21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  August 24, 2014

We recognize our blessings at St. Rose of Lima...

- 3 holy priests
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Twice daily; 8 times Sunday
- Serving Those In Need / Christian Services
- Active, engaged
- Church renovation
- Marian Devotion
- Religious Education & Faith Formation
- Religious Vocations

The “Black Madonna” is coming to St. Rose of Lima!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Read and learn more about this miraculous image of Our Blessed Mother: www.hli.org/hli_campaigns/ocean-ocean-pilgrimage/

8:30am Mass: Fr. Peter West will preach about Our Lady of Czestochowa follow by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Novena as follows:

10:00am; 12:00pm; 2:00pm; 4:00pm; 5:30pm Mass; 7:00pm Fr. Peter’s talk followed by hospitality on the patio; 9:00pm Rosary and Novena. All night Adoration.
# Parish Information

**Rectory**
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Simi Valley, CA 93065  
526-1732  
526-0067 (fax)  
Email: Parish@StRoseSV.com  
Ron Browne • 526-1732  
Parish Business Manager  
Website:  
www.StRoseSV.com

**Hours**
Monday to Friday: 8:00am—8:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am—4:00pm

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**Respect Life Ministry**  
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**24 HR. Life Center Hotline for Unplanned Pregnancy**  
Call 1-800-973-7354  
All our services are FREE and information is kept strictly confidential.  
www.facebook.com/  
PregnancyCounselingCenter

**Safeguard The Children**  
Sandia Lemos 526-5513  
Interim Chair person

**Sub-Rosa Young Adult Ministry**  
Adam Cross • Coordinator

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**Pastor**
Rev. Joseph P. Shea  
Associate Pastor  
Fr. Bill Nicholas  
(www.FrWCGNiolaus.com)  
Priest in Residence  
Fr. Jim Maher

**Deacons**
Dn. Peter Wilson  
Dn. Terry Reibenspies  
Dn. Louis Fernandez  
Dn. Edward Posvar

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**Liturgy Schedule**
**Daily:**  
8:30am & 5:30pm  
Saturday: 8:30am; 5:00pm (Vigil); 7:00pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 6:00am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Family/Children), 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm (Youth)

**Sacrament of Confirmation**
**Monday:** 9:00am—10:00am  
**Tuesday:** 4:00pm—5:00pm  
**Wednesday:** 9:00am—10:00am  
**Thursday:** 4:00pm—5:00pm  
**NEW HOURS**  
**Friday:** 4:00pm—5:00pm  
**Saturday:** 3:00pm—5:00pm  
6:00pm—7:00pm

**Holy Days of Obligation**
Vigil: 5:30pm  
Holy Day: 6:00am; 8:30am; 12:00pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm (Spanish)

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**MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE GIFT STORE**  
Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses; Thursdays 12-3pm (summer hours)

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**Sacraments**
**Anointing of the Sick**  
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**Baptisms**  
English: 1st Sunday of the month  
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month  
By appointment; please call or visit the Rectory.

**Marriages**  
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**  
Julia Dobrucki • 915-4625

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Benediction**

**Novena**  
Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

**Bereavement Ministry**  
Dot Goerisch • 526-5640

**Contemplative Prayer Group**  
Ched & Lumi Cruz  
584-6160

**Couples for Christ**  
Joanne & Erwin Ilustrisimo  
304-0753

**Knights of Columbus Council #5803**  
Andy Prete, Grand Knight  
910-0347

**Serving Those in Need**  
Earl Todd  
581-0957

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
For information on the Catholic Faith and the process of inquiry, please call:  
Julia Dobrucki
Saint Luke the Evangelist, according to tradition, is believed to be the original artist of this painting in which Mary is depicted holding the Christ Child. This sacred picture, enshrined and venerated at the renowned Marian Shrine in Poland, was first brought from Jerusalem through Constantinople and was bestowed to the Princess of Ruthenia. It was brought to Poland in 1382 through the efforts of Ladislaus of Opole who had discovered it in a castle at Belz. To ensure its protection, he invited the Monks of Saint Paul the First Hermit from Hungary to be its guardians.

