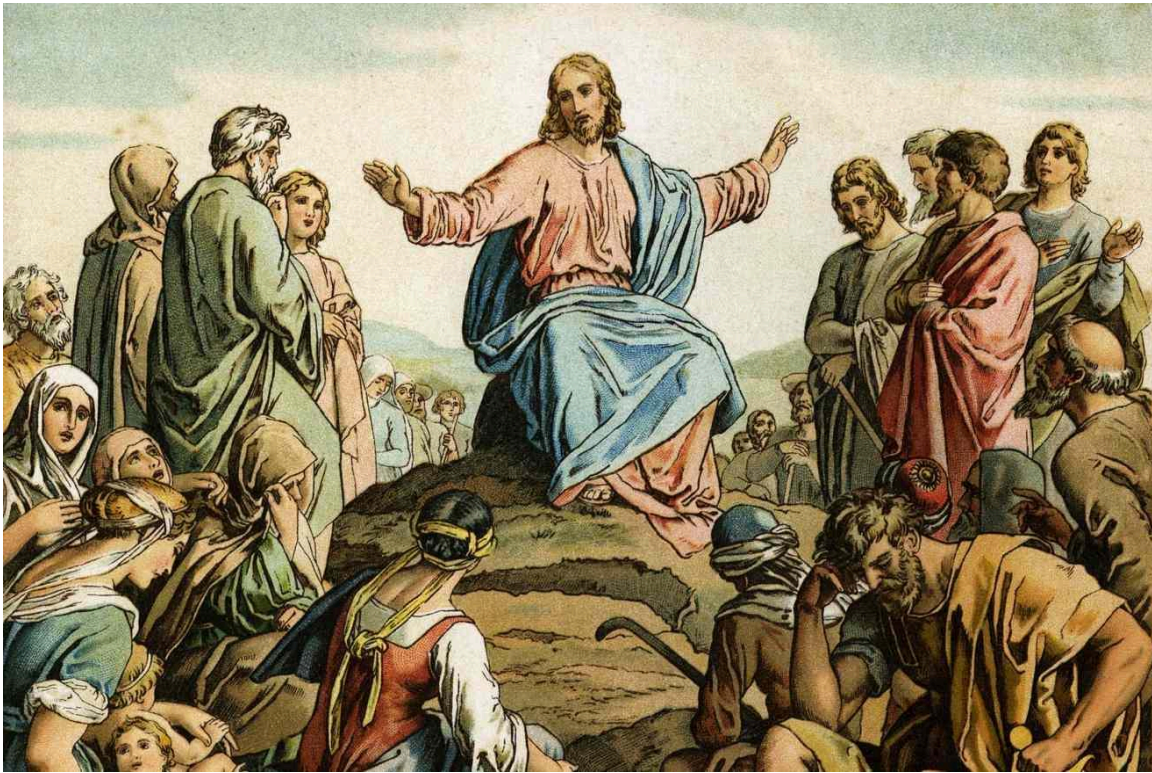


Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) 2025-2026



*“There are two ways, the one of life,
the other of death;
but between the two,
there is a great difference.”*

Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles), 60 AD

Schedule & Reading

Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM

7:00-7:15PM — Follow-up/Q&A

7:15-8:30PM — Presentation

Subscription

Magnificat (magazine & mobile app at us.Magnificat.net)

Reading

The New Catholic Answer Bible (NAB revised edition)

Rediscover Jesus (Matthew Kelly)

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Theology for Beginners (Frank Sheed)

Interior Freedom (Jacques Philippe)

Searching for and Maintaining Peace (Jacques Philippe)

Time for God (Jacques Philippe)

Into the Silent Land (Martin Laird)



“The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...”

Opening Prayer

Angelus

Closing Prayers

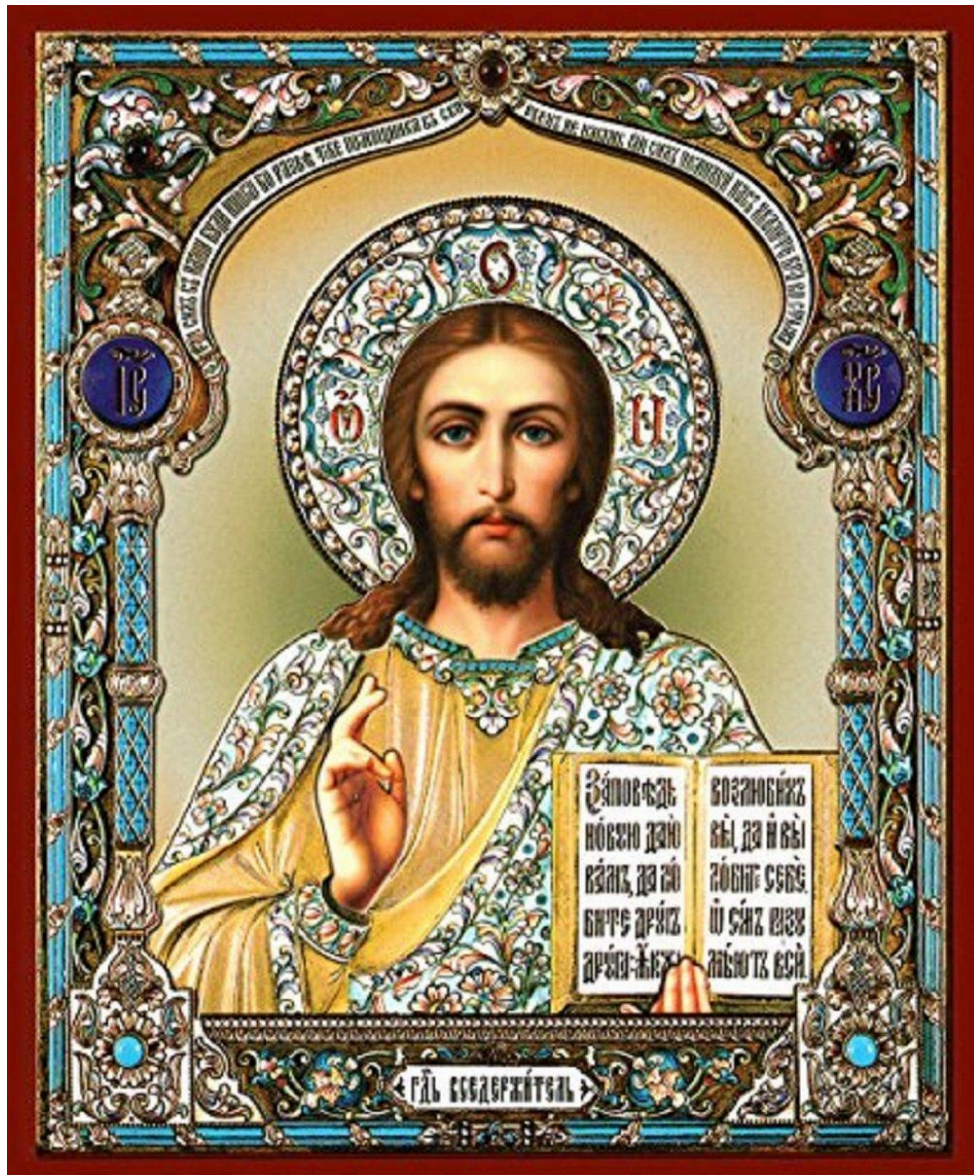
Our Father, Glory Be, Memorare, Hail Holy Queen

