

Sacred Heart Yokosuka

Religious Education



Rosary: The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

Jesus went to heaven by ascending into the sky and will return the same way, coming upon the clouds.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Main Topic: The Four Last Things

#1: 152-158 #2: 159-167 #3: 158-164 #4: 174-181

1. The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell
2. Everyone dies
3. In this life, we are restless and long for union with God, until we enter into his Sabbath rest
4. If we unite our life with Jesus' life, and our death with Jesus' death, we will also rise like he did to everlasting life
5. Our particular judgment is the judgment passed on each one of us immediately after death
6. All who die in God's grace and friendship, but not fully purified, undergo purification in Purgatory to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven
7. Heaven, the communion of life and love with the Trinity, the angels, and the saints, is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings
8. The Last Judgment is when Jesus returns with power and we stand before his judgment seat to receive what we deserve, according to what we did on earth, good or evil
9. At the Last Judgment, every human who has died will rise in their bodies, literally coming out of their graves
10. Those who have done good will rise in unending joy to eternal life, being like God, seeing Him as He is
11. Those who did evil rise to be punished in hell forever

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Obedience

Who should we obey?

First we obey God absolutely, next we obey our parents who gave us life, then we obey anyone in legitimate authority over us

What is obedience?

Obedience is to hear a command and do it. True obedience is sharing in the mission of the one whom we obey

Where is obedience required?

The fourth commandment: “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

When should we obey?

To delay is to disobey

Why should we obey?

Only someone who has learned obedience will be ready to act as a disciplined adult with self-control

Saint: St. Carlo Acutis

October 12

Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London. When he was a few months old, his family returned to Milan where they lived. At only seven years old, he received, with special permission, his First Holy Communion in a cloistered monastery. He attended Mass almost every day. He often said: “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.” He also liked to play soccer and video games. In 2003, he was confirmed and while still in high school he taught catechism to parish children and organized volunteer activities. He helped the needy, often giving them his own savings. He prayed the Rosary daily and consecrated himself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In September 2006, at 15 years old, Carlo suddenly fell ill with leukemia. During the month of sickness, he consciously offered up his suffering for the Church. He died on October 12th.

Carlo Acutis is a patron saint for computers and the internet because he helped make websites for his parish, to spread devotion to Mary, and about the miracles that have happened with the Eucharist.

Keyword: Sabbath – rest

The Sabbath was symbolized by resting from work on the seventh day each week, but is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our Sabbath rest. We primarily experience rest in this world by going to Mass on Sunday to remember Jesus, but also by stopping servile labor and not requiring it from others.

Prayer: O My Jesus (Fatima Prayer)

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of thy mercy.

Next time...

Rosary: The Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption

Revelation 12:1-5,14-17

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne.

But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.