

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AND  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 15 - 21, 2024**

**Monday, 4/15 † Easter Weekday**

6pm: Kenny

**Tuesday, 4/16 † Easter Weekday**

8am: Gavin Reinhart (Birthday) by Don & Sharon  
Barker

9am: A.S. Linda Potempa by The Scamerhorn Family

**Wednesday, 4/17 † Easter Weekday**

9am: A.S.

6pm: Regina Howard by Sharon Richie

**Thursday, 4/18 † Easter Weekday**

8am: Adam Gutwein by The Dumenric Family

9am: A.S.

**Friday, 4/19 † Easter Weekday**

8am: Regina Howard by Sharon Richie

9am: A.S.

**Saturday, 4/20 † Easter Weekday**

8:30am: Gary

**Saturday, 4/20 † Vigil, FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

4:30pm: Frank Kida, Jr. by Donna Kida

**Sunday, 4/21 † FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

7:30am: Helena & Jan Ondica, Eternal Rest &  
Salvation by Mark & Bogumila Wolski

9am: A. S. Carlos Herrera (Birthday) by Great  
Grandma

11am: Parishioners

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Thurs., April 18 – 2pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., April 18 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., April 21 – 9:30am - Religious Education

Sun., April 21 – 12N – Finance Council, Rectory

**Father Terry will be on vacation from Thursday,  
April 25 thru Wednesday, May 8. There will only  
by Masses on Sundays at both parishes. Therefore,  
no Saturday Vigil Masses April 27<sup>th</sup> & May 4<sup>th</sup>. If  
you need a Priest, please call Peg at 574-896-2195  
& she will do her best to secure one for you.**

**To Our All Saints &  
SS. Cyril & Methodius Families**

God made our parishes a sanctuary where we,  
the witnesses of His Resurrection, can gather,  
take strength, and go out to the world anew.  
Please support our *Catholic Services Appeal*  
generously, so that we can share the hope we  
have found in Christ's triumph. We rely on  
you, and we thank you!!

*Our sincere thanks to everyone who made the Bella  
Vita Baby Shower a huge success. Also, thanks to  
Stephanie Collins from Bella Vita for the  
informative presentation on the services offered by  
Bella Vita to assist Mothers- to -be and their  
families.*

*God Bless you all!! SS. Cyril & Methodius  
Christian Ladies.*

...”Is it true you have to be in a state of grace to  
receive communion?” “Yes; you should also fast for  
one hour.”  
“There are 50 states in America. Which ones are states  
of Grace?”

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains that the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

**Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you. 'But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

## Dear Padre

April 14, 2024

### **What is a "covenant," and how are marriage and covenant related?**

"Covenant" is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of "covenant" contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word "contract," as in the "marriage contract." However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of "contract" is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other's well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of "covenant" to define Christian marriage. ●

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## Good News!

April 14, 2024

*Third Sunday of Easter (B)*

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.**

Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

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## **Globalism is incompatible with Catholic teaching: here's why**

(LifeSiteNews) Apr 4, 2024— Globalism is not only a danger to our essential liberties; it also runs contrary to Catholic social teaching (CST).

As globalists at the WEF, the U.N., and the WHO are grabbing more and more power and control over our lives, we cannot help but notice something is not going right. Moritz Scholtysik, chairman of the Institute for the Propagation of Catholic Social Teaching in Germany, sat down with me to discuss why globalism contradicts traditional Church teaching and must be rejected by all faithful Catholics.

Scholtysik told me, “Catholic social teaching is basically the Church’s answer to political, economic, and social problems.” He explained that CST in the “more narrow sense” was developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, primarily by Catholic popes writing encyclicals on the questions of how Catholics “should interact with the non-Catholic society, how we should interact with the non-Catholic state and how we ultimately actually make [the state] Catholic again.”

He added that Catholic social teaching is based on Catholic traditions and the great Catholic philosophers like St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Scholtysik said that globalism is opposed to Catholic teaching and the natural law.

