

Announcement for June 20, 2021 Masses:

Gerri Lujan serves as a member of the Respect for Life ministry here at Holy Family Parish. Her role is to share information regarding events taking place that may challenge our Catholic Faith and Beliefs. Currently, there are legislative issues that may impact us. This information comes directly from the United States Catholic Conference Bishop's website.

Have you heard of the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act (HR-619)? This bill ensures that if a baby is born alive after a botched abortion, all care will be given to the baby to save its life. – Right now that is not taking place. Did you also know that there are some states that support abortions right up to birth? We need to tell our elected representatives to support this bill to help these babies survive.

The second issue is the support of the Hyde Amendment. This amendment has been in place since 1976. It protects taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortions. Legislative actions are underway to try to stop the Hyde Amendment. This action could result in Congress using their authority to spend billions of dollars more on taxpayer funded abortions. States who do not support this initiative could have their Medicare and Medicaid budgets reduced. We need to tell our representatives to keep the Hyde Amendment and oppose any bill that tries to expand the funding of abortions by all taxpayers.

The third issue is the Equality Act. This name is very misleading. The Equality Act states that we are all going to be treated the same regardless of our sexuality, religion or spirituality. The Equality Act does not respect our beliefs and culture. This should concern us all. Please let our elected representatives know that we oppose implementation of the Equality Act.

As Catholics, we are called to be God's hands, feet and His voice to protect the ones who are the most vulnerable. We believe that life starts at conception and ends at natural death. It is imperative for us to not only pray, but also participate in the mission of doing God's work. One way to do this is by calling our elected representatives to encourage them to exercise their responsibility to be our voice. It is not about supporting a political party, it is about standing up for the Right to Life and Truth.

At the back table of the church, there is a handout that lists the issues, who to call and phone numbers, and what to say. Let's do our part to make our world a better place. Let your voice be heard.