TOPICS DATES & LITURGIES



OCIA 2025-2026

1. SEPTEMBER 8 (FE)
Who is Jesus Christ?



- **Who did Jesus claim to be?**
 - o Who do people say that I am? (Matthew 16: 13-30)
 - o Joseph's dream (Matthew 1:18-25)
 - o Forgiveness of sins reveals Jesus' divinity, that he is the Son of

God (Mark 2: 1-12).

- o Jesus heals the paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)
- o Jesus calls a sinner (tax collector) to be an Apostle (Mark 2: 13-17)
- o Jesus dines with sinners (Mark 2: 18-22)
- o Jesus is the “Lord of the Sabbath”, Lord of the Law (Mark 2: 23-28).
- **Christian claim: Jesus is the one Universal Savior, the Son of God:**
 - o Christ is the I AM (universal Savior):
 - “I AM the light of the world” (John 8:12).
 - “I AM the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:1-7).
 - “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:5-12).
 - *He is true God and true Man. “God from God, Light from Light, true God and from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father...” (Nicene Creed).*
 - o Miracles: Jesus reveals his divinity:
 - Changes water into wine (John 2:1-12)
 - Jesus’ first exorcism (Mark 1: 21-28)
 - Jairus’s daughter & woman with hemorrhage (Mark 5: 21-43)
 - Jesus heals the blind man (Mark 8:22-38)
 - Raising Lazarus (John 11).
 - o Jesus calls together a Church built on foundation of 12 Apostles:
 - Jesus calls 12 Apostles (Mark 3:13-19)
 - Peter is the “Rock” upon which the Church is built, keeper of the keys to the Kingdom. (Matthew 16:13-19)
 - Catholic Church: the full ***Deposit of Faith***. (CCC 84, 1202)
- **Read for next time:**
 - o *The New Catholic Answer Bible*, pages i-viii: “Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation” of the Second Vatican Council.
 - o Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount)
 - o Luke 6:20-49 (Sermon on the Plain)
 - o Start reading *Rediscover Jesus* (Matthew Kelly)



“Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)

2. SEPTEMBER 15 (FE)

How to Read the Bible and the Catechism

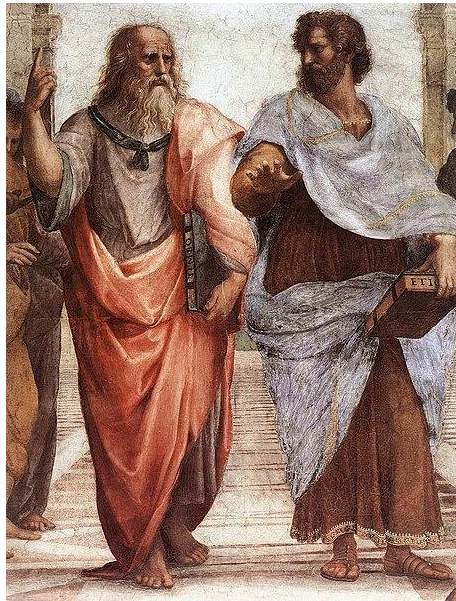


- **The Bible (CCC 101-141):**
 - Old Testament (CCC 121-123):
 - Genesis 1-11: Creation and Fall of Man. Pre-History.
 - Genesis 12-50: The call of Abraham and his progeny. Salvation History begins.
 - Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy: Moses and his Law (given by God)
 - Historical Narratives and Novellas
 - Prophets (major and minor)
 - Wisdom books and Greek historical narratives.

- New Testament (CCC 124-127):
 - Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - Acts of the Apostles: early church history
 - St. Paul's Letters, Peter, James, Jude
 - John's letters and Revelation
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1-25): In four parts...**
 - ***Profession of Faith*** (starts on CCC 26)
 - ***The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*** (starts on CCC 1066)
 - ***Life in Christ*** (starts on CCC 1691)
 - ***Christian Prayer*** (starts on CCC 2558)
- **Read for next time (Faith and Reason):**
 - *Theology for Beginners I-III (Theology, Spirit, and Infinite Spirit)*
 - CCC 1-3 (Life of Man – To Know and Love God)
 - CCC 27-49 (The Human Capacity for God)
 - CCC 50-73 (God's Revelation)
 - CCC 142-184 (Faith)

3. SEPTEMBER 22 (FE)

Faith and Reason: God's Existence and Divine Revelation



Plato and Aristotle – The Search for Wisdom

- **John Paul II on Faith and Reason:** “Faith and Reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth – in a word, to

know himself – so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.”

- **Beauty** provokes Delight.
- **Delight** provokes Wonder.
- **Wonder** provokes a search for Wisdom (Philosophy).
- **Philosophy** leads to love of the Source of Good, Truth and Beauty.
- **Philosophy** (in the classic Greek sense) is the search for the ultimate and highest Truth that stands above and beyond opinion.
- **Philosophy** opens one up to Faith in God’s Word.
- **God’s Existence can be known through reason alone (CCC 26-49).**
 - “For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator” (Wisdom 13:5).
 - “For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God” (Romans 1:20).
 - **Leibnitz (17th century):** “Why something and not nothing?”
 - **If God exists**, it’s reasonable to think he would say something.
- **Revelation (CCC 50-73).**
 - Faith (in general) = belief in a credible testimony.
 - Religious Faith = belief in what God has said, i.e. belief in God’s and the Church’s testimony. (CCC 1814-1816)
- **Read for next time (Trinity):**
 - *Theology for Beginners* IV-VI (Trinity, Three Persons, Human Mind & Trinity)
 - CCC 232-242 (Trinity)
 - CCC 253-267 (Dogma of the Trinity)
 - Luke 1:26-38: Annunciation account of Luke (Reveals Trinity to Mary)
 - John 1:1-18 (*Prologue of John’s Gospel*): Trinity and Word became flesh.
 - Matthew 28:16-20 - Great Commission and Trinitarian Baptism.
 - Old Testament Hints of the Trinity:
 - Genesis 1:26
 - Genesis 18:1-2
 - Isaiah 6:1-3
 - Psalm 110



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**4. SEPTEMBER 29
The Trinity (PF)**



