

Trivia on Roman Catholicism (Answers to the trivia on Roman Catholicism October Issue)

1. What is the holiest part of the Mass? Consecration
2. Where do souls who are still in need of purification from the effects of sin go? Purgatory
3. Is Jesus fully human or fully Divine? Jesus is both fully human and Divine
4. Who was the procurator whose decision led to Jesus being crucified? Pontius Pilate
5. Where is the Blessed Sacrament kept for later distribution to the sick and for adoration?

Tabernacle (Source: Funtrivia.com)

Research Tasks (Short answers to the Research Tasks in the October issue)

1. Who were the Moabites? Answer: Descendants of Lot who fought against the Israelites (Num 21 & Jos 3)
2. What is the historical significance of Hebron? Answer: The place where Abraham lived and the burial place of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives. David was anointed there as King of Israel and Judah.
3. Which among the two, Caesarea Philippi or Caesarea Maritima, is the place of Peter's confession? Answer: Caesarea Philippi
4. Who are the three major prophets according to the Hebrew Bible? Answer: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel
5. What did King Josiah find in the temple in 621 B.C.? Answer: The Book of the Law, understood to be Deuteronomy 12-26 or the Deuteronomistic Code.
6. What is the meaning of apocryphal writings of the New Testament? Answer: They are writings about the life of Christ or the apostles, but written after the time of the apostles, and never accepted by Christians as inspired (cf for example, The Shepherd of Hermas, Epistles of Ignatius)
7. Among biblical scholars, which is the first written Gospel? Answer: The Gospel of St. Mark
8. Who was Herod the Great? He was the king of Judea from 37 - 4 B.C. He was engaged in a massive building program. In 19 B.C. he began to reconstruct the temple in Jerusalem.
9. When and where did St. Paul die? Answer: St. Paul died around 64 - 67 A.D. in Rome under Nero.
10. What does the word "apocalypse" mean? Answer: An apocalypse is a revelation that is recorded in written form. It is a piece of crisis literature that reveals truths about the past, present, and/or future in symbolic terms. It often comes in dreams or visions, and usually needs to be interpreted with the help of an angel. It is intended to provide hope and encouragement for people in the midst of severe trials and tribulations.

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The Dialogue between God and "I"; Getting to know a patron saint of our diocese; Bible study, resources for faith formation...and many more.

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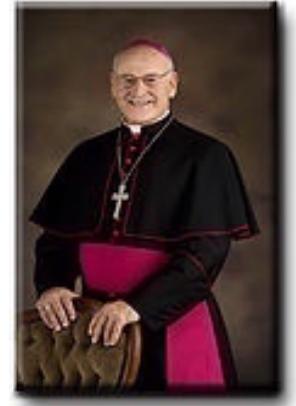
ADULT FAITH EDUCATION OFFICE

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Bishop's Message for Adult Faith Education

We are coming to the end of the Liturgical Year. Following Christ has been a challenge but life has offered us many opportunities to grow in our faith. The Feast of Christ the King at the end of this year invites us to a profession of faith. Like St. Thomas expresses, "My Lord and my God!" or St. Peter, "You are the Christ, son of the living God!" Pope Francis reminds us that we must keep our focus on the King whose throne is the Cross by placing ourselves before it every day. Have we been successful is not the question, but have we committed ourselves to His mission by serving those who are on the periphery of society, is.



Deepening the understanding of our faith is of great importance. Courses, seminars, sessions just like the one we just had in Prince Albert on Forming Intentional Disciples, which is a good example of possibilities offered to us. The Diocesan Resource Center has programs, books, and DVDs making our journey most interesting. What is there to watch on TV? We could also google courses or reflections but one must be careful. Google is not the new Bible site.

We often hear people say that they do not know the Bible or even their faith, and that everything has changed. The faith has not changed, but the world around us has and so has the environment in which we live. For most of us, speaking about our faith or our beliefs in a public place is not our way of spreading the Good News. However, while having coffee or visiting friends, the topic may come up quite often. At times, we certainly may feel uncomfortable and we may not know how to answer. I had a friend who would say, when she felt cornered: "I believe in the Lord and the Gospels. This is my bottom line." Today, it seems that everything is on the table and this frightens us, but it must not stop us from sharing our faith with others.

