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Part 22: The Harmony of the Gospels 💠



Is anyone else still thinking about having four different Gospels? This guestion was discussed and pondered by some of the earliest Christians. Some tried to develop a harmonious account of the life, death, and teachings of Jesus, and the result was a kind of one-volume gospel. Although we don't have any historical manuscripts of it, a one-volume harmonization called "The Gospel" is referred to by some early Christian writers, including St. Ignatius of Antioch (writing around 115 AD). There is a manuscript dated 170 AD by a man named Tatian, who was a student of St. Justin Martyr. This manuscript is called the Diatessaron and is subtitled "The Gospel Harmony." Others tried this as well through the ages, including St. Augustine (writing in 405 AD) who wrote a work titled "On the Harmony of the Evangelists."

Uniquely Harmonious

Remarkably, what each person found was that the four Gospels could not be squeezed into one without losing something important. As we have reviewed previously, every detail of each of the Gospels is written for a specific purpose. To miss one of these details is to miss an important part of the life of Jesus and his message of salvation to the world. Each of the four Gospel writers gives us a special understanding of Jesus, something we would miss if we forced them into just one Gospel. As the early Church moved forward toward the finalizing of the Canon of Scripture (the official list of the books included in the Bible), we see that the four Gospels are consistently included and honored.

The Canon of Scripture

The Canon of the Bible is the official list of texts discerned and compiled by the Roman Catholic Church over time and confirmed by Church Councils, first completed around the time of the Council of Hippo in 390 AD. This list was reiterated by the Council of Trent in the 1500s and again at the First Vatican Council in the 1800s. We believe that certain books are inspired by the Holy Spirit and therefore are included in the canon. No known inspired book is outside the canon and no non-inspired book is inside it. Since the Church is entrusted with Sacred Scripture, the Church declares what is included in the canon. A couple of other definitions are helpful here:

Inspiration: The Holy Spirit was present and inspired the human writers of the Bible so what God intended—and only those things—were not only understood correctly, but following from this understanding, the Gospel writers wrote them down, expressed in appropriate and meaningful language. (See Providentissimus Deus, 1, 4, and 14).

Inerrancy: The Bible is free from errors, not just in faith and morals, but in all parts that pertain to and which God wished to teach for our salvation. (See Dei Verbum, 6 and 11).

These definitions help us know with confidence that what we are reading is God's Word to us, and they can also help us understand what we read. We come to see the unity of all of Scripture and that all the books are important. We read through the lens of our lived faith and tradition. We value how Scripture has been understood and prayed with over the last 2000 years. We recognize that the Church Fathers and saints have much to tell us about Scripture and how it helps us live life in Christ today.

A Synopsis of the Gospels

An interesting alternative to the idea of a Gospel harmony is called a Synopsis of the Gospels. A synopsis keeps all four Gospels intact as they were written and arranges the passages in four columns so that all four Gospels are side-by-side. The passages are arranged and spaced out so that one can compare the details of each Gospel account. Doing this really helps one see how each of the four writers gives a special flavor to the life and ministry of Jesus. A synopsis is like having each of the Gospel writers with us, sitting in his own armchair, telling us about Jesus.

For Reflection

- 1. What are some of your favorite Gospel passages? Do you know which Gospel(s) feature these passages? Take some time to find some of your "favorites" and develop your relationship with particular Gospel authors.
- 2. Our Catholic liturgies and traditions celebrating the birth of Jesus and his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension draw from different Gospel accounts. Choose either Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 or the Passion narratives in the four Gospels for deeper study to see how each Gospel contributes to our understanding of these events in our salvation.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