Subsidiarity is “a very important principle of natural law,” meaning that institutions on the lower levels of society, like families, are allowed and obliged to fulfill certain tasks by themselves.

“And the higher entity in the social structure, for example, the state, is only allowed to get in and take over this task at the moment and to the extent that the lower level of the social structure is not able to [fulfill it],” Scholtysik said.

“Globalism destroys this whole idea of subsidiarity,” he added. “They [globalists] try to get all the decision-making processes, all the rules, the laws. They try to bring it all to a global level and leave none to the lower levels of the social structure.”

However, “the lower levels have their natural task, and if the higher levels, especially on a global level, just take it away, that will destroy the natural structure, will destroy natural law, and therefore, in the end, man will not be able to fulfill his natural and his supernatural tasks and reach his natural and supernatural goals anymore.”

“So that’s why we have to resist, as Catholics and as people who are in favor of natural law, this idea of centralizing everything.”

During the interview, we also discussed why the WEF’s infamous slogan, “You’ll own nothing and be happy,” is contrary to our natural rights, why private property is so crucial in Catholic social teaching, and how Catholics can help turn our societies into Christian nations again by promoting the social kingship of Christ.

## The shocking untold history of the man who designed the ‘transgender flag’

(LifeSiteNews) Mar 22, 2024— A few years ago, the “trans flag” started to pop up everywhere. First created in 1999, the banner of alternating pink, blue, and white stripes flew from city halls; at protests; on government buildings; on public schools, Catholic schools, and even some churches. The creator of the flag described it this way: “The stripes at the top and bottom are light blue, the traditional masculine color. The stripes next to them are pink, the traditional feminine color. The stripe in the middle is white, for those who are transitioning or consider themselves having a neutral or undefined gender.”

In the mainstream press, the creator of the now-ubiquitous transgender flag is referred to as “American trans woman Monica Helms.” But as with so many of the architects of the Sexual Revolution, there is quite a bit more to the story. Helms was born Robert Hogge and identifies as female or “bigender,” claiming that his brain “floats between multiple roles...Sometimes I am a man and a woman at the same time, or I can change in a nanosecond, then change back just as fast.”

Who is Robert Hogge? By his own admission, he was a troubled teen who spent his time stealing his mother’s underwear, sexually experimenting, and cross-dressing. In the 1970s he joined the U.S. Navy and promptly began to steal the underwear of women who lived in his apartment building. According to his memoir, he became aroused by the sight of himself in women’s clothes, and by the end of the decade, he was a regular attendee at drag clubs—and decided that it was time “to rebuild myself in my own image...as a woman.”

He got married without telling his partner, Donna, about his proclivities. Unsurprisingly, she was upset when she found out about his cross-dressing. He continued to do so anyhow, investing large amounts of money into his transgender project and even attending classes on how to act feminine with other men. At age 46, Helms wrote, “I had entered my second puberty and acted the part.” His marriage broke down, and he and Donna divorced in 1997. Helms left his wife and children because he decided that his “shaved legs and breast growth” were more important and boasted that he promptly hit the sex clubs for “orgies.” His next phase was identifying as a lesbian and short-story writer. Most of his stories were on themes better left unmentioned; one sexualized a child. In 1999, he designed the trans flag. According to Genevieve Gluck of Redux: According to researcher Dr. Sarah Goode, CEO of StopSO (Specialist Treatment Organization for the Prevention of Sexual Offending), pedophiles who organize online have developed their own culture, language, and symbols. One common symbol used in pedophile forums incorporates the colors baby blue, pink and white. In her lecture, ‘Hidden Knowledge: What We Ought to Know About Pedophiles,’ Dr. Goode shows a slide of the image and says, “The pink half represents ‘girl lovers’ and the blue half represents ‘boy lovers.’” The color code system appears to predate the initial design of the transgender flag and can be traced back to at least as early as 1997, according to online pro-pedophile forums. Areas in Europe that advertise child trafficking to pedophile sex tourists have used the color code: “blue curtains mean a boy child prostitute and pink curtains a girl.”

