

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (8-9-2020)

OPENING PRAYER: THE “PATER NOSTER”

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.

SACRED SEVEN

___ 1. God revealed His Name to Moses as “Father,” so Jesus—as the “Greater than Moses”—uses the same Name in the “Our Father.”

___ 2. In the “Our Father,” the phrase “lead us not into temptation” is likely a poor translation because it has no Scriptural basis and because the Father would never lead a child of His into temptation.

___ 3. The Church has taught that the word “evil” at the end of the “Our Father” refers to the person of Satan.

___ 4. In the “Our Father,” “Give us this day our daily bread” could be translated as “Give us this day our super-substantial bread.”

___ 5. The ordained will of God the Father is that some men be saved for eternal life, and others suffer eternal damnation.

___ 6. The Father directly wills that there be different religions—such as Catholicism, Islam, and Hinduism—in the same way that He wills that there be males and females, or people of different races.

___ 7. There is no condition (requirement) the Father places on us for us to receive His forgiveness.

KEYNOTE: DEVOTION FOR GOD THE FATHER (COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NUMBERS 578-598)

- I. The Centrality of the Our Father in Christian prayer and Christianity:
 - A. How Christ Himself taught His disciples to pray (578)
 - B. Tertullian: “The summary of the whole Gospel” (579)
 - C. Thomas Aquinas: “The perfect prayer”
 - D. “The prayer of the Church *par excellence*” (581)
 1. In the Sacramental liturgies
 2. In the Liturgy of the Hours
- II. The Father—Jesus’s Father by nature, “our Father” by grace and adoption:
 - A. Jesus reveals this Father and His Spirit makes Him known to us.

- B. “Our Father”: As a member of the Church (Christ’s Body and Bride):
 - 1. As a holy communion of children raised up by Christ and the Sacraments
 - 2. As a missionary body—calling others in Christ’s Name to become children of God by Baptism
- C. “Who art in Heaven”—our origin and goal:
 - 1. True home—Heaven
 - 2. Heaven: Not a place in the natural sense, but a state or “way of being” beyond our senses—experienced by grace, now veiled on earth but to be unveiled in heaven

III. The Seven Petitions:

- A. First Three—God-centered: “Draw us toward Him in His glory” (587)
 - 1. “Hallowed be Thy Name”—“Praise that acknowledges God as holy” (588)—“I Am Who Am”
 - a. That we may live as His holy children by Baptism and grace
 - b. “The the Name of God be know and blessed by every man” (589)
 - 2. “Thy Kingdom come” (590)
 - a. Kingdom = The Church—she grows over time
 - b. The Final Coming of Christ the King
 - c. Christ has come (Incarnation), is coming (Sacramentally), and will come (The Judgment)
 - 3. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (591)
 - a. That all men be saved through Christ
 - b. Through the obedience of faith and works of mercy in the Sacred Heart and with the intercession of the Immaculate Heart
 - 4. “Give us this day our daily bread” (592)
 - a. Material needs (corporeal works of mercy)
 - b. Spiritual needs (spiritual works of mercy)
 - c. We accept whatever God gives, and give whatever God accepts. (paraphrase of a statement by Mother Teresa)
 - d. “Daily bread” = Super-substantial Bread (Eucharist)
 - 5. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (594):
 - a. Being merciful as God is merciful
 - b. Exercising true freedom and the perfect love that casts out all fear
 - 6. “Lead us not into temptation” (596):
 - a. Temptation—internal versus external
 - b. Being tempted versus consenting to temptation
 - c. Must avoid all unnecessary occasions of sin
 - d. “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1)
 - 7. “But deliver us from evil” (597):
 - a. Physical and moral

- b. Spiritual (Satan and His minions)

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Our Father” in Latin
- 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:
 - Did I honor our Heavenly Father by:
 - >Praising Him and using His Name with reverence?
 - >Remaining in the Kingdom and drawing others to it?
 - >Making where I am more like Heaven?
 - >Accepting whatever God gives, and giving whatever God accepts?
 - >Asking for forgiveness and giving heartfelt forgiveness?
 - >Avoiding unnecessary occasions of sin?