

October 29, 2017



In the words of Jesus, “I CAME NOT TO ABOLISH THE LAW BUT TO FULFILL IT.” And in today’s Gospel, He reveals that love of God and of neighbor is the fulfillment of the whole of the law and the Prophecy. Think about this, devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands or precepts found in the first five books of the Bible. Jesus in fact sums up this big load of precepts and all the teachings of the prophets into two verses – the love commandments.

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments. The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God such as the command not to take His name in vain; and the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery.

It is love that is the center of the 10 commandments. Our filial relationship with our creator also leads us to care affectionately our brothers and sisters. Love is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment; a total giving of ourselves to God – loving with our whole being, that is with all our heart, soul and mind and concrete expression of our concern for our neighbor.

In the words of St John in his letter, “We love because God first loved us.” He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemy, sin and death. Hence, we love Him in thanksgiving for our salvation. Therefore, let us imitate Jesus in laying down our lives daily, in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise! *Fr. Michael*



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY! October 29th

CELEBRATE OUR PRIESTS — write a note to Fr. Michael (or any of our pastors from the past!) to let him know he’s appreciated. Cards are on the table at the back of church — you can return them by way of the offertory basket, mail, or the drop box by the office door.

THE KAUFERS HAVE MOVED!

Yes, Wallace and Donna Kaufer have moved to Keizer — their new address:

1125 McGee Court NE Unit 371
Keizer, OR 97303—9469

Did you know? — The **CARMELITE AUXILIARY** exists to help our cloistered Carmelite sisters, at the Carmel of Maria Regina on Greenhill Road?? It is open to all women of the parish, and hold their meetings at **10:00am**, on the **2nd Monday** in the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, & November.

~ AREA NEWS ~

ST. PAUL TEACHES the faithful in his first letter to the Corinthians — join us as we listen and learn to follow the Gospels! **Eugene Catholic Young Adults** (ages 21-39, married or single) meet on Thursdays, **6:45pm**, at St. Mary Church (in the St. Matthew classroom—Par. Ctr.). For inquiries: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com or [541-270-9329](tel:541-270-9329) or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA).

1ST WAY — A crisis pregnancy center, is in need of **new or gently used children's clothing in sizes 4 to 6, both girls and boys**. If you can help, please drop them by their office, located at 1162 "B" Street (Suite 213), Springfield (at Trinity Baptist Church), from **10am—4pm**, Tues.-Wed.-Thursdays....and **many thanks** to Marist HS Pro-Life Student Grp. for the large donation of diapers—it helps so many families!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join in peacefully praying for an end to abortion outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 3579 Franklin Blvd (Eugene—Glenwood area), thru **November 5th**. For info or to sign up for this Vigil of Prayer, go to: 40daysforlife.com/Eugene, or contact Eileen (etmoregon@yahoo.com, 541-543-7168) or Love (rosaryvigil@hotmail.com, 541-521-7142).

DON'T FORGET!

The **Holiday Bazaar & Turkey Dinner** at St. Mark is **November 11th** — Get some Christmas shopping done with all the vendors present, and also at the St. Mark tables! And forget about cooking Saturday dinner, because there's a turkey dinner waiting for you at the Bazaar!



FAITH SERIES: CATECHISM THROUGH THE YEAR

HAS GOD REVEALED HIMSELF? HOW?

In the generations after our first parents disobeyed god, thereby 'breaking' their relationship with him (Gn 3), their descendants' knowledge of their Creator seems to have become faded and distorted. We find in Genesis, however, that God chooses to reveal himself to a series of individuals and their families, to begin restoring this relations with humanity. His revelation to Abraham (Gn 12:1-9) begins a series of events leading to the formation of the Jewish people, and eventually, to the birth of God's Son.

As the "Word become flesh" (Jn 1:14), Christ most perfectly reveals God the Father; the entire divine revelation is perfectly summed up in him — he is not only the Son of God, but also God the Son — equal in essence and flory with his Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and breathed on the apostles by the Son, is also a divine Person, and fully God (Jn 14:9-11, 16-17; 20:22).

Catholics believe that this revelation of the triune God — three Persons in one essence, or being — is communicated in the holy Scriptures and through the Church, which by authority and infallibility, interprets the Bible according to unbroken apostolic tradition (1 Tm 3:15; 2 Thes 2:15). It is true that individuals can come to know God, even if they have never heard the gospel ("good news") of Jesus Christ, on the basis of nature and what that nature reveals of the Creator, and also through the laws of their conscience (Ps 19:2-3; Rom 1:19-21; 2:12-16). Various non-Catholic, Christian communions also teach a great deal that is true about God. However, the fullness of the Christian revelation is entrusted to the Catholic Church — the guardian of the apostolic deposit from the beginning.

This Christian message, most fully proclaimed by the Church, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church into all truth, reveals God's nature and character, his love for us, his mercy, and his holiness and commandments. Revelation is God's message to us about himself and about how he wants us to live. It teaches us what is right and wrong, good and evil. It is passed on through the generations by the Church, through words and deeds that testify to its truth.

RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible

Jn 1:1-5,14; 14:26; 15:26; 16:13 • Acts 2:42; 20:28 • Jude 3 •

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