**Catholic Faith Review**

**The Catholic Church**

Who founded the Catholic Church? Jesus Christ

Why was the Church established? To spread the teaching of Jesus Christ and to prepare us for Eternal life

What are the marks of the Catholic Church? One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

What is meant by the infallibility of the Catholic Church?

The Church can never be wrong on issues of faith and morals

Why is the Catholic Church called the Mystical Body of Christ?

Because its members are united by supernatural bonds with one another and with Christ, their Head, thus resembling the members/parts and head of a human body.

**Holy Days of Obligation: Meaning and Dates**

Christmas Day: Birth of Jesus—December 25

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: Honors Mary—January 1st

Ascension Thursday: Jesus ascended to Heaven—40 days after Easter

The Assumption of Mary: Mary was assumed into Heaven—August 15

All Saint’s Day: Honors all souls in Heaven—November 1

The Immaculate Conception: Mary is conceived without sin—December 8 .

**Church Hierarchy**

Who was the first Pope? Saint Peter

Who is the current Pope? Pope Francis

Who is the head of the Diocese of Orlando? Bishop John Noonan

Who is the pastor of St. Mary of the Lakes? Father Joseph Bellerive

**Precepts of the Church**

The Precepts of the Church are the Laws a good Catholic must follow

* Catholics must participate in the mass if possible every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation.
* Catholics must receive communion at least once a year, during the Easter Season.
* Catholic must receive Penance once a year in Lent or if in the state of mortal sin.
* Catholics must study Catholic teaching throughout their lifetime.
* Catholics must do penance on Fridays in memory of Jesus’ sacrifice.
* Catholics from 18-59 years old must fast (1 meal & 2 small snacks in a day) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over 13 years old must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.
* Catholics Must also observe the marriage laws of the Church, contribute to the support of the Church and to join in the missionary spirit and apostolate of the Church.

**The Commandments**

**The commandments concerned with love of God**

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.

**The commandments concerning love of neighbor**

1. Honor your father and your mother.
2. You shall not kill
3. You shall not commit adultery.
4. You shall not steal.
5. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
6. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
7. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

**The two Great Commandments**

*Jesus Christ said that the whole Law can be summed up in two commandments:*

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. *(Matt 22:37-39)*

**The Beatitudes**

* Blessed are poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
* Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
* Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
* Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
* Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
* Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
* Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
* Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**The seven corporal works of mercy**

To feed the hungry.

To give drink to the thirsty.

To clothe the naked.

To visit those in prison.

To shelter the homeless.

To bury the dead.

To visit the sick

**The seven spiritual works of mercy**

To admonish the sinner.

To counsel the doubtful.

To bear wrongs patiently

To instruct the ignorant.

To comfort the sorrowful.

To forgive all injuries.

To pray for the living and the dead.

**The seven Sacraments**

A Sacrament is a visible sign given to us by Christ in order for us to share Christ’s life of grace.

**Initiation:** Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

**Service/Life:** Holy Orders, Matrimony

**Healing:** Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick

**Ordinary Ministers of the Sacraments**

**Deacon:** Baptism & Matrimony

**Priest:** Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick

**Bishop:** Confirmation, Holy Orders

**Purpose of Sacraments**

* Baptism: Frees us from original sin and makes us part of the Church
* Reconciliation: Forgives sins committed after Baptism
* Eucharist: The Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Jesus under the appearance of bread & wine
* Confirmation: The sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us with grace
* Holy Orders: A man receives power from the Holy Spirit to become Bishop, Priest or Deacon
* Matrimony: Unites a man and a woman in a lifelong covenant
* Anointing of the Sick: Gives spiritual health to a person who is ill

**Sacraments of Initiation & Healing Questions**

**Emergency Baptism:** If someone is in danger of dying without baptism, any baptized lay person can baptize them by pouring ordinary water on the forehead of the person to be baptized, saying while pouring it: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

**Eucharist:** To receive Holy Communion worthily a person must be free from mortal sin, have fasted for an hour, and seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors.

