

**Sept. 7th, 2022 - The Good News of Jesus Christ: The Gospel Message**

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**General Introduction:**

1. The Syllabus
2. The Team – A little information about each of us.
3. Our Sources: **Scripture AND Tradition:**

| <b><u>Scripture</u></b>  | <b><u>Tradition</u></b>   |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Original language</li> <li>2. CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Historical Meaning</li> <li>b. Read BEFORE AND AFTER a line</li> <li>c. Compare with the overall Gospel</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. St. Paul, 2 Tim 2:2: “stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter”</li> <li>2. Example: if I wrote a book and called something “cool.”</li> <li>3. We’re told to look at the writings in the Bible, but also the Christians right after the Christ event. Example: St. Ignatius of Antioch (35AD – 107AD). He was a Christian martyr who had St. John the Apostle as his teacher ... as in St. John who rested His head on Jesus’s chest and was at the foot of the cross. Wouldn’t he be a good source?</li> </ol> |

4. What the structure of each session looks like.
  - a) Introduce topic
  - b) Videos, readings, discussion
    - i) Example video: Fr. Baron’s Catholicism Series
    - ii) Example book: Life in Christ
  - c) Breaks with good food and getting to know who is here.
5. Your questions are **integral** to each session. We’ll give a topic but it’s really in the discussion & questions (Live or Anonymous) where you’ll experience Catholicism.

**BREAK!!!**

6. **The Topic for Tonight: What is the Gospel (Good News) that Jesus Brought?**
  - a) The Good News
    - i) You are known and loved
    - ii) Your life matters
    - iii) What happens after death

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### b) The Kerygma – The history of God moving in humanity.

- i) There is a God.
- ii) He created us in His “Image and Likeness.” Meaning we have free will and we are meant to be known and loved. With these gifts, we’re capable of having relationships with each other and Him.
- iii) At a point in history, humanity choose themselves over a relationship with the One who made them. The Fall.
- iv) We couldn’t fix this relationship, so God said He would do it. Just like fixing any relationship, it requires sacrifice (being repentant and doing something in order to repair the relationship).
- v) God became fully man (while fully remaining God) to help us reconcile and that man’s name was Jesus.
- vi) Christ’s death reconciled us, i.e., the debt of the harm of the first sin was paid.
- vii) Jesus rose from the dead to conquer death and show us that death is only a transition now. The gates of heaven are open to us yet again.

### c) But what does that mean for us?

- i) Jesus founded one Church 2,000 years ago.
- ii) Jesus gave that Church the ability to come into contact with Him not only through prayer but in ways that change a person, i.e., the Sacraments.
- iii) We will talk about how we come into contact with Christ even today.

### d) If this is true and if you believe, that means life looks different for you.

- i) The Mass
- ii) Devotions
- iii) Prayer life
- iv) Being inspired by the saints

## 7. Expectation for a Sponsor

- a) Why do I need a sponsor? From where does this practice come?
  - i) Ancient Christianity
    - (1) To have that teacher/mentor
    - (2) To protect the truth as it is passed onto future generations
    - (3) Used to be a three year process
- b) To be that source of support
- c) To be able to answer questions or know where to get the answers

## 8. Let’s Begin Together

- a) The importance of these sessions means that if you desire to join the Catholic Church at the Easter vigil next Spring, you can only miss **four** sessions (unless we work it out with Fr. Hall). It might be that you really don’t know or are on the fence now; however, later you will be trained and ready to go if you desire to join. I will work with you!
- b) Sources we’ll give to you (BOOKS!)
- c) Questions? I mean ... there are lots of questions, but any about the format?