

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!

Feast of St. Agnes Virgin and Martyr



January 22, 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 15

Attendance: **125**

5:00 PM **26**; 8:00 AM **17**; 10:30 AM **40**; 12:30 PM **42**

1st Collection \$ 3,246.⁵⁵

2nd Collection \$ 340.⁰¹

Church in the Developing World

St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance \$ 10.⁰⁰

Flowers for Sanctuary \$ 300.⁰⁰

Solemnity of Mary [01/01/23] \$ 20.⁰⁰

Archdiocese for Military Services \$ 2.⁰⁰

TOTAL \$ 3,918.⁵⁶

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan. 29 St. Agnes Debt Reduction

Feb. 05 St. Agnes Bldg. & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



INTENTION OF THE MONTH OF POPE FRANCIS

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/2022/02/14/pope-francis-reveals-2023-prayer-intentions/>

MASS INTENTIONS (JAN. 23-29)

Mon 23 * * * No Mass

Tue 24 06:00 P.M. José Oñate León (D)
by Juan & María Lopez

Wed 25 08:30 A.M. Betty A. Fournery (D)
by Mike Fournery

Thu 26 06:00 P.M. Manuel Barit (L)
by Mary A. Barit

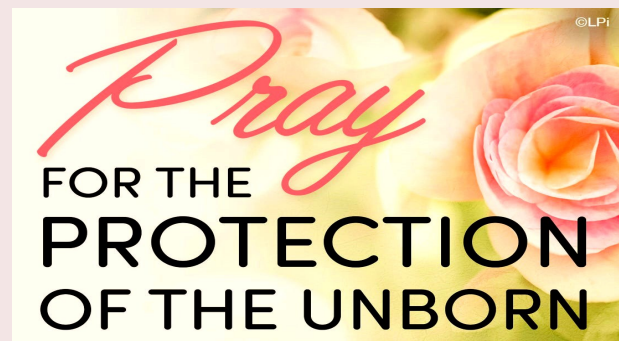
Fri 27 08:30 A.M. Jesus Parra Villaseñor (D)
by Pedro & Violeta López

Sat 28 05:00 P.M. Mary Ann Finney (D)
by John & Ann Lancaster

08:00 A.M. Helen & Joe Gallo
by Dana Fox

Sun 29 10:30 A.M. Woodrow Brinegar (D)
by Daniel & Lisa Wood

12:30 P.M. Hispanic Community



*"Heavenly Father, in Your love for us,
protect against the wickedness of the devil,
those helpless little ones to whom
You have given the gift of life.*

*Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant
in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.
Help them to see that the child they carry is made
in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You,
and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever"*
Amen.

<https://www.cwtn.com/catholicism/devotions/prayer-for-the-unborn-20787>

DAILY READINGS IN ORDINARY TIME – (JANUARY 23-29)

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



On Jan. 21, the Catholic Church honors St. Agnes— whose name means “lamb” in Latin. Born into a wealthy family, Agnes lived in Rome during under the Emperor Diocletian. To all interested men, she explained that she had promised herself to a heavenly and unseen spouse. Some men reported her to the state as a believer in Christ. She was brought before a pagan altar and asked to make an act of worship in accordance with the Roman state religion. When Agnes refused, the judge ordered that she should be sent to a house of prostitution. The first man to approach her was struck blind by a sudden flash of light. One of the men lobbied the judge for her execution. The executioner gave her one last chance to spare her life, but Agnes refused and courageously submitted to death. St. Agnes, who died in 304, was venerated as a holy martyr. She is mentioned in the Latin Church's most traditional Eucharistic prayer, the Roman Canon.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-agnes-123>

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

The centrality of the Eucharist in the life and ministry of priests is the basis of its centrality in the *pastoral promotion of priestly vocations*. It is in the Eucharist that prayer for vocations is most closely united to the prayer of Christ the Eternal High Priest. At the same time the diligence of priests in carrying out their Eucharistic ministry, together with the conscious, active and fruitful participation of the faithful in the Eucharist, provides young men with a powerful example and incentive for responding generously to God's call. Often it is the example of a priest's fervent pastoral charity which the Lord uses to sow and to bring to fruition in a young man's heart the seed of a priestly calling.

32. All of this shows how distressing and irregular is the situation of a Christian community which, despite having sufficient numbers and variety of faithful to form a parish, does not have a priest to lead it. Parishes are communities of the baptized who express and affirm their identity above all through the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. But this requires the presence of a presbyter, who alone is qualified to offer the Eucharist *in persona Christi*. When a community lacks a priest, attempts are rightly made somehow to remedy the situation so that it can continue its Sunday celebrations, and those religious and laity who lead their brothers and sisters in prayer exercise in a praiseworthy way the common priesthood of all the faithful based on the grace of Baptism. But such solutions must be considered merely temporary, while the community awaits a priest.

