



# Catholicism 101

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# Marriage

- It is natural. Sin destroys this.
  - Adam simply saw a woman. He did not see a body (Josef Pieper)
- Goods of Marriage
  - Chaste Fidelity (a true gift of self)
  - Children (One Flesh)
  - Indissoluble bond
- Matter: Man and Woman
- Form: Exchange of Vows
- Effects
  - God binds them together.
  - They point to his fidelity and love.
- Fruitfulness
  - Holiness of the spouses
  - Growth in charity and fidelity
- Dancing as an image

**MARRIAGE IS SIMPLE**

**YOUR WIFE DOES WHATEVER SHE WANTS  
AND YOU DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS**

# Penance/Confession

- Jn 20:20-22 – “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
- Why?
  - Christ's Command
  - Exposes sin to the light. Sin is darkness.
  - We are saved as a community, a body.
  - We need not worry about forgiveness.





# Penance/Confession

- Matter: Sins and contrition (perfect/imperfect)
- Form: Word of absolution
- Effects
  - The forgiveness of sins
  - Reconciliation with God
- Fruitfulness of the Sacrament
  - Growth in self-knowledge and possession by grace
  - A true desire to turn from sin because love of God





# Anointing of the Sick

- The healing of the paralytic (Lk 5:17-26)
  - The main concern is the forgiveness of sins.
- James 5:14-15
- Matter: Oil of the Sick
- Form: Laying on of hands and words of the anointing.
- Effects
  - We are healed and prepared for eternal life.
  - Like a molten blade put through the water to solidify its form.
- Fruitfulness
  - Consecrating the suffering in union with Christ (laying on of hands)
  - Acceptance of the end of life
- A priest is like Moses. We lead them to the edge of the promised land. Christ meets you on the other side to welcome you in.

# Holy Orders

- Matter: the imposition of hands
- Form: prayer of consecration
- Effects
  - The priest is Christ's pen, which he never puts down.
  - He is given an indelible mark.
  - He has the power to consecrate the Eucharist and absolve sins.
- Fruitfulness
  - Intimate friendship with the Lord
  - He is like John the Baptist, a friend of the bridegroom.
  - Saint Joseph.





# The Mass





# General Observations

- Mary Magdalene
- This is the Final Covenant
  - It is one event from the Last Supper until the Cross
- Mass is a sacrifice
- The real presence of the Lord
- This is a dialogue with the Lord
- Mystical Experience
- A road map to our devotional life





# Introductory Rites

## ➤ The Sign of the Cross

- This reminds us of so much—redemption, Baptism, Confirmation.
- Ez. 9:4 and Rev. 9:4
- We invoke the name of the Lord, and we this time apart.

## ➤ The Greeting: “The Lord be with You”

- List of Heroes: Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Jeremiah, Blessed Virgin Mary
- A promise that the Lord is with you no matter what is in front of you
- “With your spirit” – a reminder of his priesthood.



# Introductory Rites

- I confess

- Exodus 19:1-9 (The people of God spent days preparing for the Lord's presence)
- "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."
- Fourfold movement: Thoughts, words, actions, failures
- Depth of regret



# Introductory Rites

## ➤ Kyrie

- There is Greek, Hebrew, and Latin. Three languages on the Cross.
- Not limited to pardon, we are asking for pity as well.

## ➤ Gloria

- Every Mass is Christmas
- Sings of Salvation through Christ
- “You alone are the Lord” – This is overthrowing imperialism





# The Liturgy of the Word

- God speaks to us
- We go through Salvation history
  - We tie the Old to the New Testament
  - We experience liturgical seasons
- The First Reading
  - We hear the stories. We give thanks.
  - It is in agreement with what has been said (feedback to a talk).



# The Liturgy of the Word

## ➤ Psalm

- St Paul tells us to give thanks with Psalms (Col. 3:16)
- Psalm 136 (Call and response)
- Written by David, a man after God's own heart.

