Jesus Feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish
(John 6:1-15)
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A time to die… Ecc 3:2

Pray for the souls of all our faithful departed and their families especially…

Bertha Carter & George Redmon

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time of war and a time of peace…” Ecc 3:8

Pray for those serving in the military.

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“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3...

And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18

Presley Lauren May Nalbandian

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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, July 25**
- 9:00am Millennium Club
- 5:00pm Nora Heisch (I)
- 7:00pm Salvadore Bravo (D)

**SUNDAY, July 26**
- 6:00am Ana Maria Anguiano (I)
- 7:00am Ronald Wayne Polcyn (D)
- 9:00am Manoling Mercado (D)
- 11:00am Conchita Martinez (D)
- 1:00pm Josefina Hernandez (I)
- 5:00pm Caterina & Giuseppe Genna (D)

**MONDAY, July 27**
- 8:30am Frank Lewinski (D)
- 5:30pm Virgilio De la Cruz (D)

**TUESDAY, July 28**
- 8:30am Loretta Lercel (D)
- 5:30pm Lucio & Josefa Mendoza (D)

**WEDNESDAY, July 29**
- 8:30am Victor Carreon (D)
- 5:30pm Semenarians (I)

**THURSDAY, July 30**
- 8:30am Adeline De Lossa Sikman (D)
- 5:30pm Zachary Beach (I)

**FRIDAY, July 31**
- 8:30am Humberto & Tulia Angel (D)
- 5:30pm Deborah Van Lanen (D)

**SATURDAY, Aug 1**
- 9:00am Millennium Club
- 5:00pm Herbert Lee (D)
- 7:00pm Josefina Hernandez (I)

**SUNDAY, Aug 2**
- 6:00am Moaz Kasabeh (D)
- 7:00am Victoria Lowndes (D)
- 9:00am Benjamin F. Soares (D)
- 11:00am Lina Centeno (I)
- 1:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hall (D)
- 5:00pm Michael Caliva (D)

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Dear friends,

Last week I read an excellent article by Fr. Dwight Longnecker. In the wake of the recent Supreme Court ruling on gay marriage, I thought it would be very helpful for us to hear his message: It is entitled, “Twelve Things to Remember If the SCOTUS Decision Upsets You.”

The Supreme Court decision allowing gay “marriage” in the United States has upset all right-minded Christians, and rightly so. It is pretty clear that the Supreme Court has rubber stamped a widespread rejection of Christian morality by a large segment of the American people. Not only has the Supreme Court ratified same sex “marriage” but they have overturned majority opinions of the people, set themselves up as arbiters of human morality, trampled on states’ rights, ignored not only historic Christian teaching, but the understanding of marriage held by all people at all times and in all cultures down through history. We’re right to be upset. We have the right to protest the decision. Many would say we are obliged to engage in civil disobedience. OK. But we should also take a deep breath, put things in perspective and keep the faith.

Here are twelve things to remember if you’re not happy with the SCOTUS decision:

1. In our society marriage is in transition - this is not only a question of same sex marriage. For the last fifty years, since the widespread acceptance of artificial contraception, sexuality and therefore marriage has been changing. No fault divorce, co habitation, promiscuity, prostitution, pornography plus increased mobility, feminism, the breakdown of the extended family—all these factors have contributed to the transition. We’re in a storm. Hold on tight. Buckle your seat belts. We’re in for more turbulence, but remember God is still in control. The church is built on a rock. Keep the faith.

2. The decision safeguards religious freedom - I’m inclined to be pessimistic about this and agree with George Weigel and many other commentators who believe that this will be tested before long and religious institutions that disapprove of same sex marriage will be targeted. But let’s hope they’re wrong and there is a strong backlash to strengthen the religious freedom protections. This could happen. Things change for the better as well as for the worse. Pray and hope and thank God that protections of religious freedom are still in place.

3. The battle may be lost, but the war is not over - Supreme Court decisions have been reversed. Constitutional amendments have been made. State legislators can devise new laws to cope with the changing understanding of marriage that grant people freedoms while protecting religious freedom and putting a fence around true marriage. We need to roll up our sleeves and get to work dealing with the situation in positive and creative ways. This includes increased and better catechesis for our families and society and it means a new commitment to our marriages and families.

4. We’re supposed to treat all people with respect and compassion - Not everyone who experiences same sex attraction are radical homosexuals campaigning naked in the streets. People with same sex attraction are not all rabid atheists looking to destroy the church and persecute Christians. We have to put things in perspective and give ourselves a reality check. This doesn’t mean we approve of homosexual actions. It just means we should be thoughtful, aware and intelligent in our responses. We must welcome everyone to the joyful and difficult adventure of following Jesus Christ in the way of charity, chastity and holiness.

