

# 2021 -2022 RCIA # 13

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# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 17)

## The Second and Third Commandments of God

- Holy Is His Name
- “Bless and Do Not Curse”
- Why Sunday Mass?

# The Second Commandment of God

- “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”
  - Holy is His name
    - **YHWH** and Moses, importance of a name
    - Taking His name in vain:
      - Profanity
      - Taking an invalid oath (false swearing)
      - Breaking or rashly making a vow (Religious and Evangelical Councils of poverty, chastity and obedience)
      - Cursing
      - Blasphemy

# The Second Commandment of God (Cont)

- Bless and do not curse
  - Everything God has created is “good”
  - To curse is to wish an evil upon some person, place or thing
  - It is always a sin to wish evil on another
- Blasphemy is when we speak of God, the saints or holy objects in a spirit of contempt or vicious spirit

# The Second Commandment of God (Cont)

- The other (positive) side of this commandment:
  - Honor God's name in vows or oaths
  - Show of respect for his name by bowing the head or tipping the hat at his name
  - Responding with "Blessed be God," or the Name of Jesus when others abuse His name
  - Rejoicing at the hearing of His name in liturgies: *Gloria, Sanctus, Glory be to the Father*

# The Third Commandment of God

- “You shall keep holy the Sabbath day”
  - Why the Sunday Mass?
    - Old Testament – Saturday Sabbath
      - Given to Moses by God
      - Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday
    - New Testament – Sunday
      - Sacred Tradition
      - Celebrates the Resurrection

# The Third Commandment of God (Cont)

- How to keep it holy
  - Physically and mentally attend the entire Mass
  - **Six days** contains **144 hours** for all our activities. Giving **one hour** on the seventh day to worship God is not much of an obligation (leaving 23 for rest and recreation)

# The Third Commandment of God (Cont)

- The key sin against this commandment is missing the Mass or doing servile work on Sunday
- The questions we should ask include:
  - Is the work more mental than physical?
  - Is the work genuinely necessary?
  - Could it be done on another day?
- If unsure discuss it with a priest



# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 18)

## The Fourth and Fifth Commandments of God

- Parents, Children and Citizens
- Life Belongs to God

# The Fourth Commandment of God

- “Honor your father and mother”
  - Children have a responsibility or duty toward their parents to include obedience to their lawful authority
  - When parents get older children have a responsibility to provide care for them
  - After their death the children are to pray for the souls of their parents

# The Fourth Commandment of God (Cont)

- Parents have responsibilities to provide Natural, Spiritual and Supernatural Needs to their children to include:
  - Providing for their physical care
  - Raising them to be good citizens
  - Providing for their intellectual development
  - Providing for their spiritual development
    - Baptism and the other sacraments
      - Religious education

# The Fourth Commandment of God (Cont)

- We also are responsible for ourselves and our children to become good citizens
  - Obey the laws
  - Pay our taxes
- Being a good parent begins by being a good husband and wife and loving each other

# The Fifth Commandment of God

- “You shall not kill”
  - Only God gives human life and only God can lawfully take it away except for:
    - Self-defense
    - **Just War theory**
      - *The nation must be defending its right in a grave matter*
      - *War is undertaken as a last resort*
      - *War is waged under the dictates of natural law and international law*
      - *War must be stopped as soon as due satisfaction has been given or offered by the unjust aggressor nation*

# The Fifth Commandment of God (Cont)

- **Capital punishment**

- The Church teaches that lawful states may impose capital punishment in some instance
- Pope John Paul II as a private theologian proposed that there are only a few very primitive nations that do not have recourse to other means of punishing those who commit these crimes

# The Fifth Commandment of God (Cont)

- **Sins against the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment:**
  - Murder
    - Abortion
    - Euthanasia
  - Physical harm to another
  - Failure to maintain a healthy body
  - Hatred or unrighteous anger
  - Leading others to serious sin
  - Destroying another's reputation