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Julia Dobrucki
Four score and seven years after the establishment of the United States, our nation was torn in Civil War over an issue that was left unresolved with the ratification of the Constitution, the issue of slavery. For many, the issue of slavery had to do with the fundamental right to private property and to abolish it would be to violate those property rights of the slave owner. For others it was an issue over the very meaning of human freedom itself in which slavery violated a slave’s fundamental right to be free.

At one point, the Supreme Court issued the landmark Dred Scott Decision in which it determined that a black slave had no rights that a white person was bound to respect. In the end, it took the unrelenting dedication of the abolitionist movement, and ultimately the President of the United States to finally bring about the abolition of slavery in America.

Last January 22, 2003 marked the thirtieth anniversary of another monumental decision of the United States Supreme Court over an issue just as divisive in our country as was the issue of slavery. In 1973 the Supreme Court in the case of Roe vs. Wade determined that a woman had a right to freely choose to abort her unborn child.

For some, the Supreme Court heralded a great breakthrough in the progression of Women’s Rights in our nation; for others it sounded the death-knell for countless millions and became the key issue in the development of what many refer to as a “culture of death.” Those in favor of abortion on demand state that a woman’s rights over her body, even (perhaps especially) regarding pregnancy is fundamental to her freedom as a woman, while those opposed maintain that such an allowance violates one of the most basic rights we have as human beings. It has pitted against each other two ideologies that many see as fundamental to us as Americans – the right to privacy, and the right to life.

This issue had once again come to prominence when on Tuesday, October 22, 2003, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to ban a form of the procedure known notoriously as “partial-birth” abortion. The President had promised to sign the bill into law, while pro-abortion advocates decried the vote, promising to push the issue again to the Supreme Court of the United States.

There are many aspects of the issue of slavery that we are seeing re-played within the debate over abortion. Slavery was seen as essential to the economy of the South, just as abortion is seen as essential to the fundamental rights of women. While the opponents of abortion believe in the unborn child’s basic right to live, so too did abolitionists believe in the slave’s fundamental right to freedom. Just as many argue that abortion is an issue of women’s rights, so the advocates of slavery believed that theirs was an issue of the slave owner’s property rights. Just as those who advocate abortion resent the “imposition” of religious values by those insisting that abortion is a sin, so too did many in the pro-slavery South resent the religious insistence that slavery was morally wrong and that those of African descent are human beings of equal dignity before God.

Our nation has a grand history of making stark distinctions regarding the rights of its citizens and how they relate to the rights of others. In the regular resolution to such conflicts, our society has always resolved that we as human beings have rights, but not to violate the rights of another. For example, a person has the right to swing one’s arm or throw one’s fist. However, that right ends where another person’s nose begins. We have the right to free speech, but that right does not include putting people in danger by shouting “fire” in a crowded theater as a hoax. Parents have the right to discipline their children, but not to the point of physical harm and abuse. We have freedom, but not to hinder the freedom of another.

The issue of slavery was resolved in the same spirit. Our society does not deny the property rights of any American, until those property rights violate the rights of another human being to basic human freedom.

Then came Roe vs. Wade. The basic difference between the issues of slavery and abortion is not in the issue, nor in the nature of the debate, but rather in the outcome. While our nation resolved the issue of slavery clearly against the socially dominant slave-owner, Roe vs. Wade resolved the abortion issue, not in favor of the underdog, the child, but in favor of the absolute rights of the socially dominant woman who wishes to kill her unborn child.

The decision of Roe vs. Wade, therefore, can be considered to be historically inconsistent with our nation’s history of protecting the rights of those whose rights might otherwise be violated by another. While slavery is an issue that is very different from abortion, the conflict and debate over rights is very similar. Like the struggle against slavery the abortion issue has grown into a debate over the very nature of rights, and their relation to the rights of others. Like the Dred Scott Decision, the Roe vs. Wade decision has pulled our country in the wrong direction. Perhaps it will take the dedication of the pro-life movement, and perhaps even another president to set our nation on the proper course once again, as it did when the struggle against slavery was at its height.
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
Lily M. Estrada, Geno M. Gonzalez, Mason M. Gonzalez, Montgomery H. Gonzalez, Matthew J. C. Kalungi, Mateo A. Sanchez

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3
And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, October 11
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Mildred & Tom Hall (D)
7:00pm Salvador Casillas (D)

