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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



January 4 - 10

- Mon** Fr. Francis Hubilla (Int)
Karl Fortney +
Special Intention
- Tue** Stacey Jones +
Fr. Tom Moisin (Int)
Derek Zavitz +
- Wed** Marie & Roger Gariepy +
Jean Diemert (Int)
Vern Finlayson +
- Thu** Fr. James McSharry (Int)
The Harrison Family (Int)
Barb Fox +
- Fri** Fr. Wojtek Kuzma (Int)
Terry Hyslop (Int)
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday – January 9

- Pro Populo
Helen Barry +
Jeffrey Parsons +

Baptism of the Lord – January 10

- Mark Strong +
Nelson Bell +
Danuta & Piotr Suwala +

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

- Mon Fr. David Avila
Tue Fr. Tony O'Dell
Wed Diocesan Priests
Thu Fr. Kim Kiwook
Fri Fr. Michal Kruszewski
Sat Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera

* **Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**
Available upon request

Vatican News: “It is morally acceptable to receive



Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”

Due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, “all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

The Vatican’s **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** (CDF) made these statements in a note signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, and the Secretary, Archbishop Giacomo Morandi. The text

was explicitly approved by Pope Francis on 17 December and released on Monday.

The CDF document, which was published as many countries are preparing to implement vaccination campaigns, authoritatively intervenes to clarify doubts and questions which have emerged from sometimes contradictory statements on the subject.

The “Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines” recalls three previous pronouncements on the same topic: one from the Pontifical Academy for Life (PAV) in 2005; the CDF Instruction *Dignitas Personae* in 2008; and, another note from the PAV in 2017.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith says it does not “intend to judge the safety and efficacy” of current vaccines against Covid-19, which is the responsibility of biomedical researchers and drug agencies. Rather, the CDF focuses on the moral aspects of receiving vaccines developed using cell lines from tissue obtained from two fetuses that were aborted in the 1960s.

The Instruction *Dignitas Personae*, approved by Pope Benedict XVI, pointed out that “there exist differing degrees of responsibility”, because “in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision.”

Therefore, argues the note published on Monday in summing up the Instruction of 2008, “when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available”, it is “morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”

The CDF says the reason for considering these vaccines morally licit is the “kind of cooperation” in the evil of abortion, which is “remote” on the part of those receiving the vaccine.

Therefore, the “moral duty to avoid such passive material cooperation is not obligatory” since there exists a grave danger, in the form of an “uncontainable spread of a serious pathological agent.”

The Covid-19 pandemic, says the CDF, fulfills this requirement.

“In such a case, all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

The Congregation clarifies that “the morally licit use of these types of vaccines, in the particular conditions that make it so, does not in itself constitute a legitimation, even indirect, of the practice of abortion, and necessarily assumes the opposition to this practice by those who make use of these vaccines.”

Nor should it imply a moral approval of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses.

The CDF note calls on pharmaceutical companies and government health agencies to “produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience.”

At the same time, the Congregation recalls that “vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary.”

The morality of vaccination, it notes, depends both on the duty to protect one’s own health and the pursuit of the common good. “In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed.”

Those who for reasons of conscience reject vaccines produced with cell lines from aborted fetuses, however, must “do their utmost to avoid, by other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior, becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent.”

Finally, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith says it is “a moral imperative” for the pharmaceutical industry, governments, and international organizations to ensure that effective and ethically acceptable vaccines are accessible “to the poorest countries in a manner that is not costly for them.”

“The lack of access to vaccines, otherwise, would become another sign of discrimination and injustice that condemns poor countries to continue living in health, economic and social poverty.”

[Vatican CDF says use of anti-Covid vaccines “morally acceptable” - Vatican News](#)



**In the Parish **

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Granottier Council 2092 & Assembly would like to reach out to all parishioners of St Marys and the Missions who may be suffering through these challenging times. We are ready to assist however we can.

You can call 519 270 9535 anytime. *We Will Leave No Neighbor Behind.*



** In the Diocese **

Epiphany of the Lord - The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, call 905-528-7988 ext. 2246, or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Re: Start – A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program – will resume once again in early 2021 - either in person or on line depending on the situation with COVID-19. We invite you to look on the Diocesan website www.hamiltondiocese.com to see the programs offered and then check back in January for dates and registration.

A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti – ‘Fratelli Tutti’: With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.” Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to “all people of good will.” Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for – Pat McIntyre, Paul Baggett, Lynn Gilmour, Rosaleen Engel, Brenda Richter, Maynard Dietrich and Bradley Bishop, **We pray to the Lord.** *We are rebuilding our prayer list. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each September, we will begin our list anew.*

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