

Mary & the Saints

Created for Community

1. **Genesis 1:26** “Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness.”
2. **Genesis 2:18** “The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone...”
3. **CCC 221** “By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.”
4. **CCC 781** “God has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness...”
5. **Hebrews 12:1** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a **cloud of witnesses**, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and **persevere** in running the race that lies before us while **keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus**, the leader and perfecter of faith.”
6. Three degrees of praise:
 - Dulia- the reverence or praise given to holy persons & Saints
 - Hyperdulia- the heightened reverence or praise given to (Mary Lk1:48)
 - Latria- the worship or adoration given to God alone

The Communion of Saints

7. **CCC 954** “The three states of the Church. "When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is"
8. **Luke 20:38** Jesus said God “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”
9. **Matthew 17:3** Transfiguration “And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Jesus.”

Intercession

10. **1Timothy 2:1-4** “First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.”

11. **James 5:16** "...pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."
12. **CCC 956** "The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."
 - **St. Dominic** "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life."
 - **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** "I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth."
13. **Luke 15:7** "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
14. **Revelation 5:8** "Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones."
15. **Revelation 8:3-4** "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel."
16. **CCC 2683** "Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."
17. **2 Maccabees 12:42-46** (CCC 958) "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin."

Mary

18. **CCC 967** "By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a "preeminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church"; indeed, she is the "exemplary realization" (typus) of the Church."

19. **The Hail Mary Prayer**

- **Luke 1:28** The angel Gabriel “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”
- **Luke 1:42** Elizabeth “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

20. **John 2:1-11** Wedding feast at Cana

- 3-5 “When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “**They** have no wine.” [And] Jesus said to her, “**Woman**, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come. His mother said to the servers, “**Do whatever he tells you.**”
- 11 “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so **revealed his glory**, and his disciples **began to believe in him.**”

21. **Luke 1:46-49** “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

22. **CCC 488** "God sent forth his Son", but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary"

23. **CCC 410** “After his fall, man was not abandoned by God. On the contrary, God calls him and in a mysterious way heralds the coming victory over evil and his restoration from his fall. This passage in Genesis is called the Protoevangelium ("first gospel"): the first announcement of the Messiah and Redeemer, of a battle between the serpent and the Woman, and of the final victory of a descendant of hers.”

24. **CCC 411** “The Christian tradition sees in this passage an announcement of the "New Adam" who, because he "became obedient unto death, even death on a cross", makes amends superabundantly for the disobedience, of Adam. Furthermore many Fathers and Doctors of the Church have seen the woman announced in the Protoevangelium as Mary, the mother of Christ, the "new Eve". Mary benefited first of all and uniquely from Christ's victory over sin: she was preserved from all stain of original sin and by a special grace of God committed no sin of any kind during her whole earthly life.”

25. **Genesis 3:15** God said to the serpent “I will put enmity between you and the **woman**, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.”

26. **The Marian Dogmas:** See Second Handout

27. **John 19:26-27** “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “**Woman**, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”