



Weekly Words from The Rock

My Catholic Life has a series of questions and answers on the Catholic Faith. It can be found at the site "Catholic Questions and Answers: Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life!" I am going to share with you some of their questions and answers in the weeks ahead.

Questions: I met a Mormon guy while I was at a summer camp. He told me he was a Christian, but I always thought I heard that they aren't. What are they?

Answer: Good question! Though I'm not an expert on the Mormon religion I'd be happy to shed some light on this question and even broaden it to other Christian religions.

One of the most central beliefs of all Christians, including Catholics, is that there is one God. This God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three distinct Persons yet one divine Nature. The Council of Nicaea, in 325 AD, defined the Son as "consubstantial" with the Father. In other words, He is of the same substance or essence as the Father. This also applies to the Holy Spirit. God the Son also took on a second nature when He became man. So the Son is both God and man.

This central belief of Christianity is one not shared by Mormonism. Mormons claim to believe that Jesus is divine but that He and the Father are not of the same divine nature. Rather, they believe the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three distinct gods. They believe these three gods are united in the same purpose but are not of the one and only divine essence.

Now that may all seem confusing and overly philosophical. But it really is at the heart of what we believe as Christians. Therefore, if anyone denies this fundamental belief, that there is one God rather than three gods, then we would have to say their beliefs are not the same as ours. So it's fair to say that Mormons and Catholics differ in our belief about

the Trinity in an essential way. However, all of the mainstream Protestant religions believe the same as Catholics regarding the Trinity.

So what's the bottom line? The bottom line is that Mormons do not have the same essential Christian belief in the Trinity as we do. In fact, it is this essential difference that has led our Church to reject their baptism as a valid one even though they use the same words as we do. We do, however, accept other Christian baptisms as a valid Sacrament (such as Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptists, etc.). We accept these baptisms as valid because they believe the same as we do regarding the Trinity and other essential aspects of the Christian faith.

If you were to talk to a Mormon, however, you may find that they do believe many things we do. For that reason we do not reject anything in their religion that is true. But we do reject their doctrine on the Trinity as well as a number of other essential beliefs regarding salvation, eternal life, Original Sin, Heaven, revelation, etc.

Mormons can certainly be good people and may claim to be Christians, but we do not believe they have the essential beliefs that makes a Christian a Christian.

A Thought As We Wait In Hope

A little different twist to the Christmas story!



Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!
Father Peter Schuster

Liturgical Ministries

Dec 26th/27th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule as of [November 18, 2020](#)

Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson
8:00 am Denise Koster
10:30 am Regina Boehmke

Ushers

8:00 pm Marie Noser, Josh Noser
8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries
10:30 am Brett Maronde, William Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Connie Curtiss, LG, Jerry Krantz (1), (IF NO DEACON), Judith Pelowski, (2)

Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, Lee Witter
8:00 am Nancy Brehmer, Christiane Lund
10:30 am Joanne Huegel, Daniel J McCormick

Check in Minister

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio
8:00 am Gretchen Cutshall
10:30 am Bob Voss

8:30 am Barbara Vareberg, LG, Anthony Vareberg - (1), (IF NO DEACON), John-Howard Carroll, (2)

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:00 am Tracy & Donna Smith
10:30 am Brett Maronde

Walk in Ministers

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer
8:00 am Paul Drucker, Gloria Flicek
10:30 am Paul Drucker, Jackie Tyrrell

10:30 am Leonida Crawley, LG, Brenda Tschann (1), (IF NO DEACON), Gary Tschann - (2)



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Mother Elvira Petrozzi

Open Hours

Tue	Wed	Sat
12 am	2 am	5 pm
11 pm		

By choosing an open hour from the graph, you commit to the that one hour a week of adoring Jesus in the Chapel at Resurrection. Seating will be limited and masks required.

