

RCIA Lesson 9: Mary and the Saints

We Believe, Chapter 6, View and Discuss: Symbolon 9, Devotion: Rosary



Opening Prayer: The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Song: Breath of Heaven

References: Mary

Immaculate Conception: Mary is conceived without sin. CCC 490-494

Assumption: Mary's Assumption into Heaven. CCC 966

Mother of God: Mary, the Mother of God. CCC495

Mary's perpetual virginity: CCC 499-507

References: Saints

Canonization of Saints: Those who lead holy lives were formerly named saints.
CCC 828

Communion of Saints: All who are joined to Christ on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory.
CCC 946-962

Scripture:

Luke 1:28-38 (Annunciation)

Luke 1: 39-45 (Visitation)

Questions for discussion:

Why Catholics believe Mary remained a virgin all her life if the Bible says Jesus had “brothers and sisters”.

The Rosary.

What Catholics really mean when they say they pray to Mary and the Saints.

Why do Catholics honor Mary and the Saints?

Why are the Saint’s prayers for us so powerful?

Can we be drawn closer to God through the Saints, how?

What are the four Catholic Dogmas about Mary?

What do they teach us about Jesus and the Fathers plan for salvation?

Who is your patron Saint, why?

Are we called to be Saints in our daily lives?

Closing Prayer:

Weekly Gospel Reading:

[Lk 20:27-38](#)

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying,

"Teacher, Moses wrote for us,

If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child,

his brother must take the wife

and raise up descendants for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers;

the first married a woman but died childless.

Then the second and the third married her,

and likewise all the seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be?

For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them,

"The children of this age marry and remarry;

but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age

and to the resurrection of the dead
neither marry nor are given in marriage.
They can no longer die,
for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God
because they are the ones who will rise.
That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called out 'Lord, '
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive."