



January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor 主任司鐸

Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton

Assistant 助理司鐸

Fr. James Kairu

Chinese Mass 中文彌撒司鐸

Fr. Anthony Ho

Parish Office Hrs 堂區辦事處時間

Tue—Fri 8:30am to 12:30pm
1 pm to 4pm

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Sunday Mass 主日彌撒

Saturday Vigil 週六:
7:00 pm (English 英)
Sunday 週日:
8:30 am (English 英)
10:00 am (English 英)
11:30 am (English 英)
3:00 pm (Cantonese)

Weekday Mass 平日彌撒

Mon.—Fri. 週一至五 8:00 am
Wednesday 9:05 am (School Mass
when in session)
Friday 7:00 pm
Saturdays & Holidays 9:00 am

Reconciliation 修和聖事

Saturday
9:30 am – 10:15 am
6:00 pm – 6:40 pm
Monday—Friday
7:45 am — 7:55 am
Friday
6:15pm — 6:40 pm
Sunday (In Cantonese)
2:30—2:55 pm

Liturgy of the Hours/Devotions

Office of Readings
Daily 7:00 am
Saturdays/Holidays 8:00 am
Lauds
Daily 7:40 am
Saturdays/Holidays 8:40 am
Sunday 8:00 am
Holy Rosary, after weekday Mass
Divine Mercy Devotion
Fridays 6:35 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday 9:30 am

Emmaus Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

To worship at Corpus Christi's
Adoration Chapel, please come to the parish
office to obtain a code for the door lock.
Eucharistic Adoration in the Church,
every Friday, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm
Holy Hour is at 6:00 pm



想在聖體小堂朝拜耶穌聖體，請
親臨堂區辦事處，領取門鎖密碼
聖堂明供聖體時間是每星期五下
午 5:45 至 6:45
聖時：下午 6:00

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel
Altar Servers

Jarka Fusekova
Fr. James Kairu, Director
Connie Robinson, Asst. Director
Jackson Fong/Adelia Yiu/Anita Gill
Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton (Scripture Study)
Joyce Fung (Tuesday Morning Group)
Joseph Chiu (Chinese)

Baptism Preparation Class
Bible Study

Theresa Stewart
Leni Fong, President
Frank Chan

Catering
Catholic Women's League
Chinese Community
Choir

Dominica Chan
Cristy Luettschwager
Vincent Lau
Helen Estrellado

Church Care
Altar Linens
Church Flowers
Church Cleaning
Church Gardens
Couples for Christ

Agnes Lo
Monica Lau
Cristy Luettschwager
Adele Almoite
Neil & Cristy Loresco
Russell & Theresa Zablan
Richman & Nina Therese Manalili
Bill Lam
David Robinson, Grand Knight
Vickie Cornwall, President

Eucharistic Ministry
Knights of Columbus
Legion of Mary
Parish Religious Education
Program (PREP)
Project Advance
Queen of Angels
RCIA

Veronica Yam, Coordinator
Jackson Fong/Dominica Chan/Simon Yeung
JoJo Cheung/June Tow
Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton (English)
Joseph Chiu (Cantonese)
Irene Goh-Ko
Ruby Socorro Arico
Jackson Fong/Theresa Stewart
Marcelle Girard
Colleen van Winkel
Sheila Gill (Youth Steering Committee)
Chris Verhagen (Junior Youth)
Cory Mae Omega (Senior Youth)

Readers
Safe Environment
Seniors' Ministry
Stewardship
Ushers
Youth Ministry

BAPTISM

The Baptism Preparation Classes for parents are held every 1st (Part 1) and 3rd (Part 2) Saturdays of the month, 10:30 am to 12 noon, except during the months of July and August. Parents must attend both sessions. Call the Parish Office to pre-register for the class. Baptism celebrations are held every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 11:30am Mass.

