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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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San Diego, CA 92115
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Pastor: Fr. Jose Goopio, SVD
Deacon: Tony Albers
Deacon: Herb Kelsey

MASSES:

Saturday: 8:00AM; 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM, (Spanish Mass 4:00 PM)
Weekdays: Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM
(Mondays: 8:00 AM Communion Service)
Holy Days & Special Services: see bulletin

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 PM

PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: Tuesdays 8:30 AM

MARRIAGES: Those wishing to be married must contact the priest at least 9 months before date of marriage.

Parish ID # for United Way Contributions.....9753

BAPTISM INFORMATION.....619-582-5722

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)619-582-5722

FAITH FORMATION, grade 1-8.....619-582-5722, ext. 124
Coordinator: Kerwin Molina

CONFIRMATION, Teens.....619-582-5722
Justine Coliflores

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL ACADEMY.....619-582-3862
Principal: Anne Egan
School Website: www.skda-sd.org

From Fr. Jon Kirby

Abortion, Capital Punishment & Life

[Adapted from article entitled: Cardinal Cupich asserts unconditional right to life, even for murderers, by Heidi Schlumpf in NCR, Aug 3, 2018]

On Aug. 2 Cardinal Blasé Cupich (pronun. "Soupich") told a panel at the annual American Bar Association meeting that both capital punishment and abortion assume that "life is contingent, rooted not in the free and absolute gift of a sovereign and loving God, but in the discernment of relative worth by society." He praised Pope Francis' decision to revise church teaching to forbid the use of the death penalty in all cases, arguing that the right to life is unconditional, universal and God-given, EVEN for those guilty of "monstrous crimes." "Capital punishment only continues the cycle of violence and vengeance," he said. "If there is any lesson we need to learn in this perilous age, it is that taking a human life in the name of retribution does not bring justice and it doesn't bring closure, even if it may feel that way in the moment."

The Aug. 2 meeting came just hours after the Vatican announced the change in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Panelists noted that most countries have banned capital punishment, that the death penalty does not deter crime, and that it is applied inconsistently and arbitrarily, resulting in documented racial disparities. In some cases, the panelists said, it amounts to state-sponsored assisted suicide, while in others, innocent people have been killed.

Adopting the "seamless garment" philosophy of his predecessor, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Cupich connected death penalty to the issue of abortion. Although the moral weight of the two issues "differs greatly," since abortion involves the taking of innocent human life, he said both issues force Catholics to reckon with church teachings on the dignity of the human person and the inalienable right to life. These teachings are usually applied to oppose abortion but less often to the death penalty. Today all that has changed. "The assertion that every human life has an inherent and inalienable value will only be strengthened if we apply this principle to the morality of defending both convicted criminals and the lives of the unborn," he said. "Erasing the innate value of individual lives because of crimes committed, and removing such criminals from the human family, is an echo, I

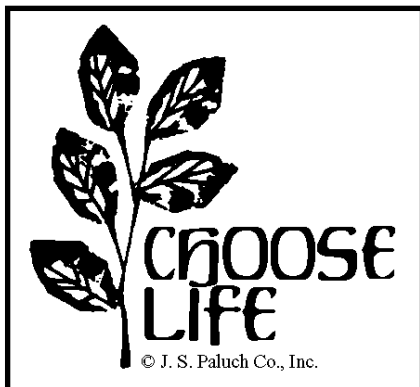
think, of the violence done to human dignity when pro-choice advocates imply that the life developing in the womb is not really human."

Banning capital punishment could be a "powerful witness to the unconditional nature of the right to life" precisely because it protects the lives of "those who have been judged least worthy of its vindication," Cupich said. Instead, a society that supports the death penalty says life is conditional, especially when secure prisons and a viable justice system can "virtually guarantee that those who have committed the most grievous acts against their fellow citizens will not pose a continuing danger to society," the cardinal said. "Such a state, even if it does not intend to do so, inevitably weakens the ability of its citizens to defend the sacredness of human life against all the threats that imperil life in the present day," he said.