5. This is an ecumenical moment - This issue will show us who are true brothers and sisters are in Christ. Conservative evangelicals have stood up for Biblical morality. We can see now that they are our brothers and sisters. The liberal Protestants, on the other hand, have gone the way of the world. This is what usually happens when there is a crisis of persecution or possible persecution: true, Spirit filled disciples of the Lord Jesus suddenly see one another with clarity and charity and they embrace.

6. This will provide a sifting in the Catholic Church - The weeds and the wheat grow together in the Catholic Church. We need to face up to the fact that, according to some polls, a majority of Catholics approve of same sex marriage. These include prominent lay people, priests, deacons and probably some bishops. For a long time we have been papering over the cracks in our church. We’ve kept silent about the things that separate us. We’ve glossed over the differences for the sake of an outward show of unity. As this issue continues to impact the church we will see a sifting. Already I’ve had people leave my parish because I have preached against same sex marriage. Others will go. Many will leave the Catholic Church in disgust. They will have had enough. They may form their own schism or they may join Protestant churches, but the sifting will come and I, for one, think it is a cause for thanksgiving.

7. True Marriage will be strengthened - When something like this happens everything becomes clear for many people. Things were muddy. Things were lukewarm. Things were ambiguous and people were just drifting along. Then when the devil pushes just a bit too far and too fast people wake up. I can see a grass roots movement already emerging in which Christians of all traditions come together to strengthen marriage, strengthen masculinity, strengthen femininity and strengthen marriage. I can see parishes that focus on the family. I can see new communities growing up that focus on the family, and out of this will come a fresh understanding of God’s plan for the human race within the joyful gift of the family. (continued on page 5)

8. The Sacrament of Marriage Will Shine More brightly - From this crisis will come a new wave of teaching about the beauty, depth and supernatural sanctity of marriage. This is always what has happened. Read church history. When a truth is challenged by persecution or heresy, by state oppression or moral depravity the truth bounces back ever stronger. When darkness encroaches the light shines ever more brightly. This will happen not because we make it happen, but because that is the very nature of truth and light. Truth and light prevail because they are positive. Darkness and death are negatives. They seem terrible, but they are the absence of life and light and therefore they cannot be sustained.

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9. This is a Penitential Moment - The LGBT issue is not an isolated cultural phenomenon. It is part of a larger sexual revolution that has taken place over the last fifty years, and most of us, to a greater or lesser extent have been caught up in this whirlwind. This sexual revolution includes every sin against chastity. All of us should examine our consciences. Have we chosen the easy way of artificial contraception? Have we chosen to be sterilized because we “couldn’t afford more children”? Have we chosen the way of quickie divorce? Re-marriage? Have we turned a blind eye to our kids’ cohabitation? Have we attended weddings we knew were illicit just to be nice? Have we used pornography or prostitutes? Have we solved a crisis pregnancy with abortion? Have we watched sex scenes in movies or TV with family members without comment? Most of us have been caught up in the moral maelstrom. It’s time we got our minds and hearts clear and committed ourselves to the fight for chastity.

10. Chastity Will Triumph - Remember the virtue of chastity is not the same thing as celibacy. Celibacy means sacrificing sexual intimacy and marriage for the sake of the kingdom. All are called to chastity. Not all are called to celibacy. Chastity means being faithful in our sexuality to the church’s teaching on marriage. It’s simple: no sex outside marriage. This is not a prohibition to cause us sorrow and pain, but a discipline that leads us to the faithfulness of marriage through which we learn the difficult lessons of love. This is truth. This will triumph as the faithful catch the vision.

11. Remember Humility, Humor and Humanity - Stop and remember to put all things in perspective. The SCOTUS decision is alarming and upsetting. However, do five seriously stupid lawyers really think they can overturn God’s plan for humanity? Get real. When you see it like that it’s a case of the emperor’s new clothes. What they’ve done is dumb. Smile, laugh and rise above it. Even if they tax your business, lock up your priests, scream in your face, burn your churches and send you to jail, laugh and rise above it. Remember Christians sing in prison, joke on the scaffold, are courteous to their torturers, joke with their executioners and wave cheerfully to the crowd as they put their head on the block. Things have been worse. Be of good cheer.