- **God is Trinity** = Community of three co-eternal Persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- **Old Testament hints of the Trinity:**
 - Genesis 1:26 (Let us make man in our image, after our likeness)
 - Genesis 18:1-2 (Three angels of Mamre, Rublev's Icon)
 - Isaiah 6:1-3 (Holy, Holy, Holy)
 - Psalm 110 (the Lord said to my Lord...from the womb before the Dawn I begot you)
- **Christ (New Testament) reveals Trinity (CCC 232-267):**
 - John 1:1-18 (Prologue of John's Gospel)
 - John 10:30 (The Father and I are one)
 - John 14:1-11 (Whoever has seen me has seen the Father)
 - John 14:25-31 (...the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name....)
 - Matthew 28:16-20
- **Trinity is the Creator (CCC 279-301):** Everything is created by the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.
- **Nicene Creed (CCC 185-197):** Trinitarian structure (said at every Sunday Mass and Holy Day).
 - I believe in God, the Father Almighty... (CCC 268-278)
 - I believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ... (CCC 422-686)
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit... (CCC 687-747)
- **Read for next time (Creation and the Fall of Creation):**
 - *Theology for Beginners* VII, VIII & X (Creation, Man & Woman, Fall)

- o CCC 309-314; 325-379 (The Creator, Creation, and the Problem of Evil)
- o CCC 385-412 (The Fall of Angels and Humans, Sin)
- o Scripture:
 - Genesis 1 (First Creation Story)
 - Genesis 2 (Second Creation Story)
 - Genesis 3 – 4:18 (The Fall of Man and Woman, Original Sin)
 - Creation Psalms:
 - Psalm 8
 - Psalm 104
 - Psalm 148
 - Creation in Wisdom Books:
 - Sirach 42:15 – 43:33
 - Wisdom 7:7 – 8:1
 - Old Testament on the Fall of Humans:
 - Genesis 3 – 4:16
 - Genesis 6
 - Genesis 11:1-9
 - Isaiah 14:3-23 (note especially verses 12-15).



5. OCTOBER 6 (FE) Creation and the Fall of Creation



- **“In the beginning... (Genesis 1:1).... “Big Bang!”**
- **Angels (CCC 325-336)**
 - Genesis 1:3 (Let there be light...)
 - Pure spirit
- **Matter (CCC 337-354)**
 - Mineral and Vegetable (Genesis 1:1-19)
 - Animal (Genesis 1:20-15)
- **Man & Woman (CCC 355-384)**
 - Made in God’s “image and likeness” (Genesis 1:26-28)
 - Matter (Body) + Spirit (Soul) = Man’s Original “Solitude”, unique in the universe. (Genesis 2:4-9)
- **Created Universe = Matter + Man + Angels**



The Testing of Angels and Humans, the Fall, and the Scandal of Evil



- **Original Justice (CCC 374-384)**
 - “As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die. The inner harmony of the human person, the harmony between man and woman, and finally the harmony between the first couple and all creation, comprised the state called “original justice.” (CCC 376)
- **The Fall and Sin (CCC 385-390)**
- **The Fall of the Angels (CCC 391-395):**
 - “God saw the light, that is was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:4)
 - “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which God had made.” (Genesis 3:1)

- o “How fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart....I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.” (see Isaiah 14:3-23)
- **Original Sin (CCC 396-412)**
 - o The sin by which the first humans disobeyed the commandment of God, choosing to follow their own will rather than God’s will.
 - o From the personal sin of Adam and Eve, original sin is the fallen state of human nature which affects every person born into the world, and from which Christ, the “new Adam,” came to redeem us.
- **Effects of Original Sin: Fourfold alienation (see CCC 402-409)**
 - o **From self** (“I was afraid...I hid myself...”, Genesis 3:10).
 - Darkened Mind
 - Weakened Will
 - Disordered Passions
 - Sense of shame, guilt, and loneliness (sadness)
 - Sickness
 - Death
 - o **From one another**
 - “The man said, ‘The woman’...” (Genesis 3:12)
 - “Cain rose up against his brother, and killed him” (Genesis 4:8)
 - o **From God** (“....whom you gave to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree...”, Genesis 3:12)
 - o **From creation** (“Cursed is the ground because of you...thorns and thistles it will bring forth to you,” Genesis 3:17-19)
- **Three falls of Man**
 - o Genesis 3-4 (Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel)
 - o Genesis 6 (Nephalim)
 - o Genesis 11 (Tower of Babel).
- **Read for next time (Prophecy and Redemption in the Old Testament)**
 - o CCC 54-67 (Divine Revelation)
 - o Genesis 3:15 (The first prophecy of Redemption, known as the “Protoevangelium”)

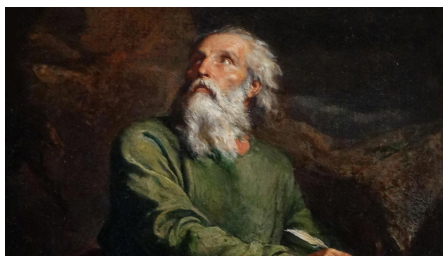


Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

**OCT 13: NO OCIA
Columbus/Indigenous Day**

6. OCTOBER 20 (FE)

Divine Revelation: Prophecy & Redemption in the Old Testament



Isaiah the Prophet

- **Parts of the Old Testament**
 - Pentateuch (Torah/Books of Moses): God's revelation turns pagan rites and religion into a prophecy of Christ.
 - Genesis
 - Genesis 1-11 (prehistory/meta-history)
 - Genesis 12-50 (begins salvation history)

- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- o Historical Narratives: God's turns history into a prophecy of Christ.
 - 1 & 2 Samuel
 - 1 & 2 Kings
 - 1 & 2 Chronicles
- o Novellas: God's word turns literature into a prophecy.
- o Prophetic Books: Prophets (*nabi*) encounter God's word.
- o Wisdom books: God's revelation meets Greek philosophy.
- o Prepares for St. Paul's mission to Greece.
- **Preparing the Way for Christ:** Adam, Abel, Noah, Abraham & Melchizedek, Moses & Aaron, Samuel, Saul-David-Solomon.
- **Read for next time (The Mission of Christ):**
 - *Theology for Beginners* XI-XII (The Redeemer and Redemption)
 - CCC 422-455, 512-570 (Jesus Christ)
 - Matthew 1 (Genealogy, Joseph's dream, Jesus' birth)
 - Luke 1-2 (Infancy Narratives: incarnation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, births of John the Baptist and Jesus, presentation of Jesus in the Temple, finding of Jesus in the Temple)

7. OCTOBER 27 (FE) Christ's Mission



Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:3-11)