Although Americans' support for the death penalty had been declining since the 1970s, a Pew Research Center study found an uptick since 2016, with 54 percent agreeing with capital punishment for murder, and 39 percent opposed. Among Catholics, the numbers are similar: Fifty-three percent favor capital punishment, while 42 percent oppose it. Support for capital punishment may come from "impulses deep in the human heart" that include compassion for victims and a desire to restore the order of justice, Cupich said. "At a profound human level, we tend to believe that by executing a murderer, we are

somehow helping rebalance the scales of justice," he said. But that argument is flawed. "The real tragedy of murder is that there is no way to rebalance the scales of justice, no way to bring life back to those who have been killed or to restore them to their grieving families," he said.

Pope Francis expands on previous papal teaching against the death penalty making it wrong regardless of the circumstances. The move also illustrates how doctrine develops. As Francis explained, "The word of God cannot be mothballed like some old blanket in an attempt to keep insects at bay. Rather, it is a dynamic and living reality that develops and grows." Since Vatican II, the church has emphasized Catholics' social commitments, especially to "the sanctity of life for the least worthy among us," the cardinal said. "We are especially to be attentive to those who live at the margins of society, the poor, the vulnerable, the weak, those whose lives are at risk, including those on death row," Cupich said. "God's plan is to bring people together and to make sure that no one is left behind."



School Starts This Wed, Aug 22nd



St. Katherine Drexel Academy school year begins on Wednesday of this week. Please keep our students & teachers in your prayers.

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FAITH FORMATION Teen Confirmation & Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Classes Begin Sunday, Sept. 16

All Classes **REQUIRE** Baptism Cert. & \$35 Fee
More Info: Kerwin Molina (619)582-5722 ext. 124

Faith Formation is for ALL children grades 1-8. Give your child the gift of learning about God & their faith. Parents attend the Faith Parenting Program.

Teen Confirmation is a 2 year program to help them see the presence of the Word in their lives.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a class for adults to become members of the Catholic Church. (there is no charge for RCIA).

CATECHIST NEEDED for Children's Faith Formation. Share the Good News!

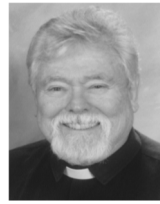
So what are you waiting for? Become a catechist for Faith Formation (grades 1-8) on Sundays from 8:45am-11am. This includes Mass attendance with children. Encourage our youth to a deeper faith and relationship with God!

Catechists must be older than junior status in high school to be considered.

Classes begin Sunday, September 16

Contact Kerwin Molina at (619)582-5722 ext. 124
OR faithform@blessedsacrament-sandiego.org

Our Youth need YOU!!!



Fr. Jon 50th Anniversary of his Profession of Vows Society of the Divine Word

**Saturday, September 8
Mass 5:00pm in Church
Dinner in Parish Hall After Mass**

Come celebrate with Fr. Jon! All are invited. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$10 per person for the dinner.

**Buy your dinner tickets after the weekend Masses
Limited Seating - Tickets are going Fast!**

Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish

Proceeds benefit

Blessed Sacrament Parish & Fr. Jon's SVD Order.
Donations are Welcome.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer
Contact: Annemarie Brennan
619-265-0319

FINANCIAL UPDATE 2018

August 12th weekend: \$5,654.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Office Hours Change

The parish office will have limited hours from August 22 through Sept 6th. Please plan ahead if you need to pick up or drop off anything.



Tues 10am to 3pm
Wed 10am - 2:30pm
Thurs 10am - 2:30pm
Friday 10am - 3pm

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug 18 5:00pm Pat Stockfisch, int.
Sun. Aug 19 8:00am Our Military Men, Women & their Families
10:00am Parishioners
6:00pm Fr. Sebastian Bukenya, int.
Mon Aug 20 8:00am

Tues. Aug 21 8:00am Josephine Scafidi †
Wed. Aug 22 8:00am Fr. Andrew Tran †
Thur. Aug 23 8:00am Fr. Andrew Tran †
Fri. Aug 24 8:00am Fr. Andrew Tran †
Sat. Aug 25 8:00am Ellen Heid †