**Confirmation:** Completes your Christian Initiation begun at Baptism. The Bishop extends his hands over those who are to be confirmed, prays that they receive the Holy Spirit. Then, while placing his hand on the head of each person, anoints the forehead with holy chrism in the form of the cross, saying “Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**Confession & Anointing of the Sick:** In order to receive absolution, we need to confess all of our mortal sins in confession. The three conditions of mortal sin are: 1) grave matter 2) full knowledge 3) chosen freely. We also cannot be living in a state of permanent mortal sin (such as an invalid marriage or co-habiting) if we want to be absolved or anointed.

**Sacrament of Marriage Questions**

* A divorced person who, has been absolved in Reconciliation, may remain in communion with the Catholic Church as long as they live as a celibate single person.
* A divorced person can only remarry if the previous marriage has been declared annulled by the Catholic Church.
* Civil marriage is not valid in the Church, as it is not a Sacrament, and persons living in a civil marriage, or cohabitating (living together), are committing fornication or adultery.
* Using Contraception is an intrinsic evil and must not be used in marriage.

**Catholic Vocabulary**

* **Absolution**: The Prayer the priest says in Confession which forgives our sins.
* **Actual Grace**: The help God gives us so we can perform good works.
* **Angels**: Created beings without bodies who have free will.
* **Bodily Resurrection**: At the end of the world our souls will be reunited with our bodies.
* **Communion of Saints**: The souls in Heaven (The Church Triumphant) & in Purgatory (The Church Suffering) and of the Faithful here on earth (The Church Militant).
* **Covenant**: A sacred agreement between God and his people.
* **Easter Duty**: Receiving communion at least once per year during the Easter season.
* **Eucharistic Fast**: Not eating food or drink for 1 hour before communion.
* **Evil**: Evil entered the world because human beings disobeyed God.
* **Examination of Conscience**: A sincere effort to call to mind all the sins we have committed since our last Confession.
* **Golgotha**: The hill, also called Mt. Calvary on which Jesus was crucified on Good Friday.
* **Good**: Everything that God Created is good.
* **Incarnation**: God became man.
* **Liturgy of the Eucharist**: The part of the mass where Jesus offers Himself to the Father as a sacrifice and shares His life with us.
* **Liturgy of the Word**: The part of Mass where God speaks to us through sacred scripture.
* **Man:** Created in the Image and likeness of God as male and female to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven.
* **Original Sin**: 1st sin by Adam & Eve causing them to lose the Gift of God’s grace.
* **Particular Judgement**: After death each person will be judged according to his/her life and the soul will go either to heaven (after purification through purgatory, if needed) or to hell.
* **Paschal Mystery**: The suffering death and resurrection of Jesus.
* **Redemption**: Jesus provided this for the human race through His Sacrifice to we could all become children of God.
* **Revelation**: What God taught us about himself and his will for His people.
* **Sanctifying Grace**: God’s divine life within us.
* **Seal of Confession**: The solemn obligation of a priest to keep secret everything that has been revealed in Confession.
* **Transubstantiation**: Through the words of the priest the substance of the bread and wine changed into Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity.

**Key people of the Bible**

* **God**: The Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, all loving, who made all things
* **Jesus**: Our Lord and Savior, True God and True Man, founder of the Catholic Church
* **Holy Spirit**: The Paraclete, the giver of Life, the Advocate, the giver of Grace, inspired the human authors of the Bible (principle author of the Scriptures)
* **Holy Trinity**: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in Three Divine Persons
* **The Holy Family**: Jesus, Mary, Joseph
* **Angel Gabriel:** Announced the incarnation of Jesus and the conception of John
* **Mary**: Conceived without original sin in the womb of her mother. Mother of Jesus
* **Joseph**: The husband of Mary and guardian and foster father of Jesus
* **Joachim & Ann**: Mary’s parents, Jesus’ grandparents
* **Elizabeth**: Mary’s cousin and John’s mother
* **Zachariah:** Doubted the angel, Gabriel, husband of Elizabeth, father of John
* **John the Baptist**: Jesus’ cousin, and the one who announced the coming of Jesus
* **Adam & Eve:** Our first parents who disobeyed God and lost the gift of grace
* **Abraham**: The first person to believe in one God
* **Moses**: Received the 10 commandments from God
* **Apostles**: Peter, Andrew, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the lessor, Jude, Simon, James the greater, Matthias (replaced Judas)
* **Gospel Authors**: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
* **Paul**: Former persecutor of the Church, became the Apostle to the Gentiles

