July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"

-Mark 6:2



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10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

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From Our Pastor, Father George

July 7, 2024 is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Despite the fact that the Prophet Ezekiel described the Israelites as the rebels who were in revolt against God and who turned against God and he called them defiant and obstinate, he ended his prophesy with the words: Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them. This may sound like a complaint of the God who feels insulted and fed up with his people. But in the light of other readings of today, this means that even though God knows our weaknesses, he still speaks to us. Even in our time of rebellion God sends his prophets.

We can see the similarity to this in the Gospel reading. People of Nazareth were questioning Jesus' authority and Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith, yet St. Mark says that Jesus cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

This looks to me like something which I observed in the football match which I watched recently. There is a European Soccer Championship this time in Europe and I saw this one player who was squabbling and pushing against another player in the penalty area but when the referee saw it and started walking towards them, and we can assume that his intention was to discipline them or even punish them somehow, the first guy showed a big smile on his face and he hugged the defender of the opposite team as if they were great friends. It looked so funny that the referee also smiled, turned away without intervention and went on with the game. A smile in the middle of squabble between two people defused tension. The referee, to me, is like God, who is ready to deal properly with troublemakers. Two players pushing each other are like people who act against the Commandments, but when they see that they went too far and they feel the God's wrath is on their heads, they change their attitude, they make peace and give God a symbolical smile which represents their renewed faith in God and obedience to his will. God, like the referee at the match of soccer, knows that people do not always play as he would wish, showing fairness and keeping rules of game. And they need to get a yellow or even red cart from time to time as punishment for their offenses. But he smiles when they show that they are humans who despite weaknesses and wronadoinas can change. make peace with each other, and show their smiles to God.

God smiles back to us and is happy when we are good neighbors. God likes when we respect each other, offer a hug to other person because this is his will, his way, his plan for humanity. This is what he wants to see. He feels insulted when we rebel against him and hurt other people.

We need to temper our pride and renew our faith in God because human life without faith in God turns ugly and God knows it. Let us not get defiant, complacent or stubborn against God or our neighbor. Let us pray for the increase of our faith in God and our love of neighbor.

5 Sunday Masses are held in the parish hall - In this hot weather and with our AC working without the heat exchanger (new one coming hopefully in August) we get an uncomfortable air temperature in the church. But our hall is bigger in size, cooler and it has fans, so we are holding our 4pm, 5:30pm Vigil Masses and our 9am, 10:30am and 5:30pm Sunday Masses in the parish hall. 7:30am and 12pm will be held in the church.



On Tuesdays and Thursdays in July there will be a Service of Holy Communion instead of our usual Mass at 8:30am -

The 8:30am Mass will continue to be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The Mass Intentions from 8:30am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July will be transferred to later days. Apologies for the inconvenience!

Frequently asked questions about Amendment 4.

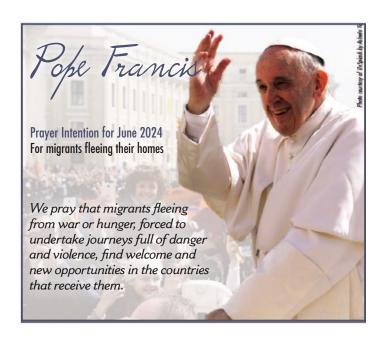
What is Amendment 4? Amendment 4 is a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that would essentially establish an unlimited right to abortion throughout pregnancy even when the heartbeat of the preborn child is detected, when the preborn child can experience pain, and when the child is capable of living outside the womb. Amendment 4 will appear on the November 5, 2024, ballot and require approval from 60% of the electorate to pass.

Would abortion be illegal in Florida if Amendment 4 does not pass?

If Amendment 4 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Florida until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. Current laws that protect the safety of women would remain in effect

Next Sunday, July 14, 2024, is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary time.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George





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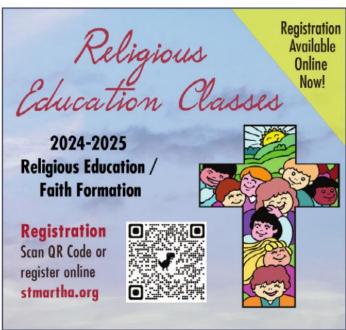


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FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine UNREGULATED ABORTION in our state constitution, making Florida one of the MOST PRO-ABORTION states in the nation. The amendment language is MISLEADING, and its proposed outcomes are DANGEROUS.

WHAT IT SAYS

BALLOT SUMMARY No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion

before viability

or when necessary to protect the patient's health.

as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or quardian before a minor has an abortion.

WHAT IT DOES

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support. including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" - not just physicians - could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),following Hurricane Audrey in 1957

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7:30am [JV]	.Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a .Arthur Levin by Kevin Rutkosky .(Hall/ Spanish) Special Intentions
9:00am [FS] 10:30am [JR]	. (Hall) Letty Maher by Ann Crowley . (Hall) For All Parishioners . Steve Wesley by Michael Houlihan
12:00pm [JV] 5:30pm [JB]	. (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions . (Hall) Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family
	. Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26 . Priscilla Jane Dever In Loving Memory by Children & Grandchildren
	. Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano . Linda Weaver by John and Joyce Schaefer
7:30am [JR] 8:30am [DcP]	. Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38 . (L) David and Paula Shigley by David and Paula . Communion Service . (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend
Wed, July 10	. Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7 . (L) Paula and David Shigley by Marge and Paul Lortie . Alberto Orta by Alberto Orta . Michael Blair Frain by Jackie Fie
7:30am [JV] 8:30am [DcP]	. Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15 . (L) Wanda Welch by David and Paula Shigley . Communion Service Richard Sartori by the Sartori Family
7:30am [JR] 8:30am [FS]	. Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23 . Missing & Exploited Children by Joe and Betty Plouffe . Judith Filippo by Barbara Meier . Cyd Calamia by G & G Lupina
7:30am [JV] 8:30am [JR] 4:00pm [FS]	. Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33 . Robert Rutkowski by the Rutkowski Family . (L) Erick Dunn by Rita Dunn . (Hall) (L) Serge Lochard by Friend . (Hall) James F. Martin by Debbie, Donna, Lu, and Tim
Sun, July 14	. (Hall) James F. Marin by Debble, Donna, Lu, and Tim . Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13 . Frank Cikovic by Dennis Cikovic . (Hall/ Spanish) Renato Deleone by Hermie Deleon . (Hall) Edward Mongillo by Ann Mongillo . (Hall) For All Parishioners . (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions . (Hall) Yanti by the Boryszewski Family
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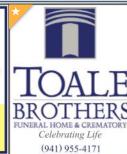


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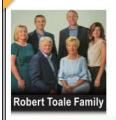
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