

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (12-11-22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 7 THE INCARNATION

I. Prayers

- A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
- B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Inside Front Cover)
- C. Saint and Virtue:
 - 1. Saint Joseph
 - 2. Joy

II. True and False Review Questions (page 51)

III. The Incarnation—The “Seed” of the “Woman” comes to crush the “Head” of the “Serpent”—New Creation/New Order of Grace

A. Promise of a Savior (Genesis 3:15/Protoevangelium)

- 1. The Fall: Satan (Fallen Angel)/Adam (Man)/Eve (Woman)
- 2. Redemption: Gabriel (Holy Angel)/Last Adam (“Seed”—God Made Man)/New Eve (Woman):
 - a. “Fullness of Time” (Divine Providence)
 - b. “Full of Grace” (Mary)
- 3. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
 - a. Frees Man from sin
 - b. Reopens the gates of Heaven for Man

B. Jesus Christ:

- 1. In Eternity = The Word, the Only Begotten Son of the Father, the Second Divine Person of the Trinity with a divine nature
- 2. Both Son of God the Father and the Son of Mary:
 - a. One Divine Person with two natures, divine and human
 - b. Nature = **WHAT** Jesus Christ is = God and Man
 - c. Person = **WHO** He is = Jesus Christ
 - d. The Son of God was not always man, but became man in history at the Annunciation by the Incarnation:

“The Son of God, retaining His divine nature, took to Himself a human nature, that is, a body and soul like ours” (#85).

3. The Incarnation occurs when Son of God is conceived in the womb of Mary by power of the Holy Spirit so that she becomes the Ever-Virgin Mother of God

C. God is spiritually wed to the whole human race through Mary’s fiat (“yes”):

1. Mary says “yes” to the Father’s proposal delivered by Gabriel
2. The Father expresses this Love (“power”) as the Holy Spirit
3. This Love makes the Son of the Father now the Son also of Mary

D. The Father of Jesus =

1. God the Father
2. With a Guardian and Foster-Father on earth—Joseph, husband of Mary (“Behold, your father and I have been looking for You anxiously”; “Did you not know that I in My Father’s house?” Luke 2: 48-49)

must be

E. Life and Work of Jesus:

1. Birth (Nativity) in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago
2. Holy Family as Refugees in Egypt
3. Grew up in Nazareth in the home of Joseph and Mary:
 - a. Obedient Son and practicing Jew
 - b. Carpenter
4. Public Ministry—From age 30-33:
 - a. Example—Perfect Virtue
 - b. Preaching—Gospel message of Salvation
 - c. Miracles and Prophecies verify His message
 - d. Establishes His Church (Body/Bride)—Apostles, Teachings, Sacrifice, Sacraments

IV. Discussion Questions (Page 50, numbers 1, 6, 7, 10)

V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing