

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

FROM: YOU CAT

Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church The Ten Commandments

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

419. How many children should a Christian married couple have?

A Christian married couple has as many children as God gives them and as they can take responsibility for. [2373]

All children whom God sends are a grace and a great Blessing. That does not mean that a Christian couple is not supposed to consider how many children they can raise responsibly, given the health of each spouse and their economic or social situation. When a child comes “nevertheless”, that child should be welcomed with joy and willingness and accepted with great love. By trusting in God, many Christian couples find the courage to have a large family.

420. May a Christian couple regulate the number of children they have?

Yes, a Christian married couple may and should be responsible in using the gift and privilege of transmitting life. [2368-2369, 2399]

Sometimes social, psychological, and medical conditions are such that in the given circumstances an additional child would be a big, almost superhuman challenge for the couple. Hence there are clear criteria that the married couple must observe: Regulating births, in the first place, must not mean that the couple is avoiding conception as a matter of principle. Second, it must not mean avoiding children for selfish reasons. Third, it must not mean that external coercion is involved (if, for example, the State were to decide how many children a couple could have). Fourth, it must not mean that any and every means may be used.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: January 9:

5:00 pm +Barbara Sauer
+Sebastiao Braganza
+Gualberto Sanchez
+Celia Rosary
+Tristram Patterson
+Almond Banda
Intention of Jojo & Luisa delos Santos

Sunday January 10:

9:00 am +Joseph Marcellus Fernandes
10:30 am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 11:

9:00 am +Thevemanu Vallipuram

Tuesday January 12:

9:00 am +Paul & Ellen Loo

Wednesday January 13:

7:30 pm Deceased Members of Mendes Family

Thursday January 14:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Fe Pobleto

Friday January 15:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm +Celia Immanuella Rosary

Saturday January 16:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Fridays starts with Mass at 9:30 am and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm

**Let the Church always be a place of
mercy and hope,
where everyone is welcomed,
loved and forgiven.
- Pope Francis -**

January 10, 2016

BAPTISM OF JESUS

The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the Baptism of John. Although He appeared in the “substance of our flesh” and was recognized outwardly like unto ourselves. He was absolutely sinless and impeccable, He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”.

(Excerpt from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandor)

ORDINARY TIME

From next Sunday January 17 until Ash Wednesday is Ordinary Time.

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord’s resurrection. Today’s Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT THE PAUL

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As we journey this year, let us be conscious of those around us - the homeless, the hungry.

“God loves you for what YOU do for JESUS in the distressing disguise of the POOR” - Mother Teresa

In all the ordinary and extraordinary things that we do to bring comfort, hope and joy to our **neighbour-in-need**, we give witness and thanks to God’s love and compassion.

The Poor Box collection for December 2015 was \$2,553.34. Thank You very much for your kind and generous contribution.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 25, 2016

Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God

Saint Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were not a people. But through hearing the call to be God’s chosen race and receiving the power of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ, they became God’s people. This reality is expressed in baptism, common to all Christians, in which we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:5). In baptism we die to sin, in order to rise with Christ to a new life of grace in God. It is an ongoing challenge daily to remain aware of this identity in Christ.

Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God’s people throughout the ages. The Word of God - the Scriptures with which Christians of all traditions pray, study, and reflect - is the foundation of a real, albeit incomplete, communion. In the shared texts of the Bible, we hear of God’s saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and the great mighty act of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. Furthermore, prayerful reading of the Bible leads Christians to recognize the mighty acts of God in their own lives.

God has chosen us, but not as a privilege. God has made us holy, but not in the sense that Christians are more virtuous than others. We are holy insofar as we are committed to God’s service, which is always to bring the divine love to all people. Being a priestly people means being in service to the world. Christians live this baptismal calling and bear witness to God’s mighty acts in a variety of ways.

TORONTO STEUBENVILLE 2016 CONFERENCE

Attention All Youth Grades 8 - 12! Canada’s largest youth conference is back again on July 22nd-24th, 2016. Steubenville Toronto brings together over 40,000 youth across North America each year for prayer, praise, and reflection. During this conference, you are invited to discover the richness of the Catholic Church and encounter the truth of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.

The conference will be held at the UOIT Campus in Oshawa. The cost of \$250/person covers the conference admission, talks, workshops, 6 meals and your accommodation at the university residence. This cost may be subsidized through fundraising initiative in our parish community! We also welcome any parishioners or corporate sponsors in helping us bring the youth to this amazing event!

For more information or to register please contact Naomi Patterson at 416-493-0963 or via email at naomipatterson@rogers.com.