- **The Baptism of Jesus (CCC 535-537)**
- **Jesus' Temptation (CCC 538-540)**
- **"The Kingdom of God is at Hand" (541-560)**
- **Forgiving sins (Matthew 1:21)**
- **Calling together his Church (John 1:35-52; Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 10:1-15).**
- **Revealing his Divinity.**
 - The Way the Truth and the Life, Way to the Father.
- **Read for next time (Mary's role in Christ's Mission):**
 - *Theology for Beginners* XV (Mother of God)
 - CCC 456-511, 964-972.
 - Luke 1:26-38 (Mary's "Yes")
 - Luke 1:39-56 (The Visitation: Mary's Faith praised, Magnificat)
 - Luke 2 (Virgin Birth, Mary ponders all these things in her heart)
 - Luke 11:27-28 (Mary's "discipleship" is her greatest attribute; all discipleship partakes of Mary's discipleship)
 - John 19:25-27 (Mary's becomes Mother of the Church)
 - Revelation 11:19 — 12:18: The Woman clothed with the sun is...
 - The fulfillment and perfection of Israel's faith
 - The bearer of the Messiah
 - The perfection of Church and gives birth to her children who share in Christ's suffering and mission.
 - Ephesians 1:3-6: Paul describes Mary's "fullness of grace" as she was given "every spiritual blessing in the heavens".

NOVEMBER 1: ALL SAINTS DAY

(* Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year...next year it will be!)



St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, November 2 is
ALL SOULS DAY

8. NOVEMBER 3 (PF)
Mary's Role in Christ's Mission



- **Mary's Immaculate Conception (CCC 490-493)**
 - Full of Grace (Ephesians 1:3-14)
- **Christ's Incarnation (Luke 1: 26-38, CCC 494-495)**
 - Gave birth to humanity and divinity of Christ.
- **Mary as "Mother of God" (CCC 495, 2673-2679)**
- **Ever Virgin (CCC 496-511)**
 - Virginally conceived Christ
 - Virgin birth.
 - Perpetual Virginity
- **Mary as the "New Eve" (CCC 411)**
- **Mary as "Mother of the Church" (John 19:25-27, CCC 963-975)**
- **Mary's Assumption (CCC 966)**
- **Mary as Advocate, Helper, Mediatrix (CCC 969)**
- **Mary as Seat of Wisdom (CCC 721)**
- **Marian Holy Days of Obligation:**
 - Immaculate Conception (December 8)
 - Mother of God (January 1)
 - Annunciation (March 25)
 - Assumption (August 15)
- **Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary (CCC 971):** "All generations will

call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

- **For next time (The Rosary):**

- Watch Video, read instructions for saying the Rosary, and practice saying it at home: <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>
- Re-read CCC 964-972 (Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church).
- CCC 2705-2708 (Meditation)



***REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.***

9. NOVEMBER 10 (PF)

How to Pray the Rosary



- **What is the Rosary?**
 - It's a form of Meditation:
 - "Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* (meditating on spiritual reading) or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him." (CCC 2708)
 - Meditation on what? The key mysteries of the Gospel while reciting Hail Marys.
 - 5 Joyful Mysteries (10 Hail Marys per Mystery):
 - Annunciation
 - Visitation
 - Nativity
 - Presentation in the Temple
 - Finding in the Temple
 - 5 Mysteries of Light (10 Hail Marys per Mystery):
 - Baptism of Christ
 - Changing of Water into Wine at Wedding in Cana
 - Proclamation of the Kingdom

- Transfiguration
- Institution of the Eucharist (at Last Supper)
- 5 Sorrowful Mysteries (10 Hail Marys per Mystery):
 - Agony in the Garden
 - Scourging at the Pillar
 - Crowning with Thorns
 - Carrying of the Cross
 - Crucifixion and Death
- 5 Glorious Mysteries (10 Hail Marys per Mystery):
 - Resurrection
 - Ascension
 - Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)
 - Assumption of Mary
 - Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven & Earth
- **How to say it:** <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>
- **Read for next time (Tour of the Church):**
 - CCC 1179-1199
 - Catch up on previous reading.



The Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary – The Visitation

***“Blessed is she who believed
that what was promised her by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”***

(Luke 1:45)

10. NOVEMBER 17 (PF)

What to do at Mass & Church Tour



- **Where Liturgy is Celebrated (CCC 1179-1199)**
 - Sanctuary
 - Holy Images (CCC 1159-1162)
 - Statues and Stations of the Cross
 - Vestments, vessels, etc.
 - Signs and Symbols (CCC 1145-1158)
 - Sign of the cross
 - Crossing of head-lips-heart at Gospel
 - Sacramentals (CCC 1667-1679)
- **Read for next time (Gospel passages on the Paschal Mystery: Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Condemnation, Carrying of Cross and Crucifixion, Death, Resurrection):**
 - Matthew 26-28
 - Mark 14-16
 - Luke 22-24
 - John 13-21



11. November 24 (FE) The Paschal Mystery



- “Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.” (CCC 571-637)
 - The Gospel Passion Narratives:
 - Palm Sunday Mass:
 - Before Mass: The “First Gospel” of Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem is read:
 - Year A: Matthew 21: 1-11

- o Year B: Mark 11: 1-11
 - o Year C: Luke 19:28-40
- Gospel at Mass: The Passion Narrative of Liturgical Year is read:
 - o Year A: Matthew 26-27
 - o Year B: Mark 14-15
 - o Year C: Luke 22-23
- Good Friday “Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death”:
 - Passion Narrative of John’s Gospel is read:
 - o John 18-19
- **“On the third day he rose from the dead.” (CCC 638-682)**
 - o **Gospel Resurrection Narratives:**
 - All Resurrection Narratives (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) begin in the early morning of “the first day of the week.”
 - Reveals first Day of a New Creation (recall the Creation story in Genesis – 7 Days).
 - Easter Vigil Mass:
 - Year A: Matthew 28
 - Year B: Mark 16
 - Year C: Luke 24
 - Easter Sunday: Resurrection account from John’s Gospel: John 20-21
- **Read for next time (The Church and the Liturgy):**
 - o Theology for Beginners XIII-XIV (The Visible Church and the Mystical Body of Christ)
 - o CCC 74-95 (Transmitting Divine Revelation)
 - o CCC 748-933 (I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church)
 - o CCC 1135-1186 (Catholic Liturgy)
 - o CCC 1533-1589 (Sacrament of Holy Orders),



“Crucify him!”

(Matthew 27:23)

12. DECEMBER 1 (PF)
The Age of the Church and Liturgy



- **Foreshadowed by Israel (CCC 54-64, 761-762, 1093-1098)**
- **Christ and fullness of all divine Revelation (CCC 65-67)**
- **Apostolic Tradition, transmission of Revelation (CCC 74-79)**
- **Two pillars of Faith**
 - Scripture & Tradition (CCC 80-83)
 - Guided by Church's *Magisterium*, or Teaching Office (CCC 84-90)
 - *The Deposit of Faith* (CCC 84)
- **Four Marks of the Church (CCC 811-812, 866-870):**
 - One (CCC 813-822)
 - Holy (CCC 823-829)
 - Catholic (CCC 830-856)
 - Apostolic (CCC 857-865)
- **People of God (CCC 781-786).**
- **Body of Christ (CCC 787-795).**
- **Church as Mother and Teacher (CCC 2030-2051)**
- **Christ's Faithful People (CCC 871-873):**
 - **Hierarchy (CCC 874-896):** Deacon, Priest, Bishop, Pope (Bishop of Rome) as universal head.
 - **Lay Faithful (897-913):** Priest, Prophet, King
 - **Consecrated Life (914-933)**
- **Liturgical Seasons (CCC 1163-1173):**
 - Sunday as the Lord's Day (CCC 1166-1167)
 - Seasons and Liturgical Prayer (CCC 1168-1178): Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time
 - Celebrations: Memorials, Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Days of Obligation (Solemnities)

- o Colors of vestments.
- **Read for next time (Mass and the Eucharist):**
 - o Theology for Beginners XVIII (Eucharist and Mass)
 - o CCC 1322-1405 (The Eucharist and Mass)
 - Note CCC 1345 (The Church of All Ages)

13. DECEMBER 8

Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 PM: Meet in Church (not classroom) for Mass



***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...”
(Revelation 12:1)***

14. DECEMBER 15 (PF)
The Mass and the Eucharist



What is the Mass?
(CCC 1322-1405)

***The Mass is the re-presentation of the Pascal Mystery
(Death and Resurrection of Christ)***

Words of Institution: “Take this all of you...”
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- **Mass of the Ages–St. Justin Martyr, 2nd Century, describes what Christians do (CCC 1345)**
- **Parts of the Mass (CCC 1348-1355):**
 - Introductory Rites
 - Penitential Act
 - Liturgy of the Word
 - Preparation of the Gifts
 - Liturgy of the Eucharist
 - Communion Rite

- Dismissal
- **Read for next time:**
 - Theology for Beginners XVII (The Sacraments)
 - Theology for Beginners, “Epilogue” (The Layman and the Church)
 - CCC 1213-1284 (Baptism)
 - 1285-1314 (Confirmation)
 - Begin reading Into the Silent Land (Martin Laird)



***“Take this, all of you,
and eat of it,
for this is my body,
which will be given up for you.”***

(The Words of Institution)

DECEMBER 22 – NO OCIA

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Attend Mass that Day

Christmas Eve Mass, December 24: 5:30 PM
(caroling 5:00 PM)

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:30 PM (Spanish)

DECEMBER 29 - NO OCIA

**JANUARY 1 – THE MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)**



Attend Mass that Day

Vigil Mass (Bilingual), December 31: 5:30 PM

January 1: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

NO OCIA

15. JANUARY 5 (FE)
Sacraments of Initiation



- **Baptism (CCC 1213-1284)**
- **Confirmation (CCC 1285-1321)**
- **Eucharist (CCC 1322-1419)**
- **Read for next time:**
 - o CCC 1601-1658 (Sacrament of Matrimony).
 - o Keep reading *Into the Silent Land* (Martin Laird)



16. JANUARY 12 (PF) Matrimony (CCC 1601-1666)



- **“Consent makes a marriage” (St. Augustine):**
 - Freedom (a free act of the will)
 - Vows
- **Three intensions of Marriage:**
 - Fidelity
 - Permanence
 - Fruitfulness
- **Devotion to the Holy Family: Jesus, Joseph and Mary**
 - Feast Day (Solemnity) of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas (between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day), within the Octave (8 days).
- **Read for Next Time (Sin and Mercy):**
 - CCC 1420-1470 (Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance)
 - CCC 1846-1876 (Sin and Mercy)
 - Keep reading, *Into the Silent Land* (Martin Laird)
 - Begin reading *Interior Freedom* (Jacques Philippe)
 - Other brief readings about confessions, examination of conscience.

JANUARY 19: Martin Luther King Day



Catholic nuns and priests march in Selma, Alabama (1965)
NO OCIA

17. JANUARY 26 (FE)
Sin, Reconciliation and Healing



- **Sacraments of Healing (CCC 1420-1421)**
 - o Reconciliation (Confession or Penance)
 - o Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC 1422-1498)



- **What is sin? (CCC 1846-1876)**
 - o An offense against God as well as a fault against reason, truth, and right conscience. Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God. In judging the gravity of sin, it is customary to distinguish between mortal and venial sins.

- Venial sin (CCC 1862-1863)
- Mortal sin (Conditions for)
 - Grave Matter (CCC 1858)
 - Complete Consent (CCC 1859)
 - Full Knowledge (CCC 1859)
- **Capital Sins (CCC 1866):** Pride, Envy, Greed, Anger, Gluttony, Lust, Sloth (Akkedia)
- **Sins that Cry to Heaven (1867)**
 - The blood of Abel (Genesis 4:10)
 - The sin of the Sodomites (Genesis 18:20 & 19:13)
 - The cry of the oppressed (Exodus 3:7-10)
 - The cry of the foreigner, widow, and orphan (Exodus 20:20-22)
 - Injustice to the wage earner (Deuteronomy 24:14-15, James 5:4)
- **Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:1-22, CCC 2052-2557). The Commandments are precepts (laws) of justice:**
 - 1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (CCC 2083-2141)
 - 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (CCC 2142-2167)
 - 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day. (CCC 2168-2195)
 - 4. Honor your father and your mother. (CCC 2196-2257)
 - 5. You shall not kill. (CCC 2258-2330)
 - 6. You shall not commit adultery. (CCC 2331-2400)
 - 7. You shall not steal. (CCC 2401-2463)
 - 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (CCC 2464-2513)
 - 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. (CCC 2514-2533)
 - 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. (2534-2557)
- **How to make a good Confession** (Examination of Conscience based on Ten Commandments).
 - Information on parish website:
<https://ololcc.net/mass-more/sacraments-healing#tab--2>
 - Before confession: Make an Examination of Conscience
 - Making the Confession:
 - Say how long since last confession.
 - Name sins. Briefly include any circumstance that would affect the gravity of the sin.
 - Priest's counsel and assigning of a penance.
 - Act of Contrition (said by penitent)
 - Absolution (said by priest)
 - Dismissal

- o After confession: say or do penance assigned by the priest.