It is unclear whether Helms was aware of this correlation at the time, but when discussing the symbolism behind the trans flag, Helms has consistently stated that blue represents young boys and pink represents young girls: “The light blue is the traditional color for baby boys, and the pink is the traditional color for baby girls.” In the two decades since its creation, the transgender pride flag has been embraced by transactivists, medical institutions, and governments alike. It has been flown at academic institutions, from universities to preschools.

That flag now flies everywhere, not only during “Pride Month”—in Canada under Trudeau, “Pride Season”—but throughout the rest of the year. You can tell a lot about a culture by whom it decides to honor. These days, millions send their children to schools that fly the colonizing flag of a trans-identified man who created it after abandoning his wife and children to engage in cross-dressing orgies while claiming to be a woman. Those who advocate for these flags insist that those of us who do not support such behavior are bigots. We should treat such claims with contempt.

## Is Easter being replaced with the ‘Transgender Day of Visibility’?

(LifeSiteNews) Mar 28, 2024 — Two observances — Easter and the recently contrived “International Transgender Day of Visibility” — fall on Sunday, March 31 this year, causing some to wonder “Is Easter being replaced with the ‘Transgender Day of Visibility?’”

It’s a valid question. For more than a few, it certainly will.

Others might dismiss this as nothing more than a coincidence. That would be a mistake.

On the last day of this month, we will witness a clash of religions as a demonic, cultish secular religion dares to intrude on the greatest feast day in Christendom, using a lie to distract the attention of lost souls from the most significant truth known to man: the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **Depravity on the rise, starving humanity of the truth of the Gospel**

This collision of religions appears to be a climactic Romans 1 moment. St. Paul explained:

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator... they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind.

Do not underestimate the will and force of Satan to supplant Christianity with this perverse woke religion through which he seeks to eclipse truth. His aim is to starve humanity of the truth of the Gospel.

This is, perhaps, a pivotal moment in the history of the United States, one that reveals the determination of many social influencers — including national and local governments — to reject reality and embrace delusion in the name of totalitarian power under the dominion of Satan.

This attack on the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is nothing new, although this current effort is more brazen and far less subtle than previous demonic forays. Go online and check out all the March 31 “holidays” with which Easter will be shared this year. It is just one of many, with no particular importance assigned to it. It’s given no more weight than “International Taco Day” or “National Bunsen Burner Day.” Even NBC’s *Today Show* has Easter wedged between “Crayola Crayon Day” and “Eiffel Tower Day.”

For many, Easter means colored hard boiled eggs and bunny rabbits, hardly life-changing truths.

Secular society has long been happy to treat Easter as nothing special, disparaging it by assigning it as just one of many PR-created observances.

But International Transgender Day of Visibility is different from all these others, because it’s a *holy day* for a societal movement that is increasingly revealing itself to be a religion, a cult that is trapping more and more souls who disfigure their bodies to display their allegiance to the cult.

If Ba’al and Moloch failed to inspire parents to sacrifice their kids to evil via abortion, at least now those demon generals can drive parents to offer their children up in a different way, handing them over to the high priests of Big Pharma and Big Medicine who willingly carve, mutilate, and chemically disfigure their bodies. In a way, this can be seen as a demonic ridicule of the wounds Christ endured during His scourging.

### **Government is ‘intentionally trying to offend Christians on the holiest of days’**

As if to prove the point that secular governments want to replace the truth about the Resurrection of Christ with the cult of transgenderism, Fairfax County, Virginia — a wealthy close-in suburb of Washington, D.C. — proclaimed March 31 as “Transgender Day of Visibility” while offering no such declaration concerning Easter.

The county’s Board of Supervisors voted 9-0 in favor of the proclamation.