HOLY MATRIMONY

We welcome your wedding celebration at Corpus Christi Church. To arrange the date and begin your preparations, please contact the Parish Office or either one of our priests at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If your loved one, relative or friend would like to arrange for a priest for the administration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to visit the sick in a hospital, please phone the Parish Office. Or you may contact the hospital chaplain:

VGH:

604-877-5918 (Pager)
Fr. Jude Iloghalu (Mon., Tue., Fri., Sat. and Sun.)

Fr. Miguel Segura Blay, Fr. Gilbert Nunez, Fr. Luis Martin Brain Delgado (Wed. and Thurs.)

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL:

Fr. Martin Tuyen Nguyen, OP (Chaplain)
604-876-7826

BURNABY HOSPITAL:

St. Theresa's Parish (Chaplain)
604-298-6800

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL:

Fr. Rajesh Madtha, OCD
604-806-7290

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you would like to become a member of the Corpus Christi Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board on the left-hand side near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 20	<i>Vigil Mass</i>
7:00 PM for Isolina Baldo, RIP	
Sunday, January 21	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:30 AM for Ann Krasjek, RIP	
10:00 AM for All Parishioners, living & deceased	
11:30 AM for Jose Rosales, RIP	
3:00 PM for All Sick People	
Monday, January 22	
8:00 AM for Edith Ritmiller, RIP	
Tuesday, January 23	
8:00 AM for Joseph Tai Hung Lam, RIP	
Wednesday, January 24	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
8:00 AM for Teresa Wong, Thanksgiving	
9:00 AM SCHOOL MASS	
Thursday, January 25	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</i>
8:00 AM for Jose Arellano, Birthday	
Friday, January 26	<i>Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>
8:00 AM for Yolanda Nicasio, RIP	
7:00 PM for Elena Fusekova, RIP	
Saturday, January 27	
9:00 AM for Denise Cameron, RIP	
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	
7:00 PM for Milka Kos, RIP	
Sunday, January 28	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:30 AM for Yeung Family, Intention	
10:00 AM for All Parishioners, living & deceased	
11:30 AM for Emil Fusek & Agnesa Fusekova, RIP	
3:00 PM for Chi Kwan Leung, RIP	

Knights of Columbus

Wonton Soup will be served by the Knights of Columbus **this Sunday, January 21**, after all morning Masses. Cost is \$5 each. Take-out is also available. All are welcome.

Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (40 Hours Devotion)



The Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (40 Hours Devotion) in our parish will be from **3:30 pm of Tuesday, January 30th until Friday, February 2nd**. PLEASE NOTE: During the 40-Hour Devotion, the Adoration Chapel WILL BE CLOSED when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Church until 10:00 pm everyday of that week. The Chapel will re-open at night after the Blessed Sacrament is reposed. Sign-up sheets are now available at church vestibule.

Parish Looking for a Cook

Corpus Christi Parish is looking for a cook from Monday to Friday. Please submit application letter with resume addressed to Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton by **February 2nd**. You can also send to parish.cc@rcav.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Baptism Preparation Class



The next Baptism Preparation Class (Part 1) will be **Saturday, February 3, 10:30 am** in the Parish Office. Part 2 will be on **February 24**. Parents wishing to have their child baptized **must attend both sessions**. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register for the classes

Overcoming Stresses in Family Life

Saturday February 3 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church Basement, 1612 East 18 Ave., Vancouver. Joy Jose, a pastoral counsellor and educator with 15 years' experience related to marriage, family and parenting, will assist families in building inner security and peace to face the stresses of relationships, finances and parenting and to cultivate Christian family life. Admission is free, refreshments provided. Elevator access. For information on this talk contact St. Joseph Parish (604-876-7826/parish.sjv@rcav.org/ Cathy Neugebauer (ve7cld@shaw.ca), or the organizers: Corpus Christi Parish (604-324-2265/parish.cc@rcav.org or marcellegirard@shaw.ca).

Legion of Mary

Our Lady of the Roses Praesidium will celebrate its 31st anniversary on **Sunday, February 4th at the 11:30 am Mass**. The Legion Prayers and Rosary will be recited after Mass. A light reception will be served in the school gym after the Prayers. All our auxiliary members and parishioners are invited to attend.

