

Recite Word by Word

Exercise yourself daily in the Catechism as
a brief and comprehensive summary of the whole sacred Scripture

The Ten Commandments Teach What We Are To Do

The Law of God reproveth all sin and brings God's wrath. The law requires the entire confidence of the whole heart of man. In repentance we acknowledge our sin, that there is no good in us. Without faith in Jesus Christ, all are utterly lost.

You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,
punishing the children for the sin of the fathers
to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,
but showing love to a thousand generations
of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

The Apostles' Creed Teaches What God Does and Gives

In addition to temporal blessings, the heavenly Father has given to us through the preaching of the Gospel by the Holy Spirit, our whole redemption and salvation obtained by Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. It is therefore certain, that we are justified by faith in Christ alone, not on account of our merits.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Teaches How We Should Pray

There is nothing so necessary as to constantly call upon the Divine name, invoking and begging God to grant us faith and the fulfillment of the Ten Commandments, to preserve and increase faith and fulfillment, and to remove from us all that obstructs and hinders our progress.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.

Holy Baptism Brings Us Into the Christian Community

Christian Baptism, water connected with the Word, is truly God's own work received by faith that it might impart salvation and comfort us in affliction.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Mt 28:19 NKJV
He who believes and is baptized will be saved;
but he who does not believe will be condemned. Mk 16:16, NKJV

Confession and Absolution Is The Voice of the Gospel

It is the proper use of the Gospel, to believe the absolution of our sins, and to be assured that they are forgiven us without any merit of our own, through Christ, and that, when we believe the words of absolution, we are as surely reconciled to God, as if we heard a voice from heaven.

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jn 20:22-23, NKJV

The Sacrament of the Altar Is Food for the Soul

We approach the Sacrament in order to receive the treasure of Christ's Body and Blood, through and in which we obtain the remission of sins. This sacrament is given as daily food and nourishment, by which faith may repair and recover its strength against attack and temptation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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There is nothing more effectual against Satan, against the flesh, and all unholy thoughts, than to study the Word of God with diligence, to form our discourses and meditations upon it.



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