12. Do Not Be Afraid! - I will never forget the first words of Pope St John Paul II as he stepped on to the balcony. “Do not Be Afraid!” This is the constant refrain throughout the gospel. “Do Not Fear!” says the angel to Mary and Joseph. “Do not be Afraid!” says Jesus to the disciples in the boat in the stormy night. “Fear Not!” says the angel of the resurrection. “God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind!” says the magnificent St Paul to his young friend Timothy. Amen to those words! May God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Shea
Dear Perpetual Eucharistic Adorers,

On rare occasions the church is closed for adoration due to other activities. I am attempting to establish an accurate e-mail list so that I notify you in advance of the closures. If you already receive that notice, disregard this message. If you are not being notified by e-mail of closures and would like to be, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to my list. Tom Lafferty tlafferty6@yahoo.com

If you are not able to sign up as a permanent Adorer, please consider signing up to be an occasional substitute.

Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm

Adorers are needed:

Tuesday: 3am

Wednesdays: 2am & 10pm

Team Leaders

12am-5am  Theresa Wong  428-0942
6am-11am  Cathy Sullivan  526-7628
12pm-5pm  Anita Koller  526-9910
6pm-11pm  Kathy & Frank Cross  501-8431

Singing Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tuesday

3:00-3:30pm  Divine Mercy
7:00-8:00pm  SubRosa
8:00-10:00pm  Spanish Rosary

Wednesday

6:00pm  Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00-8:00pm  Divine Mercy
Holy Hour and Benediction with Deacon Ed Posvar

Friday

3:00-4:30pm  Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross
6:00pm  Family Novena in Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague
6pm-9pm  Spanish Prayer Group
9pm-10pm  Vietnamese Prayer Group

Saturday after 5pm Mass

Bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families.

Have you considered being a “Partner Adorer”?
Sign up to accompany an existing adorer in the late night hours. These hours already have an adorer present so you should not be alone.

Tuesday
2am, 3am, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm,

Wednesday
12am, 1am, 3am, 4am, 9pm, 11pm

Thursday
12am, 1am, 3am, 4am, 6am
9pm, 10pm, 11pm,

Friday
12am, 3am, 6am,10pm

Saturday
3am, 4am, 6am

If interested, please call one of the team leaders.

DIVORCED SEPARATED WIDOWED

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program. We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school from 7:00-9:00pm.

Friday, Aug. 7th: “Loneliness, Coping Strategies, Part One,” by Dr. Bennett Annan

Friday, Aug. 21st: Loneliness, Coping Strategies, Part Two,” by Dr. Bennett Annan

All adults are welcome!

Contact: Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or: www.StRoseSV.com, click on Ministries to find Divorced Separated Widowed.

FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES

Speaker:
Dr. Bennett Annan

“My grace is sufficient for you…”
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

We at your home parish, St. Rose of Lima, offer you... FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, a Faith-based Beatitudes program to help you realize how to let God’s healing power into your life. We meet the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month, in room 11 of St. Rose of Lima School. We gather at 6:30pm for dinner, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please join us, bring your friends and relatives and gain a new perspective in your life.

SAVE THE DATE! Ladies, would you like to plan spending a weekend with Our Lord on the lovely ground of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Alhambra.

Enjoy the loving hospitality of the Carmelite Nuns on the weekend of September 25—27.

The retreat master will be Rev. Phillip De Vous and the theme is “I Was Born For You! – St. Teresa of Avila. For information on room rates or reservations call Mary 526-8008 or Bea 523-2433
“The greatest deception and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility.” Saint John Paul I

We’re looking for people who are in love with our Lord, and His Church, and want to share the Good News. Is that person you? Never been a catechist before? Afraid you don’t know what to do or say? We will help and support you every step of the way. St John Paul II said it best, “BE NOT AFRAID”! If you would like to be a part of our incredible faith formation team, please call the Office at 805-526-5513 or email us at re@strosesv.com for more information.

Registration for the 2015/2016 formation year is now open!

Pre-K/Kindergarten- Class offered Sunday morning. Let us help you introduce your child to their place in our faith family.

First Communion Preparation- Offered Sunday morning and some week day afternoons. Children may begin the minimum two-year process as they enter the first grade. Preparation is open to all students under 18 that have already been Baptized.

Continuing Faith Formation- Offered Sunday morning. Open to all students Grades 3-5 that have already received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Allow us to continue assisting your child on their life-long journey of faith.

The Summit- Offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the evening. Open to all 6-8 grade Middle School students that have already received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Designed to continue faith formation, develop friendships, and ready them for the Confirmation preparation process.

Confirmation Preparation- A minimum two year process, classes are offered Tues-Wed- or Thurs evenings. Students can begin as they enter 9th grade (freshman year) Become a fully initiated member of the Church.

RCIA- adapted for children. Class offered Sunday morning. For children 7-17 who have not yet been Baptized and desire full initiation into the Church.

