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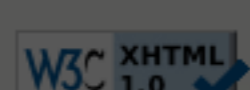
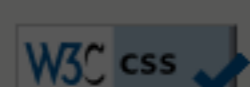
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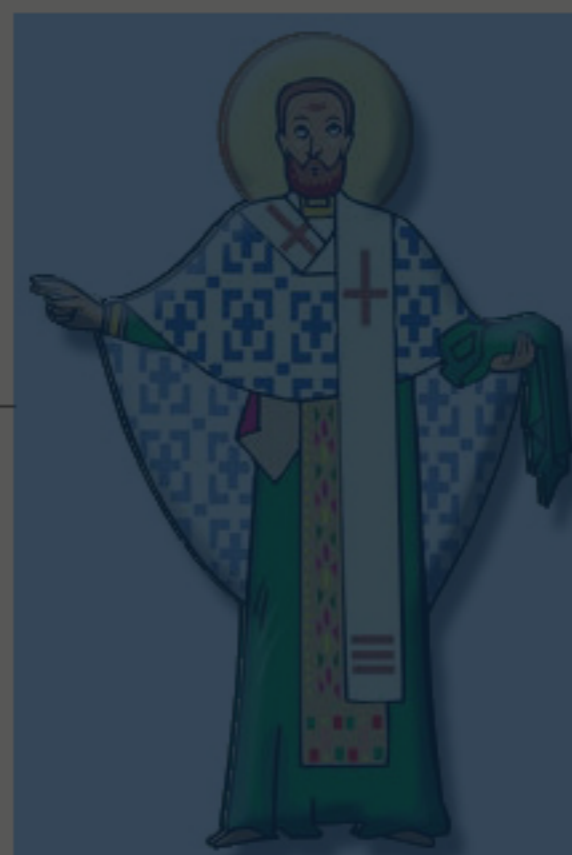
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Shelley writes about the great gift of children to marriage, and the many inconsistencies in our society's attitudes towards pregnancy, pre-born children and children in the family.

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Why 'community' is important to Catholic worship. How our parish fulfills that role and need.
- [Lenten Fasting](#) by Catherine Doherty.
- [If Jesus Came to Your House](#) by Lois Blanchard Eades.
What would you do?

Saint Joseph the Worker

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A twelve year old's contributions to the abortion debate.
- [RTFM, a response to the Pro-Choice World](#) by Andrew Fournier (aged 18).
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Opinion and meditation on the specious arguments, illogic, misuse of logic and fraud used by pro-abortion, pro-choice defenders.
- [Listen!](#) by Father Bob Papi.
An essay pointing out the inevitable connection between abortion and high school shootings, and the way to save ALL our children.
- [From Where I Stand](#) by Sarah Rooney.
A young girl's commentary of the causes of the Littleton shootings. An excellent, well-written, well-conceived essay.
- [Tips For Parents](#) by Catherine Doherty.
- [Parents: Anointed as Teachers](#) by Father Bob Papi.
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A meditation on fathers and history.
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The 'Vaccine Discussion.'
- [The Duty of the Moment](#) by Catherine Doherty.
How do we serve Christ in our lives? What is the duty of the moment?

Assumption and Queenship of Mary

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The Gospel written and lived in our hearts is the clearest message of hope for the world.
- [Ave Maria](#) by Rhynnah S. Bayne
A poem recording a convert's meditation on the role of Mary
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A meditation about what kind of woman Mary was.
- [A Woman Wrapped in Silence](#) by Catherine Doherty.
A meditation on Our Blessed Mother.
- [A Mother's Mirror](#) by the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers
A self-examination for mothers. A little self- critical thinking is good for the soul.

Angels and Archangels

- [Do Not Be Afraid; A Priestly Response to the Events of Tuesday, 11 September, 2001](#) by Father Bob Papi
- [The Pope and the Church](#) by Archbishop Marcel Gervais.
An essay about the necessary authority of the Pope and Church in modern times.
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