



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM  
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM  
VIGIL – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM  
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM  
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – **None 8/15/15**  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – **None in August**  
SATURDAY – 9:00 – Noon

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #661-1st 3 Verses

**OFFERTORY:** "Faith of Our Fathers" #520

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

We continue with Theologian Dr. Peter Kwasniewski's commentary on the teaching of the Church, the law and our conscience. I have offered some reflections, as well as quotes from various authors, on the recent Supreme Court decision (*Obergefell v. Hodges*) regarding the new law of the land; the redefinition of marriage and what it means for those who trust and believe in the deposit of faith (the Magisterium) as has been handed down to us since Jesus Christ. The battle of our culture is a supernatural battle between good and evil; between those who subscribe and follow the devil and those who put their trust in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I don't know how much plainer I can make it. We can no longer roll over and play dead. We have

allowed this to happen.

Theologian Dr. Peter Kwasniewski at the blog *Rorate Caeli* posted a commentary entitled "The Law of the Land is the Law of the Land" - Except When It Actually Isn't and Couldn't Possibly Be." I invite you to read Part 2 below. In a few quotes he highlights what should be all Catholic Bishops's response to this dreadful decision.

"The doctrine that an unjust law (or judicial determination, or executive action, for that matter) is no law at all but rather a corruption of law, an act of violence, an insult to God, and a crime against all citizens, is taught most clearly by Pope Leo XIII, the greatest exponent of Catholic social teaching:

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*But, if the laws of the State are manifestly at variance with the divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the Church, or conveying injunctions adverse to the duties imposed by religion, or if they violate in the person of the supreme Pontiff the authority of Jesus Christ, then, truly, to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey, a crime; a crime, moreover, combined with misdemeanor against the State itself, inasmuch as every offense leveled against religion is also a sin against the State. Here anew it becomes evident how unjust is the reproach of sedition; for the obedience due to rulers and legislators is not refused, but there is a deviation from their will in those precepts only which they have no power to enjoin. **Commands that are issued adversely to the honor due to God, and hence are beyond the scope of justice, must be looked upon as anything rather than laws.** (Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter Sapientiae Christianae, n. 10)*

*“The one only reason which men have for not obeying is when anything is demanded of them which is openly repugnant to the natural or the divine law, for it is equally unlawful to command to do anything in which the law of nature or the will of God is violated. If, therefore, it should happen to anyone to be compelled to prefer one or the other, viz., to disregard either the commands of God or those of rulers, he must obey Jesus Christ, who commands us to “give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s,” and must reply courageously after the example of the Apostles: “We ought to obey God rather than men.” And yet there is no reason why those who so behave themselves should be accused of refusing obedience; for, **if the will of rulers is opposed to the will and the laws of God, they themselves exceed the bounds of their own power and pervert justice; nor can their authority then be valid, which, when there is no justice, is null.** (Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter Diuturnum Illud, n. 15)*

“Fortunately, the sound reasoning and the Spirit of Truth that led St. Augustine, St. Thomas, and Leo XIII is by no means absent from the Church today. In a homily preached on July 5 at the Fota conference in Ireland, Cardinal Burke spoke these absolutely clear words:

*“Yet almost two hundred years later [after the Declaration of Independence], in 1973, the highest tribunal of the nation took away the right to life from the innocent and defenseless unborn, and on this past June 26th, in defiance of “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,” the same Supreme Court redefined the nature of marriage and its fruit, the family, the first cell of the life of society. The deadly confusion and error which such decisions represent for the United States of America, and similar confusion and error in other nations, demand from the Church a clear, courageous and tireless witness to the word of Christ, to the truth written upon every human heart, the truth upon which the happiness of the individual and the common good absolutely depend. The Church cannot stand by silent or idle, while a people is destroying itself by lawlessness, even if the lawlessness be clothed in the garment of the highest judicial authority.*

“We think that the contrast speaks for itself. Who will you follow: the Wuerl-Cupich axis, or the Augustine-Aquinas-Leo-John Paul II-Burke alliance? Not a difficult decision. What will be difficult is to behold and live with and suffer under the consequences of a divided hierarchy, a diluted witness, a squandered opportunity, and a mounting persecution. The enemy of human nature will only laugh at compromises as he energetically pursues the corruption of the shepherds, the confusion of the flock, and the damnation of sinners. Let us hold fast to the immutable Faith, let us by the grace of God remain firm come what may, and let us never stop praying for our clergy as they face unimaginable temptations and trials.”

ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Fr. Dean

## AUGUST IMPORTANT DATES

There will be **no confessions** on Saturday, **August 15**. There will be a Communion Service and Adoration.

St. Michael will have Breakfast Sunday on **August 9** after the **8:00 am** Mass.

The Women's Ministry will sponsor an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **August 9** after the **10:30 am** Mass.

## CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Please welcome Father John Quinn who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry

## ENDOW CLASS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Women of the parishes are invited to let Saint Thomas Aquinas shine the light of truth in today's murky waters of moral confusion through a new ENDOW class that will start on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

"ENDOW" stands for "Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women" -- provides authentic Catholic teaching in a small-group setting. The new class, "Aquinas for Beginners Part 1," will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:10 PM to 8:30 PM in the Our Lady of Lourdes rectory (small house beside the church).