Applications are available in the Rectory, in our Office, or online. Our Office will continue to be open to assist you during the summer months. Our summer hours are Monday-Thursday 10 am-5 pm.

Continue to check the bulletin or visit us on Facebook (St Rose of Lima Faith Formation) for information.

Attention Confirmation Students:

Conejo Youth Fest- Please bring your bracelets to the Office as confirmation of your attendance.

Interviews- If you are a student who has completed Track 1 and would like to register for Track 2, but you have not yet scheduled your interview, please call our Office to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Service- Continue to look for service opportunities throughout the summer months.
PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER
Volunteers and nurses needed. Please call Edy Bernal at 818—895-2500 or email at edy@pregnanthelp4u.org

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Dn. Terry & Dottie Reibenspies
July 1 (54 years)

Rafael & Carmen Torres
July 4 (6 years)

Manuel & Andrea Sierra
July 7 (53 years)

Bob & Mary Spielman
July 25 (56 years)

"Marriage is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring", and which "has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament between the baptized."

If you would like to have your wedding anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin in the month of June, please call the rectory at 526-1732.

Italian Catholic Federation – New Branch Coming Soon!

The Italian Catholic Federation is an organization which encourages and promotes faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works, heritage, and, social activities in the parish.

The ICF is a family organization open to membership of all Catholics from all cultures. In the beginning, the Federation provided a spiritual and cultural path for Italian Immigrants to the American way of life, and now, reaches out to all, to support parish programs and local charities.

There will be an Information Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, at 7:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall – refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in attending or for further questions, please contact Anne Interrante at: 805-529-6871 or Lou Mages at: 805-218-6906, also visit our website at www.icf.org.

We look forward to meeting you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Music Ministry
Sing a joyful song to the Lord! Join the St. Rose of Lima Master Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Clare Delto. Practice will begin on Thursday, August 6th at 7pm in the choir loft. This year the group will have the honor of singing in New York’s prestigious Carnegie Hall. We look forward to having you be part of the music ministry at St. Rose of Lima. For more information please email Clare Delto at cdelto@strosesv.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper needed for Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart

The Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, a religious community of Sisters dedicated to teaching the truths of the Catholic faith, seeks an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper for their Treasury office in Chatsworth. This position (30 hours per week) will provide administrative and accounting support. The ideal candidate will possess an Associate’s degree in accounting or business administration with 5-7 years of experience in a professional office setting. Competitive salary and medical benefits. Non-profit or parish experience highly desirable. Resumes with cover letter and salary expectations should be sent by August 24th to: SDSH Search Committee at sdshjobsearch@gmail.com.

Did you Know?
Helping children problem solve through communication
Often the easiest response to complicated conversations is a generic one, but these moments can be opportunities to help children grow. For example, if a child comes to you and tells you that a friend is being left out of social activities, you might respond with a question: “Do you think there is anything you can do to help him/her feel more included?” Or if your child comes to you for money for social activities, instead of offering a solution, you might prompt them to consider ways that they could earn money or fundraise on their own. In this way, you are not only helping a child find a solution to an immediate situation, but also helping them to grow in wisdom and prudence. For complete VIRTUS® Article and more communication tips email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

¿Sabia Usted?
Ayude a los niños a resolver problemas a través de la comunicación
Muchas veces es más fácil responder de manera general cuando se trata de conversaciones complicadas, pero estos momentos pueden ser oportunidades para ayudar a sus hijos a crecer. Por ejemplo, si su hijo le dice que un amigo está siendo excluido de actividades sociales, puedes responderle con una pregunta como: “¿Crees que hay algo que puedas hacer para ayudarlo a sentirse parte de la actividad?” O, cuando le pidan ayuda para conseguir dinero o recaudar fondos para alguna actividad, en vez de ofrecerles una solución, ayúdelos a pensar y explorar diferentes maneras como ellos mismos pueden hacerlo. De esta manera, no sólo estará ayudando al niño a encontrar la solución para una situación concreta, sino que también lo estará ayudando a crecer en sabiduría y prudencia. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS® y más sugerencias para la comunicación, escríba a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.
ALIMENTANDO AL MUNDO

