

# 2021 Spring Summer RCIA #9

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# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 19)

## The **Sixth** and **Ninth** Commandments of God

- What do these two commandment prohibit?
  - Adultery
  - Coveting your neighbor's wife
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

# The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God

- “Do not commit adultery”
- “Do not covet your neighbor's wife”
  - Two extreme attitudes about the marital act
    - Hedonism – life is pleasure; sexual pleasure is for self-gratification (love things, use people)
    - Prudishness – sex is something evil or dirty
      - Platonism
      - Manicheism (Dualism)
      - Cathars /Albigensians/ Puritanism

# The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- The Church teaches that the marital act is:
  - A wonderful gift from God within marriage
  - A way to share in God's creative power
  - It only becomes sinful when performed outside of marriage
    - Adultery
    - Fornication
    - Masturbation
  - Clarified in *Humanae Vitae*\*

# The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- The virtue of Chastity - regulates all voluntary expressions of sexual pleasure in marriage
- Sins against Chastity in **thought**, word or deed are always serious
- The virtue of modesty causes a person to abstain from any action, words, and looks which are likely to arouse unlawfully the sexual appetites

# The Sixth and Ninth Commandments of God (Cont)

- When tempted remember:
  - There is no goodness without effort
  - Everyone is tempted and it is through the conquest of temptation that we grow in virtue
  - The bigger the temptation the more grace God will give us to resist it
  - We are never tempted beyond our capacity to resist
  - A temptation cannot cause us to sin

# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 20)

- The **Seventh** and **Tenth** Commandments of God
  - Mine and Thine
- What do these two commandment prohibit?
  - Stealing
  - Coveting your neighbor's goods
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

# The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- “Thou shalt not steal”
- “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods”
- These two commandments are related
  - Stealing is the voluntary taking or keeping of something that belongs to another against the owner’s reasonable will
  - A person can sin by deed **or by thought**.
    - Wanting or planning to steal something is a sin
    - Theft is stealing by stealth
    - Robbery is stealing by violence
- Borrowing is very different than stealing

# The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- Ways of breaking these Commandments:
  - Breaking a valid oath
  - Incurring debt you cannot pay
  - Deliberately damaging another's property
  - Cheating
  - Underpaying employees
  - Accepting bribes
  - Receiving stolen goods
  - Keeping found articles without trying to find the owner

# The Seventh and Tenth Commandments of God

- We must be sorry for our sin and we must attempt to make restitution
  - It must be made to the person who suffered the loss or his heir
  - A person may not profit by his own dishonesty
  - The stolen article needs to be repaid with any profit acquired

# The 10 Commandments

- I. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me**
- II. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain**
- III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day**
- IV. Honor thy father and thy mother
- V. Thou shalt not kill
- VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery
- VII. Thou shalt not steal
- VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
- IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods

# Seven Deadly Sins

- Pride
- Anger
- Covetousness
- Lust
- Envy
- Gluttony
- Sloth

# The Virtues

- **Theological Virtues (1 Cor 13):**
  - Faith
  - Hope
  - Charity (love)
- **Cardinal (Moral) Virtues:**
  - Prudence
  - Justice
  - Fortitude
  - Temperance

# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 21)

- The **Eighth** Commandment of God
  - Nothing But the Truth
- What does this commandment prohibit?
  - Bearing false witness against thy neighbor
- What activities do you think fall under these commandments

# The Eighth Commandment of God

- “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor”
  - Sins against this commandment include:
    - Sins of the mouth
      - **Slander or Calumny** - the making of false and defamatory statements in order to damage someone's reputation
      - **Detraction** – the unjust\_damaging of another's good name by the revelation of some fault or crime of which that other is guilty
      - Gossip
    - Sins of the ear - Listening with pleasure to detraction or slander and saying nothing in their defense

# The Eighth Commandment of God

- Making cutting remarks or name calling in the person's presence
- Any use of speech to present a falsehood about another
- We are not always obliged to tell all of the truth. In certain circumstances we may withhold the truth
  - Priest - Confessor
  - Doctor - Patient
  - Lawyer - Client
  - A child at home alone

# The Eighth Commandment of God

- It is also sinful to
  - Reveal secrets entrusted to you to someone else
  - Read someone's mail or e-mail
  - Listening to private communications
- This Commandment also requires you to attempt to make restitution

# Part II: The Commandments (Chapter 22)

- The **Commandments of the Church**
  - Laws of the Church
- How many are there?
  - Five

# The Commandments of the Church (Cont)

- The faithful are:

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and the 6 holy days of obligation in the U.S.

- Christmas – Dec 25<sup>th</sup>
- Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ascension Thursday – 40 days after Easter
- Assumption of the Blessed Mother – Aug 15<sup>th</sup>
- All Saints – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Immaculate Conception – Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

# The Commandments of the Church

2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – abstain from meat and reduce the number and size of meals
- Abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent

3. To confess our sins at least once a year

4. To receive communion during the Easter time

5. To contribute to the support of the Church

# Transition

- This ends a brief review of the section on the Commandments and the Moral Life
- Next we will begin a detailed study of **the seven sacraments**

# The Sacraments

- This will be a transition from what we understand that we should do in light of what we believe (Commandments) to how we are able to do it (Sacraments)
- The ability to live in accordance with God's Plan which comes about through the receipt of God's Grace
- Since God respects our free will He allows us to choose or reject His Grace
- Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross and established the means to funnel God's Grace (His love) to mankind