Saint Thomas Aquinas is one of the great theological voices of the church whose writings explain the truths of God based on logic and reason. The ENDOW course will cover the properties of the soul, five reasons for the existence of God, and how to understand human passions. There is no homework for this 16-week course and all instruction is provided during the meetings.

The cost of the course is \$19.95 plus shipping. Participants register and pay for the course online at <https://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p2491.aspx>. If you need assistance with registration or help in paying for the course, please call Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

# Ten “Isms” That Are Destroying the Church

by [Fr. Dwight Longenecker](#)

(Part 2 of 3)

Fr. Longenecker portrays the “The Attack of the Isms” as an alien attack on rational earthlings... These are really ten informal heresies—most Americans are not aware of them because they are simply part of our culture. They are the air we breathe. They are the wallpaper. Remember heresies are not complete lies. *They are half-truths*. Therefore in each one of the ten heresies there is something attractive and true. It becomes a heresy when it is cut off from the other truth which would balance it, or when it exists on its own apart from the rest of a truth system.

**“4 Universalism** - Universalism is the belief that everyone is going to heaven. Semi-universalism is the hope that everyone will go to heaven and the belief that “maybe there is a hell, but it is empty or if some people go there for a time they don’t stay there forever” You can see how universalism is an outgrowth of indifferentism. If it doesn’t matter what you believe, and if all belief systems are of equal value, then it must also be true that everyone goes to the same afterlife. Relativism is rooted in the Satanic idea that all distinctions must be obliterated.

**“5. Egalitarianism** - By this I don’t mean the innate worth that all human beings have by virtue of being created in God’s image. That’s a good thing. However, when egalitarianism takes a political and ideological form it serves not to preserve the equal rights of all people, but to destroy distinctions between people. The Catholic view is that all people are equal in the sight of God, but all people are also unique. Each person has a unique place in God’s providence and a rightful place in his plan. Reducing everyone to the same lowest common denominator is always the work of the tyrant. Look anywhere at the revolutionary movements and you will see the obliteration of the rightful dignity of the individual by the forces of communitarianism.

**“6. Materialism** - By this I don’t mean “shop until you drop”. That is just a symptom of a deeper problem. Materialism is the heresy that assumes there is no supernatural world. It is a kind of default atheism. Our society is stuffed full of people (many who go to church) who only ever see the material aspect of life. Their belief system is “What you see is what you get”. They assume that only what is known by the senses is real. They might go to church, but they live and behave as if there is nothing other than this physical world.

**“7. Scientism** - This is the common assumption—linked with materialism—that the only valid knowledge is scientific knowledge. If something cannot be scientifically proven then it is either an intentional lie or the stuff of fairy tales, legends and folklore. The assumption that science has disproven religion and that all religious people are stupid, ignorant superstitious hicks runs through the mainstream media, higher education and the popular culture. Few stop to examine it, and when they ask for “evidence” they don’t even know what kind of evidence they are looking for. The assumption is all. Science is true. Religion is false.

“What is the answer? The only answer is for Catholics to stand apart, to know their faith and live it in a radical and startling way in the world. By this I do not mean simply doing good works and helping at the food pantry. All that, of course, is wonderful, but living a radical Catholic life means more than that. It means having a different mindset, a different world view, a different perspective on all things than do our non-Catholic neighbors, and the only way to achieve this is through a life dedicated to work, prayer and study.”

Next week: Part 3

# PRAYER LIST

## HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*Ernie Axley Sr.  
\*June Bell  
\*Shannon Bell  
\*Susie Bess  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Don Cole  
\*Tom Cuff  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Macky Hunter  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Dee Smoker  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout  
\*Joyce Traughber

## PETITIONS

\*For the respect and protection of human life.

## DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

\* *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them*

## HOMEBOUND

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

\*Dorothy Crosslin  
\*Claudia Traughber  
\*Mary Ann Klimek  
\*R.C. Boyle  
\*Dorothy Johnson  
\*Tom Crumpler  
\*Patty Zawierucha

### ST. MICHAEL

\*John Baker  
\*Elizabeth Jenkins  
\*Robert & Regina Head

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 8/15/2015

*Lector:* Shelby Hostettler

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Carol Huddleston & Connie Mitchell

*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY – 8/16/2015

*Lector:* Taryon Carney

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Nathan Smith & David Johnson

*Ushers:* Paul Nutting & Volunteer

*Altar Servers:* Nick Haynes & Chris Hardy

*Collection Counters:* Pam Curran & Jessie Johnson

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 8/16/2015

*Lector:* John Restay

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Anna Tinkle & Linda Harbert

*Usher/Greeter:* David Tinkle

*Collection Counters:*

Mary Jackson & Bob Cyprus

## GOSPEL: August 10 - 15

MONDAY: *John 12:24-26*

*St. Lawrence*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14*

*St. Clare*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 18:15-20*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 18:21-19:1*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 19:3-12*

*St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe*

SATURDAY: *Luke 11:27-28*

*The Assumption*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8/2

Parish: \$4,993.09

### ST. MICHAEL

8/2

Parish: \$1,737.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

For the people of God

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Joe, Ruth, Gayle & Brenda Cotter by Tony & Cathy Cotter

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

For the intentions of Hugh Braddock

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Terry Kelch by his family

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

For the intentions of the McGhee Family

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of the Monfette Family

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Matt & Patricia Coffey

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the healing of Thelma Lee

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Father and Mrs. Dean

The flowers on the Altar at St. Michael are donated by Denise Haley