

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Saturday at 5 p.m.  
 Sunday at 8, 10 & 12 noon  
 Register at [SignUpGenius](#)  
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed  
 on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and  
[St. Peter's website](#)

**DAILY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm  
 Wednesday: 9 am  
 Thursday: 7 am & 9 am  
 Friday: 9 am  
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
 Chapel of the Nativity

**RECONCILIATION**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday 5-5:40 pm  
 Friday 8-8:50 a.m.  
 Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
 Other times by  
 appointment.

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 24, 2021*

As we dive into the scripture for this weekend, I want you to take a moment and think back to life one year ago—January 2020. Some of the big things going on in the world included the raging wildfires in Australia and the untimely death of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna. There were rumblings of a virus out of control in China called COVID-19.

A year ago this weekend my husband and I went to Duluth for a quick babymoon. Clare had the sniffles, something not particularly concerning, and she stayed with Grandma. We enjoyed the time up north with good food, shopping, and a chance to sleep in. I made sure the rest of the staff knew I'd be out of the office, because I actually worked in the office at my desk; people would notice if I wasn't there. We planned our trip, so that I would be back on Wednesday, as we packed the youth room full of teenagers for youth group.

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” These words from Paul, often meant to be a prediction of the second coming of Christ, resonated with me as I prayed through the scripture today. Our world looks drastically different now, as we continue to deal with a virus now out of control here in the United States. I work nearly exclusively at home and minister to teens through a screen, while the youth room sits vacant and relatively clean. A case of the sniffles would mean a COVID test and isolation. The world we knew has passed away, and here we are, in the thick of unprecedented and uncharted waters.

It's easy to mourn the way things were. To wish for a time where masks were something you wore for Halloween, hugs were readily available, and 50 teenagers squished on couches was the way evangelization occurred at St. Peter's. However, God does not call us to dwell in the past but to find him in the here and now; he calls us to look forward with hope to the plans he has in mind for us.

Look at the Gospel today—in an instant Simon and Andrew, James and John found their world in its present form pass away. “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men,” Jesus says. And they “abandon their nets and follow him.” They saw Jesus in that present moment and followed, with hope, towards the plans he had in mind for them.

This pandemic has been hard. This year has been hard. And it's not over yet. But we can still find Jesus here in our present moment. I see Jesus in my oldest, as she blesses her

little brother with Holy Water when we livestream Mass. I see him in the faithful and dedicated core team, who joins me in ministering on Zoom each week. I see him in our frontline health care workers, who care for those who need it the most. I encounter him in livestream adoration and in the quiet extra prayer time I have each morning, because I'm not rushing to get us out the door. He is here—sometimes we just have to look a little harder.

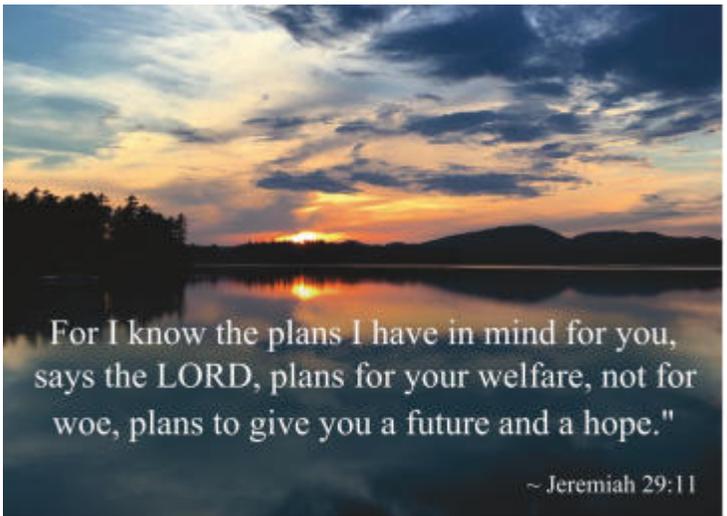
The world in its present form—this pandemic form—will pass away, too. I pray we come out the other side of it more in love with our Lord, and more grateful to see smiles and to give a friend a hug. May we see Jesus now—and look forward in hope to the good and beautiful plans he has for us.

In closing I want to share with you my favorite Bible verse—it's one to cling to—now and always.

*“For I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future and a hope.”*  
 ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Praying for you.

*Elizabeth*  
 Elizabeth McCanna  
 Youth Minister



# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## ST PETER'S RE/FF TEAM

To learn more about Faith Formation at St. Peter's, click this link: [www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation](http://www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation)

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### BAPTISMS - NEW PARISHIONERS - WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Fontecha at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.



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## ROSARY MAKERS



It's been a long time since we have been able to get together, and we won't be able to until COVID-19 is more under control. In the meantime, we would ask that you continue making

rosaries.