## ➤ The Second Reading

- A practical interpretation of the Good News



# The Liturgy of the Word

- Gospel
  - We stand to welcome the savior
  - Christ speaks to us individually
- Homily
  - The minister represents the passing on of the tradition
  - The word means explanation
- Creed
  - It is our *Schema*.
  - There is a plan and a plot in this life.
  - We plant our flag with Christ
  - Saying "I Trust You" never gets old
- Prayers of the Faithful (Priestly Action)



# The Liturgy of the Eucharist





# Preparation of the Gifts

- The Preparation of the Gifts
  - Bread symbolizes the livelihood of a person (need bread and water)
  - The wine was given to guests and visitors
- Mixes Water and Wine
  - Divinity and Humanity of Christ
- Washes hands
  - Ps 24: Clean hands and a pure heart go together
  - This symbolizes that the priest is about to stand in the holiest of places (Levitical Priesthood)



# The Eucharistic Prayer

## ➤ Preface

- Ancient Dialogue with Hippolytus (215)
- The Lord be with you (Beginning, Gospel, Preface, Conclusion)
- Lift up your hearts (give everything to God in this moment)
- Thanksgiving (the only gift we can give that God doesn't have)
  - This is the proper relationship towards God

## ➤ Sanctus

- Threefold "holy."
- Signifies Christ is coming. Think of Christ entering Jerusalem (and Revelation 4:8)





# The Eucharistic Prayer

- Epiclesis (Calling down the Holy Spirit)
- The Words of Institution
  - A liturgical memorial relives the event (Passover)
  - We make present again
- The Mystery of Faith (1 Tim 3:9)
  - We need to let what we just saw set in
- The anamnesis
  - We recall what we are doing currently
  - Kid telling his dad about his game
- Offering
  - We offer the Son to the Father
  - We unite with this sacrifice reminding ourselves of the threefold offering of the Old Testament
  - Melchizedek, Abel, and Abraham
- Intercessions
- Doxology and great Amen



# Communion Rite

- The Lord's prayer (We are his kin)
- Must be delivered from Satan
- We ask for peace. This is a personal peace first and foremost.
- We echo the words of King David (1 Chr 29:10-11)
  - Final words before passing on his kingdom to David
- Agnus Dei / Fraction
  - The Pope used to do this
  - Threefold supplication (Confiteor, Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus)



# Communion Rite

- Behold the Lamb
- I am not worthy
  - Christ comes anyways
- Holy Communion
  - It is our marriage with the Lord.
  - We become one with him





# Concluding Rites

- Greeting
  - The Lord be with You (Being Sent)
- Blessing
  - Starts with the cross and ends with the Cross
- Dismissal
  - *Ite Missa est*
  - We derive the name of mass from “Go forth.”
  - We are sent as apostles

# Did Jesus intend to establish a Church?

Matthew 16:13-20





# Biblical Evidence of a Visible Church

- Bishops: "The saying is sure whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop (*episcopoi*) must be above reproach, married only once, temperate..."
  - 1 Timothy 3:1-2
- Priests: "Let the elders (*presbuteroi*) who rule well be considered worth of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching"
  - 1 Timothy 5:17
- Deacons: "Deacons (*diakonoι*) likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money."
  - 1 Timothy 3:8