August 19 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Our communion with Jesus unites us with all believers. As you participate in the Eucharist pray that the Church may be strengthened as the body of Christ.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 800-553-3321

PARISH EVENTS

- Aug. - No Cares for Kids Mtg.
Aug. - No Women's Club Mtg.
Aug. & Sep. - No Soup & Salad
Sept. 3 - Labor Day Observance; Mass 8am
Sept. 5 - Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm PH
Sept. 8 - Fr. Jon's Anniversary Mass & Dinner
Sept. 10 - Diocesan African Mass & Gathering 1pm
Sept. 10 - Cares for Kids Mtg. 6-7pm PH

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Interested in joining a ministry group? Contact the person listed below or church office.

(area codes are (619) except were listed)

- Adoration Chapel.....582-5722
Altar Servers: Church Office.....582-5722
Cares For Kids-Blessed Sacrament Teresa Markey.....582-2141
Contemporary Choir: (10:00 am & 6 pm Masses).....582-5722
Culture of Life: Margie Morrison.....582-8651
Eucharistic Ministers: Church Office.....582-5722
Knights of Columbus: John Agoh.....278-8405
Lectors: Church Office.....582-5722
BSPS Parent-Teacher Group (PTG): Kristen Crisostomo (President).....klhbones@aol.com
Traditional Choir: Patti Burch (8 am Mass).....735-6330
Ushers: Church Office.....582-5722
Women's Club: Pat Luebbers.....262-8522
Youth Ministry (High School Students): Parish Office.....582-5722



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Labor Day Mass

In Observance of Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3 we will have a Mass at 8:00am instead of the regular Communion service

Saints And Special Observances

- Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bernard
Tuesday: St. Pius X
Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Rose of Lima
Friday: St. Bartholomew
Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcome New Parishioners



Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Call (619) 582-5722 or stop by. Or Email: jyin@blessedsacrament-sandiego.org



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Tues & Thurs 10:00-12:00

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

AROUND THE TOWN

Sept 7-9 Retrouvaille Weekend - There is HOPE for your Marriage. Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. **Retrouvaille** helps get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. **INFO:** Charles & Charlene 951-259-9474 | *Spanish*-Eric & Anna Rubio 760-294-4028

Sep 14-16. Marriage Encounter Weekend; St. Charles Retreat Center, Imperial Beach. Put God in your marriage. Celebrate the love you have for your spouse and build, expand, and deepen that relationship. For many couples *Their Weekend*" is one of the most significant experiences of their marriages. The weekend starts at 8:00 pm on Friday and ends at 4:00 pm on Sunday. Food and lodging are provided. There is a \$75 fee and a voluntary donation will be requested at the end of the weekend. Sign up at www.wvme-sandiego.org, for questions call Seth & Carly Aichle 760-672-6443

Oct 12-14. Beginning Experience Weekend; Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. Heal and move beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment. Share with others going through or have gone through similar events. If you've lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation and for the children of this loss. Know someone who is in the pain of grief? Beginning Experience can help. **INFO:** Rose Sheenan 619-504-4410; *Spanish* -Nish Carmendy 330-607-8774

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).
Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading -- Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).
Gospel -- I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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Sunday Hospitality Schedule

1st: Women's Club group 4th: Spanish group
 2nd: Vietnamese group 5th: Spanish group
 3rd: Knights of Columbus



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Daily Prayer for Our Priests

O Jesus,
 I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
 for your unfaithful & tepid priests;
 for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
 for your tempted priests;
 for your lonely & desolate priests;
 for your young priests;
 for your dying priests;
 for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me, the priests who absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I assisted & who gave me Your body & blood in Communion, the priests to whom I am indebted any other way especially (name....)
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time & in eternity. Amen.

Monday ~ August 20
 Rev. Msgr. Neal Dolan
Tuesday ~ August 21
 Rev. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP
Wednesday ~ August 22
 Very Rev. Msgr. Richard Duncanson
Thursday ~ August 23
 Rev. Luke Dundon
Friday ~ August 24
 Rev. George Dunkley
Saturday ~ August 25
 Rev. Stephen Dunn
Sunday ~ August 26
 Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker



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