

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (1-15-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2**  
**PART 1, LESSON 8(2)—THE REDEMPTION**

- 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 Therese of Lisieux (“The Little Flower”)
    - 2. Prudence
- II. Fill in the Blanks (page 57-58)
- III. Redemption (Part 2)
  - A. Christ’s descent into Hell:
    - 1. His soul went to get the souls of the just awaiting Him in the Bosom of Abraham (Limbo/Sheol/Hades/Abode of the Dead) to take them to Heaven in a triumphant procession by the power of His Resurrection:
      - a. His body remained in the tomb on this Holy Saturday
      - b. Even after the “harrowing of Hell,” the souls of the damned remained in what we call Hell or Gehenna
    - 2. Now, when souls die and after their particular judgment, they go either to Heaven/Purgatory/Hell
  - B. Resurrection—the third day after His death in a glorified and immortal body on Easter Sunday
    - 1. As true man Christ Jesus could lay down His life, and as true God He could raise it up again
    - 2. In His humanity, Christ gathers all humanity to Himself so that each human person can—by accepting and applying the the graces offered him—participate in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection
    - 3. All men will eventually rise from the dead in a body at the General Judgment—whether glorified in the joy of Heaven or damned in the torment of Hell
    - 4. Purpose of Forty Days on Earth in Christ’s Resurrected body:
      - a. To prove that He had truly risen
      - b. To complete the instruction of His Apostles
  - C. Ascension—Forty days after the Resurrection:
    - 1. Christ sits as King on the Throne at the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven
    - 2. He wields eternal authority over all creation and creatures

3. Mary is enthroned as Queen in Heaven to the Right Hand of King Jesus
  - D. General Judgment at the Second Coming:
    1. A public reckoning distinct from the private reckoning of the Particular Judgment
    2. The day the Church prays for and awaits eagerly
- IV. Discussion Questions:
  - A. Why does Christ appear after the Resurrection only to His followers and not to the entire world? Give examples of His instruction— what does He emphasize that we find also emphasized at Holy Mass?
  - B. Why would God determine that there will be both a Particular Judgment and a General Judgment? How are they different, and which provokes more anxiety for you?
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing