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14 Children rescued from abortion to be baptized

By Alvaro Real



Bishop Ginés García Beltrán, of the Diocese of Getafe in southern Spain, is baptizing 14 children rescued from the doors of abortion clinics.

Bishop Ginés García Beltrán, of the Diocese of Getafe in southern Spain, presided over the celebration of the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, September 25, at 5:30pm at the Parish of St. Josemaría Escrivá. During the ceremony, 14 children rescued from the doors of abortion clinics will become part of the great family of the Catholic Church.

Each of the lives of the 14 children who were baptized on September 25, could have been cut short, "but the love of God has allowed it not to be so," says the Diocese of Getafe in a statement.

This is thanks to the good work of the Más Futuro ("More Future") association and the Rescatadores Juan Pablo II ("John Paul II Rescuers"), who offer mothers and their children a new chance at life.

"It's been very complicated because each mother has a different problem, but saving babies from abortion makes us deeply happy. Despite the particularly complicated moment, we're rescuing many children," says Marta Velarde, head of *Más Futuro*.

Más Futuro has its headquarters in Alcorcón, near Madrid, where they also have a shelter for mothers at risk of having an abortion who also have another child in their care and whom no one else is helping. They also work with other mothers who've already had an abortion and need advice and support.



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Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 9:30 Am & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, **btsp.org**.

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The association explains that they've been preparing for many months for this celebration and that they're very excited to live this special day.

Bishop Ginés García Beltrán: "Abortion will always be intrinsically evil"

The Bishop of Getafe, Ginés García Beltrán, has always defended with great courage the value of life and the organizations that help pregnant women.

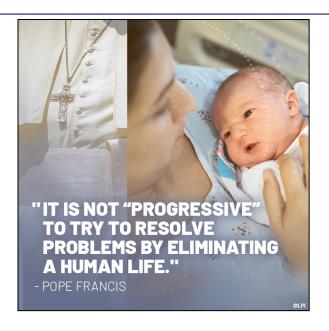
With new changes to the abortion law (making it even more widely available) having been recently proposed in Spain, the bishop insisted that "abortion, with or without parental consent, will always be intrinsically evil. It will always be an evil, a sin. Therefore, this law and previous laws approving abortion are immoral."

"Today I would like to refer to a deception, a red herring that's hidden in this law," explained Bishop Ginés García Beltrán in declarations to *Cadena COPE*: "Today there's a debate about whether or not a 16-year-old girl has to ask one of her parents for their consent to have an abortion. There are those who think that it's not necessary — which is an aberration — and there are those who think that it is necessary. But the misdirection I'm referring to is that both sides put all the emphasis on the consent of the parent, as if the consent of a parent would turn a bad act into a good act."

"That is to say, with or without parental consent, abortion will always be bad," explains the bishop.

In these statements, he also reflects on the defense of the life of the unborn, which must go beyond a religious question: "This is something we have to think about and defend. Not because we are religious, but because we are men and women, and much more because we are men and women who follow Christ," he concludes.

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Thoughts Worth Sharing



October 2, 2022

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The prophet Habakkuk lived seven centuries before Christ, yet his words could well be ours today: "I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene." Do we sometimes feel as though strife in our communities, and even within our own families, is more than we can handle? Like the prophet, we may ask, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen." Indeed, we may feel our prayers are not being answered. Perhaps it is simply that they are not "answered" in the manner and timeframe in which we wish they would be. Although "God's time" and his plan for our lives may seem mysterious or discouraging, it is by continuing to bring our concerns to God in prayer that we can actually help our faith grow and mature. We see countless examples of people who remain faithful in spite of hardship, misfortune and loss. Let us take time today, as the disciples did, to pray and ask Jesus to "increase our faith." In simply turning to the Lord, we exhibit faith that, like a tiny mustard seed, has great power and can be a source of strength to ourselves and those around us. It is in faith in Christ that we find hope.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find today's Gospel reading so reassuring. Even just a tiny speck of faith can move mountains. Or, in this case, uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea! Working for a Catholic magazine, I'm privileged to write about people with a deep and abiding faith, one they freely share with others through their example and by sharing their stories. I bet we can all point to a friend or family member who exhibits the kind of faith so strong that it rubs off on others they encounter. Jesus reminds us that even a little faith can have a huge impact – not only on our lives but on others. We can share it by offering to pray for those facing a challenge, talking to God when we feel overwhelmed, and opening our hearts to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of the people we encounter each day.

PRAY Even the prophet Habakkuk and the disciples experienced "off" days where faith eluded them. But the psalmist reminds us to keep showing up in prayer: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Especially in moments of despair, bring your concerns to God in prayer.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the **Seven Sacraments** With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Special Mass Times

All Souls Day, November 2 and on Thanksgiving, November 24, Mass will be at 9:00am and there will be no 8:00am Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1, Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler and Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, October 2, The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gerald F. Daley (Dec) 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Monday, October 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Elaine Daley (Dec)

Tuesday, October 4, Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Wednesday, October 5, Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Mass for Vocations 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 6, Memorial of Saint Bruno, Priest

8:00 a.m. Fred Deuel (Dec)

Friday, October 7, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Delores Ciminera (Dec)

Saturday, October 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Kristin Boss (Dec) 4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, October 9, The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Diane Buckley (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Jose Bispo (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

10/02 • Rev. Jose George

10/03 • Rev. James Johnson

10/04 • Rev. Thomas Morgan

10/05 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

10/06 • Isaac Cruz, Seminarian

10/07 • Msgr. Robert F. Morris

10/08 • Bishop Gregory L. Parkes

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

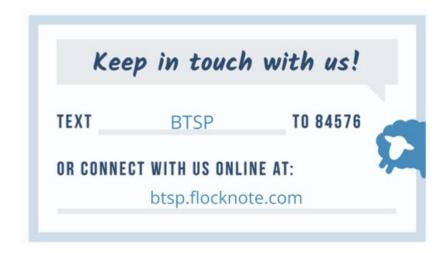
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes resumed on September 20. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 11:00am in the courtyard hall and will continue with the series 'Our Catholic Life, Drawing Closer to Christ.'

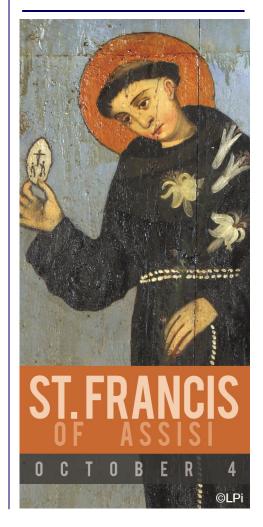
For more information call Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605





The Blessed Trinity Choir has begun rehearsals! Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for new members to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered singing in the church choir, NOW is the time!

Rehearsal for Adult Choir will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Music Room in the Ministries Center, and the Contemporary Group will meet in the church on Fridays at 3:00pm.





St. Vincent de Paul Training Event

You are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul training event. Join fellow parishioners to learn how we can help care for those less fortunate through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are sent to see Christ in the poor, to visit the Poor, to see the depth of needs, to

respond to needs, to provide in-person help, to be a voice of the poor, and to give witness to Christ.

You are invited to the Ozanam Orientation, Saturday October 8, 2022 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall. Training begins 9:30am and runs until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided, there is no cost.

Please call or text your RSVP, or any questions to 727 488-5604.

Violent Conflicts

Ouestion:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.