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **February 16 - 18**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **January 18-25**, has the theme "*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power*" (Ex 15:6) and was prepared by churches in the Caribbean as a uniting experience of God's saving action which brings freedom. Join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ. There will also be eight days of prayer in the Chapel of Annunciation at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Biblical reflections and prayer will be led by Marjeta Bobnar. For a schedule of services and more information, visit www.rcav.org/christian-unity or contact Marjeta at mbobnar@rcav.org or 604-683-0281.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us on **Sunday, January 28**, for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray together for our loved ones who have passed away this month. Masses will be held at 12:30 and 2:30 pm in our Evangelist Chapel. Visit www.rccav.org/events for more information.

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This year the World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver on **Thursday, February 2 at 7 pm**. Please come and join the Archbishop and the Consecrated Religious for Mass. All are welcome. Reserved seating and more information are available at 604-683-0281.

Pro-life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on **Saturday, February 3**. Mass is at 9 am at Blessed Sacrament, Vancouver, followed by the Rosary at B.C. Women's Hospital, Vancouver.

University Mass 2018

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, in partnership with the community of Catholic Pacific College, cordially invites university and college communities to the University Mass. All students, faculty, and staff with their families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass on **Saturday, February 3, at 7:30 pm** at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Confessions available at 6:30 p.m. Archbishop Miller will greet everyone at the reception following the Mass. Visit www.rcav.org/universitymass

Third Annual Ordinandi Dinner

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, Bishop Stephen Jensen of Prince George, and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men who are soon to be ordained ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Meet your future priests: Deacon Guy Zidago, who will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and Deacon Ken Anderson, who will be ordained for the Diocese of Prince George. Join us on **Wednesday, February 7**, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$50 (Student rate: \$25). You can also sponsor a priest or seminarian. To register or for more info on how to sponsor a priest or seminarian, visit www.vocationsvancouver.ca.

Come Away with Me Women's Retreat

Are you seeking a way to experience joy through God's mercy? Then come and join us and discover how your relationship with God can be deepened by learning how to trust in God's word, through prayer, discernment, music, and friendship, and reflect on ways to nourish joy in the Holy Spirit. **Friday, February 9, to Sunday, February 11**, at Westminster Abbey Mission. Cost: \$200 (includes private room and 5 meals). Speaker: Sr. Flolyn Catungal, OSA. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Hieu Nguyen. To register contact Joanne McGowan at 604-946-2932 or mcgowanj@dccnet.com or Linda Dixon 604-946-7268 or gldsd@eastlink.ca.

JAG Public Square: the Filipino Immigrant and the Church

The Jesuit Alumni Group (JAG) of Vancouver hosts public squares to facilitate discussions on topics that are relevant to our community. In these 2-hour sessions, the facilitator offers a short talk and a few questions to engage the audience. This is a conversation rather than a lecture. Join us in finding ways to make the Roman Catholic Church more relevant to the Filipino communities in Vancouver. Join us **Friday, February 9, from 6-9 pm** at Corpus Christi College, Vancouver. Visit <http://rcav.org/event/jag-public-square-filipino-immigrant-church>

One Conference - Mercy & Beyond: Sharing our Joy

The annual ONE Conference brings 1,000 parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver together to connect, learn, and inspire each other. Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy is the theme of the 2018 ONE Conference. We have invited Fr. James Mallon (Divine Renovation) and Dr. Josephine Lombardi to be our keynote speakers, and we will hear practical tips from breakout session speakers Jake Khym, Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Abbott John Braganza, OSB, and Brett Powell about sharing our joy within our parish, our families, and our friends in the greater Church community. Join us on **Saturday, February 10, from 9 am-5:30 pm** at Chandos Pattison Auditorium at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Register today at www.onecatholic.ca.

