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November 5, 2023
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...

(To update this prayer list, submit a prayer request on erc.la/prayer and let us know in the notes to also update the Prayer Page)

- RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
- GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
- TANYA COLLIS: Severe pain 24 hrs/day
- JADEN MALDONADO: (child)
Congenital cytomegalovirus
- TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
- EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures
- BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/complete healing
- FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees
- RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): MS
- WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- SELENE VELASCO: needing kidney transplant

Death, imprisonment, violence, isolation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

- www.opendoorsuk.org
- www.barnabasfund.org
- www.samaritanspurse.org
- www.worldhelp.net



Our Christian sympathy to Isaiah Gallegos and Connie Fletes and family on the passing of Connie's father, Eulalio Villegas, on Saturday, October 21st.

Our Christian sympathy to John & Paula Cobian and family on the passing of Paula's mother, Cecilia "Shiela" Esparza, on Friday, October 27th, at the age of 76. Services took place at 1pm on Friday, November 3rd, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities

Paramount Care Foundation offering November 5

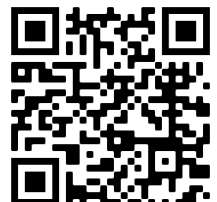
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Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$2,665,235.13
YTD Budget: \$2,674,144.00

Last Week's Offering: \$35,609.92
2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00



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HOLY SEXUALITY

- Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-28

What does it mean to be made in the image of God? Genesis 1:27 gives us our first answer, male and female. We cannot talk about male and female without talking about God.

When Jesus discussed marriage, sex and divorce he referred to the first wedding in the Garden of Eden (Matthew 19:4-5)



- 4 key indicators that biologically make someone male or female:

- Presence or absence of a Y chromosome
- Internal reproductive organs
- External reproductive organs
- Endocrine system that produces secondary sex characteristics

In Genesis 3 sin enters the world and corrupts all of creation. From this point on sexual brokenness is seen and experienced: Genesis 4, Genesis 19, 1 Timothy 1:10.

Research of Dr. John Money - caused great harm and confusion to the conversation today.

Research has proven the danger of CHT:

- Adverse changes in cholesterol and blood pressure
- Increased risk for heart attack and stroke
- Increased risk for blood clots
- Increased risk for cancer
 - *E. Moore, A. Wisniewski, and A. Dobs, "Endocrine Treatment of Transsexual People"*
- Increased risk for diabetes
- Lifetime of low energy
 - *J.L. Feldman, "New Onset of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with Feminizing Hormone Therapy"*
- Increased risk in infertility
 - *L. Nahata, "Low Fertility Preservation Utilization among Transgender Youth,"*

- Bills that have been recently presented in California:

- AB 957: Punishes parents who don't "affirm" their child's trans identity
- SB 107: Removes an out-of-state child from their parents if the child travels to California to obtain gender transition procedures
- SB 145: Reduced penalty for offenders who sodomize children as young as 14
- SB 866: Allow kids to consent to medical decisions without parental knowledge
- SB 239: Reduces the penalty for knowingly giving AIDS without informing them
- SB 132: Requires prisons to put males in female prisons if they claim to feel like a woman
 - *Bills can be found at <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>*

LAUSD Elementary Schools - "National Coming Out Day"

Gender distinctions in the Bible (Deuteronomy 22:5, 1 Corinthians 11:4-6)

Don't look to culture to define masculinity and femininity, look to God and His Word. The starting spot for biblical sexuality is not genitalia or chromosomes, it is God. Your *spiritual life* must lead and guide your *lifestyle*.

The Bible encourages the Church to gather in community. As men disciple men and women disciple women, biblical masculinity and femininity will be fostered. (See 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus)

- Time of Reflection

Our holy God created humanity in his image and likeness yet sin has caused confusion in all of us.

How does the Gospel and God's word change your outlook on sexuality?

How is God calling you to reflect his image as you live out your God-given sexuality?
