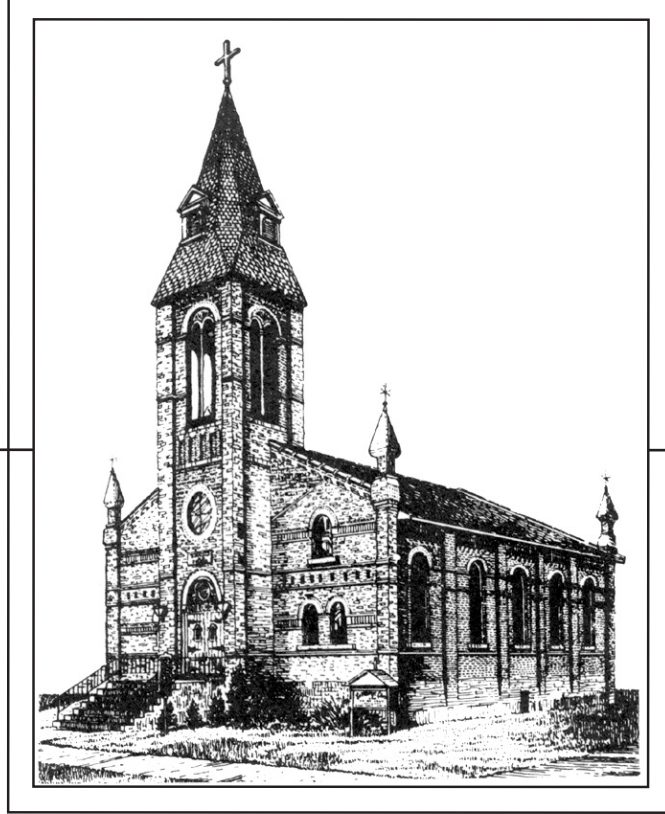


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**NEWS OF ROE V WADE
BEING OVERTURNED**



There is a dynamic at work in knowing someone. When you can say that out of a relationship you have with someone that is close and even intimate, you can go so far as to say, 'I know what that person would think about a given issue or topic and what

their stance would be in a truly controversial situation'. This past week it was 'leaked' that the U.S. Supreme Court had voted to overturn Roe v. Wade. Ever since the news broke, even if it had initially been rumoured to have been untrue, the media, politicians, celebrities and commentators have been clamoring for microphones or feverishly typing their vehement, angry response to such a possible reality. And while this is a tremendous start down a path that would actually see human lives saved, both on the part of children as well as their mothers, one cannot help but suspect that this is yet another great distraction at a time that is filled with them.

Be that as it may, I want to come back to my beginning sentence above because, if the greatest and supreme relationship we have is that personal one that has been growing in us all our lives – our personal relationship with Jesus – then we KNOW what he thinks, and what he thinks about the taking of the most innocent of human life, the child in the womb, his beloved child and his life. That is undisputable, or rather, it should be. Yet there are many Catholics who have come to the place where they compromise what the clear teaching of Christ and the Church has been and will always be on human life in the womb. Years ago, someone gave me a coffee mug that had the above picture of a baby in a whale costume on it. Beneath the picture was the caption, 'Save the Whales'. It was a clever message that exposed the reality that the only way we can save the lives of unborn children is to place them inside a whale, because many are far more interested in saving whales than human life in the womb.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Canadian priest, Father Paul Nicholson, said over a decade ago that:

"The March For Life here in Canada is roughly based upon what goes on in the United States in January, but fortunately for us Canadians we cleverly devised that we would hold our march for life here in the month of May when the sun is shining and there is no snow and ice. It also corresponds with May 14, 1969 when the omnibus bill was passed in Parliament in which the restrictions on abortion were removed and Canada went headlong into the great dark place that we call legalized abortion. Friends, you may not realize this but Canada has the

unbelievable distinction shared with China and North Korea in which abortion is legal and available for the full nine months of pregnancy. Yep, you heard it right. You can come to Canada and terminate your pregnancy throughout the entire nine months. Now, the majority of Canadians do not know this and when they are told this they are generally uncomfortable with it but, sad to say, that discomfort has not translated into any political will. Parliament has simply refused to act and bring any kind of legislation to bear upon this unbelievable circumstance." (Youtube)

THE LACK OF VIRTUE

We are living at a time when everyone, it seems, wants to appear as virtuous (virtue signaling) which is the act of appearing as if one's thoughts, actions and motivations are pure and good and leads them to make good and appropriate decisions for others and themselves). We ought to desire to live according to real virtue which is defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church as: "a habitual and firm disposition to do the good."

Traditionally, the **seven Christian virtues, heavenly virtues** (or **The Seven Catholic Virtues**) combine the four classical cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and courage (or fortitude) with the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. These were adopted by the Church Fathers as the seven virtues. If we genuinely desire to do the good before God, then our personal knowledge of Jesus, the scriptures, the teaching of the Church, will all lead us to not only believe that all life is sacred, because all life is from God, but that we would also uphold it, which is to say, will determine the parties and candidates we vote for; will form our thinking and move us to uphold these truths with others (particularly in a cultural climate when one is tempted to simply shut their mouth and say nothing). But the Catechism states, "to do the good", and not merely hold it or think it. If it is a good, then we must uphold it. What is most astonishing to me is the fierce anger we have seen in both the words and the actions of those are now reacting to the sudden news that Roe v Wade may be overturned. I cannot seem to get beyond the fact that this anger, whether intended or not, is against an innocent child and anyone who would defend that child's life in the womb. And this at a time when current U.S. trends push for full abortion in all nine months of pregnancy and even, yes, even after birth. God help us! Some church-going Catholics may even hold that we need to think about and emphasize the women, the mothers of these children and their rights. From all we know about Christ, Christ flat out condemns the taking of innocent life. (Fr. Charles

**ABORTION DOES NOT END PREGNANCY.
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DURING PREGNANCY.**

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8:30am	Intentions of Jonalyn Andaya Requested by Angelica Malabanan
Wednesday	May 11
7:00pm	+Deceased Members of Groves & Stewart Families
Thursday	May 12
8:30am	Intentions Eleuterio dela Cruz Jr Requested by Rebecca Wedge
Friday	May 13
7:30am	HOLY HOUR
8:30am	+Martha Bennett Requested by Barbara, Paul, Chris & Alison Gavin
Saturday	May 14
3:30 to 4:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Clemence Bertrand Requested by Deb & Brian O'Hearn
Sunday	May 15
9:00am	+Deacon Chuck McCarthy Requested by the Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree Fr. Lally Council
11:00am	For The People

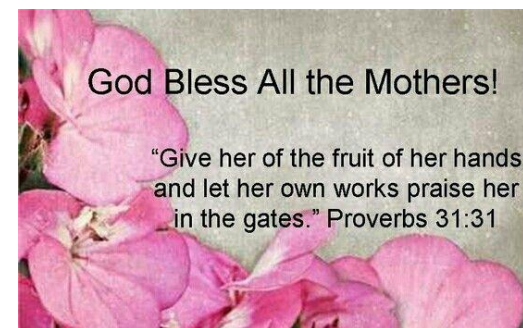
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