**Bible Parts**

* **Old Testament**: A collection of the sacred writings of the Jewish people
* **New Testament**: The books that teach about Jesus and the Apostles
* **Gospels**: Jesus’ Life and teachings
* **Epistles:** Letters written by the Apostles
* **Acts of the Apostles**: Describes the Church’s early missionary work

**The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit** (weapons for soldiers of Christ: *milites Christi*)

*Gifts of the intellect: help us to know God*

**Wisdom:** Allows us to judge correctly the things of God, to **prioritize** & make good decisions

**Knowledge:** Lets us see **God’s hand in everything** & recognize how much **He loves us**

**Understanding:** Gives insight into the mysteries of faith so we can know **how to live** by them

**Counsel:** Guides us in practical matter and helps us to **choose rightly** between good and evil

*Gifts of the will: help us to love God the way we should*

**Piety:** Gives us special love and **devotion** for sacred things, helps us to **pray** & become **holy**

**Fortitude:** Christ-like **courage** to stand up for what is right and witness for the faith

**Fear of the Lord:** great **awe and wonder** for God which keeps us from offending Him

**What is Prayer?**

Prayer is communicating with God, speaking to Him, and listening as He speaks to us.

**Why do we pray?**

1. First, to adore God; (**Adoration**)
2. Second, to thank God; (**Thanksgiving**)
3. Third, to seek forgiveness; (**Contrition**)
4. Fourth, to seek His help. (**Supplication or Intercession**)

**The Stations of the Cross**

1. Pilate condemns Jesus to die
2. Jesus accepts his cross
3. Jesus falls for the 1st time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon helps carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes Jesus’ face
7. Jesus falls for the 2nd time
8. Jesus meets the women
9. Jesus falls for the 3rd time
10. Jesus is stripped
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken off the cross
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb

**The Mysteries of the Rosary**

**The Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation

2. The Visitation

3. The Nativity

4. The Presentation

5. The Finding in the Temple

**The Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

**The Luminous Mysteries**

1. The Baptism of Our Lord
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Last Supper

**The Glorious Mysteries**

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Crowning of Mary

**Prayers to Memorize:**

**1st Communion Prayers**

* Sign of the Cross
* Our Father
* Hail Mary
* Glory Be
* Grace Before/After Meals
* Act of Contrition
* Short Morning Offering
* Apostles’ Creed
* Prayer to My Guardian Angel
* Prayer of Fatima (for rosary)

**Additional Prayers for Confirmation**

* Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)
* Morning Offering
* Memorare
* Angelus
* Act of Faith
* Act of Hope
* Act of Charity
* Act of Divine Will
* Holy Spirit Prayer
* Prayer to St. Michael

**Catholic Prayers & Devotions (First Communion)**

**The Sign of the Cross**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Our Father (Lord’s Prayer)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Grace Before Meals**

Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer After Meals**

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, Almighty God, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

**The Morning Offering (short version for young children)**

O my God, I offer You every thought and word and act of today. Please bless me my God, and make me good today. Amen.

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen.

**Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

**The Prayer of Fatima** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen

**Catholic Prayers & Devotions (Confirmation)**

**Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve! To you do we send up our sighs; mourning and weeping in this vale of tears! Turn, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus! O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for O Holy Mother of God

R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen

**Morning Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and suffering of this day: for all the intentions of Your most Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for all my sins, in thanksgiving for all Your favors for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular, for the intention of our Holy Father. Amen.

**Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**The Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray:

R. Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, Your Son by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Act of Faith**

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine son became man, died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

**Act of Hope**

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

**Act of Charity**

O my God! I love Thee, with my whole heart and soul, and above all things, because Thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for Thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Mercifully grant, O my God! that having loved Thee on earth, I may love and enjoy Thee forever in heaven. Amen.

**Acts of Divine Will**

In all things may the most holy, the most just, and the most lovable will of God be done, praised, and exalted above all forever. Your will be done, O Lord, your will be done. Amen

The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord now and always. Amen.

O Lord my God, I now, at this moment, readily and willingly accept at Your hands whatever kind of death it may please You to send me, with all its pains, penalties and sorrows. Amen.

**Holy Spirit Prayer**

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

V. Let us pray:

R. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Other Important and helpful Catholic Prayers and Devotions**

**Daily Consecration to Mary**

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

**Spiritual Communion**

"O Jesus I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love You, O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come nevertheless and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen."

*Lord, I am not worthy that thou should’st enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus hear me; within Your wounds hide me; separated from You, let me never be; from the evil one protect me; at the hour of my death, call me; and close to You bid me; that with Your saints and angels I may be praising You forever and ever. Amen.

**Placeat (prayer to the Blessed Trinity after Mass)**

May the tribute of my humble ministry be pleasing to You, Holy Trinity. Grant that the sacrifice which I –unworthy as I am-have offered in the presence of your majesty, may be acceptable to You. Through Your mercy may it ring forgiveness to me and to all for whom I have offered it: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer Before the Crucifix**

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:

*"They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."* Amen.

**Miraculous Medal Prayer**

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, and for those who do not have recourse to thee, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to thee. Amen.

**Prayer for Vocations (Elijah Prayer)**

Loving Father, though Your Son You gave us the gift of the priesthood, so that the Good News of the Gospel would continue to spread throughout the world and to strengthen us through the power of the sacraments. We thank You for our dedicated priests who have given their lives to serve Your Church. Keep them strong in Your service and sustain them in the many demands they face each day. Open the ears and hearts of those You are calling to the priesthood, and to the consecrated life, that they may hear and respond to Your call. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Joseph**

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life. Therefore, I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen

**Prayer to Patron Saint**

O Heavenly Patron, in whose name I glory, pray ever to God for me: strengthen me in my faith; establish me in virtue; guard me in the conflict; that I may vanquish the foe malign and attain to glory everlasting. Amen

**Suscipe (Dedication to Jesus by St. Ignatius)**

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more.

**St. Patrick Breastplate**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. Amen

**St. Francis Peace Prayer**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**The Fatima Prayers**

**Angel’s Prayer**

Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit I adore You profoundly and offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

**Pardon Prayer** (Repeat three times)

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You. Amen.

**Penance Prayer**

O My Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Order of Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office Prayers)**

**Invitatory versicle** (before first prayer of the day, Ps. 50: 17)

Lord, open my lips. And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

**Followed by daily Antiphon & Psalm 67, 95 or 100**

**Opening versicle before all other hours** (Psalm 69: 2)

God come to my assistance, Lord make haste to help me.

**Doxology** (concluding versicles, psalms & canticles)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

**Psalmody: recitation of psalms/canticles with antiphons**

**Scripture and Responsory, followed by the Canticle:**

**Morning: Benedictus** (Canticle of Zachariah, Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to…

**Evening: Magnificat** (Canticle of Mary, Luke 1:46-55 )

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to…

**Night: Compline** (Canticle of Simon, Luke 2:29-32 )

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory to…

**Intercessions**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Concluding prayer** (composed by the Church)

**Blessing**

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

**After night prayer**: May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death. Amen

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Pray: **Sign of the Cross** on the crucifix

Pray: **The Opening prayer** (on the first bead)

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (3x)

##### Pray: The three beads: Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostles Creed

##### Pray: On large/single beads

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

##### Pray: On small beads

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

##### Conclude (after last decade)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3x)

##### Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Jesus, I trust in you. (3x)