



# WINNOWING FAN

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## The Liturgy as source of solutions to problems.

The Catholic solution to all the problems in life can be found in the Liturgy. It is through the Liturgy that Holy Mother the Church teaches her children the solutions to the problems in life. Through the Liturgy we learn God's solutions to human problems. So it is the best solution man can have. But the Liturgy is difficult to understand. It is a mystery in itself understood only by those who have Faith.

So, the Liturgy is a textbook for Catholics. But anyone with humility can gain access to this knowledge; after all humility is the beginning of being a Catholic. That is why Christ, Himself, said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart."

Everybody else, the pagans, the Protestants, and the bad Catholics

have no access to this supernatural knowledge. They will have to settle to using human solutions to their problems; solutions that do not work because they do not solve the problem but merely lessen the symptoms.

In this series, we shall try to answer the questions that have been causing confusion in the world today. And we shall get our answers from the Liturgy of the Mass. These answers should be familiar to the readers who hear Sunday Mass because they are heard from the reading of the Gospels.

There is great advantage in going to Mass daily because the details of the explanation of the Gospels can be read in the Gospels of the weekly Mass.

## THE FIRST STEPS.

Let us again summarize the four steps we must take to go to heaven; first, we must repent. Secondly, we must believe. Thirdly, we must hope. Fourthly we must have Charity, which is love of God and neighbor. We have dealt with this first step, repentance, lengthily in the past articles.

Repentance is possible for all because it is in the natural level and everyone is capable of repenting precisely because it is in the natural level.

Now let us begin with the second step. Repentance is part of the spirituality of the Old Testament. But Faith is part of the New Testament. Everything in the New Testament is in the spiritual or supernatural level. We need grace to learn and obey them. Without grace man cannot go to heaven because he cannot rise up to the spiritual level.

## THOSE WITH FAITH ENLIGHTENED BY CHARITY.

What saves is Faith enlightened by Charity. So from the 15th Sunday onwards the Gospels of the Masses will differentiate those with Faith enlivened with Charity, i.e. those who will surely go to heaven, from

those who will not due to lack of Charity.

This portion of the Liturgy describes those who will go to heaven by describing what kind of soil they are. Christ narrates a fearful parable. He talks about sowing the seed of the Word of God. And He said that every time He sows the seeds, only one fourth gets it right because only one fourth of the audience is fertile soil. The three fourths do not receive the seeds properly and are, therefore, lost.

## DIVISIONS IN THE LITURGY.

The Missal is divided into several parts to signify the different major steps in the spiritual life. The virtue of repentance is taught from Advent to the 5th Sunday of Lent.

Then introduction in the development of Faith, which is the beginning of the New Testament, begins with Trinity Sunday

And the perfection of Faith is resumed with the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

With the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time we begin distinguishing between those who will go to heaven and those who will not.

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St. Teresa of Avila

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## THE post EASTER- PENTECOST *Liturgy.*

Holy Mother the Church teaches her children the teachings of her Lord and Master Jesus Christ through the Liturgy.

The Liturgy contains the two fonts of Divine Revelation, namely, Scriptures and Tradition. With these two sources of Divine Revelation, there is no need for any other source of Catholic truths. Of course, the writings of the Doctors of the Church are great added helps, but the doctors of the Church, like St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese the Little Flower and St. Alphonsus Liguori are saying exactly the same thing as what the Fathers of the Church, like St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom are saying.

In fact St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Alphonsus quote the Fathers verbatim. So the Catechism had rightly stated that Scriptures and Tradition (or the Fathers of the Church) are the sources of the teachings of Jesus Christ and their official interpretation.



St. Thomas Aquinas

## SERMON *in a sentence*

Righteousness is a right will.

“No man can serve two masters” (Matt. 6:24). The Lord Jesus Christ shows in these words that God alone is to be served, and that no one is to be obeyed in opposition to God.

There is no master able to teach all things save Our Lord Jesus Christ: “All wisdom is from the Lord God, and hath been always with Him, and is before all time” (Sir 1:1).

ObeY God immediately.... We ought to obey the call of God “straightaway.”

The devil tempts us to disobey God and to refuse to be subject to Him. This temptation is removed by faith, since faith teaches us that He is the Lord of all, which is why we must obey Him.

Those who obey kings rather than God, in matters where they ought not to obey them, make kings their gods: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

## NEAR GRADUATION OF THE APOSTLES.

The Apostles underwent a thorough education with Jesus Christ. Except their education was in the spiritual order. So their education cannot be taught by men. It had to be done by God, Himself.

Like all education, the Apostles had to undergo stages in their education, starting like babes, St. Paul writes, and growing up as adolescents and ending as young adults.

In the past issues, the Winnowing Fan had concentrated on the elementary aspects of the spiritual life, i.e. repentance. We have concentrated on repentance because in the four steps necessary for salvation, the first step, repentance, is the only step man is obliged to take. The other three steps are gifts from God.

Repentance is taught to us in the Liturgy from Advent through the Lenten season ending on Holy Week. Faith, Hope and Charity, the next three steps for salvation is celebrated in the Liturgy from Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

In the next issues of the Winnowing Fan we shall concentrate on the Liturgical season after Easter and Pentecost described as the Sundays in Ordinary Time.



## WHAT DOES THE LITURGY TEACH ON THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME?

These Sundays describe the eschatology of Good Friday. How does eschatology work? The Life of Christ is narrated as historical facts in the Gospel.

Now let us look at these historical episodes. Are these episodes described earlier in earlier history like in the Old Testament? Yes. Everything in the New Testament had already been written in the Old Testament. And these Old Testament episodes are called 'types.' Like Adam was a type of Jesus. Eve was a type of Mary.

When we project these Old Testament episodes to the future, like today, they are described as eschatology.



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