Over the last several months, your efforts mean that 1,500 rosaries have been set aside for Fr. Lawrence in Uganda; we have sent 600 to Iowa churches and a high school after storms damaged churches and homes. Please email Mary Ellen at [gmgutzmann@comcast.net](mailto:gmgutzmann@comcast.net), if you need supplies to make rosaries. We can bring supplies to the office for you to pick up. Please include "Rosary Makers" in the subject line. If you know of any churches or chapels in need of rosaries, please let us know and we will try to help. Bless

## RELEVANT RADIO



Did you know that the Relevant Radio App has podcasts of all your favorite shows? Did you also know that you can download Relevant Radio podcasts and audio prayers to listen to wherever you are? Users especially like the app for road trips. The app is available in the iPhone App Store and Google Play.

### SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one wish to be able to join us for Mass but are unable to do so, please contact us to learn of the many ways we can help. Often, many go without simply because we are not made aware of their needs. We are also in need of several new visiting ministers.

To add yourself or someone you love to our outreach ministry or for information on volunteering, call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or you can email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

### FEBRUARY SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, February 16, from 12 to 1pm**. Please pull up to the north Main Church doors, and we will come out to your car. We will continue to collect one Tuesday each month. If you are interested in donating items for lunches, please contact Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009 or [nanrr1@yahoo.com](mailto:nanrr1@yahoo.com).

It is extremely helpful to know how much food to expect, so please be sure to sign up in advance. Each donor is asked to bring 20 to 40 of one or more of the following (you may bring everything, or just one or two items from this list):

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, bologna and cheese, or ham. No condiments please. Place each sandwich in an individual bag. Sandwiches are easiest to store and transport if you stack bagged sandwiches inside your empty bread bags!
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Bananas, oranges or cuties, or individual fruit cups

**Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.**

Thank you!

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

During this unprecedented time, stay in the loop with a Catholic perspective on local, national, and world news. Email Rita Holien at [rhlien@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:rhlien@stpetersmendota.org) to receive a free subscription to the Catholic Spirit.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Commit to 2021 being the year you find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship. Register for the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.

Your gift brings hope.

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| 12,000 PEOPLE PER WEEK RECEIVING FRESH GROCERIES AND HYGIENE ITEMS | Thousands RECEIVING LIFE-CHANGING CARE VIA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS | 28,000 CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING  | 635 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING/ EMERGENCY SHELTER EACH MONTH |
| 1,200 HOT MEALS SERVED MONTHLY                                     | 33,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BEING STRENGTHENED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH  | OVER 50 FUTURE PRIESTS RECEIVING TUITION ASSISTANCE, ROOM AND BOARD | 1,300 WOMEN & FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH PRO-LIFE SUPPORT          |

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### PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The office at St. Peter's remains closed to walk-ins during this time of COVID-19. Some staff is always present, during our office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 to 4 p.m. We will be answering phone calls, voicemails, and emails. Please feel free to contact us at 651-452-4550, with questions or concerns.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Check out St. Peter's website at [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org), our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpetersmendota](https://facebook.com/stpetersmendota) and Twitter @StPetersMendota and on YouTube.



# ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS \* STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

## PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Please remember to register for weekend Masses. We are no longer taking registration for weekday Masses. Use this link to register: [www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters).

All weekend Masses that are currently available will be included on this online form. Please follow the guidelines on the signup page. If you are not able to sign up online or if you have questions, call the parish office at 651-452-4550. Someone will help you get registered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## FORMED

Every member of our St. Peter's community can enjoy a free subscription to formed.org - the incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place!

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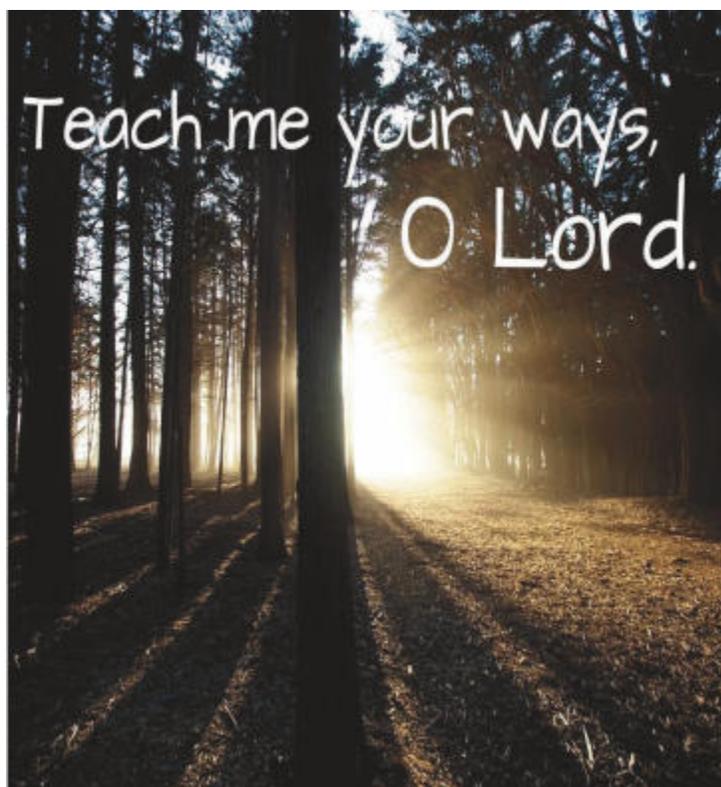
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## HOLY HOUR OF INTERCESSION WITH OUR LADY

