

## PARISH FAMILY KENOTE—DEVOTION TO THE SAINTS (1-24-21)

### OPENING PRAYER: THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be His Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.  
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

### SACRED SEVEN

- \_\_\_ 1. The Communion of Saints refers only to those souls in Heaven.
- \_\_\_ 2. Souls in Heaven await the resurrection of the body, and we know of not a single saint in Heaven with a body now.
- \_\_\_ 3. We pray to saints in the same way that we pray to God.
- \_\_\_ 4. The veneration that we have for Mary is called in Latin *hyperdulia*.
- \_\_\_ 5. Souls in Purgatory are able to reduce their temporal punishment in that state through prayer and acts of penance.
- \_\_\_ 6. God the Father has created some human persons with the desire that they should end up in Hell.
- \_\_\_ 7. Traditionally, we refer to those in Heaven as the Church Triumphant.

### KEYNOTE: DEVOTION TO THE SAINTS

- I. The Communion of Saints:
  - A. Share holy things (*sancta*) in common:
    - 1. The Faith
    - 2. The Sacraments
    - 3. Spiritual gifts and charisms
  - B. The communion between holy persons (*Santi*)
    - 1. The Church Triumphant:
      - a. Enjoy the glory of God and beatific vision in Heaven
      - b. Intercede for those on Earth
    - 2. The Church Suffering:
      - a. Undergoing purification from temporal punishment
      - b. We can pray and offer plenary indulgences for them.

- c. They can pray for us, though without benefit to them.
  - 3. Church Militant:
    - a. Battle against the world, the flesh, and the Devil
    - b. Pilgrims—Missionary Disciples
- II. Some Types of Saints:
  - A. Apostles
  - B. Martyrs
  - C. Pastors
  - D. Doctors
  - E. Virgins
- III. Stages for Canonization:
  - A. Request—Named a “Servant of God”
  - B. Determination—Declared “Venerable”
  - C. Beatification—Named “Blessed”
  - D. Canonization—Declared a “Saint”
- IV. Honor Given to God and His Saints:
  - A. *Latria*—The adoration and worship rendered to God alone
  - B. *Hyperdulia*—The special veneration given to the Blessed Virgin Mary alone
  - C. *Dulia*—The honor given angels and saints as friends of God

## QUESTIONS

- I. Name some saints that you greatly admire but whom you find difficult or impossible to imitate. Explain.
- II. Name some saints whom you admire and truly aspire to imitate. Explain.
- III. Why does the Catholic Church study the saints, remember them in prayer, and venerate them in their churches and in their celebrations? How does this veneration of saints intensify our worship of God and deepen our relationship with Him?

## MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis,” “Pater Noster,” “Ave Maria,” “Gloria Patri,” and “Capital Campaign Prayer to Saint Joseph”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—Praying “The Divine Praises” and making a particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with any saint
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:
 

Have I expressed my devotion to the Communion of Saints by:

  - A. Asking for the help of saints in Heaven, and imitating the virtues found in the saints.
  - B. Praying for the souls in Purgatory, and asking for their prayers.
  - C. Making sure I remain in a state of grace and helping to strengthen the Body of Christ as a member of the Catholic Church.

D. Praying for and helping others to come into or back to the Catholic Church.