18. FEBRUARY 2 (PF)

Anointing of the Sick (CCC 1499-1532)



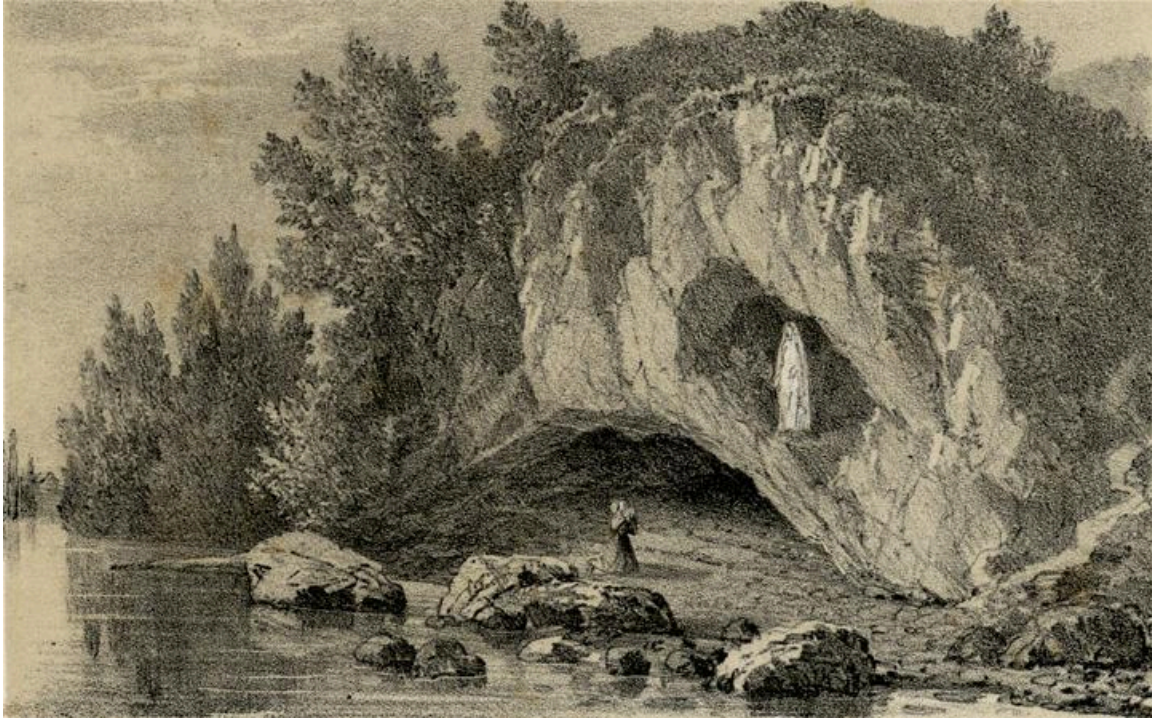
Last Rites (CCC 1524-1525)



Funerals (CCC 1680-1690)

- See Funeral Handbook on Website.
- **Preparing for death (St. Joseph - patron of a happy death)**
- **Read for next time (Grace):**
 - *Theology for Beginners XVI* (Grace, Virtues, Gifts)
 - CCC 1803-1845 (Cardinal Virtues, Theological Virtues, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit)
 - CCC 1987-2029 (Grace)
 - Finish reading *Interior Freedom* (Jacques Philippe)
 - Begin reading *Time for God* (Jacques Philippe)

Forty Hours Devotion: February 5-7
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CELEBRATION: FEBRUARY 7
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: February 11



Mary appears to St. Bernadette in 1858, in Lourdes, France.

***“I am the Immaculate
Conception.”***

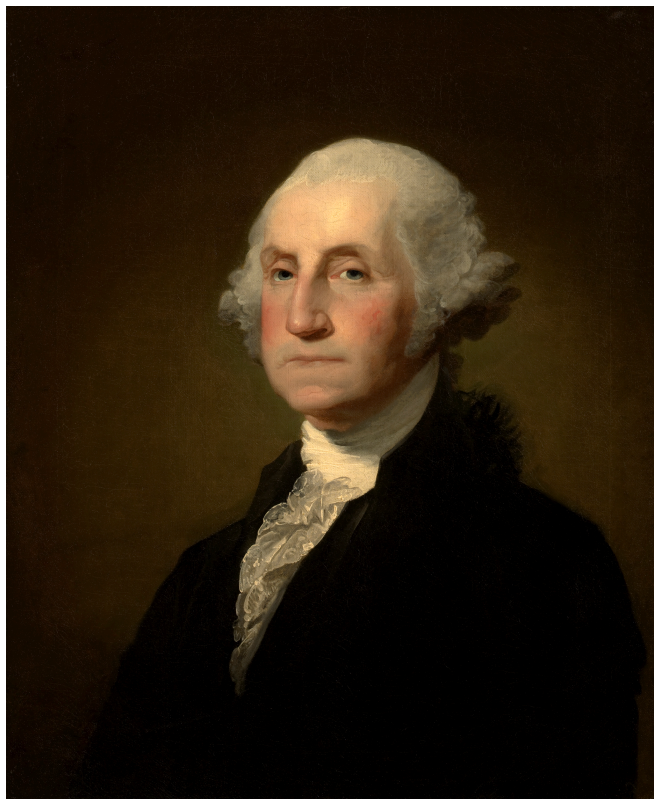


19. February 9 (PF)
PREPARATION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT



- **Lenten observances:**
 - Voluntary Penance
 - Extra prayer
 - Extra almsgiving
 - Church requirements
 - Abstinence (no meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent)
 - Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)
- **Read for Next Time (Holy Spirit):**
 - CCC 683-747 (I Believe in the Holy Spirit)
 - Re-read CCC 1803-1845 (Cardinal Virtues, Theological Virtues, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit)
 - Finish *Time for God* (Jacques Philippe)
 - Begin reading *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* (Jacques Philippe)

February 16: President's Day



No OCIA



FEBRUARY 18TH
LENT BEGINS



Attend Mass and get ashes

Day of Fasting and...



- **ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

- **ON ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT**
 - **ON GOOD FRIDAY**

20.FEBRUARY 23 (FE)

Grace



- **Sanctifying (habitual) Grace (CCC 2000-2001)**
 - Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - Theological Virtues (CCC 1812-1813)
 - Faith (CCC1814-1816)
 - Hope (CCC 1817-1821)
 - Charity (CCC 1822-1829)
 - **Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1830-1832)**
 - Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Courage, Fear of the Lord.
 - Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control, Chastity.
- **Actual Grace (CCC 2000-2001)**
- **Virtues and Grace**
 - The Virtues (CCC 1803-1804)
 - Cardinal (Moral) Virtues (CCC 1805-1809): Prudence, Justice, Courage, Temperance
 - The Virtues and Grace (CCC 1810-1811)
- **Read for next time (Preparing for Lent):**
 - CCC 1434-1439 (Forms of Penance in the Christian Life)

- o Finish reading *Into the Silent Land* (Martin Laird)
- o Start reading *Interior Freedom* (Jacques Philippe)

