

Fourth Sunday

of Ordinary Time

February 1, 2009

Theme: *Jesus inaugurated God's kingdom, but he left its completion to us. We must work harder at this task.*

Masses of the Week

Sunday	1st	8:00 AM	✠	Urban Kaminski <i>requested by Rick & JoAnn Doan</i>
Sunday	1st	10:30 AM	✠	Emilio Aguilar <i>requested by the Aguilar Family</i>
Monday	2nd	8:30 AM	✠	Arnold Masters <i>requested by Amy & Bob Masters</i>
Tuesday	3rd	8:30 AM	✠	Guisseppa Teresi <i>requested by The Heffelfinger Family</i>
Wednesday	4th	8:30 AM	✠	Denver Wilson <i>requested by Nancy Schlefstein</i>
Thursday	5th	8:30 AM	● ✠	For the People of Prince of Peace
Friday	6th	8:30 AM	✠	Andrew Strack
Saturday	7th	5:30 PM	✠	Dr. J. K. David

MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting of the Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, February 7th at 10 A.M. in the Church.



Nursery – 10:30 Mass (ONLY)

Room 105 Religious Conference Center

The nursery is FREE to assist parishioners with childcare during the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday.

VATICAN RELEASES DOCUMENT

ADDRESSING BIOETHICS

Some recent advancements in the area of stem-cell research, gene therapy and embryonic experimentation violate moral principles and reflect an attempt by man to “take the place of his Creator,” says a new Vatican document. The 32-page document *Dignitas Personae* (*The Dignity of the Person*) was released December 12th by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. Pope Benedict XVI approved the text and ordered its publication.

The document notes that recent advances raise serious questions of moral complicity for researchers and other biotech professionals, who have a duty to refuse to use biological material obtained by unethical means.

In one section entitled “The use of human ‘biological material’ of illicit origin,” the document addresses ethical questions concerning people who, in research or the production of vaccines or other products, deal with cell lines that are the result of a procedure the Church considers immoral.

The document acknowledges, and addresses, the different levels of involvement and control people may have with such research, such as parents having their children vaccinated. In such cases, the document says, parents have no voice in the decision over how the vaccines are made, and, therefore, may choose to use the vaccines. However, they should urge their health-care system to make other types of vaccines available.

The document is an update of the congregation’s 1987 Instruction *Donum Vitae* (*The Gift of Life*). That document rejected in vitro fertilization, human cloning, surrogate motherhood & nontherapeutic experiments with human embryos. This new version addresses those issues as well as new ones.

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