

Glory to Jesus Christ!

January 26, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Catholic Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of the people—the Catholic population—and to millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The US Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to buy that coverage as part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our grandparents and parents did not come to these shores to help build American cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

I would ask of you, therefore, two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

It is time for us to stand up and be counted. We cannot remain idle and hope this will go away by itself. Please join me in prayer and taking action by writing our local representatives in the Congress. May God bless all of our endeavors to right this wrong!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald N. Dino
Bishop of the Eparchy of Phoenix



Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

As scheduled (see inside)

Reconciliation

Sundays (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)

Weekdays (after all Divine Liturgies and by appointment)

Baptisms/Marriages/ Anointing of the Sick

Call for appointment

Bishop

His Excellency Gerald N. Dino

Pastor

Fr. James Lane

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Diodoro Mendoza

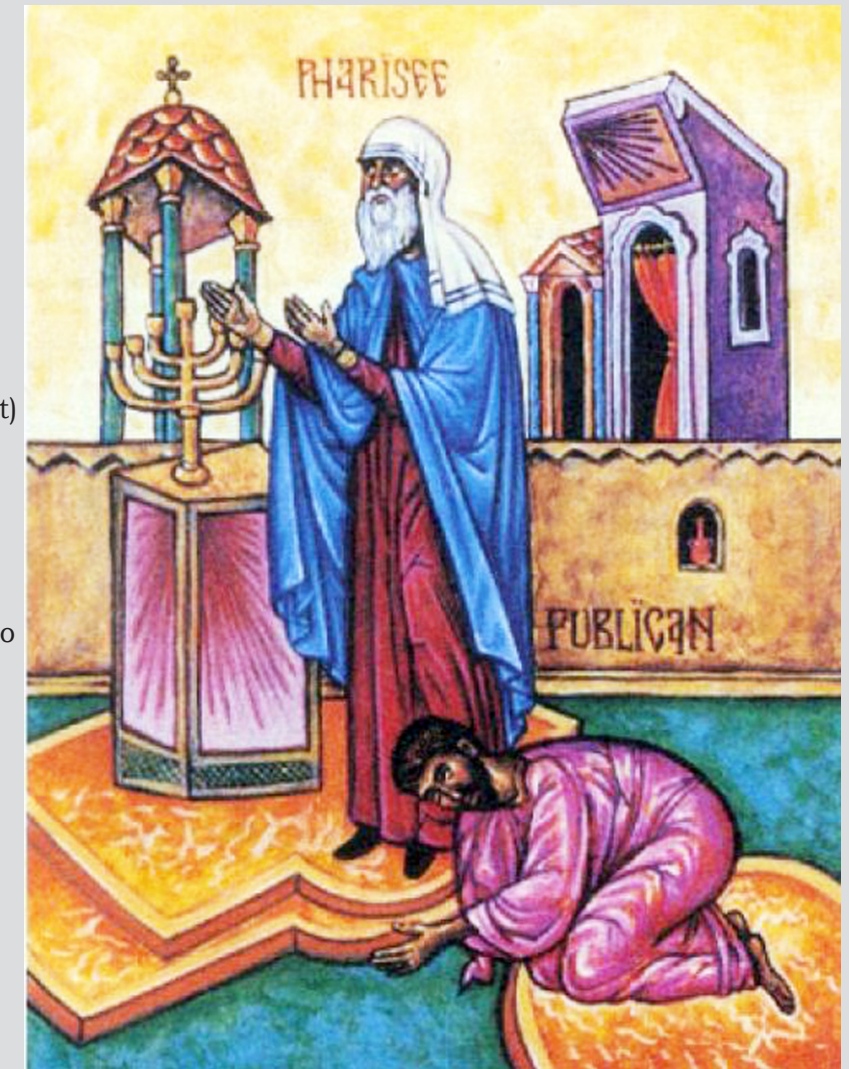
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Saint Anne Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite

**“The beacon of Christ’s light on the Central Coast
for all those who seek Him with a sincere heart!”**



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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29 10:00 am Tone 8 (161)
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (215)
Parishioners of St. Anne
3rd Hour 9:45 am

34th Week after Pentecost

Monday, January 30 6:30 pm
Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs (318)
Simple Holy Day
+Sister Patricia Crowley

Tuesday, January 31 6:30 pm
Daily Vespers 5:00 pm
Cyrus & John-Unmercenaries (403)
Peggy Carrasco