21. MARCH 2 (PF) Holy Spirit



- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-3)
- **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**
 - o Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)
 - o (Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Stages of the Spiritual Life**
 - o Beginner (emphasis on Virtues)
 - o Illuminative
 - o Unitive (emphasis on Gifts of the Holy Spirit)
- **Purifications**
 - o Active (growth in Virtues)
 - o Passive (receptivity to the Holy Spirit through the Gifts)
- **Universal Call to Holiness.**
 - o What is holiness? Perfection of the Virtue of Charity through the Gift of Wisdom
 - o Vocation of the Laity (Second Vatican Council: *Apostolicam Actuositatem*)
- **Read for next time (The Moral Life):**
 - o CCC 1701-1729 (Image of God, Happiness)
 - o CCC 1730-1748 (Freedom)

- o CCC 1749-1802 (Morality & Conscience)
- o Searching for and Maintaining Peace (Jacques Philippe)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00 AM MASS
FIRST SCRUTINY
(3RD SUNDAY OF LENT)



Jesus and the woman at the well (John 4:5-42)

***“Whoever drinks the water
I give them will never thirst.
Indeed, the water I give will become in them***

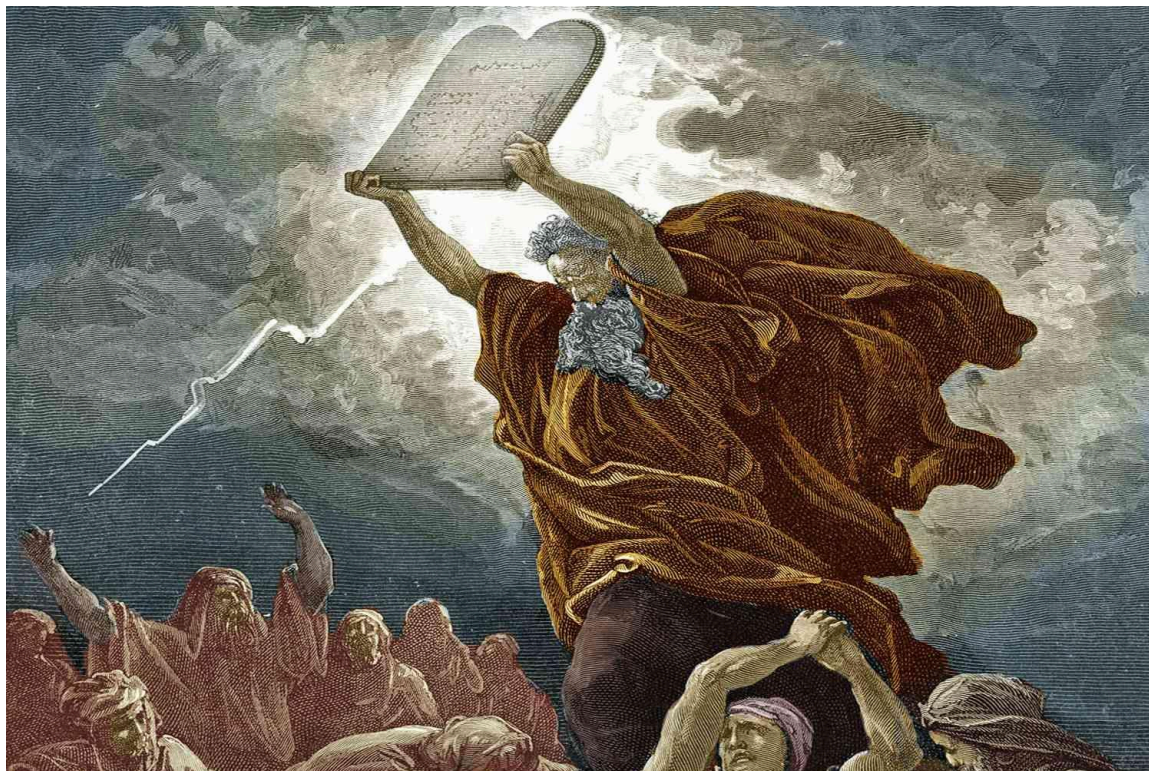
***a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
(John 4:14)***

**22. MARCH 9 (FE)
The Moral Life**



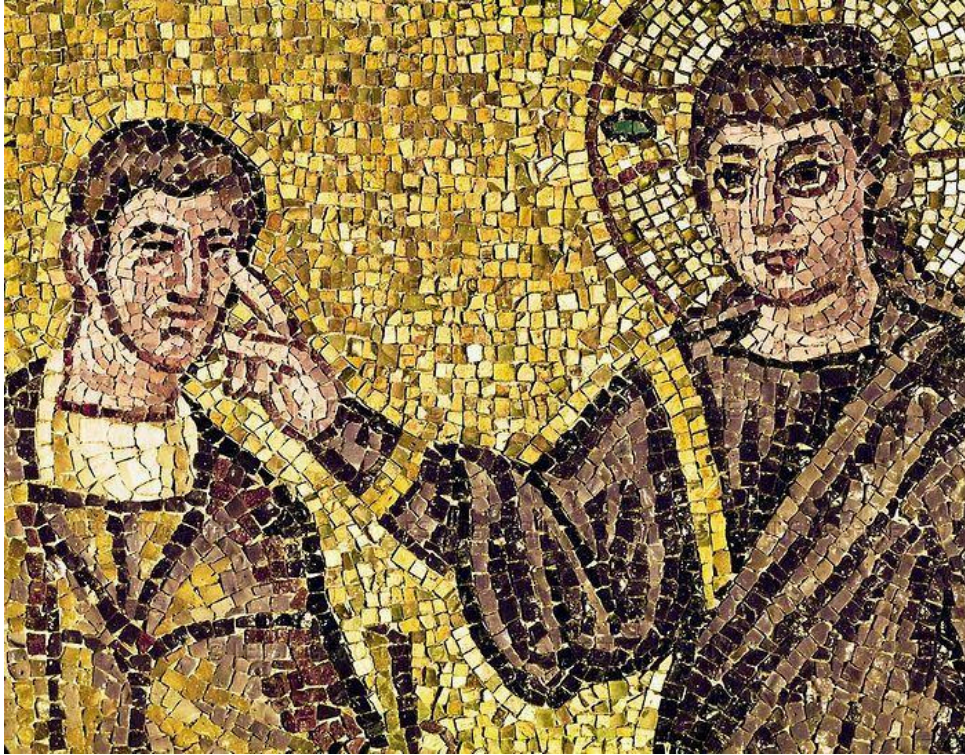
- **Ten Commandments: The Basis of the Moral Life (Exodus 20:1-17).**
 - The Ten Commandments are precepts (laws) of Justice.
 - Commandments 1-3: pertain to our relationship to God.
 - Commandments 4-10: pertain to our relationships with others.
- **What is the Greatest Commandment? (Matthew 22:36-40)**
 - “Love the Lord your God....” (see Deuteronomy 6:5-9)
 - “Love your neighbor as yourself....”
- **What must I do to gain Eternal Life? (Matthew 19:16-22)**
- **Practical consideration about the Moral Life:**
 - The Virtue of Prudence: Knowing the Good to be done and the evil to be avoided (CCC 1806).
 - **The Morality of Human Acts – Object, End, Circumstance (CCC 1749-1761):**
 - Object: The intrinsic quality of an act (CCC 1751-1752)
 - End (Intention): Reason of doing the act (CCC 1752-1753)
 - Circumstance: Contingencies (influences) on the decision,

