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

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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.

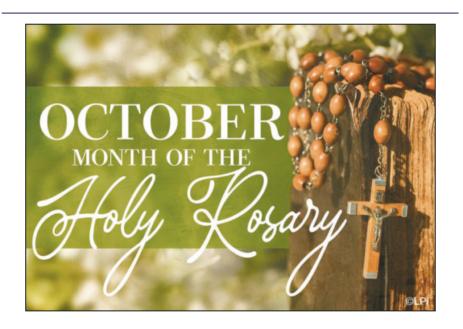
With new changes to the abortion law (making it even more widely available) having been recently proposed in Spain, the bishop insisted that "abortion, with or without parental consent, will always be intrinsically evil. It will always be an evil, a sin. Therefore, this law and previous laws approving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



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tm 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

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

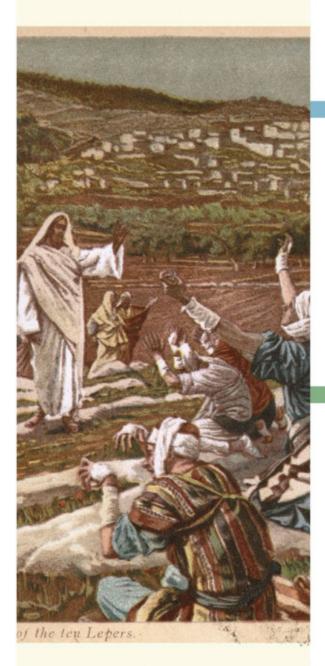
Back in 2018, a Christmastime video about gratitude went viral. A young Dad wakes up covered in wrapping paper to discover his similarly adorned wife and kids. He runs through the house, "unwrapping" the electricity, running water, his shoes ... and a car! Today's Gospel reminded me of this, and of all the times the Lord has provided: whether it is something ordinary like food in the fridge or something extraordinary like the birth of our sons. But how often do I acknowledge that all these gifts come from God? I am guessing all 10 of the lepers in today's Gospel felt much gratitude and joy after they were healed. But only one, a foreigner no less, returned to Jesus to give thanks to God. Likewise, today's readings remind us to return to God with gratitude for all the blessings in our lives – both extraordinary and ordinary.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Hearing the account in Kings today, I picture Naaman plunging into the Jordan - not just once but seven times! What if he'd stopped after one, or two, or four? We hear in the Gospel of 10 other lepers, all of whom raised their voices shouting "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" In both cases, those seeking healing showed faith in God, persevering against all odds. This perseverance also is evident in the second reading, where Saint Paul bears great suffering for the sake of the Gospel and the salvation of others. These readings challenge us to persevere in our faith - through prayer and our witness to others we encounter. God will not always answer our prayers the way we want or expect - at least not the first time. We need to jump back in like Naaman, trusting that God will give us what we need.

PRAY We quickly turn to God when things go wrong. Next time something good happens, turn to God with the same urgency and say a prayer of thanks.





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 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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)

Monday, October 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Gerald & Elaine Daley (Dec)

Tuesday, October 11, Memorial of Saint John XXIII, Pope

8:00 a.m. Larry & Chris Roberts (Dec)

Wednesday, October 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, October 14, Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Winifred Aguanno 90th Bithday (Liv)

Saturday, October 15, Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

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

Sunday, October 16, The Twenty-nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (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.

10/09 • Rev. William Santhouse

10/10 • For All Retired Priests

10/11 • Rev. Anthony Coppola

10/12 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

10/13 • Rev. Zachary Brasseur

10/14 • Rev. Jonathan Stephanz

1015 • Rev. Ryszard Stradomski

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

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

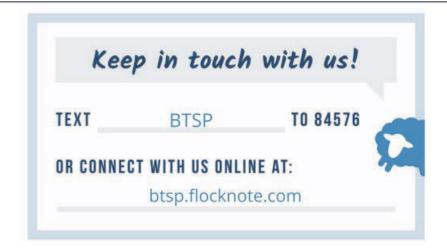
Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

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.'

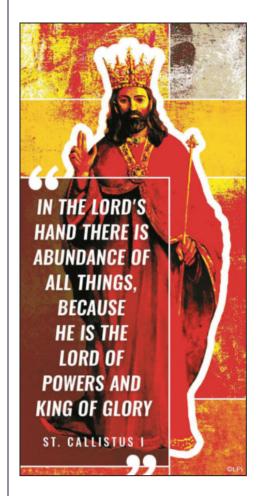
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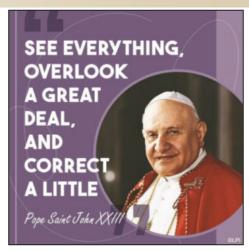




The Blessed Trinity Choir has begun rehearsals! Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for new members to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered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





Saint John XXIII, Pope | October 11

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.





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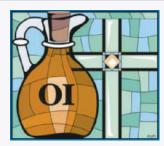
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