

August 26, 2007

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

With religious education classes beginning soon, I am reminding parents to make sure their children are registered. This year, as usual, St. John Vianney Mission has really good instructors. This does not mean, however, that parents are free from teaching their children the basic truths of our Catholic faith. Parents are the first teachers of their children. Religious education teachers only build on the foundation established by parents.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Religious Education

First day of class Sept 9 (9:15-10:30)

Parent's Meeting Sept 9 (9:30)

Holy Rosary

Sunday7:40AM

Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM

Sunday 11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

The Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church-Baptism

The Sacraments of the Church are fundamental to an understanding of how salvation works through the Bride of Christ. Our primary Sacrament is of course Baptism. What do Catholics believe concerning what Baptism is and does? “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianna) * and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word” . (ccc1213). - *Council of Florence D.S.1314.

Each one of us is born without grace in our souls because of Adam and Eve’s original sin. Thus, we are not in intimacy with God. This is why Jesus came to redeem us--to reinstate us to God’s intimacy. The nature Jesus brings us, and how we are to attain it, is stated clearly in John 3:5: “Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

I’ve provided the above basis for understanding our Sacrament of Baptism in order to provide a foundation to refute what many Fundamentalists believe and teach. Fundamentalists claim the Catholic Church errs in baptizing infants; that is for adults only, and is administered after an adult has undergone a “born again” experience--that is, after he has “accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior”. (Catholicism and Fundamentalism, p 177) In addition, fundamentalists believe Baptism is not a sacrament but an ordinance that does not produce grace. To them it is merely a symbol.

The Catholic Church has always believed and taught Baptism is a sacrament that accomplishes several things: First, Baptism cleanses us of original and actual sin and brings the Holy Spirit and his grace into our souls (Acts 2:38-39). Also note St. Paul’s admonition in Act 22:16 “Rise up , and receive Baptism, washing away your sins at the invocation of his name”. C&F p178.

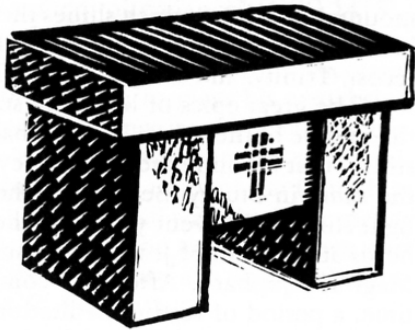
The most blunt statement in the New Testament is 1 Peter 3:21 “Baptism...now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but is an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”. Paul, in Titus 3:5 explains that Christ has “saved us... by virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy spirit” to wit: Baptism.

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The New Testament is not as clear on the issue of Baptism as we might wish, but what it says leans toward the Catholic position which is supported by early Christian practice and writings. (cf C&F p 181) and the Didache, (c.a.AD 140) , the earliest writing which describes the process to be used in Baptism. “ In regard to Baptism - baptize thus: baptize in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit .“ Sound familiar? I will conclude next week. In the meantime....

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Materials and Objects for Mass



Altar: The table-like structure upon which the sacrifice of Christ and paschal banquet are enacted.

Chalice: The cup which contains the wine consecrated at Eucharist.



Catholic **Common Cents** Corner

Enjoy God's Artwork

Get up early and enjoy the Sunrise

Stay up late and enjoy the Stars

Volunteer Schedule	August 26, 2007		September 2, 2007	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	James Dory Karl Lucero	Tony Quinones Frank Charles	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Phil Griego Ed Uhrich
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