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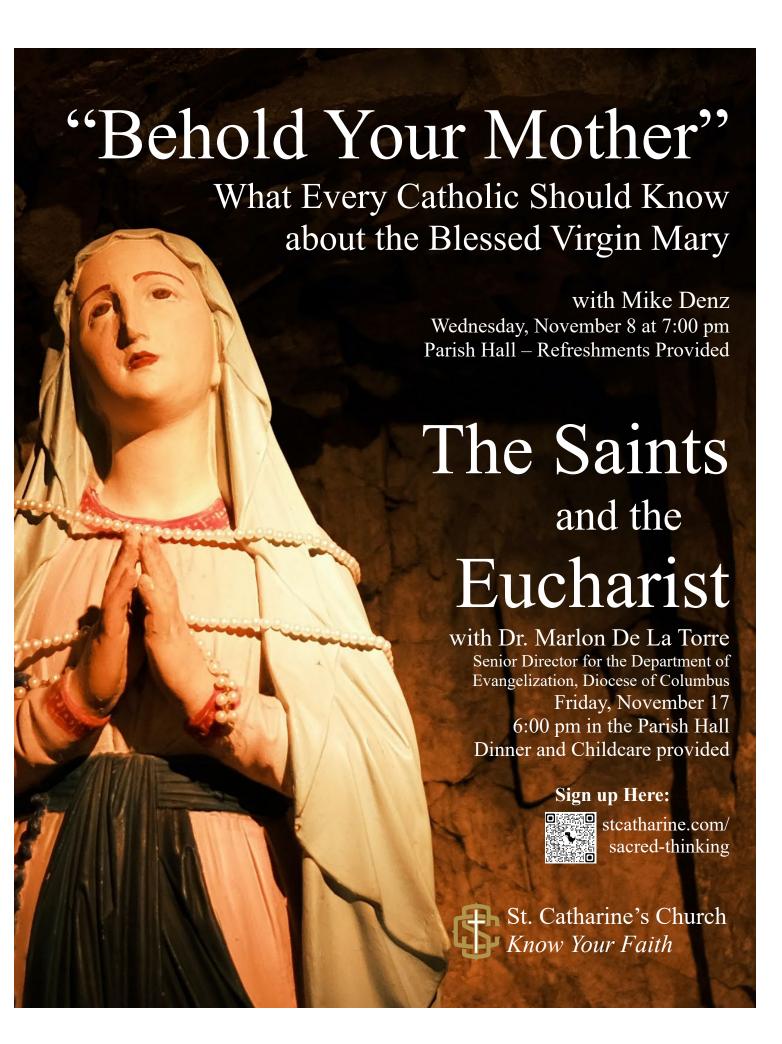
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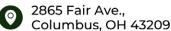
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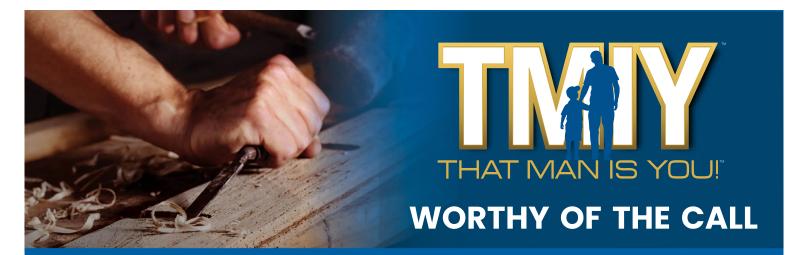


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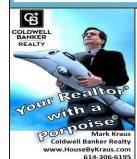
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Week of November 5th
The Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Week of November 12th
The Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 5th

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass (Thomas Fredrick Beck)

5:00pm Holy Mass (Lola Brunetto)

6:00pm High School & Middle School Youth Group

Monday, November 6th

8:00am Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)

6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 7th

Election Day

7:00pm Holy Mass (Steve Beck) 7:30pm Confessions

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Wednesday, November 8th

9:00am Holy Mass (Tom Easly)

7:00pm What Every Catholic Should Know About Mary

Thursday, November 9th

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome 8:00am Holy Mass (William Manierre Sr.)

3:15pm Society of St. Clare

7:00pm ADORE Revival Night (Confession & Adoration)

7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, November 10th

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Holy Mass (James Klunk)

Saturday, November 11th

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:15am That Man Is You!

8:30am Holy Mass (Bonnie Klunk)

9:00am Confessions

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9:30am Family Faith Formation
9:30am Catechesis of Good Shepherd
9:30am First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am Holy Mass (James G. Gillilan Jr.)
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
6:00pm High School Youth Group

6:00pm Catechism in a Year Dinner and Discussion Group

Monday, November 13th

Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 8:00am Holy Mass (William Manierre Jr.)

6:30pm Family Faith Formation

6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 14th

6:30pm Finish The Race Part II: Estate Planning Seminar

7:00pm Holy Mass (John Dendiu)

7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, November 15th

9:00am Holy Mass (Joe Ridgeway) 6:30pm School Open House

Thursday, November 16th

8:00am Holy Mass (John Tracy) 9:30am Storytime With Jesus 3:00pm Arrows & Virtues

7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

Friday, November 17th

Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 8:00am Holy Mass (David Miesse) 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

6:00pm The Saints & the Eucharist with Marlon De La Torre

Saturday, November 18th

7:15am That Man Is You!

8:15am Confirmation Candidate Retreat/Parent Session

8:30am Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)

9:00am Confessions

3:00pm Wedding of Kathryn Nentwich and Ryan Sanecki

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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,*** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

- 1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- 2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- 3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
- 4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
- 5. This Section is self-executing.
- * Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
- ** Based on Doe v. Bolton



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk:

 Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated. Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights:

 A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing. Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

 Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy. Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "Where Does it Say That?" for specific information.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

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What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

- 1. PRAY & Fast
- EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
- 3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:



An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

Vote this Tuesday!



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