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_20030417_eccle-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 21-22

Weekend	Mass Time	Liturgical Celebration	Lector's Name
THE FEAST OF SAINT AGNES			
Sat. 21	05:00 P.M.	Vigil Mass	Sarah Casey
Sun. 22	08:00 A.M.	No Mass	---
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	Bunnie Perrine/Juanita Mata
	12:30 P.M.	No Mass	---

DROP YOUR NETS AND BE FREE

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom! Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario. In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

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CHASTISEMENT VS. PUNISHMENT

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition. First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have. The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is. Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

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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?

1199 It is in these churches that the Church celebrates public worship to the glory of the Holy Trinity, hears the word of God and sings his praise, lifts up her prayer, and offers the sacrifice of Christ sacramentally present in the midst of the assembly. These churches are also places of recollection and personal prayer.

Article 2 LITURGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE UNITY OF THE MYSTERY

Liturgical traditions and the catholicity of the Church

1200 From the first community of Jerusalem until the parousia, it is the same Paschal mystery that the Churches of God, faithful to the apostolic faith, celebrate in every place. the mystery celebrated in the liturgy is one, but the forms of its celebration are diverse.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

LITURGICAL EVENTS & NEWS



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™ FORMATION SERIES

Together in Holiness provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic and inspiring presentations from national speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more! This event is taking place on February 11, 2023 from 10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. in Wheeling.

For more information, contact Conference Coordinator at TH@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at noon, email or written copy please, no bulletin announcement will be taken over the phone. Contact us at stap1101char@dw.org. Please include topic of announcement in the subject line.

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@dw.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.

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. The first three months are free with your yearly subscription. 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@dw.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. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. For questions, please feel free to contact Deacon John Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@dw.org, or Tina High, thigh@dw.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer intentions for vocations & peace

Thursdays at 5:00pm,
followed by Mass at 6:00pm.

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y PERSONAL

304-925-2836 / Fax: (304) 205-7985

Horas de Oficina de Lunes a Viernes
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!

Fiesta de Santa Inés



22 de Enero, 2023

Biografía de Santa Inés

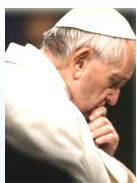
Llegado el momento del martirio. Reza. Inclina la cabeza. Hubierais visto temblar el verdugo lleno de miedo, como si fuera él quien estuviera condenado a muerte. Su mano tiembla. Palidece ante el horror que va a ejecutar, en tanto que la jovencita mira sin temor la llegada de su propia muerte. H aquí dos triunfos a un mismo tiempo para una misma niña: la pureza y el martirio". Era de la noble familia romana Clodia. Nació cerca del año 290. Recibió muy buena educación cristiana y se consagró a Cristo con voto de virginidad. Volviendo un día del colegio, la niña se encontró con el hijo del alcalde de Roma, el cual se enamoró de ella y le prometió grandes regalos a cambio de la promesa de matrimonio. Ella respondió: "He sido solicitada por otro Amante. Yo amo a Cristo. Seré la esposa de Aquel cuya Madre es Virgen; lo amaré y seguiré siendo casta". El hijo recurre a su padre, el alcalde. Este la hace apresar. La amenazan con las llamas si no reniega de su religión pero no teme a las llamas. Entonces la condenan a morir degollada. Sus padres recogen el cadáver. La sepultan en el sepulcro paterno. Pocos días después su hermana Emerenciana cae martirizada a pedradas por estar rezando junto al sepulcro. "Con mínimas fuerzas superó grandes peligros", dice San Dámaso en su epitafio. Todos los historiadores coinciden en proclamarla mártir de la virginidad. Es patrona de las jóvenes que desean conservar la pureza. Cada año, el 21 de enero, día de Santa Inés, se bendicen los corderos con cuya lana se tejen los "palios", o sea el distintivo de los arzobispos. En este tiempo de materialismo sea ella un modelo de castidad para la juventud. La liturgia la presenta como modelo de los éxitos que logra alcanzar una persona cuando tiene una gran fe. La fe en Dios y en la eternidad lleva al heroísmo.

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 23 al 29 de Enero)

Lunes 23	***	No hay Santa Misa
Martes 24	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Miércoles 25	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Jueves 26	06:00 P.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Viernes 27	08:30 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
Sábado 28	03:30-4:00 P.M. 05:00 P.M.	Confesiones Santa Misa en Inglés
Domingo 29	08:00 A.M.	Santa Misa en Inglés
	10:30 A.M. 12:30 p.m.	Santa Misa en Inglés Santa Misa en Español

22 de Enero



**Día de oración
por la protección legal
de los niños por nacer**

LECTURAS DIARIAS DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO – DEL 23 AL 29 DE ENERO