- o affecting moral quality (CCC 1754)
 - Mitigating Circumstances
 - Aggravating Circumstances
- o What is an “intrinsic evil”?
 - An action that is “evil” or “sinful” – in and of itself – by way of its Object.
 - Cannot be justified by neither a good “End” or “Intention”, nor by “Circumstances.”
 - Good and Evil actions (CCC 1755-1756)
 - “One may not do evil so that good may result from it” (CCC 1756)
- **“Beatitude” (Happiness) is the End (Purpose) of the Moral Life:**
 - o This is fulfilled after death in Eternal Life (Heaven)
 - o “I want to see God” (CCC 2548-2549)
- **“The Beatitudes” (Matthew 5:1-12)**
 - o Fruits of the Holy Spirit that are manifested in time (in this life, prior to death) when we cooperate with Grace in order to live a Christian moral life.
- **Read for next time (Prayer):**
 - o CCC 2650-2660 (Tradition of Prayer)
 - o CCC 2700-2745 (Expressions of Prayer)
 - o Searching for and Maintaining Peace (Jacques Philippe)



***“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine.”
(Exodus 19:5)***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10:00 AM MASS
SECOND SCRUTINY
(4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)**



Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1-41)

***“As long as I am in the world,
I am the Light of the world”***
(John 1:5)

23. MARCH 16 (FE)
Prayer



- **What is Prayer (CCC 2558-2565)**
 - St. Therese of Lisieux: *“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”* (CCC 2558)
- **Prayer in the Age of the Church (CCC 2623-2649)**
 - Adoration
 - Petition
 - Intercession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Praise
- **Expressions of Prayer (CCC 2700-2724)**
 - Vocal Prayer
 - Mental Prayer
 - Meditation
 - Contemplation
- **Difficulties in Prayer (CCC 2725-2745)**
 - Battle of Prayer (CCC 2725)
 - Objections to Prayer (CCC 2726-2727)

- o Failure in Prayer (CCC 2728)
- o Distractions (CCC 2729)
- o Temptations (CCC 2732-2733, 2755)
- o Not Heard (CCC 2737)
- **The Lord's Prayer – "Our Father" (CCC 2759-2865)**
- **Spiritual Reading / *Lectio Divina* (CCC 2708)**
- **Read for next time (Death, and Life after Death):**
 - o *Theology for Beginners XIX* (The Next Life)
 - o Re-read CCC 1020-1041 (Particular Judgment, Heaven, Purgatory, Hell)
- **Read for next time (End of Time):**
 - o *Theology for Beginners XX* (The End of the World)
 - o CCC 946-962 (Communion of Saints in Heaven)
 - o CCC 972 (Mary as a sign of the End of Time)
 - o CCC 992-1019 (The Resurrection of the Dead)
 - o CCC 1020-1065 (Particular Judgment, Final Judgment, Life Everlasting, New Heaven and New Earth)



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 10:00 AM MASS
THIRD SCRUTINY
(5TH SUNDAY OF LENT)



The raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45)

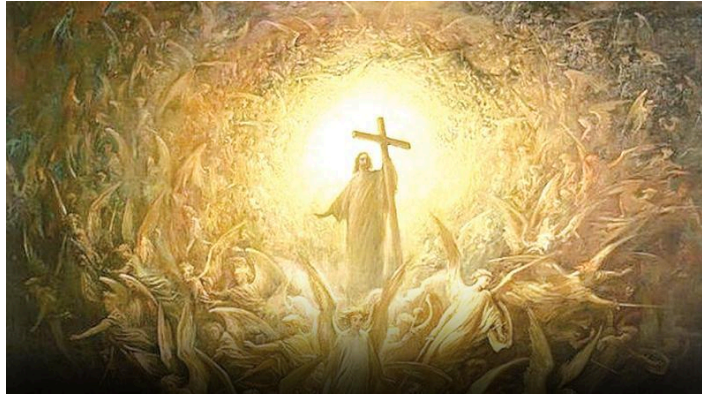
“Lazarus, come forth!”
(John 11:43)

24. MARCH 23 (PF)
Death, Life after Death, & the End of Time



- **“I believe in the life everlasting” – The Last Things, Particular Judgment, the Last Judgment, the New Creation (CCC 1020-1065)**
 - Particular Judgment (CCC 1021-1022)
 - Heaven (CCC 1023-1029)
 - Purgatory (CCC 1030-1032)
 - Hell (CCC 1033-1037)
 - The Last Judgment (CCC 1038-1041)
 - The New Creation (CCC 1042-1050)
- **Last Rites**
 - Confession (Absolution) & Apostolic Pardon
 - Anointing of the Sick
 - Last Holy Communion (Viaticum)
- **Funerals (CCC 1680-1690)**

The End of Time



- **The reign of Antichrist (CCC 675-677)**
- **Mary as a sign of the End of Time (CCC 972, Revelation 11:19-12:17)**
- **Christ's Second Coming and the Last Judgment (668-682)**
 - Resurrection of the Body (CCC 988-1004)
 - What is meant by "rising"? (CCC 997)
 - Who will rise? (CCC 998)
 - How will this be? (CCC 999-1000)
 - When will this be? (CCC 1001)
- **New Heaven and New Earth**
 - Communion of Saints (CCC 946-962)
 - Heaven and the Beatific Vision (CCC 1023-1029)
 - New Creation (CCC 1042-1050)
 - New Jerusalem (Heavenly City)



March 29

Palm Sunday

- 25. MARCH 30 (FE/PF)**
Preparing for the Easter Vigil Mass
& Rites of Initiation (Meet in Church)



Holy Week & Triduum

Holy Thursday (April 2)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 11:00 PM

Good Friday (April 3)

(Fast & Abstinence from meat)

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (April 4)

Meet in Parish Hall at 7:45 PM
Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:30 PM
Rites of Initiation at Mass.

Easter Sunday (April 5) Masses:

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 PM,

2:30 PM (Spanish)

Mystagogy (Post Baptism-Confirmation Catechesis)

Date TBD: Summary, Q&A

Date TBD: Dinner

