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A Vicarious Descant

In the Compendium of the Catholic Church, one of the most fundamental questions is number 27: “What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?” The answer is concise: “It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

How do we apply so foundational and concise a statement to daily life? What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God? Or perhaps the question could have read, “How does a person live their belief in God?”

People unfamiliar with their faith or the truth of the Catholic faith often ask how can an eternity of joy or suffering be merited by a comparatively short lifetime. God the Father answered that question to St. Catherine of Siena in her *Dialogues* when He told her that there are three parts of the eternal soul: memory, intellect and will. Every time we use our memory for something either good or evil, we are exercising a faculty of the immortal soul. The same with our intellect and free will: when we exercise these faculties of the immortal soul for something either good or evil, we are making a choice that can have eternal consequences.

That is how a short lifetime can lead us to heaven or hell. If it were not for God’s mercy, none of us could possibly merit heaven. But while we have life, we have hope that God’s grace can bring even the most hardened sinner to repentance and

Eternal Life. The Lord called us to proclaim the “Good News” and not solely the “Bad Consequences” of not following the Good News. To proclaim the Good News, we might begin with The Four Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell), but we cannot but immediately proclaim: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:15). Likewise: “Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God’s will, than for doing wrong” (1 Peter 3:15-17).

In the Gospel for the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the Lord said that the publican went down to his house justified, while the other did not. What does that mean? To be justified means acting in a just or righteous way in God’s eyes. In this parable, God, Himself, looked at what the publican had done and said that he was justified in being there in the temple offering that prayer: he was worshiping and honoring God. The publican was sincere in his sorrow. Did he then return to his trade farming taxes? Probably, but the true contrition he expressed before God would mean that he would have returned to his trade without further dishonesty. Who is to say that the Lord was not speaking this parable as the former publican, St. Matthew, stood and

listened? Such humility and acknowledgment of our sinfulness, when combined with perseverance and the Sacraments, can lead to great holiness.

We follow the example of the justified publican when we pray with humility, when we do not waste precious time in prayer—public or private—being indignant or critical of those around us. When we come to worship as a parish family we should be fully united in prayer and worship rather than partly united or partly attentive or partly sorrowful and contrite.

Not lifting one’s eyes is a sign of humility. Striking one’s breast is a sign of sorrow; it is an admission of guilt and ownership of one’s actions: through my fault, my fault, my most grievous fault. Listen again to who the Pharisee was in the eyes of God: “trusting in himself as just and despising others.” Had the Pharisee not trusted himself and not despised others, he might have gone home justified as well.

We trust God. We trust in his Divine Mercy. Justification is a process that begins with baptism, continues with our life in Christ—this what is meant by the publican “going down to his house” and justification ends when each of us appears before the judgment seat of Christ to render an accounting for what we have done in the body, whether good or evil (2 Cor 5:10).

We “go down to our house justified” when we fulfill our duties and obligations to God and our neighbor with sincerity, humility and charity. We do not simply total up how we have kept the precepts of the Catholic Church—of which there are five universally and seven in the United

Mass Intentions  for the Week

Monday, - August 10, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Chester Kalinowski (D)

Tuesday, - August 11, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Randy Pasieka (D)

Wednesday, - August 12, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Holy Souls

Thursday, - August 13, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Eugene Riendeau (D)

Friday, - August 14, 2020

7:30 a.m.— Grace Riendeau (L)

Saturday, - August 15, 2020

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, - August 16, 2020

6:30 a.m.— Special Intention; 9:30 a.m.— People of the Parish; 12:00 p.m.—Special Intention



Mass Servers

Saturday, August 15, 2020

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Praet, J. Cline

Sunday, August 16, 2020

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, J. Prevo, D. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & M. Arrigoni, A. & W. Remske, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of August 09, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00;

Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.



S-Zachary Fettes

&

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S-S-Ray Katanbafnezhad

&

Geneva Bellows, Grotto

A Vicarious Descant (continued)

States—as if checking the boxes assures our justification. No, we are not assured of our justification but must desire it and seek it every day. The publican offered none of his works as a reason for God to justify him. All he offered was a sincere, humble and contrite heart. Nor did the publican likely hear God’s voice as he went down to his house assuring him he was justified. Neither do we. We can only humbly ask, dutifully fulfill, and patiently persevere in our prayers, obligations, and life in Christ. In those moments of pride, or impatience, or anger, or indignation, or that contempt and disgust that disguises a guilty conscience, we should remember the publican and do what he did.

Our patronal feast day is this Saturday. It is a Solemnity and a Holyday, but not a day of obligation. The Masses at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM fulfill your obligation for Sunday, but will be the Masses of the Solemnity of the Assumption. This year most everything taking place will be outdoors and is meant to be focused entirely on worship and liturgy.

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all through Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Assumption Day Notes: In light of the current regulations regarding Covid-19, There are a few changes that should be noted. We will not have the Used Religious Goods Sale this year. Additionally, the Italian Dinner and the Bake Sale will not take place. All volunteers will need to bring their own meals, as we are unable to provide them this year. We are also in need of wheelchairs. Anyone who is willing to donate a new or gently used wheelchair should contact the rectory. Thank you.

Seven Sisters Apostolate Renewal of Prayer Commitments

One Sister, One Holy Hour Each Week, One Priest, One Heart of Prayer Together! See the flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our three parish Seven Sisters Groups. The groups are organized to pray for Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante and Fr. Perrone. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. The Holy hour may be done in a parish church near you, anytime on the day you are assigned. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests in this Apostolate.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church"-- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

For more information on the Seven Sisters Apostolate go to their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>

The 16 Week Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet on alternate Saturdays Saturday’s at 1 p.m. in the Shrine Lounge. For more information on Marian Catechist Basic or Advanced Home Study Courses leave your name at the rectory.

Susan B. Anthony List is hiring! Earn \$10-\$15/hour with possible raises and bonuses · Work 4 – 40 hours/week. You make your own schedule! Since it is safe outside, we have begun hiring temporary Field Representatives in Michigan to work through the first week of November. If you have the heart for the Lord FOR LIFE, a cell phone to download our i-360 Walk app and are at least 16 years of age, let’s talk! Field Representatives are being hired all around Michigan to educate voters with a simple survey. Contact Anna Marie Danyko, (734) 284-5226, or at anna@sbalistfield.org.

Election Prayer Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

Morning Offering “O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father” (from “Manual of Prayers,” Midwest Theological Forum).

Act of Contrition O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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