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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saint Boniface

Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga

Sunday - 7:00 pm

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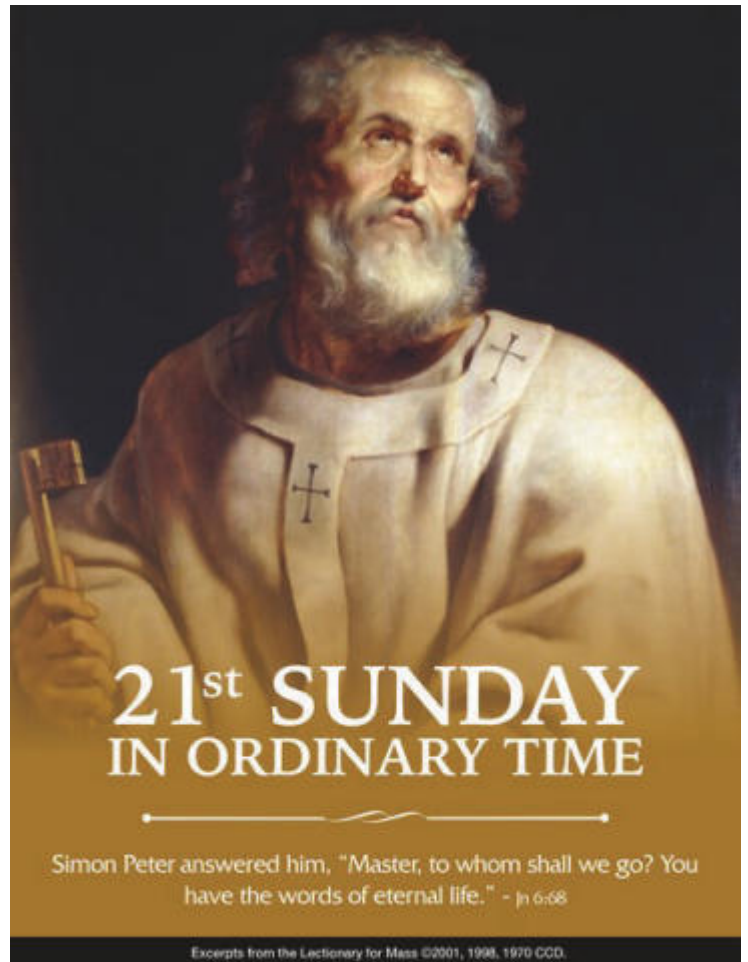
August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Q How do we know what is good and evil?

A We consult the moral law, which is based on the eternal law of God. Living according to the divine image means conforming to God's nature. God is a God of truth, justice, and love. Therefore, all our actions must be done in truth, justice, and charity. This is the essence of the moral law, which is not arbitrary or subject to change by man. The moral law is unchanging because God is unchanging: He will always be truth, justice, and love! The moral law is our obligation to imitate God's eternal nature.

How do we know the demands of moral law? The requirements of the moral law are contained in the Ten Commandments. The two Great Commandments, given by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40, are summaries of the Ten Commandments.

We can also know the requirements of the moral law through human reason. By examining what kind of creatures we are, all reasonable people can agree that certain actions are worthy of our rational nature (honesty and faithfulness), while other actions are unworthy (cheating and adultery). This is known as the natural moral law. The "natural law" is different from the "law of nature". Man is certainly subject to "Laws of nature" such as gravity. But reason discerns that man is also accountable to a higher law, a "law of human nature". We don't blame rocks or animals for hurting us, because they aren't rational and can't act differently. However, we do blame a man for deliberately hurting us, because humans are rational and obviously can act differently, and because of that, should. How people "should" act in accordance with their rational nature is what we mean by the natural law.



Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

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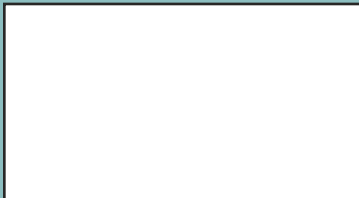
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