

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (10-28-21)

PRAYER: GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te.

Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te.

Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Santo Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

SACRED SEVEN (Based on *The Baltimore Catechism numbers 474-489*)

- ___ 1. The three parts of the one God are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ___ 2. God develops and improves as we see in the case of Jesus, Who, as Scripture indicates, "Increased in wisdom and stature."
- ___ 3. By His nature, God is good and the source of all goodness.
- ___ 4. All reality includes space and time, so God is limited by it.
- ___ 5. God is present always and everywhere because nothing could exist without Him.
- ___ 6. A being that is able to change is always superior to a being that cannot change at all.
- ___ 7. God is not separated from the visible and invisible creation, and so created reality is part of God.

KEYNOTE: THE ROMAN RITE—THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION OF PRAISE

- I. Laudamus Te—Praising God for His attributes:
 - A. His Simplicity:
 - 1. God is not made up of parts and thus is utterly simple.
 - 2. We as beings are complex—a composite of parts:
 - a. By Nature, God made us into a person, body, and soul.

- b. By his power and grace, He sustains us and orders our lives. We depend on His simplicity to maintain our complexity.
- B. His Perfection:
 - 1. God is fully actualized and complete and cannot improve or decline.
 - 2. We can improve or decline and are dependent on God to perfect us as a creature.
- C. His Goodness:
 - 1. Nothing is more desirable than God because He is good and the source of all goodness in creation.
 - 2. We ask God to help us be good and do good.
- D. His Infinity:
 - 1. God is not limited by space, time, or anything.
 - 2. Because we have limitations, we ask God share with us His unlimited power.
- E. His Omnipresence:
 - 1. God is not limited by space but is present always and everywhere.
 - 2. We can call upon God anywhere at any time and know He is present.
- F. His Immutability:
 - 1. God does not change.
 - 2. We change—for better or worse—and invite him to share with us by love and grace His changeless goodness.
- G. His Eternity:
 - 1. God is not measured by time.
 - 2. We live on earth a measure of days and ask Him to lead us through time to eternal life in Heaven.
- H. His Oneness:
 - 1. With no parts and no limits, only one God exists.
 - 2. We creatures are many and ask the Lord to draw us into His oneness in the New Creation through mercy and grace.
- II. Laudamus Te—Praising God for what He has done—He has:
 - A. Created us out of love for life on earth and eternal life in Heaven
 - B. Created all visible creation for us, and angels to watch over us
 - C. Forgiven our sins and sent His only begotten Son to save us from them
 - D. Made us in His image and likeness and given us the capacity to have in Him dwell in us and for us to participate in His eternal life
 - E. Shown us His mercy and given us His grace

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is it Good News that God is not made up of parts and that we are not part of God? What about me makes me different from God, and what about me makes me like God?

2. Given the attributes I possess that make me like God, what actions should I take, and what priorities should I establish, to become more like Him over the course of my lifetime?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the “Signum Crucis,” “Pater Noster” (perhaps chant it), and the “Gloria.”
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—A particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition—Have I exercised the virtue of piety?
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with Jesus
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:
Have I:
 - A. Offered sufficient praise to God this day?
 - B. Practiced vigilance throughout the day, acknowledging His presence and praising Him for His attributes and assistance?
 - C. Sought to be praised or to always give God the praise?
 - D. Accepted my vulnerability and weakness, and consistently called upon God’s power and mercy?