

2023-2024 RCIA #14

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

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

Actual Sin (another way to examine your conscience)

- The **seven capital** human weaknesses or **sins**:
 - **Pride** – inordinate seeking after one's own honor and excellence
 - **Covetousness** – immoderate desire for temporal goods
 - **Lust** – gross sin against chastity
 - **Anger** – disordered emotional state in which we seek revenge upon others
 - **Gluttony** – an intemperate love for food or drink
 - **Envy** – a sadness of mind when believing that another is better of than ourselves
 - **Sloth** – laziness or a surrender to one's dislikes for work or doing your duty

Transition

- This ends a brief review of the section on the Commandments and the Moral Life
- Next class (Jan 8, 2024) we will begin a detailed study of **the seven sacraments**