To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

Resurrection's Advent Reconciliation
Tuesday, Dec 22nd - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Christmas Mass times: Dec 24th 1pm; 4pm; 7pm; 10pm (Not a Mass, Deacon Rob Miller, Liturgy of Hours with Communion); Dec 25th 9am.

Registration for Christmas Mass is now closed; livestreaming of the Masses will be available on our website rescathroch.org. **No walk in registration will be available for all Christmas Masses.** You are invited to watch the Mass on your smart phone (our wi-fi will not be available to use so you will need to have access to wi-fi from a different source) while you are parked in our parking lot. Fr. Schuster will announce when you can come into the church to receive Holy Communion. We will have pamphlets available in the Gathering Space for you to use and follow along with the Mass readings and the music/songs.

Any questions, please call the office 507-288-5528.

Parish Events



CA\$H CALENDAR tickets are available to purchase through Feb. 5, 2021. Stop in the office to purchase tickets. Price per ticket is \$30. Your ticket makes you eligible for 52 chances to win cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. There are only 800 tickets available so you have great odds to win cash AND support Resurrection Catholic Church. Remember that all buyers and prize winners must be 18 or older.

Each weekly winner's name will be posted in the Church Bulletin as well as on the Parish website. Checks will be mailed to the winners so fill in that entry ticket carefully and completely.

Please return all unsold tickets ASAP to allow them to be purchased by others who wish to purchase extra tickets. The deadline for all entry stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to the church office is Feb. 5, 2021. This allows time for all tickets to be accounted for, a requirement of the MN State Gambling Board.

A gift of a CA\$H CALENDAR ticket for a Christmas present may result in a "Lovely" Valentine's Day win, a beautiful way to honor Mom on Mother's Day, end the summer with a Labor Day win or celebrate Christmas 2021 with some extra cash! Even one win of \$50 is more than the cost of the \$30 ticket! Buy your ticket now!



Resurrection's 2020 Giving Tree

Resurrection's Giving Tree is now in the Gathering Space. A little change for the tree this year. We do not have tags to take from the tree for either Elder Care Ministry or

Family Promise. However, please stop by the table near the tree to pick up information on how to contribute to these two ministries. Due to Covid 19, Family Promise will not take donations of household items this year. Instead they have registry lists through Amazon and Target. Please check the table for information regarding these registries or go to Family Promise's website for more information: familypromiserochester.org.

Resurrection's Stations of the Cross. They will be made in Italy, hand-carved, wooden and 3-D. Before ordering the Stations, we are seeking help in funding the project. People can contribute by check (make check payable to Church of the Resurrection with a note in the memo line of "Stations"). An extra envelope will be placed in the February packet of envelopes, or you can donate via On-line Giving through our website (rescathroch.org). Below is a form you can complete and submit with your payment.

We will continue taking up a collection for Resurrection's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry through the end of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry serves residents in the Rochester area with rent, utilities, groceries, fuel, medical, child care, etc. Please pray for those they serve and for the volunteers who spend time responding to their needs and giving them hope. A dollar for dollar will be matched up to \$6,000.

Thank you for your support and your prayers.

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At Resurrection This Week

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

Monday 21 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 26th/27th rescathroch.org to sign up Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 22 Dec	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm• Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00 pm• St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00 pm• Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday 23 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 26th/27th rescathroch.org to sign up Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 21:28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am;• Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 24 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 26th/27th sign up ends at 10:00 am. Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Lk 2:1-14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Eve Mass: 1:00 pm; 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm• Liturgy of the Word with Communion 10:00 pm
Friday 25 Dec	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Mass 9:00 am
Saturday 26 Dec	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 am• Mass 8:00 pm
Sunday 27 Dec	Mass Registration for Jan 2nd/3rd rescathroch.org to sign up Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am• Christmas Ministry Days 2:00 pm



Michelle's



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choirdirector@rescathroch.org

Do you know where the lyrics to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" originate? They are actually the prayers, or antiphons, spoken during evening prayer the last eight days leading up to Christmas. What I like to do is sing one verse a day within my prayers the octave before Christmas. But what I also like to do is ponder the differences between the song and the antiphons. First read the words of the antiphon for today:

