

Grade 8 - Lesson 14

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

Each of us will die and be judged. We will either go directly to heaven, be purified in purgatory then go to heaven, or go to hell. Jesus will come again at the end of time to judge the world.



Catechetical Points

- The Four Last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell
- When we die, each of us will be judged in the Particular Judgment.
- At the end of time, all souls will be judged in the General Judgement.
- When Jesus comes again, there will be a new heaven and a new earth, and our souls will receive our glorified bodies.
- Lent

Materials

- Lenten Plan
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - The Last Things by Augustine Institute
 - https://youtu.be/_PgVHS9JoiE
 - The Lesser-Known Last Judgment by Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/7FMgVbcLagM>
 - Sistine Chapel: Last Judgment 3D Tour by ItalyGuides.it
 - https://youtu.be/ofBvFQ_eCkA

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.

[15 min] **Death and the Particular Judgment**

- Read the first column on page 163 (page 296 in the teacher's manual).
- Watch **The Last Things** by Augustine Institute
 - https://youtu.be/_PgVHS9JoiE
 - **Why is there no middle ground for where we end up in eternity?**
 - **Why should we always keep in mind the Four Last Things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell?**
- Continue read pages 163-164. Stop after the passage from Romans in the first column on page 164.
- Be sure to read pages 289-290 in the teacher's manual to help discuss the following questions:
 - **What happens when we die?**
 - **Why is it important to develop the habit of asking for God's mercy?**
- Read the next 2 paragraphs on page 164 about hell.
- **Why do some people go to hell?**
- Read the second paragraph in the second column on page 164 about purgatory.
- **Why do some people go to purgatory?**
- Our prayers and sacrifices help release souls from purgatory more quickly. Lead the students in reciting the Prayer of St. Gertrude:
 - "Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen."
- Read the rest of the chapter on heaven.

- **What is the Beatific Vision?**
- **What do you think heaven is like?**

[20 min] **The End of the World and the General Judgment**

- Watch **The Lesser-Known Last Judgment** by Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/7FMgVbcLagM>
 - **Why does Fr. Mike say there can be no pride or shame in heaven?**
 - **Why do each of our choices in life matter?**
- Read page 168 and the first paragraph on page 169 (page 299 in the teacher’s manual).
- Watch all or part of the **Sistine Chapel: Last Judgment 3D Tour** by ItalyGuides.it
 - https://youtu.be/ofBvFQ_eCkA
 - Note: The narrator takes an outsider perspective, and says things such as the “theory” of the resurrection of the body, rather than the “belief”, but otherwise the observations about the painting agree with Church teaching.
- **What will happen at the General Judgment?**
- Read the paragraph on page 169 “Those who have loved God...”
- **Why will purgatory no longer exist at the end of time?**

[15 min] **The Resurrection of the Body**

- At the end of the world, everyone’s soul will be reunited with their physical body.
- Our bodies will be transformed like Jesus’ glorified body after his Resurrection.
- The glorified body will have 4 traits:
 - **Impassibility:** Free from suffering and death.
 - **Subtly:** Our spiritual nature will shine through our physical body.
 - **Agility:** The ability to move quickly (i.e. teleport), and move through walls, like Jesus did when he appeared to the Apostles.
 - **Clarity:** Free from all imperfections, scars, and deformities. The glorified body will be filled with beauty.
- The Book of Revelation tells us that at the End of the World, there will be a “new heaven and a new earth”, where God will restore Creation to its original goodness and God will live among us. (Revelation 21:1-3)
- Choose some of the reflection questions on **page 293 in the Teacher’s Manual** to lead a class discussion.

[10 min] **Lent**

- Lent is a season of preparation for the feast of Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday next week.
- **Why do we prepare for Easter?**
 - Easter is the greatest feast of the liturgical year.
 - During Lent, we walk with Christ through his Passion (suffering).
 - By sharing in the Passion of Christ, we will share in the joy and new life offered to us through the Resurrection.
- **How long does Lent last?** *Forty days, not counting Sundays.*
- **What do the forty days remind us of?** *Jesus' 40 days in the desert.*
- **What kind of penance do we do during Lent?**
 - *Fasting*
 - *Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays*
 - *Almsgiving*
 - *Works of charity*
 - *Receiving the Sacrament of Penance*
- Hand out the Lenten Plan worksheet (see below). Give the students time to think about what they want to do for Lent, then discuss.
- Note: Self-Denial means giving up certain habits or food in order to strengthen our willpower and improve our lives. We give these things up as a sacrifice, which we can offer up as a penance for someone else.

[5 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

V. **Do you reject Satan?**

R. I do.

V. **And all his works?**

R. I do.

V. **And all his empty promises?**

R. I do.

V. **Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

R. I do.

V. **Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?**

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Announcement: Ash Wednesday Mass will be next Wednesday at 6:00 PM. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but receiving the ashes is a meaningful way to start the Lenten season!

's Lenten Plan

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Fasting

I will:

- Refrain from meat on Fridays
- Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Not complain about meals
- Eat simpler meals on _____
- _____

Prayer

I will:

- Pray extra Lenten prayers
- Pray a rosary _____
- Do a prayer chain
- Pray the Stations of the Cross
- Pray special intentions for _____
- _____

Almsgiving

I will:

- Collect money for _____
- Collect goods for _____
- Give my time to _____
- _____

Good works

I will:

- Be kind to my sibling(s)
- Do these chores: _____
- Help _____
- Obey my parents
- _____

Education

I will:

- Read daily bible stories or devotions
- Watch biblical videos
- Create a Lenten craft
- Complete a Lenten activity
- Participate in Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure
- _____

Self-denial

I will:

- Give up _____
- Stop _____
- _____

