

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (3-11-18)

FATIMA SACRIFICE PRAYER (July 13, 1917)

O Jesus, this is for love of You, for the conversion of poor sinners and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen

RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION

I. "The third day He rose again from the dead"

A. The number 3: Testing and Reckoning

1. 40 days in the wilderness ended by 3 tests (Luke 4: 1-11)
 - a. Flesh: "Command these stones to become loaves of bread."
 - b. World: "Throw yourself down."
 - c. Devil: "All these [kingdoms] I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."
2. 3 hours and 3 days followed by 40 days of resurrection glory
 - a. Good Friday: Passion and Death
 - b. Holy Saturday: Fulfillment of the Sabbath "rest"
 - c. Easter Sunday: Resurrection

B. Resurrection: "the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents . . . an essential part of the Paschal Mystery." (CCCC # 126)

1. An historical event
 - a. Verifiable
 - b. Attested by signs and testimonies
2. But an event that also transcends and surpasses history
 - a. A mystery of faith
 - b. Jesus manifests Himself to the disciples, not to the whole world. (CCCC # 128)
3. The glorified ("spiritualized") Body of Christ
 - a. Christ is both the same and yet new.
 - b. He is wounded and yet not immediately recognized.
 - c. He can eat fish, yet pass through walls.
 - d. He can be physically present, yet not bound by the dimensions of space and time.

C. Resurrection: Trinitarian and Sacramental

1. Resurrection = The work of the Most Holy Trinity
 - a. The Father manifests His power (Life, Mercy, Grace, Love)
 - b. Jesus: "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, that I may take it again." (John 10:17)—reunites His Soul with His Body
 - c. The Holy Spirit: Brings Christ to Life and Glory
2. Resurrection = Effective in the Sacraments
 - a. Baptism/Reconciliation: We die with Christ so as to rise with Him.
 - b. Eucharist: Hearts burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit know Christ in the Breaking of the Bread. (Luke 24: 28-35)
 - c. The Priesthood: "Making the Resurrection present—my dear young friends—this in fact describes completely the essence of what being a priest means. It means, most profoundly, being able to bring about this reality on the killing field of this world, in which death and its powers reap a continual harvest; it means bringing the presence of the

Resurrection, and thus giving the answer of life that is stronger than death.” (*Teaching and Learning the Love of God: Being a Priest Today*, Joseph Ratzinger—Benedict XVI—pp. 94-95)

- II. “He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty”
 - A. “In His humanity reigns in the everlasting glory”
 - B. “Constantly intercedes for us before the Father”
 - C. “He sends us His Spirit and He gives us hope” (CCCC #132)

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. When Jesus rose from the dead, why did Jesus manifest Himself only to His disciples and not to the whole world?
- II. Why did Jesus, after 40 days, ascend into Heaven rather than remain on Earth until the end of time?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “The Pardon Prayer,” “The Prayer of the Angel of Peace,” “The Eucharistic Prayer,” “The Fatima Decade Prayer,” and “The Fatima Sacrifice Prayer”
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (20-35 minutes):
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Dialogue with one of the Three Persons of the Trinity, with Mary, or with one of the shepherd children of Fatima.
- III. Examination of Conscience
 - A. Did I live out the Resurrection of my Baptism this day by dying to my selfishness and sin and by allowing Christ to live in me by the power of grace and the Holy Spirit?
 - B. What actions today promoted disorder and death, and what actions promoted order and life?
 - C. Do I maintain hope that Christ can raise me up from my wretchedness and sin, or do I give in to despair, wretchedness, and evil actions?
 - D. Do I maintain hope that Christ can raise up others—including my enemies—from wretchedness and sin, or do I merely tolerate, or abandon them, to their wretchedness and sin?