

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (8-30-20)

OPENING PRAYER: THE “SIGNUM CRUCIS” AND “PATER NOSTER”

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Pater Noster, Qui es in caelis:
sanctificetur nomen Tuum;
adveniat regnum Tuum;
fiat voluntas Tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra,
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie;
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris;
et ne nos inducas in tentationem;
sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

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SACRED SEVEN

- ___ 1. Jesus, Who ascended to the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven is no longer on this earth.
- ___ 2. Jesus actually equates the persecution of Christians to His own persecution.
- ___ 3. Christ tells us that feeding a poor person is actually feeding Him.
- ___ 4. Catholics actually believe that when they receive the Eucharist they are receiving part of Jesus.
- ___ 5. Catholics believe Mary and Jesus are two human persons with bodies in Heaven at this time.
- ___ 6. The reality of the Trinity shows us that there is One God in three parts, with Jesus as the second part.
- ___ 7. Because humans could not depend, after Jesus ascended, on the message of imperfect human persons, Jesus left us a Bible without error that we could understand and interpret individually by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

KEYNOTE: DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, WHO RESTORES AND TRANSFORMS, REDEEMS AND SANCTIFIES EVERY STAGE OF HUMAN LIFE

- I Childhood/Family: The Son of Mary and Joseph
 - A. The sacredness of each Individual, of Marriage, and of the family
 - B. Example and intercession of the Holy Family
 - C. God the Father’s Family and Mother Church
 - D. Attacks on Childhood and the Family:
 - 1. Contraception/Abortion
 - 2. Gender Ideology
 - 3. Redefinition of Marriage and of the family

4. Disrespect for or denial of the Father, of His Son, of His Mother, and of Mother Church
- II. Formation in Life and Love, Truth and Freedom: Jesus of Nazareth
 - A. Mary and Joseph as the primary teachers
 - B. The Holy Family as the first domestic church
 - C. Attacks on formation:
 1. Denial of or interference with parental rights and responsibilities
 2. Indoctrination of children in immorality and relativism
 3. The errors of Modernism and of the Culture of Death
 4. False idol of a college diploma
 - III. Work: Jesus, The Carpenter's Son
 - A. Dominion—tilling and keeping: Completing God's unfinished work
 - B. Sanctification of the world and of oneself through labor
 - C. Glorifying God by participating in His on-going creation
 - D. Attacks on work and social flourishing:
 1. Collectivism (Communism/radical theocracies/materialism/secularism) and radical globalization
 2. Idolatry of work and of one's professional career
 3. Mockery and denigration of the work of stay-at-home mothers
 4. Loss of virtue, a sense of entitlement, sloth, and greed
 5. Stigmatizing certain necessary work, and unjust wages and working conditions
 - IV. Mission: "Jesus, when He began His ministry, was about thirty years of age" (Luke 3:23).
 - A. Vocation to Holy Communion and Mission
 - B. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the face of the earth."
 - C. Attacks upon mission (cultural chaos and destruction):
 1. Attacks on religious liberty, upon freedom of speech, and upon freedom of conscience—denial of God and of human dignity
 2. Sexual immorality, divorce, and cohabitation
 3. Mockery of virtue, of holiness, and particularly of virginity and celibacy
 4. Scandals in the Church and in society
 5. Denial of objective truth, of right reason, and of divine revelation
 - V. Suffering: The Way of the Cross
 - A. Acceptance of suffering and the offering of it through, with, and in Christ
 - B. Attacks on Suffering:
 1. Drugs and radical materialism
 2. Denial and morbid fear of suffering, and undue anxiety concerning it
 3. Self-absorption and lack of charity
 4. Denial of the existence of evil, of original sin, and of Christ crucified
 - VI. Sacrifice: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:35)
 - A. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—source, summit, and center of our life
 - B. Christ as priest and victim, shepherd and lamb

- C. Service to others—works of mercy
- D. Attacks on sacrifice:
 1. Individualism and atomization of society
 2. Greed and selfishness
 3. Destruction of the family and confusion regarding true service in general
- V. Holy Death: “Father, into Thy hands I commit my Spirit!” (Luke 23:46)
 - A. “It is finished”: Christ on Calvary, giving His Life to the Father for us.
 - B. Christ conquers sin through death to give us grace and life.
 - C. Attacks against holy death:
 1. Assisted suicide and euthanasia
 2. Disregard for and alienation of the sick and the elderly
 3. Denial of the Gospel and of Christ crucified

QUESTIONS

- I. In the context of the Father’s plan and Christ’s life, what’s wrong with the bumper sticker that reads, “We don’t own the earth, the earth owns us”?
- II. What part of Christ’s life attracts your attention and captivates your heart?
- III. When you think of Christ, what age do you imagine Him to be? Why?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis” and “Pater Noster”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—Particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with the Father in Heaven
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:

Have I shown my devotion to the Sacred Heart by:

 - A. Behaving as a child of God the Father and fulfilling my responsibilities as a member of my natural family and of the Family of God?
 - B. Continuing to learn about Christ and sharing what I have learned about Him with others?
 - C. Completing my work well and with the purpose of glorifying God and becoming more holy?
 - D. Fulfilling the responsibilities of my role or vocation within my family and in the culture?
 - E. Accepting suffering and offering it through, with, and in Christ to the Father to glorify Him and drawn down blessings upon me and those around me?
 - F. Giving whatever God accepts, and accepting whatever God gives, all with an attitude of gratitude.
 - F. Making this day a good preparation for my death and my particular judgment?

