

Sacred Heart Yokosuka

Religious Education



Rosary: The First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus was baptized when he was 30 years old

Gospel: John 6:37-40

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.

Main Topic: The Church

#1: 54-62 #2: 65-77 #3: 53-62 #4: 48-49, 144-156

1. The word "Church" comes from the word "Kyrie", which means "Lord" because we are the Lord's
2. The word for Church in Latin is "Ecclesia" which means "called together"
3. The Church is God's people held together by the Holy Spirit. The building is a symbol of the Church.
4. The one Church of Christ constituted and organized in the world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him.
5. The pastor of the Church is the bishop of Rome, called the Pope. Our Pope is Pope Leo XIV
6. Each local Church has a pastor who is called the bishop. Our bishop is Archbishop Timothy Broglio
7. The four Marks of the true Church are "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic"
8. Jesus said he wants everyone to be one, as he and the Father are one
9. United with Christ, the Church is made holy by him; through him and with him she makes the world holy
10. The word Catholic means "universal" so the Catholic Church is the Church for all humans
11. The Church was started by the apostles, teaches what they handed on, and her pastors are their successors.

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Purgatory

Who goes to purgatory?

All souls who are going to heaven but need to be cleansed first.

What is purgatory?

A place of cleansing and preparation for heaven.

Where is purgatory?

Purgatory is in heaven.

When is purgatory over?

When the soul is fully cleansed and ready for heaven. Our prayers here on earth help the souls in purgatory to be completed sooner.

Why is purgatory necessary?

Because sins have effects even after they have been forgiven and nothing impure can enter heaven.

Saint: St. Peter

29 June/22 February

When Simon the Apostle answered that he knew Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus changed his name to "Rock" which in Aramaic is "Kephass" and in Greek is "Petros". That is why we call him St. Peter. Jesus said: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven". Before Jesus was killed, Peter denied three times that he knew who Jesus was because he was afraid. But after Jesus rose from the dead, he asked him three times "Do you love me?" and Peter said "Yes Lord".

In the year 43, Peter was arrested. The Church prayed for him. Peter was awoken by an angel, who freed him from his chains. In the year 65, Peter was crucified upside down, so the upside-down cross is a symbol of Peter. The body of St. Peter was found in 1950 in a grave underneath St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Keyword:

Infallibility – inability to err about faith and morals

The pope and the bishops in union with him, when teaching officially, are preserved by the Holy Spirit from error so that they can definitively proclaim a doctrine of faith or morals for the belief of the faithful.

Prayer: Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Next time...

Rosary: The Third Luminous Mystery: The Preaching the Kingdom

Luke 4:42-44

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.