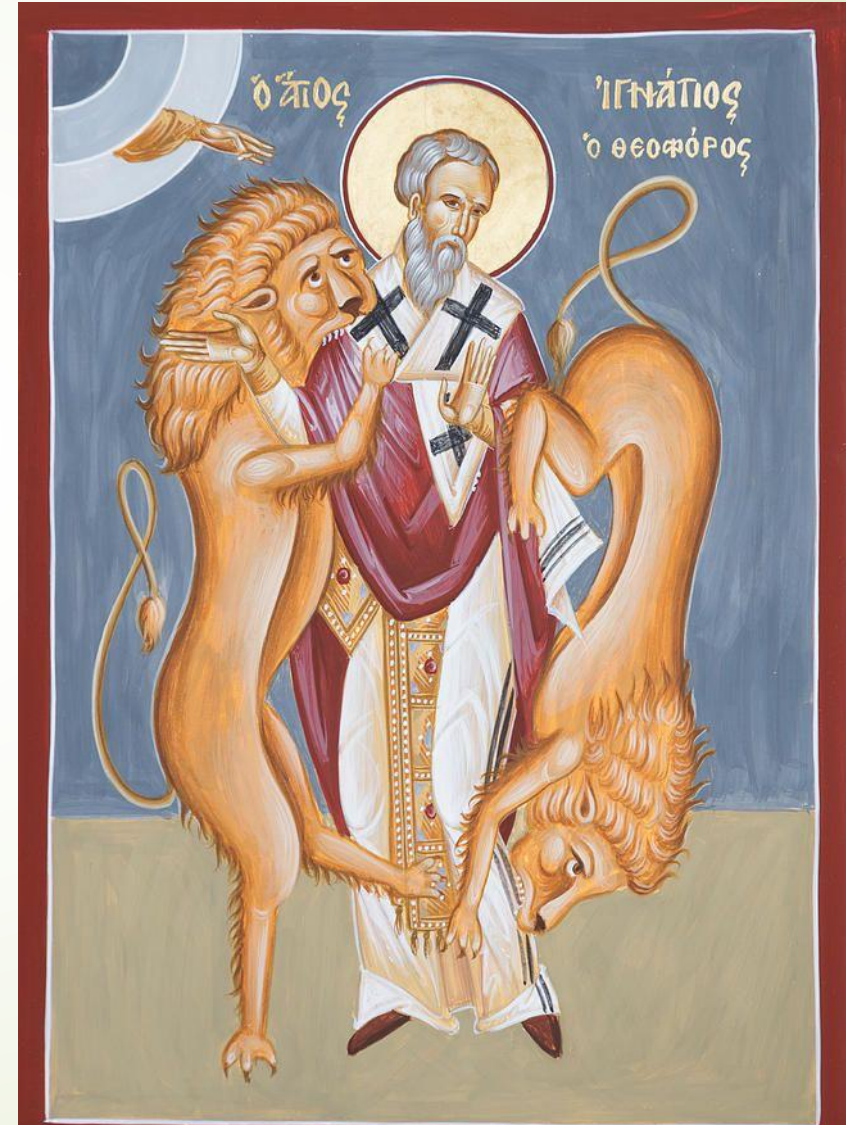
# Biblical Evidence of Apostolic Succession

- Acts 1:16-26 (Judas is replaced)
- 1 Corinthians 12:28-29 - “And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?”
- Ephesians 4:11-12 - “And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”



# Ignatius of Antioch (died ~100AD)

- He was a disciple of
  - St. John the Apostle
  - St. Polycarp
- He was the bishop of Antioch





# Writings of St. Ignatius of Antioch

- “I salute in the blood of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal and enduring joy, especially if [men] are in unity with the bishop, the presbyters, and the deacons, who have been appointed according to the mind of Jesus Christ, whom He has established in security, after His own will, and by His Holy Spirit.”
  - (The Epistle of Ignatius to the Philadelphians, Greeting)




# Writings of St. Ignatius of Antioch

► “Wherefore, as children of light and truth, flee from division and wicked doctrines; but where the shepherd is, there follow as sheep. For there are many wolves that appear worthy of credit, who, by means of a pernicious pleasure, carry captive 2 Timothy 3:6 those that are running towards God; but in your unity they shall have no place. Keep yourselves from those evil plants which Jesus Christ does not tend, because they are not the planting of the Father. Not that I have found any division among you, but exceeding purity. For as many as are of God and of Jesus Christ are also with the bishop. And as many as shall, in the exercise of repentance, return into the unity of the Church, these, too, shall belong to God, that they may live according to Jesus Christ. Do not err, my brethren. If any man follows him that makes a schism in the Church, he shall not inherit the kingdom of God. If any one walks according to a strange opinion, he agrees not with the passion [of Christ].”

► (The Epistle of Ignatius to the Philadelphians, Greeting)



# Writings of St. Ignatius of Antioch



➤ “See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father, and the presbytery as you would the apostles; and reverence the deacons, as being the institution of God. Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop. Let that be deemed a proper Eucharist, which is [administered] either by the bishop, or by one to whom he has entrusted it. Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful without the bishop either to baptize or to celebrate a love-feast; but whatsoever he shall approve of, that is also pleasing to God, so that everything that is done may be secure and valid.”

➤ The Epistle of Ignatius to the Smyrnaeans





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