From this time onward, the historic records of the painting are documented and authenticated by the miracles associated with the painting. In 1430, a devastating attack on the Polish Shrine resulted in tragic losses and the damaging of the holy picture. To this very day, despite the attempts to repair the damage, the slashes on the face of the Virgin Mary are still visible.

The foundation of the Monastery and Shrine in Czestochowa began with a small wooden church. Subsequent development (1632-48) led to the construction of the present day basilica and defense wall which surrounds the sacred buildings. Under the heroic leadership of the Prior of the Monastery, Father Augustine Kordecki, the Shrine withstood the attacks of the Swedish Invasion of 1655. This great victory proved to be a tremendous boost to the morale of the entire Polish nation.

As a result, King Jan Casimir, in 1656, made a solemn vow proclaiming the Mother of God to be the "Queen of the Polish Crown" and the Shrine of Jasna Gora to be the "Mount of Victory" and a spiritual capital for Poland.

During the years of Poland's partition (1772-1918) the Shrine of Jasna Gora became a vibrant link for the Polish people with their homeland. The holy painting enshrined at Czestochowa beamed as a lighthouse of hope during the painful years of national hardships and defeats.

Following the restoration of national independence in 1918, pilgrimages to the Polish Shrine grew in number and size. As World War II ended, a nation devastated by the scourges of war drew new strength and courage from the Shrine to rebuild and recover from the war. Today the Shrine of Czestochowa in Poland attracts millions of worshipers and tourists who come to honor the miraculous image of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

In 1966, in celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity, a National Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa was dedicated in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and is under the direction of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers who also administer the Shrine in Poland.

A Prayer for Our Unknown Friends

Heavenly Farther, welcome into your embrace our friends overseas whose names we do not know, but whose terrible plight we rush to remedy. Bless the suffering people who struggle and sacrifice on behalf of their families. Grant them sustenance, shelter and opportunity. For this we give you thanks. Amen.
What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him. Your life could be an adventure with God. St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our Faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word, develop your Knowledge, and build a Family of Faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back Home, we invite you to make St. Rose of Lima your parish by calling the Rectory at 526-1732, or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families.

“A time of war and a time of peace…” Ecc 3:8
Pray for those serving in the military.

U.S. Army
Matthew Alatorre
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Josh Houseinger
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe

National Guard
Armando Peña, Jr.
Col. Marilyn Rios

U.S. Navy
Matthew Anaya
Gregg Bell
Krysten Bohen
Patrick F. Costa
Walter Cueva
Alex Knott
Alex Martin
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez
Jose T. Fernandez

U.S. Air Force
Tanner Aurora
Sgt. Christine Campo
Vincent Russo
Major. Andrew Hull
Capt. Melissa Hull

U.S.M.C.
Christian Ares
Raymond Bucci
Ryan Bunnell
Paul Gebert
Sgt. Colton Haney
Matthew Hunt
Jim La Rosa
Bradly Nelson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex
Sgt. Casey Pilkington
1st Lt. Andrew S. King
Lt. Col. Andrew Sholtes
Jordan Sine
Nicolas Estrada

“A time to die…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families.

Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the Rectory staff is notified. If you are a family member and you wish to add or renew a name, please notify the office.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 23
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Baby Laura Fernandez (D)
7:00pm NO MASS

SUNDAY, August 24
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am John & Elizabeth Fabry (D)
9:00am Maura Arceno (D)
11:00am Benjamin Soares (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Thomas Ray Ewing (D)
5:00pm Wendy Kirschner (I)

MONDAY, August 25
8:30am Julio & Cesarina Delgado (D)
5:30pm Willie Junio (D)

TUESDAY, August 26
8:30am Cancer Survivors (I)
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, August 27
8:30am Jose & Corazon Belisario (I)
5:30pm Josephine Vieira (I)

THURSDAY, August 28
8:30am Fortunata Gatchalian (D)
5:30pm Barbara Maurer (D)

FRIDAY, August 29
8:30am Merle “Mac” McGrady (D)
5:30pm Greg Freeman (I)

SATURDAY, August 30
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Catalino Perida (D)
7:00pm Jesus, Facunda & Henry Rivera (D)

SUNDAY, August 31
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Idelfonso Litiatico (I)
9:00am Joseph Manfredi (D)
11:00am Benjamin Soares (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Raymond Garcia (I)
5:00pm Dan & Carina Schuelke (I)

Reading for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124:1-2, 4-5;
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27
Divorced, Separated, Widowed Ministry

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program. We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school, 7:00-9:00pm. All adults are welcome!

- Friday, September 5: ‘How To Find Your Purpose Through The Life Of Jesus Christ, In The Crucifixion And Death Of Jesus,’ by Dr. Bennett Annan.
- Friday, September 19: No Meeting

Contact: Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit: www.StRoseSV.com/DSW.html

Freedom In Our Lives

Do you suffer from loneliness, anger, depression, codependency, fear, hopelessness, anxiety, bad habits you want to change, hurts you can’t deal with, and are hung up with problems in your life? FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, is a Faith-based Beatitudes program to help you realize how to let God’s healing power into your life. We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, in Room 11 of St. Rose of Lima School. We gather at 6:30pm for dinner, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please join us, bring your friends and relatives and gain a new perspective in your life.

Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tuesday**
3:00pm-3:30pm Divine Mercy
7:00pm-8:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**
6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00pm-8:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed Posvar

**Friday**
3:00pm-4:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Family Novena in Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague
6:30-9:00pm Spanish Prayer Group
9:00-10:00pm Vietnamese Prayer Group

2nd Sacred Heart World Congress

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, bestselling author of Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 33 Days to Morning Glory, and The ‘One Thing’ Is Three, along with other distinguished speakers.

For additional details, visit SacredHeartApostolate.com.

October 2-5
August 24, 2014

*All Teens are welcome*
EVERY Sunday at 6:30pm after the 5:00pm Mass ~ in the Hall ~
Food, fun & prayer
Catholics Say What? Teen Apologetics ~ Join YM every other Friday for Apologetics at 6:30 PM in the YM office!
Bring your questions about life, science, theology, etc. and we will discuss and learn how to defend our Catholic faith.

August 17 Homebound Day Retreat ~ Join us for a day-retreat for teens here at St. Rose. The retreat will focus on God’s call for us and our families as we reflect the love and relationship of the Holy Trinity. 10AM-6PM; the cost is $20 per person. (Confirmation students earn service hours!)

YM WISHLIST: Flat screen TV / wallmount ~ Universal remote control ~ Snacks ~ Bottle of water

COOKS / HELPERS WANTED:
Want to get involved in Youth Ministry? We are in need of parents/volunteers to help cook dinner for our teens every Sunday after the 5:00pm Youth Mass. Please contact the YM office for more information.

For more information on our Life Nights and ways to get involved, please contact us at: 526-8181 or Adam Cross: YM@StRoseSV.com

SubRosa Time Adoration...
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-pm (St. Rose chapel)* ~ Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
*Dates for the month of August: 27.

NEW: Consuming the Word Book Club meets every Wednesday, from 6-8pm with Adoration at 8:00pm (St. Rose of Lima School, Room 11)
*We will get together to read the book Consuming the Word: The New Testament and The Eucharist in the Early Church by Dr. Scott Hahn of Franciscan University
*We will meet each week to read a chapter and then discuss the book. *Copies of the chapters will be provided, but if you would like a copy of the book, it can be found on Amazon.com.