There is even more need for prayer in these troubled times. Please join us for a special Holy Hour of Adoration on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Main Church.

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, these "hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world." Gathering around Mary, the Mother of God, we will bring "the sin-sick and suffering of humanity before the healing, transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist."

If you can't be here in person, please join us on our livestream at [stpetersmendota.org](http://stpetersmendota.org).



| December 2020 COL-LECTIONS         | Dec 2020             | Dec 2019             | Year over Year       | Fiscal Year to Date  | Prior Year thru Dec  | Year over Year      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts | \$ 167,294.82        | \$ 173,449.97        | \$ (6,155.15)        | \$ 546,959.17        | \$ 525,222.51        | \$ 21,736.66        |
| Sunday Plate                       | \$ 512.62            | \$ 4,242.44          | \$ (3,729.82)        | \$ 1,648.87          | \$ 12,280.87         | \$ (10,632.00)      |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$ 167,807.44</b> | <b>\$ 177,692.41</b> | <b>\$ (9,884.97)</b> | <b>\$ 548,608.04</b> | <b>\$ 537,503.38</b> | <b>\$ 11,104.66</b> |

*Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trustees:

Sue Zhulkie

Mark Mischke

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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## MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass:

|                          |                |                        |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Monday, Jan 25</b>    | <b>9 am</b>    | † William J. Mulvihill |
| <b>Tuesday, Jan 26</b>   | <b>9 am</b>    | † Jeffrey Weiss        |
|                          | <b>5:45 pm</b> | Jake & Natalie Schirra |
| <b>Wednesday, Jan 27</b> | <b>9 am</b>    | Jan Woodyard           |
| <b>Thurs, Jan 28</b>     | <b>9 am</b>    | † Chisue (Ann) Joung   |
| <b>Friday, Jan 29</b>    | <b>9 am</b>    | † Bill Goetz           |
| <b>Saturday, Jan 30</b>  | <b>5 pm</b>    | Mass For The People    |
| <b>Sunday, Jan 31</b>    | <b>8 am</b>    | John & Lydia Lodoen    |
|                          | <b>10 am</b>   | † Richard Leitner      |

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JANUARY 25 2020

### Monday, January 25

### Tuesday, January 26

**8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**5 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5:45 pm** **Daily Mass, Main Church**

### Wednesday, January 27

**8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**6 pm** Perissos, Virtual

### Thursday, January 28

**7 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, January 29

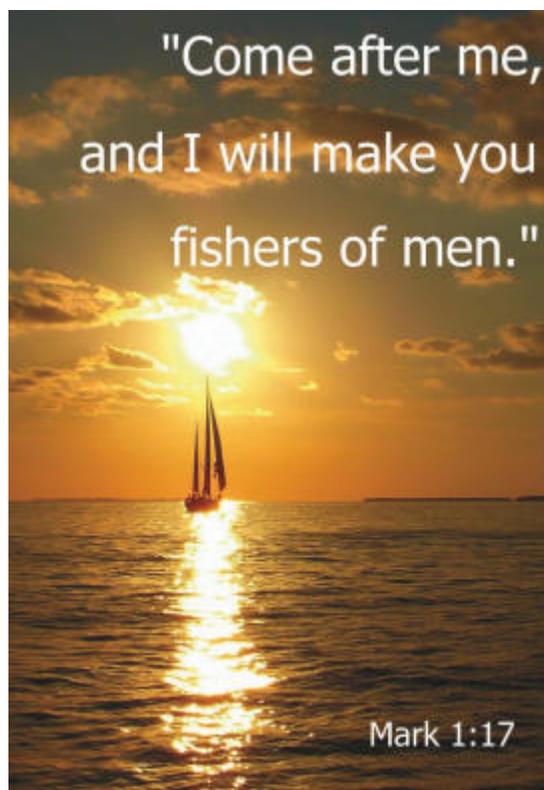
**8 am** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**

### Saturday, January 30

**9 am & 10:30 am**  
 AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**3:30 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5 pm** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

### Sunday, January 31

**7:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church  
**8 am** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**10 am** **Mass, Main Church, livestreamed on St. Peter's Website, YouTube, or on Facebook.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)  
**12 noon** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### HOLY COMMUNION



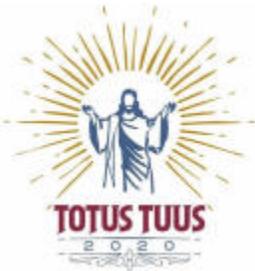
If you are unable to attend one of the Masses and desire to come in to church to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer at 651-905-4305 to set up an appointment. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at your home, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304.