Wednesday, February 1 6:30 pm (321)
Pre-Festive Day of the Feast of the Encounter
Tryphon-Martyr (379)
Vesper-Divine Liturgy (Holy Vigil)
“Blessing of Candles”
Special Intentions

7:45 pm Faith Enrichment Film Series

Thursday, February 2 9:00 am (321)
Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna
Solemn Holy Day
“Blessing of Candles”
Special Intentions

Friday, February 3 6:30 pm (321; 379)
Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon & Anna
No Fasting or Abstinence
Special Intentions

Saturday, February 4 9:00 am (376)
8:45 am Third Hour
Isidore-Venerable
Mr and Mrs John and Kathy Barlow
by the Risches

Sunday, February 5 10:00 am Tone 1 (125)
Sunday of the Prodigal Son (216)
Postfestive Day of the Encounter (321)
9:45 am Third Hour
Parishioners of St. Anne

Birthdays

Jan 28 Joseph Clipperton
Jan 28 Steve Williams
Jan 31 Sandra Stewart



Pope Quotes

“A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate’s permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate’s stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.”

Pope Benedict XVI



Walk For Life 2012
San Francisco, California

Prayers for the Faithful requested for:

Fr. James Lane, Fr. Stephen Washko, Fr. Roberts, Fr. Christopher Zuger, Fr. Eamon Mackin, Fr. Peter Parchem, Fr. David, Bishop Patacki, Tibor & Gertrude Beresky, David Lukas, Peggy Carrasco, Gerarda Odang, Agustin Mendoza, Bradley Family, Karen Martel’s mom, Regina Foster, Autumn and Sheela Remington, Carmel Linskey, Micki Gilliam, +Fr. Edmund Idranyi, Pope Benedict XVI and all in most need of our prayers.

Parish News

* If you would like to have them blessed, please bring candles for the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna, February 1st or 2nd..

* Please be sure to sign up for the Blessing of Homes. The form is downstairs in the Social Hall on the bulletin board table.

* Every Wednesday Evening is Faith Enrichment Film Series. At 7:45 pm come join us as we watch “Catholicism” a DVD 10 part series by Fr. Robert Barron. What is the Catholicism? A 2,000 living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In Catholicism Fr. Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith.

Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ’s incarnation, life, and teaching, Father Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism – from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell – using his distinct and dynamic grasp of art, literature, architecture, personal stories, Scripture, theology, philosophy, and history to present the Church to the world.

Paired with his documentary film series of the same title, Catholicism is an intimate journey, capturing “The Catholic Thing” in all its depth and beauty. Eclectic, unique, and inspiring, Father Barron brings the faith to life for a new generation, in a style that is both faithful to timeless truths, while simultaneously speaking in the language of contemporary life.

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“ABORTION HURTS WOMEN”

St. Anne’s at the Walk for Life By Alexis Aguirre

In the dark and early hours of Saturday, January 21, 17 people from St Anne’s, including Fr. Diodoro, traveled to San Francisco to join the throngs for the 8th annual Walk for Life West Coast. Although heavy rain had been forecasted for that day, the attendees, who numbered over 40,000, were blessed with a clear, sunny afternoon. Before the march, there was a series of rally speakers, including: Fr. Frank Pavone; Rev. Clenard Childress; Jacquie Stalnaker, a former Miss West Virginia who was forced into an abortion at gunpoint; and Dr. Vansen Wong, an ob-gyn who had performed abortions for seven years to pay off his medical school bills. Dr Wong, now passionately pro-life, forcefully declared, “Abortion is barbaric, abortion is intolerable, abortion has no place in any civilized society!” All of us there were defending this message and the message of the sanctity and gift of life.

The 2 mile walk that followed proceeded from the City Hall down Market Street to the Justin Herman plaza by the waterfront. Because of the tall buildings surrounding the Market Street, the sounds, prayers, music and chanting of the Pro-lifers was amplified and could be heard from at least half a mile away. Although a mob of pro-abort advocates shouted insults and physically tried to halt the march, the walk remained a peaceful demonstration on the pro-lifers part, especially with the support of the SF Police Department.

Overall, it was the biggest and best showing for the Walk for Life so far. There were people from all over California as well as other states that were standing up for justice and being the loud, powerful voice for the voiceless unborn children!

