

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (11-4-21)

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

- ___ 1. Jesus tells us that He has come, not to give peace on earth, but rather for division.
- ___ 2. Jesus sees family primarily as those who hear the word of God and do it.
- ___ 3. We are to praise God alone, not praise angels and saints.
- ___ 4. The Sign of the Cross, The Gloria, and The Creed all mention the Father first, then the Son, and then the Holy Spirit.
- ___ 5. The Gloria reminds us not only of the birth of the Christ child but also of John the Baptist introducing the adult Jesus as He initiated His public ministry.
- ___ 6. Those with civil or religious authority must in every instance be obeyed by those under them.
- ___ 7. Acknowledging saints or angels at Mass cannot help but distract us from focusing on God.

PRAXIS: THE ROMAN RITE—THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION OF PRAISE

- I. Praising God includes praising Him reflected in His creatures
 - A. 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. Amen.

- II. By the Incarnation and the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, praise has been drawn up into worship of the Father in Spirit and Truth in which both holy angels and saints participate:
 - A. Worship of God (Latria):
 - 1. Adoration—Recognizing God’s infinite perfection
 - 2. Prayer—Asking for Divine help
 - 3. Sacrifice—Offering all one has and is
 - B. Worship (Veneration) of Angels/Saint (Dulia):
 - 1. Honoring them for their holiness
 - 2. Requesting their intercession before God
 - 3. Imitating their love and service of God

- III. In the Mass of the Roman Rite—We praise the Father, Who through the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, re-orientes and re-orders our disoriented and disordered lives:
 - A. Disorientation (Confusion) is overcome by orientation:
 - 1. Toward God the Father
 - 2. Through Gospel Vision in Truth (Christ)
 - 3. By the power of the Holy Spirit (sanctifying grace)
 - B. Disorder (Distortion and Disintegration) is overcome by manifestation of order:
 - 1. In God as Father, Son, Holy Spirit (Actualized eternally)
 - 2. In the Choirs of Holy Angels/In the Holy Members of God’s Family and Christ’s Kingdom (in God’s mercy and grace):
 - C. The Final Division is already anticipated:
 - 1. Heaven—Holy Communion in Beatific Vision
 - 2. Hell—Unholy Alienation and Atomization in Blindness

QUESTIONS

- I. What are the most prominent signs of disorientation in the contemporary culture? What signs and realities at Holy Mass help to redirect those who are lost, “to be found”?
- II. What are the most prominent signs of disorder in the contemporary culture? What signs and realities at Holy Mass help those whose lives are falling apart to establish an orderly life?

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 always to be praised or always to give God the praise?
 - D. Accepted my vulnerability and weakness, and consistently called upon God’s power and mercy?