“By voting to make Easter this year Transgender Visibility Day, they are intentionally trying to offend Christians on the holiest of days by forcing gender ideology down their throats,” Stephanie Lundquist-Arora, a Virginia mom and the Fairfax chapter leader of the Independent Women’s Network, told Fox News. William E. Wolfe, executive director at the Center for Baptist Leadership, described the county’s move as “the new state-enforced religion.” The new state-enforced religion [pic.twitter.com/QCZMzlvGPe](https://pic.twitter.com/QCZMzlvGPe) — William Wolfe us (@William\_E\_Wolfe) March 26, 2024

Yet the Fairfax Board of Supervisors is only doing what President Joe Biden did a year ago when he declared, “(I), by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2023, as Transgender Day of Visibility.”

What an amazing contortion of our founders’ original intent when they authored the U.S. Constitution!

### **A coup against reality**

We are witnessing a coup against reality — against science and nature, and, above all, spiritual truth — as liberal elites seek to establish and enforce a false construction of reality, an ideological pseudo-reality to replace observable, knowable truth.

This moment is as absurd, evil, and brazen as when in January 2021 U.S. House Democratic leadership proclaimed at the opening of the 117th Congress that terms such as “father, daughter, mother, and son” as well as gendered pronouns would be banned.

And as if to make the depravity of their obsession with gender inclusiveness abundantly clear, Democrat Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri ended Congress’ opening prayer by declaring “Amen, and Awoman.”

### **GBT forces at work to undermine cross, Resurrection of Christ within the Church**

It gets worse: The concerted attack against the cross and Resurrection of Christ is real, both in the secular world *and* within the Catholic Church.

Last year, Jesuit-run *America Magazine’s* LGBT-targeting publication, Outreach, promoted a play with a graphic that demeaned and desecrated the cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the illustration, LGBT — “Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Questioning” — dislodged the greatest title known to man: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” It was an attempt to simultaneously erase every superlative by which Our Lord and savior is known: the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Alpha and the Omega, who has triumphed by His blood.

The cloth draped over the empty cross — meant to symbolize Christ’s resurrection — was replaced with a garish rainbow cloth, together with “LGBTQ” replacing “INRI.” It was and is a hideous revelation of Satan’s dark, grandiose intention and an admission of how he, the father of lies, has used the political power amassed by woke LGBT Marxist forces to corrupt society in general and the Church in particular from within. To Satan, this was a priceless work of art, a symbol of victory, pretending to triumph over the cross of Christ. It was perhaps his ultimate mockery of Christ. We witness that same intention displayed as “International Transgender Day of Visibility” stands in defiance of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ this year.

### **You have to love the truth**

“Nobody joins a cult to join a cult,” activist James Lindsey wrote recently. “People join a cult because they are suffering in some way, and the cult offers them a resolution to their suffering. Virtually everyone who has escaped a cult tells the same story: They wanted to belong, they wanted a social circle, they wanted understanding, and they wanted purpose. The cult preys upon these people and slowly locks them in.”

He offered excellent advice to those who know the truth and don’t want to see deceptive cults ruining lives and deforming society. His words apply to those who don’t want to see Easter forgotten and replaced with horrific demon-inspired cults: It’s important to say the truth, but you actually have to do more. You have to love the truth. You have to love the truth with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul and all your strength, and then you have to love your neighbor enough as you would yourself to tell him the truth that you love. These are basic commandments.

But you have to love the truth. If you love the truth, you’ll say it. You’ll also seek it and defend it. You’ll defend other people saying it. You have to love the truth because if you don’t, when the pressure mounts, you’ll eventually buckle. You’ll be asked to care and affirm, but there’s no caring and no affirmation that isn’t built upon the truth first. So you must love the truth. Every time you tell a lie to be nice or to fit in, you’re selling a piece of your soul. You have to stop doing that. That takes loving the truth.