Listening to the witness of a believer can touch someone very deeply. When the truth of Christ is spoken, it can instantly resound in the recipient, or it can begin as a whisper and grow over time. Our experiences of receiving or sharing God's message can be different, but there are many similarities as well. We may believe that we are alone or that we are the only ones to have such experiences. We may be uncomfortable. Nonetheless, being a part of these experiences can bring us closer to one another and ... (Continued on page 3)

Questions for Reflection on the Bishop's Message

1. How have you been putting yourself before the throne of God in the Cross?
2. What do you do to increase your understanding of the Catholic faith?
3. Did you ever share your faith with others? How?
4. Have you spoken about Christ and really changed others?
5. For the new year, what are your resolutions to help you grow in faith and bring change to your life?

Bible Study

Aid to remember the books of the Bible (Lesson 1 – 2 New Testament)

Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John: MAMALUJO; Acts of the Apostles: Acts: AC; Pauline Letters: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians: ROCOCOGAEP; Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians: PHCOTHTH; 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews: TITITIPHHE; Christian Letters: James, 1 & 2 Peter: JAPEPE; 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude: JOJOJOJU; Apocalypse: Revelation, REV.

Bible Study: Theme “A Journey with Mary” by Fr. Bernabe Millan Sajonas

4th Wednesday of the month - 7:30 - 8:30 pm at St. James, Albertville
4th Thursday of the month - 3:30 - 4:30 pm in St. Mary, Christopher Lake
3rd Thursday of the month - 7:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Andre Bessette House, Prince Albert

Pastoral Centre Resources: (1) A Complete Introduction to the Bible
(2) A Guided Tour of the Bible (3) A Walk through the New Testament (4) Abraham
(5) A Popular Guide (6) Catholic Saints and Heroes (7) Entretiens avec Thérèse de Lisieux
(8) Journeys with Mary (9) A Well-Built Faith (10) Believe (11) The Creed in the Gospels
(12) The Faith We Profess

Suggested Materials: (1) *Embracing the Way of Jesus*, Pope Francis (2) *What Does It All Mean*, Fr. R. Leonard, SJ (3) *Life of Christ*, F. J. Sheen (4) *The Story of a Soul*, St. Theresa of Lisieux (5) *Jesus of Nazareth*, Benedict XVI (6) *Dark Night of the Soul*, St. John of the Cross (7) *The Interior Castle*, St. Teresa of Avila (8) *The Lamb's Supper*, S. Hahn

Classic Readings: (1) *The Gospel of Life* by St. John Paul II (2) *Saved in Hope* by Benedict XVI (3) *With Joyful Recollection* by St. John XIII (4) *The Mystery of Faith* by Bl. Paul VI (5) *Word of God Reminds Often* by St. Pius X

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(Continued from page 1) to God. Building relationships and having the support of the community is necessary to bring hope to our lives and to the world.

At the beginning of every New Year, we think of resolutions to help us grow in our faith and bring change to our lives. I encourage you to read the scriptures from the Bible or the Daily Missal. Read them more than once. Let the words and expressions touch you and open your heart to the gifts of the Spirit. It is amazing how this can help us to have a different outlook on life, and how it can help us to live together in His peace.

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Getting to Know... St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph is the husband of Mary. Based on Matthew's account, Jesus is the carpenter's son (Mt 13:55). Luke says that Jesus is Joseph's son (Lk 4:22). Jesus is known as a carpenter, (Mk 6:3) the same

profession as Joseph, his foster father. In the 7th century, pilgrims visited a place in Nazareth believed to be the “Carpentry Shop of Joseph.” There is a church built on a site of an earlier 12th century Church where granaries, caves and wells were used by the early inhabitants of Nazareth. It is also identified by later traditions as the “House of Joseph,” which could be the home of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The foster father of Jesus is not known to say anything in the scriptures. He is said to be an upright and discreet man. Joseph's “yes” to God is revealed through his actions in obeying the message of the angel to take Mary as a wife (Mt 1:24), his protection of Mary and the child Jesus from danger (Mt 2:13-13, 21-23), his providing for the holy family and his caring for Jesus and Mary (Lk 2:22, 39-40, 45). Thus, Joseph is a doer, a man of action, a worker.

In the city of Prince Albert, St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Church that bears his name. He is presented to us as a model for Christian living. His silence in the Scriptures could reflect his attentive mind and discerning heart to the message of God through the angel. His active participation to the promptings of God could reflect his obedience to His will, not only in words, but most especially in deeds. St. Joseph challenges us to be attentive to God's words and untiring workers in God's vineyard.