

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (8-16-2020)

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. When Jesus says, “The Father is greater than I,” this means that God the Father existed before His Son and created Him from nothing.
- ___ 2. In his Gospel, Luke traces the genealogy of Jesus back to “Adam, the son of God.”
- ___ 3. As the Almighty, it would be impossible for God to be obedient.
- ___ 4. Because Jesus is the Son of God the Father, Jesus is the head of the Holy Family, not Joseph.
- ___ 5. Because of the failure of the original order of creation, God the Father sent His Son to abolish this and establish an entirely new world order.
- ___ 6. Both Tradition and Scripture attribute to Eve the original sin personally committed and passed on to all humans, for she is the human person who first ate the forbidden fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- ___ 7. Jesus refers to the Devil as “a liar and the father of lies.”

PRAXIS: DEVOTION FOR GOD THE FATHER

- I. “Adam, the son of God” (Luke 3:38)
 - A. Adam is called by God the Father to become a father by stages:
 - 1. Childhood (Holy Obedience)—Following
 - 2. Marriage (Sacred Love)—Loving
 - 3. Fatherhood (Leadership)—Self-giving and Serving
 - B. Original Commands:
 - 1. Positive Precepts—For Life:
 - a. “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the face of the earth and subdue it.”
 - b. “Have dominion” (Genesis 1:28)
 - c. Till and keep the garden (2:15)
 - d. Senses: Natural/Nuptial/Spiritual
 - 2. Negative Precept—To Avoid Death:

“You may eat of every tree of the garden but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die” (Genesis 2:17).

C. Epic Fail (The Fall): Adam disfigures the image of the Son in himself by failing to cooperate with the Bond of Love between the Father and Son (the Holy Spirit). Adam contradicts in his flesh the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. Fears offending Eve more than disobeying God
2. Replaces what he knows from God with the lies of the Devil
3. Replaces what he understands will happen with what the Devil says will happen
4. Embraces the foolishness of the evil father rather than the wisdom of God the Father
5. Gives honor to the underserving Devil rather than piety to the gracious Father
6. Gives in under trial rather than moving ahead in fortitude
7. Listens to the counsel of his wife rather than the counsel of the Father’s Spirit

D. Troubled fatherhood = Trouble for everyone:

“Sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned” (Romans 5:12).

II. “The Way” Back to God the Father—Our Life of True Devotion:

- A. **CHILDHOOD** in God the Father’s Child—The Sacred Heart (Holy Obedience)—Discipleship:
1. The Son’s Father from eternity becomes Our Father in time
 2. By sanctifying grace, the Bond of Love shared by the Son and Father becomes our Bond of Love (the Holy Spirit)
 3. Our Guardian Angel replaces the Evil One
 4. Christ’s Mother by birth becomes our Mother by our re-birth (Mary)
 4. Christ’s Foster Father becomes our godfather (Joseph)
- B. **MARRIAGE** (Sacred Love): Being a Bridegroom or Bride—Communion
1. Holy Matrimony
 2. Life of Sacred Celibacy or Sacred Virginity
- C. **LEADERSHIP**: Fatherhood/Motherhood—Mission

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?