

Peace be with you!

The Catholic Church belongs to EVERYBODY. It's everybody's birthright. It's inclusive. It's Universal. Please join the Catholic Church today, or, if you are already a member, please come back.
To join, just contact the closest Catholic Church and simply tell them you want to be a member. The priest will then speak with you and guide you through the wonderful process.

Did you know?

- The Catholic Church was founded by Jesus Christ.
- Christ's resurrection is a real event that was historically verified (CCC, 639)
- The Catholic Church has the Sacraments.
- The Bible is a Catholic book.
- The Holy Saints you always hear about - yes that's right, Catholic!

Did you also know?

There is an abundance of scientific evidence to prove God exists and Jesus is His Son? Do you know about the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe? Do you know what took place in Fatima, Portugal in 1917? Or the Miraculous Medal? Or Lourdes? Do you know what happened at the following places: Rue du Bac, Paris, France in 1830; La Salette, France in 1846; Knock, Ireland in 1879; Pontmain, France in 1871; Beauraing, Belgium in 1932; Banneux, Belgium in 1933; Kibeho, Rwanda in 1981? What about the apparition of the Holy Cross over Jerusalem, or the miraculous image

of Our Lady of Las Lajas? The Holy House of Loreto, the Miraculous Staircase, God's miracles through saints, etc. etc. etc...

Do you know about the numerous Eucharistic miracles?

All the aforementioned, that's right, Catholic!

And of course, a **miracle** happens at every Catholic Mass.

"Now, it cannot be difficult to find out which is the true religion, if only it be sought with an earnest and unbiased mind; for proofs are abundant and striking. We have, for example, the fulfillment of prophecies, miracles in great numbers, the rapid spread of the faith in the midst of enemies and in face of overwhelming obstacles, the witness of the martyrs, and the like. From all these it is evident that the only true religion is the one established by Jesus Christ Himself, and which He committed to His Church to protect and to propagate." (Pope Leo XIII)

What about Scandal and Chaos?

Blame satan, the liar, the murderer, the divider, the tempter, the destroyer, the ruler of this world. And yes, he does exist – 100% guaranteed!

We were warned of times like these. So, this is not a time to abandon ship. That's the way of cowards. This is when we need to bear down and dig in. If not, you leave too few of us on the battlefield to fight what should be everyone's fight. God has given us Supernatural weapons to fight, if we would only use them: the Sacraments; prayer - especially the **Rosary**, our Spiritual Sword;

Eucharistic Adoration; reading scripture; fasting; and obeying God's laws. It's also important to remember: man is infallible, but we go to Church to connect with the Divine, and in regards to evildoers - Justice is coming!

The Necessity of Baptism

Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." (John 3:5)

What about all the suffering in the world?

God as a loving Father has given us free will to follow Him, or not. We know the consequences of not being obedient, and therefore live in a fallen world where evil reigns. Remember, Jesus came to us, became human, and was tortured to death for our sins, and for our redemption, so that we could inherit eternal life in Heaven. Something we don't deserve. During our short layover here on earth, we could be offering up our suffering to Jesus as a sacrifice, to help others get to Heaven.

"Yet the world and its enticement are passing away." (1 John 2:17)

"What we suffer now can never compare to the glory that awaits us." (Rom. 8:18)

For all that God has done, and will do for us, He requires a little bit from us: show mercy to one another, keep His Commandments, receive the Sacraments, pray daily, and **go to Sunday Mass, and support the Church.** (*You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.* - Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC, 2042)

"Who will teach me what is most pleasing to God, that I may do it?" – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks

"Prayer is, beyond doubt, the most powerful weapon the Lord gives us to conquer evil ... but we must really put ourselves into the prayer, it is not enough just to say the words, it must come from the heart. And also, prayer needs to be continuous, we must pray no matter what kind of situation we find ourselves in: the warfare we are engaged in is ongoing, so our prayer must be on-going also." - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The gift of **Faith** is the most **valuable** treasure on earth. The **fuel** for faith is **daily prayer**. Prayer is communication with God. It is the raising of one's heart and mind to God. When we pray, we change the world!

*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers" – St Pope Pius X
Repeat this prayer often: **O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything.**
Surrendering and doing God's will, paradoxically, gives us freedom.*

"Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual

battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer." (CCC, 2725)

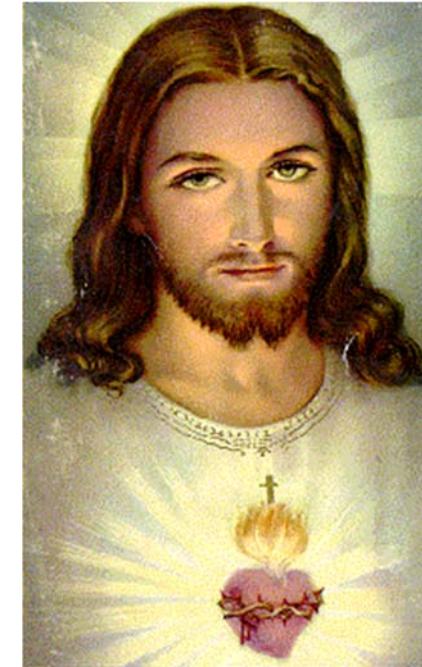
The devil wants us to think that this is all there is. He also wants us to believe that God would never forgive us. Both are lies. The devil hates us and wants to drag us, and our family to Hell with him. God loves us and doesn't want that for us, but we have to make the choice.

"This dramatic situation of "the whole world [which] is in the power of the evil one" makes man's life a battle: The whole of man's history has been the story of dour combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. (CCC, 409)

"The true problem of our times is the 'Crisis of God,' the absence of God, disguised by an empty religiosity" ... a kind of lukewarmness, going through the motions of one's faith, which ends up collapsing completely. The terrible consequence of this war on the supernatural is seen in the epidemic of spiritual sloth in our times — hearts deadened to the Divine Life of God." - Pope Benedict XVI

When our loved ones are "dead in sin," they are not only separated from God, but they lose their desire to seek God. Some become so far removed from God that they find repulsive all things spiritual. (Fr. Richard Heilman)

"Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice." Our Lord to Saint Faustina



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