See you soon, ~The SubRosa Team ~
St. Rose of Lima (SRL)
1325 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065
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ph: 805-428-3755

“Two places you’re guaranteed a miracle: the altar and the womb.”

Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy, Boston College

ONCE ABOLISH THE GOD, AND THE GOVERNMENT BECOMES THE GOD.
G.K. Chesterton

What is the “New Evangelization”?
Watch the answer on video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDJjh7zHL-Y

After the Eucharistic Prayer and the Great Doxology, it is time for Communion. How do you get from your pew to the sanctuary? You have to walk. Now, it’s not as self-evident as it seems. How to walk with dignity, to process? “Walking. How many people know how to walk? It is not hurrying along at a kind of run, or shuffling along at a snail’s pace, but a composed and firm forward movement. There is spring in the tread of a good walker. He lifts, not drags, his heels. He is straight, not stoop-shouldered, and his steps are sure and even.” - Romano Guardini
5th Annual Dream Cuisine Tickets On Sale Now.

Simi Valley Dream Cuisine Tickets are on sale Sundays on the church patio from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Tickets are $60.00 each or a reserved table of 10 picked just for you for $600. Cash, check or credit card are accepted. Tickets can be purchased online also at www.svdream.com.

This year along with unlimited food and wine we are including TWO great shows. The comedy show Late-Nite Catechism (normally a $40.00 to 70.00 ticket by itself) and the oldies band Ronny & The Classics. This year promises to be the best value ever! Please join us as we support this very worthwhile event. For more information on the event call 805-208-8970. For ticket information, call our ticket hotline at 805-490-8529.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Classes Now Forming**

If you have not registered for the upcoming 2014/2015 please call the office right away at 526-5513. Classes will be **beginning September 7th**!

**Parent Meetings** for First Communion and Confirmation will be at 7:00 PM in the parish hall on the following dates:

- 08/28/14 First Communion 2nd Year
- 09/04/14 First Communion 1st Year
- 09/11/14 Confirmation Track 1
- 09/18/14 Confirmation Track 2

Children do NOT need to attend

If your child ages 7-17 has not yet been Baptized, received First Holy Communion, or been Confirmed and you would like information about the process please call 526-5513

We are still looking for teachers for our children's program. We are in need of catechists, especially one for Thursday First Communion (second year) grades 6/7/8. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this fulfilling ministry.

**Confirmation Students**

Upcoming service project opportunities: Feast of St Rose of Lima 8/23/14 and 8/24/14, Pro-Life Rosary 09/06/14 & 10/04/14, Dream Cuisine 10/12/14, Pro-Life Breakfast 10/26/14. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

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**BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BILL**

Fr. Bill will lead us through an in depth study of the Gospel of John, the beloved disciple. John’s gospel is vastly different than those of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The first three gospels were written for the newly converted Jews and pagans who were still in the infancy of their Christian journey and focused on the WORKS of Jesus. John wrote about seventy years later for third generation Christians and focused on the WORDS of Jesus. John wanted to lead Christians to a deeper understanding of Christ’s divinity and the glorious marvels of His divine love.

This study is for everyone – those who are just beginning to know Jesus and those who feel they already know Him well. Come join Fr. Bill as he leads us through this important book of the Bible. The same material will be presented twice each week so you can choose which day best suits your schedule. All sessions will be held in the Church and begin on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Annette Lercel at 584-3533 with questions or for more information.

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**The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** by Mathew Kelly

Do you want to be a stronger, more active Faith-filled Catholic? A discussion group / book review will be held starting on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7pm at the School, Room #8. Bring your book that was distributed during Lent, or we can order one for you.

As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? Let’s talk about it after reading a chapter / session. Facilitated by Neil Fanning with assistance from Deacon Terry Reibenspies. For more information call Neil: 805-217-4300.

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**R.C.I.A.**

Inquiry Sessions have begun for anyone considering becoming Catholic. If you are unbaptized, baptized in another faith denomination or are baptized Catholic and need BOTH the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, we invite you to join us. For information, please call Julia Dobrucki at 915-4625.

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**The Form of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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RESPECT LIFE

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October 10-12 Duarte, CA Cost: $215, per person 866-2-RACHEL 866-272-2435 or visit:

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Doors Open 4:30pm On Both Nights. Credit Cards Accepted

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend in Ventura, September 19-21. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org.

Strengthen Your Marriage

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Beginning Experience: Grief Recovery Weekend for Widowed, Separated and Divorced Individuals

September 26-28

A “Beginning Experience” weekend will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. Beginning Experience is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

For info/registration, contact: Peg Setti (818) 767-1007, Brenda Mikhail (818) 352-5265, Patti Rizzo (661) 714-0998 or Maria Rojas (310) 365-0186 (bilingual Spanish).

wwwBeginningExperience.org and email is bela2011-30@hotmail.com.

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A partir de este momento en adelante, los registros históricos de la pintura se documentan y autenticadas por los milagros asociados con la pintura. En 1430, un devastador ataque en el Santuario Polaco resultó en pérdidas trágicas y el daño de la imagen sagrada. Para el día de hoy, a pesar de los intentos de reparar el daño, la cicatriz en la cara de la Virgen María son todavía visibles.

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Urgente: Coro del Sábado

Si Dios te ha dado el don de la música o el canto, nos gustaría invitarte para que formemos un coro para la Misa de los Sábados, por medio del Bautizo fuimos integrados a la familia de Dios y por tanto es nuestra obligación evangelizar y que mejor hacerlo por medio de la música. Favor de llamar a Belén Quezada al 805 279-5735 o a Mario Flores al 805 468-5528

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A Catholic Bible and a “Catechism of the Catholic Church” are a must for every Catholic home! (Available in our gift shop.)

God gives us His word in the Bible, and the Magisterial Teachings of the Catholic Church provide us with direction to follow it. Another way to be a well-informed and a vibrant Catholic is to visit the USCCB website listed below where you will find a wealth of practical information.

Gay “Marriage”

Just about every year, we vote on various propositions. Some of them go away once they are defeated and others seem to reappear every so often. One issue that always seems to come back to the forefront is the idea of homosexual “marriage”, which we as Catholics cannot condone.

As American citizens, we are guaranteed certain inalienable rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which are not reserved for heterosexuals alone. Homosexuals possess all of the human rights that are reserved for the rest of us. However, there are limits to these rights. For instance, a man can never be a duck nor can we ever consider a little girl to be a stone. Their behavior may resemble those things, but they will always be human beings. Their respective biological make-up limits their existence to being representatives of the human race. The same can be said of marriage, which is the union between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:21-25). This is why Gen. 2:24 tells us, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.” When God created man and woman, he made it so that only a man and a woman could conceive children - regardless of what scientists may concoct within the environs of a laboratory or Petri dish.

No matter how many operations a person undergoes to resemble their favorite idol – they will never actually become them. Just as blue is blue and red is red – members of the same gender cannot be married. Nobody ever questions why a non-Jewish boy doesn’t get a Bar Mitzvah or why a man cannot give birth – or even why beef jerky cannot be made out of chicken. There are no lawsuits nor is there any litigation on these matters because they are pre-ordained. Simply put - they are what they are.

The Catholic Church usually bears the brunt of the bad press on this topic. We are represented as gay-bashers or as being intolerant of any lifestyle that we don’t agree with. Just as we are not to be tolerant of any other sin such as stealing, adultery or fornication – we cannot be tolerant of anything that is considered sinful in the eyes of God. The Bible explicitly teaches that the homosexual lifestyle is gravely sinful (Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Rom. 1:26-7) – as is all sexual immorality (Acts 21:25, 1 Cor. 10:8, 1 Tim. 1:9-11).

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