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
Heb 9, 15. 24-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Mc 3, 22-30	Heb 10, 1-10/Sal 39, 2 y 4. 7-8. 10. 11/Mc 3, 31-35	Hch 22, 3-16 o Hch 9, 1-22/Sal 116, 1. 2/Mc 16, 15-18	2 Tim 1, 1-8 o Tit 1, 1-5/12/Sal 131, 1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14/Mc 4, 21-2	Heb 10, 32-39/Sal 36, 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40/Mc 4, 26-34	Heb 11, 1-2. 8-19/Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/Mc 4, 35-41	Sof 2, 3; 3, 12-13/Sal 145, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 (Mateo 5, 3)/1 Co 1, 26-31/Mt 5, 1-1

CRECIENDO EN NUESTRA FE CATÓLICA

*“El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación, ¿a quién voy a tenerle miedo?
El Señor es la defensa de mi vida, ¿quién podrá hacerme temblar?”. –Salmo 26, 1. 4.*



Conversion de San Pablo

25 de Enero

[Yendo camino a Damasco, a Saulo] de repente le rodeó una luz venida del cielo; cayó en tierra y oyó una voz que le decía: "Saulo, Saulo, ¿Por qué me persigues?". El respondió: ¿Quién eres tú Señor? Y oyó que le decían: "Yo soy Jesús a quien tú persigues. Pero ahora levántate; entra en la ciudad, y allí se te dirá lo que tendrás que hacer". Había en Damasco un discípulo llamado Ananías. El Señor le dijo "Levántate. Vete a la calle Recta y pregunta en la casa de Judas por uno de Tarso que se llama Saulo; coloca [tus] manos sobre [su] cabeza y devuelvela la vista. Fue Ananías. Entró en la casa. Le colocó sus manos sobre la cabeza y le dijo: "Hermano Saulo: me ha enviado a ti el Señor Jesús, el que se te apareció en el camino por donde venías. Y me ha enviado para que recobres la vista y seas lleno del Espíritu Santo". Al instante se le cayeron de los ojos unas como escamas y recobró la vista. Se levantó y fue bautizado. Tomó alimento y recobró las fuerzas. Saulo se cambió el nombre por el de Pablo. Las Iglesias de Judea no me conocían pero decían: "El que antes nos perseguía, ahora anuncia la buena noticia de la fe, que antes quería destruir". (Gal 1:23).

<https://www.aciprensa.com/santos/santo.php?id=30>

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

62. El Magisterio pontificio más reciente ha reafirmado con gran vigor esta doctrina común. En particular, Pío XI en la Encíclica Casti connubii rechazó las pretendidas justificaciones del aborto; ⁶⁵ Pío XII excluyó todo aborto directo, o sea, todo acto que tienda directamente a destruir la vida humana aún no nacida, « tanto si tal destrucción se entiende como fin o sólo como medio para el fin »; ⁶⁶ Juan XXIII reafirmó que la vida humana es sagrada, porque « desde que aflora, ella implica directamente la acción creadora de Dios ». ⁶⁷ El Concilio Vaticano II, como ya he recordado, condenó con gran severidad el aborto: « se ha de proteger la vida con el máximo cuidado desde la concepción; tanto el aborto como el infanticidio son crímenes nefastos ». ⁶⁸

La disciplina canónica de la Iglesia, desde los primeros siglos, ha castigado con sanciones penales a quienes se manchaban con la culpa del aborto y esta praxis, con penas más o menos graves, ha sido ratificada en los diversos períodos históricos. El Código de Derecho Canónico de 1917 establecía para el aborto la pena de excomunión. ⁶⁹ También la nueva legislación canónica se sitúa en esta dirección cuando sanciona que « quien procura el aborto, si éste se produce, incurre en excomunión latae sententiae », ⁷⁰ es decir, automática. La excomunión afecta a todos los que cometen este delito conociendo la pena, incluidos también aquellos cómplices sin cuya cooperación el delito no se hubiera producido: ⁷¹ con esta reiterada sanción, la Iglesia señala este delito como uno de los más graves y peligrosos, alentando así a quien lo comete a buscar solícitamente el camino de la conversión. En efecto, en la Iglesia la pena de excomunión tiene como fin hacer plenamente conscientes de la gravedad de un cierto pecado y favorecer, por tanto, una adecuada conversión y penitencia.

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

1484 "La confesión individual e íntegra y la absolución continúan siendo el único modo ordinario para que los fieles se reconcilien con Dios y la Iglesia, a no ser que una imposibilidad física o moral excuse de este modo de confesión" (*Ritual de la Penitencia*, Prenotandos 31). Y esto se establece así por razones profundas. Cristo actúa en cada uno de los sacramentos. Se dirige personalmente a cada uno de los pecadores: "Hijo, tus pecados están perdonados" (*Mc* 2,5); es el médico que se inclina sobre cada uno de los enfermos que tienen necesidad de él (cf *Mc* 2,17) para curarlos; los restaura y los devuelve a la comunión fraterna. Por tanto, la confesión personal es la forma más significativa de la reconciliación con Dios y con la Iglesia.

— *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.*