la misión y tiraron su cuerpo en un lodazal. Los cristianos lo recogieron y lo enterraron en la Vía Apia, en la célebre catacumba que lleva el nombre de San Sebastián. El culto a San Sebastián es muy antiguo; es invocado contra la peste y contra los enemigos de la religión, y además es llamado además el Apolo cristiano.

<https://www.aciprensa.com/santos/santo.php?id=24>

Carta Encíclica Evangelium Vitae del Sumo Pontífice Juan Pablo II a los Obispos a los Sacerdotes y Diáconos a los Religiosos a los Fieles Laicos y a todas las personas de buena voluntad sobre el valor y el carácter inviolable de la vida humana.



Capítulo III: No Matarás la Ley Santa de Dios

“Mi embrión tus ojos lo veían » (Sal 139 138, 16): el delito abominable del aborto

La Tradición cristiana —como bien señala la Declaración emitida al respecto por la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe⁶¹— es clara y unánime, desde los orígenes hasta nuestros días, en considerar el aborto como desorden moral particularmente grave. Desde que entró en contacto con el mundo greco-romano, en el que estaba difundida la práctica del aborto y del infanticidio, la primera comunidad cristiana se opuso radicalmente, con su doctrina y praxis, a las costumbres difundidas en aquella sociedad, como bien demuestra la ya citada Didaché.⁶² Entre los escritores eclesiásticos del área griega, Atenágoras recuerda que los cristianos consideran como homicidas a las mujeres que recurren a medicinas abortivas, porque los niños, aun estando en el seno de la madre, son ya « objeto, por ende, de la providencia de Dios ».⁶³ Entre los latinos, Tertuliano afirma: « Es un homicidio anticipado impedir el nacimiento; poco importa que se suprima el alma ya nacida o que se la haga desaparecer en el nacimiento. Es ya un hombre aquél que lo será ».⁶⁴

A lo largo de su historia bimilenaria, esta misma doctrina ha sido enseñada constantemente por los Padres de la Iglesia, por sus Pastores y Doctores. Incluso las discusiones de carácter científico y filosófico sobre el momento preciso de la infusión del alma espiritual, nunca han provocado la mínima duda sobre la condena moral del aborto.

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/es/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html



CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA CAPÍTULO SEGUNDO LOS SACRAMENTOS DE CURACIÓN **ART. 4 EL SACRAMENTO DE LA PENITENCIA Y DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

X. La celebración del sacramento de la Penitencia

1483 En casos de necesidad grave se puede recurrir a la *celebración comunitaria de la reconciliación con confesión general y absolución general*. Semajante necesidad grave puede presentarse cuando hay un peligro inminente de muerte sin que el sacerdote o los sacerdotes tengan tiempo suficiente para oír la confesión de cada penitente. La necesidad grave puede existir también cuando, teniendo en cuenta el número de penitentes, no hay bastantes confesores para oír debidamente las confesiones individuales en un tiempo razonable, de manera que los penitentes, sin culpa suya, se verían privados durante largo tiempo de la gracia sacramental o de la sagrada comunión. En este caso, los fieles deben tener, para la validez de la absolución, el propósito de confesar individualmente sus pecados graves en su debido tiempo (CIC can 962, §1). Al obispo diocesano corresponde juzgar si existen las condiciones requeridas para la absolución general (CIC can 961, §2). Una gran concurrencia de fieles con ocasión de grandes fiestas o de peregrinaciones no constituyen por su naturaleza ocasión de la referida necesidad grave. (cf CIC can 962, §1, 2)

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