### COR JESU

Join us virtually on **Friday, February 5, at 8 p.m.**, to adore the Lord and be together in prayer, praise, and worship on the **Vocations Office Facebook Page**.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside. Please send prayer requests to [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org) or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890. The Cor Team will pray for your intentions!

### TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED



The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children/youth, and are committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. [Click here to apply.](#)

### PRACTICING CATHOLIC SHOW DEBUTS

On January 1, “The Rediscover: Hour” radio show on Relevant Radio 1330am became “Practicing Catholic.” It will bring conversation with the bishops and snapshots of Catholic life to faithful listeners in brand new ways.

Follow Practicing Catholic on [Spotify](#) or [SoundCloud](#) and listen to the latest interviews with the bishops and local Catholics leading the New Evangelization shortly after they air.

### CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

*“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all of my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world.”*

~ St. John Paul II

We are in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. White spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.



*“Could you not watch one hour with me?”*

~ Matthew 26:40

To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

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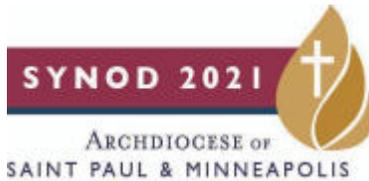
## FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus called his first disciples, who were fishermen. He told them they would be “fishers of men.” We are called to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet.

## SYNOD AT HOME TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH

In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive.



The **Synod at Home** series takes helpful videos, tips, and tools for growing in faith and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun.

Individuals, couples, and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

- Find weekly videos and materials posted on the Archdiocesan Synod web page.
- Text APP to 88202 or [click to download MyParish App](#) and within the app, search for “Archdiocesan Synod.”
- [Sign up](#) to receive weekly emails during the Synod at Home and other Synod updates.

## NEWLY MARRIED RETREAT: TALKING WITH PURPOSE

The Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis invites couples married 0-7 years to this live, online workshop that will help you avoid misunderstanding, reconcile hurts, and achieve an emotional connection, even when you feel very differently!

**FEBRUARY 6, 2021, 9am-2:30pm**

Live on Zoom (login provided upon registration). Recordings will be available throughout the day for registered couples who miss the live sessions.

Cost: \$20/couple and includes PDF download of handouts. Questions? Email [libby@pmrcusa.org](mailto:libby@pmrcusa.org). The focus this year is Communication in Marriage, and speakers Brad and Libby DuPont will present, “Every Day in Love.” Registration deadline is February 1. Go to [www.livinginlove.org/newly-married/](http://www.livinginlove.org/newly-married/) to register.

## CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



Catechism Corner

The ninth commandment is quoted thus in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or house manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” The Catechism also follows this with Christ’s teaching from Matthew 5:28: Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So, the Lord is drawing a deep connection between the act of adultery (and all the other sexual sins proscribed by the sixth commandment) and the willful agreement that one wants those things even if he does not act on that desire. This raises a distinction for us between committing an evil act, and assenting to the desire to commit the act.

Paragraph 2514, referring to the First Letter of St. John, chapter 2, sets forth three kinds of covetousness that plague us. Lusts of the flesh, referring to those desires stoked by physical appetites for pleasure; lusts of the eyes, those desires prompted by sensory stimuli (things we see, for example); and “pride of life,” referring to desires fueled by a love of things of the world (CCC 2514).

Please note that in the Church’s tradition, the ninth commandment refers to bodily pleasures, and particularly sexual ones, while the tenth commandment will deal with possessions—goods or “things” (CCC 2514).

Another term the Catechism, and much of Catholic moral teaching uses to refer to this desire to sin is the word concupiscence. Though the word itself can refer broadly to any intense human desire, Christian theology has linked it in particular with sensitive appetites that work against reason, or in biblical language, the “flesh” working against the “spirit.” Philosophically, then, concupiscence refers to that in us which makes us desire to sin (CCC 2515).

What we experience in this wrestling of spirit and flesh is our inheritance through original sin, which set our will against God’s, and is manifested in sins of every kind, because we humans are composite beings of spirit and body. (CCC 2516)

This commandment can in some ways seem to be a kind of “doubling down” on sexual morality, but rather the ninth and tenth are more directed at the desire for what is sinful, which indicates a true poverty of love. At base, the ninth commandment is seeking to rectify the fact that we love pleasure more than God, and the tenth commandment targets the fact that we love things more than God.

Next week: purification of the heart



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