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Rescheduled Projector & Livestream Video Training:

We will be having training for running the projector and livestream video in the Sacred Heart Church sacristy for all present and new volunteers on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 after the 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross about 7:30 pm. This is a fun way for our youth and youth at heart people to serve our parish and Lord! We need our Confirmation candidates to get their parish service hours done in this way! Our greatest need is to have a livestream video operator available for funerals during school hours.



**SOUTH DAKOTA
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Proposed Amendment Would Legalize Abortion in South Dakota:

On June 24, 2022, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, South Dakota won the freedom to immediately begin enforcing a law passed in 2005 that protects preborn children and their mothers from the violence of abortion. The *Dobbs* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, a 1973 Supreme Court ruling that allowed surgical abortion and led to the deaths of approximately 64 million preborn children.

Alarming, an effort is underway to overturn South Dakota's pro-life laws. A citizen-initiated proposal seeks to amend the state constitution to create a nearly unlimited right to abortion. We have a responsibility, as a community that cherishes all human life, to become informed on this proposal that threatens the lives of preborn children and to educate our fellow citizens. See the bulletin insert or go to <https://sd catholicconference.org/abortion-amendment>.

What can be done to oppose the proposed amendment titled "An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution"? **First, DO NOT SIGN THE CIRCULATING PETITION! Second**, take the time to educate your family, friends, parishioners, and co-workers. Urge them not to sign the petition. **Third**, make a personal commitment to join the campaign to stop this harmful measure. Please visit the SDCC website www.sd catholicconference.org. At the top right of the home page, click on "SIGN UP" to be added to the SDCC list. **Finally**, pray that South Dakota will remain a state where all preborn children are welcomed in life and protected by law.



*I've got 2 more time zones
before it's Lent everywhere.*

Tale of Two Adams: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent



Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7
Psalm 51:3–6; 12–14, 17
Romans 5:12–19
Matthew 4:1–11

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59).

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation.

But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

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