SUNDAY, October 12
6:00am Cinctina Stephenson (D)
7:00am Sharon & Richard Correa (I)
9:00am Joe & Elizabeth Sorensen (I)
11:00am Huyen & Thi (I)
(Sp) 1:00pm Rosa Diaz (D)
5:00pm NO MASS

MONDAY, October 13
8:30am Michael Sorensen (I)
5:30pm Billy Driver, Jr. (I)

TUESDAY, October 14
8:30am Joseph Loniero (D)
5:30pm Yvonne Salcido (D)

WEDNESDAY, October 15
8:30am Barbara Maurer (D)
5:30pm Maria Liattaco (I)

THURSDAY, October 16
8:30am Nicholas Concepcion (I)
5:30pm Gregorio Robles (D)

FRIDAY, October 17
8:30am Cincteta Stephenson (D)
5:30pm Fran Jones (D)

SATURDAY, October 18
8:30am Members of the Millennium Club (I)
5:00pm Catherine Chao (I)
7:00pm Joel Lemos (I)

SUNDAY, October 19
6:00am Cincteta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Mauricio Soriano (D)
9:00am Yvonne Dejoria (D)
11:00am Mauricio Soriano (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Hector Lopez Sr. and Jr. (D)
5:00pm David Sean Hawkins (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
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!

Talks by Dr. Bennett Annan

† Friday, October 17, "How To Find Confidence In Times Of Trial"

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, co-dependency, 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.

2013-2014

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

We invite you to come join us every Saturday evening after the 5:00pm Mass to pray a Rosary in the Chapel inside the church for the Healing and Unity of families. (Bilingual)
SubRosa @ Halloween Horror Nights 
FRIDAY, October 31
*Join us for a scare-filled night!
*We will be Carpooling from St. Rose
**Tickets are $57 -> turn it no later than October 4th!
**Hurry tickets sell out fast, RSVP to let us know you're coming!
*More information to follow, stay tuned!
*Email us with any comments, questions, or concerns!

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SubRosa Time In Adoration 
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8-9:00pm* (St. Rose church)
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Attention Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew
A new class for the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem will start on Friday, October 17th, at St. Paschal Baylon Hall Room 4 in Thousand Oaks. The emblem is available to all Catholic Boy Scouts or Venture Crew who have completed the sixth grade and active in their Unit for six months. The emblem program will run until March with the Presentation Mass in May at the Cathedral in Los Angeles. Student manuals are available at Council. An information meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 7:00pm in the St. Paschal Hall Room 4. A parent or guardian must attend this meeting. Please contact Mr. Howard at 527-9697 or mail jhoward12bsa@yahoo.com

Poll Observer/Poll Worker Training
October 18 @ 9am—1pm Camarillo please call for location. October 25 @ 10am—2pm St. Rose of Lima School room 13. An EIP Election Observation Volunteer can be involved in several aspects of their county elections process, such as ballot signature verification and poll observing. This training will educate and prepare individuals who wish to be an EIP Election Observation Volunteer in their county. Contact Ellen Gifford (526-3698 or ElectionIntegrityProject.com).
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5:00—9:00 pm TONIGHT, Sunday, October 12

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Highest bidder wins, and the money goes to a great cause!

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It’s easy to enroll and there is no cost. If you are already participating, we thank you!

RELIGIOUS ED & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes
Classes have already begun! Registration for the 2014/2015 year has closed!
If your child age 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

Attention Confirmation Students: Upcoming service project opportunities - Pro-Life Breakfast Oct. 26. Call the office for more information 526-5513.

Attention ALL Parents of Students: The next parent workshop on the Mass is Sunday, November 9 at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall.

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. BILL
Our Scripture Study resumes this Tuesday, Oct. 14
The Gospel of John
You are most welcome to join us!
Tuesdays or Saturdays at 9:15am in the church.
Call Annette Lercel at 584-3533 with any questions.

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic by Matthew Kelly
Do you want to be a stronger, more active Faith-filled Catholic? A discussion group / book review is held Thursdays at 7pm at the School, Room #8. Facilitated by Neil Fanning with assistance from Deacon Terry Reibenspies. For more information call Neil: 805-217-4300.

Continuing Adult Faith Formation
Next meetings:
November 3 – Confirmation
December 1 – Eucharist

Classes are the first Monday of each month at 7pm in room 9.
The family of Eleanor May would like to thank those who attended her Funeral Mass or remembered her through the numerous Mass cards we received. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Please contact the Rectory to let us know when you will celebrate your anniversary in the following month so we may acknowledge it in the bulletin. (Is your anniversary in November?)

"Marriage is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring", and which "has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament between the baptized."

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world’s youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers.

Please give generously next weekend in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.missionsla.org.

¿Sabia Usted?
Conozca todas las rutas de acceso a la escuela para casos de emergencia

“El regreso a la escuela no tiene que significar regreso a la preocupación. Aunque la seguridad adentro de la escuela es finalmente la responsabilidad del director y del personal de la escuela, los padres de familia pueden tomar unos pocos pasos básicos para asegurar una experiencia escolar segura”.

Conozca rutas de viaje desde y hacia la escuela. Asegúrese de que usted y su hijo/a conozca las ruta principal y la alternativa. En una emergencia, las calles pueden estar bloqueadas y es importante tener un plan de respaldo. Para más información, por favor visite http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety

Pro-Life Champagne Brunch Spectacular!
The Knights of Columbus Council 5803 is sponsoring a Pro-Life Champagne Brunch on Sunday (10/26) after the 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Masses. The cost is $7.00 for people over 12, $5.00 for kids 6-12 years of age and a $30.00 Family max (for immediate family). Children under 5 are free!

Did you Know?
Know all the access routes to your children’s school in case of emergency

“Back-to-school does not have to mean back-to-worrying. Though safety inside school is ultimately the responsibility of the principal and school staff, parents can take a few basic steps to ensure a safe school experience.”

Know travel routes to and from the school. Make sure you and your child know both primary and alternate routes. In an emergency, roads can be blocked and it’s important to have a backup plan. For more information, please visit http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/6-rules-school-safety
La Virgen María tiene siglos de estar apareciéndose a los cristianos. Aún antes de que fuese asunta al cielo, ella ya se le había aparecido al apóstol Santiago en Zaragoza, España. Según una antigua leyenda, Santiago llegó a tierra española en el año 40 para predicar el Evangelio. Tuvo poco éxito y desanimado pensaba sacudirse de los pies el polvo de aquella tierra y buscar convertir otras gentes. Mientras estaba en oración, María, la madre de Jesús, se le apareció con palabras de consuelo, ánimo y un pequeño obsequio. Le dio una imagen de ella misma sobre un pilar y con el Niño Jesús en brazos.

En esa tierra ella pidió la construcción de un templo donde ella misma sería altar para la gloria de Dios. Santiago mismo construyó la primera iglesia donde hoy se encuentra una gran basílica en honor de Nuestra Señora del Pilar. En el siglo XVIII, el Papa Clemente XII declaró el 12 de octubre como su fiesta en memoria de la llegada de los europeos al continente americano. De María vienen los principios del Día de la Raza. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Guz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Contraception

It’s interesting to note that virtually every Protestant denomination held the same position on contraception as the Catholic Church before 1930. That was the year the Anglican Church parted with the rest of the Christian world at their Lambeth Conference, declaring that contraception was acceptable in some circumstances. Soon afterward, they caved in completely and in the years that followed, virtually every Protestant denomination also accepted this practice.

It should be noted that the current secular view of contraception was born of racism and intolerance. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood and an avowed atheist, was the mother of the artificial birth control movement who embraced the Eugenics movement, a doctrine that some people (including the poor, physically challenged, ethnic minority groups) had no reproductive rights. It is from this movement that Sanger proliferated the practice of artificial birth control as a means of controlling the population of these groups.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2370, 2399) deems any practice that “renders procreation impossible” as intrinsically evil. Anything that places barriers or hurdles before God is intrinsically evil, not simply because it is an action that is devoid of faith - but because it is diametrically opposed to faith itself. Early Protestant leaders such as John Calvin and John Wesley also spoke out against this practice.

We must remember that God is the author of life. We must put our complete faith and trust in God, who knows our needs even before we do (Matt. 6:8, Ephesians 3:20). Children are gifts from God – not punishments, as some of our political leaders would have us believe.

For more apologetics, please visit: www.StRoseSV.com; click “Faith Facts”.

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.

USCCB.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/toolkit/index.cfm