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

Now read the words to the corresponding verse:

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

There's quite a bit of difference, here, isn't there? I love the antiphon for its imagery and its thorough explanation of Christ, the conqueror of death and light of our salvation. But there is one fundamental thing that the song stresses far more than this and the other antiphons. It's the first two words of every verse, "O Come." With these two words, we invite Christ into our lives, to be present with and in us. That is my challenge for us today. Let's invite Christ into our hearts once again, that we might live lives that are holy and true.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Christ's birth as one family, one spirit in Christ.

God Bless,

Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 21	8:30 am	†Joe Lutgen
Tues	Dec 22	8:30 am	†Rob Frisby
Wed	Dec 23	8:30 am	†Joyce Baumler
Thu	Dec 24	1:00 pm	Dixie Shimak
Thu	Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Don Davis
Thu	Dec 24	7:00 pm	For the Parish
Thu	Dec 24	10:00 pm	Service without Mass
Fri	Dec 25	9:00 am	†Thomas Gardella
Sat	Dec 26	8:00 pm	†Wilma Teuteberg
Sun	Dec 27	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 27	10:30 am	†George & Irene DeVos

St. Francis School News

There will be No School December 18th-January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Year.

The school children, faculty and staff wish you all a very Blessed Christmas!

Dedication Candles

Dec 19th - Dec 26th

1. †Wilma Teuteberg
2. †James and Joseph Overkamp
3. †Pam O'Reilly
4. †Janet Wempner



Seeking Grant Applications. The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus, of which our parish Council is a member, is seeking grant applications to its donor advised fund. Annually, the fund awards monetary grants to local non-profit projects and programs that are consistent with the Knight's mission and values. Grant requests in the following areas are given priority, but all worthy causes are considered:

- Catholic Organizations
- Youth Programs: at risk, physical/mental challenges, or support for vocations
- Sanctity of Life - conception to natural death
- Relief from Suffering

Request can be for capital projects or program expense costs. Complete details on the award process and guidelines, along with application forms and deadlines, are available on the Council #1013 website: <http://www.kofc1013.org/>

Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

Grades 1-5: We will not have Faith Formation classes on Mondays until the public schools open in January. Each child has a Take Home Faith Formation bag to pick up on a table in the Gathering Space.



Fourth Week of Advent: Dear God, it's almost Christmas. We are so excited! Please have Jesus' birthday celebration bring peace and joy to our family, friends, and to people everywhere. Amen. "May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like him, who at this time became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God." ~ St. John Henry Newman

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: This week's chapter is called "We Care for Those Who Are Hurting and in Need." We can help our children realize illness, tragedy, poverty, and other misfortunes are not punishments from God. Our young people need to see that we help others because love compels us, not because it makes us look or feel good. We do not help others for rewards or out of fear of punishment. We help and care for others out of love. Jesus told us, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 As a family, try to find ways to help others throughout the year, including praying for those who have less than we do and who are struggling to find the help they need. Teach your children to be a blessing to others through kind words, kind acts, and kind prayers.

St. Francis' peace prayer includes these words: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. Amen.*



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, RCIA dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528, x 101

NO Faith Formation Wednesday, December 23rd or Wednesday, December 30th.

I found a great resource of brief yet impactful articles on the topic of Christmas for our Catholic youth on the Life Teen BLOG website.

Check out these titles:

I Hated Christmas Until One Stranger Changed Everything

The Cross of Christmas

What Christmas Means for You

Jesus and the 3 Wise Guys

Five Christmas Gifts That Don't Come in Boxes

Barbies and the Baby Jesus: A History of the Nativity Set

Everything You Know About Christmas is Wrong (Kind of)

Jesus Wasn't Born on Christmas



Did one of these titles peek your interest? If so check out:

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/category/faith-old/liturgical-seasons/christmas/>

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