Al oír las narraciones de cómo Eliseo y Jesús multiplican los alimentos, y el salmo responsorial sobre como la mano del Señor nos alimenta, es fácil caer en la tentación de pasar por alto el maravilloso himno de la carta a los efesios en la Segunda lectura. El himno se centra en los números más potentes de la tradición bíblica: el uno, el tres y el siete. La médula del himno es el número uno, repetido siete veces. Tres de ellas se refieren a la Iglesia: un solo cuerpo, un solo Espíritu, como también una sola es la esperanza. Los próximos tres son los fundamentos de la Iglesia: un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo bautismo. Y todos estos se juntan en un solo Dios y Padre de todos. La idea de repetir los milagros obrados por Eliseo y por Jesús al alimentar las multitudes nos desalienta, claro está, pero la carta a los efesios nos ofrece un modo más realizable de vivir como Iglesia y de alimentar a los demás en la Iglesia: ser siempre humildes y amables; ser comprensivos y soportarnos mutuamente con amor, y esforzarnos en mantenernos unidos en el Espíritu con el vínculo de la paz. ¿Quién de nosotros no puede “alimentar” a la comunidad de la Iglesia viviendo de esta manera? Es verdad que siempre estamos llamados a “alimentar” al mundo en el sentido literal de la palabra, pero nuestra misión como Iglesia también nos dice que a los demás también hay que alimentarlos por la manera en que vivimos y actuamos cada momento de cada día.

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Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
26 de julio de 2015
A ti, Señor, sus ojos vuelven todos
y tú los alimentas a su tiempo.
— Salmo 145 (144):15

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Martes: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Sal 103 (102):6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles: Ex 34:29-35; Sal 99 (98):5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42
Jueves: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Sal 81 (80):3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Calendario de actividades

LUNES
Clase de Biblia
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 8
Neuróticos Anónimos
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 4
Alanon
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 5
Grupo de Hombres
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 12

MARTES
Rito de Iniciación para Adultos
R I C A
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 9

JUEVES
Plaza Comunitaria
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 12

VIERNES
Grupo de Oración
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Iglesia
Grupo de Matrimonios
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 5
Neuróticos Anónimos
7:00pm a 9:00pm
Salón # 4

PRIMER VIERNES DEL MES
Adoración Nocturna
9:30 pm
Salón de Flores/dentro de la iglesia

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**Some Popular Catholic Myths Part 5**

**Catholics believe that sex is only for procreation**

That’s not what the Church teaches. Whereas, the Church does teach that sex is only for those who are married, as does Scripture (Gen 2:24, Acts 15:20, 1 Cor. 5:1, 7:1, 18, 7:1-5, 7:36, 10:8, 2 Cor. 12:21, Gal. 5:19, Eph. 5:3, Heb. 13:4, Col. 3:5, 1 Thess. 4:3, Jude 7) – its purpose is twofold: It is both Unitive and Procreative.

As we read in the Catechism: 2366 "This particular doctrine, expounded on numerous occasions by the Magisterium, is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act."153

Because the marital act is holy, to be shared only by those who have been indissolubly made “one flesh” in the Lord in matrimony and is a gift from God - it must be open to life as well as being unitive. Therefore, it is not solely unitive or procreative.

**All Non-Catholics are going to Hell**

Not according to the Catechism: 847 This affirmation is not aimed at those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and his Church: Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation.

The bottom line is that we are saved by God’s grace alone. However, we are saved through His Church. As the Catechism states, those who are ignorant of Gospel and the Church may also be saved. We leave such souls to the mercy of God.

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**Some Popular Catholic Myths Part 3**

**We are Saved by our Works**

Not exactly. The Church teaches – and has always taught that we are saved by God’s grace. The Scriptures assure us that we as Christians are ALREADY SAVED (Rom. 5:1, 8:24, Eph. 2:5–8). This is Initial Salvation – God give us the initial grace to believe. However, because Salvation is a lifelong process – it also says that I am BEING SAVED (1 Cor. 1:8, 2 Cor. 2:15, 7:1, Phil. 2:12, Heb 12:14). This is Ongoing Sanctification – God is sanctifying us throughout our life as we cooperate with his grace.

Because of this, I have the hope that I WILL BE SAVED (Matt. 24:13, Rom. 5:9–10, 1 Cor. 3:12–15). This is Final Sanctification/Salvation – We die and go to heaven having endured to the end.

This cooperation and endurance is based on our DOING the will of God (Matt. 7:21-23, Matt. 25:31–46). Faith is not simply “believing” in God. James 2:19 states that even the demons believe and tremble. Our cooperative works are part of our faith – not merely an addendum to it.

**The Catholic Church hates homosexuals**

On the contrary – the exact opposite is true. While it is true that the Catholic Church condemns the homosexual act, as we read in Scripture (Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Rom. 1:26–7), homosexuals themselves are our fellow human beings deserving of the same dignity that is given to all people. However, simply because every human is to be respected as a person, this does not mean that we are to condone their sin any more than we would condone the actions of bank robbery or rape or murder.

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