Last Sunday's Collection (January 14)

Envelopes		2 nd & Special Collections	
Regular	\$ 7,665.00	New Year Offering	\$ 113.00
Loose	1,208.30	Initial Offering	405.00
		Building Fund	25.00
		BC Catholic	5.00
		Home Missions	5.00
\$ 8,873.30		\$ 553.00	

Total # of regular envelopes received: 691

Average Donation: \$11.09

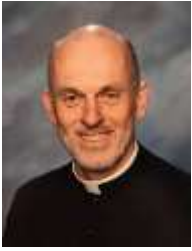
Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>



Pastor's Corner

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

You may have read by now that a relic of St Francis Xavier will be available for veneration on January 24th at St Francis Xavier Parish from 9:00am to 11:00pm. I would encourage parishioners to go to the parish during some time of the day to venerate this relic. St Francis Xavier is one of the great evangelists of the Catholic Church (perhaps only second to St Paul). His zeal is almost beyond comprehension – it is said that some days he baptized so many people he could no longer lift his arms. This is one of God's great examples of what can be accomplished in someone who opens their life, their heart and their soul to his grace.

Next week we will be having 40 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here in the Parish. This is a real gift for us as Catholics so I want to encourage everyone to consider “giving away” one hour (just 1 hour) to be in the Church to pray. We all know from watching the news and even knowing our own personal lives and family situations that there is a lot to pray for but it is also just being in the Lord's presence like Mary (of the Mary and Martha sisters) who just sat at the Lord's feet and listened to every word he said (Luke 10:39). The sign-up sheets are located on the green table in the main Vestibule. Forty Hours begins on Tuesday January 30th at 3:30pm and the Lord will be Reposed (put back in the Tabernacle each night at 10:00pm) and the Re-exposed each morning after Mass).

40 Hours Devotion commemorates many “40's” in the Holy Scriptures' – e.g., the 40 days and 40 nights of Noah in the Ark; 40 years of the Jewish people in the desert before entering the Promised Land; the 40 days and nights Moses spent on the mountain receiving the 10 Commandment; the 40 days Elijah travelled to Mount Horeb; the 40 days of Our Lord's fasting and prayer before his public ministry began and the approximate 40 hours he spent in the tomb before his resurrection. It is this last one that 40 Hours really focuses on. It unites us with that 40 Hours Jesus spent on the earth fulfilling the Scriptures and awaiting his resurrection. In a word this 40 Hours teaches us to focus on the importance of and need to encounter the Lord – it is a time of assessment. We are blessed with having this devotion and being able to practice our faith in the open. I want to encourage all parishioners to sign up for a time of prayer and at the very least to come to the Church and pray – give thanks to God, offer Him adoration, place all your needs before him.

Let us during these days of January keep one another in prayer

Fr. Hamilton



本堂神父的話

常年期第三主日


你可能也已得知聖方濟沙勿略的聖髑會 1 月 24 日蒞臨聖方濟堂區於上午 9:00 至 11:00 供我們敬禮。我鼓勵每位教友在這時段提一點時間前往敬禮聖髑。他是位偉大的天主教傳教士（也許是只次於聖保祿宗徒）他的熱誠是超乎我們們想象所及——有說有天他為那麼多的人付洗及至他再不能提高他的手臂。天主是要給我們知道的，人如果能夠為天主的恩寵去開放他的生命，敞開心扉和靈魂，他能力所達至的一個實例。

下星期我們堂有區一個 40 小時的朝拜聖體活動。對天主教徒，這是一份大的禮物，我鼓勵每人都考慮“奉上一小時”（只是一小時）在聖堂內祈禱。我們每人在新聞中，在個人生命中，在家庭環境中都知道不少的事項都需要祈禱，但只要能夠在跟主在一起便是一切中的一切，就如瑪利亞（瑪爾大的瑪利亞），她只要坐在主的腳邊，細心聆聽祂說的每一句話（路加 10:39）。登記表格在聖堂前廳綠色台上。這 40 天由 1 月 30 日星期二，下午 3 時開始；聖體會於晚上 10:00 再次恭放聖體櫃內，每天早上彌撒後再開放讓大家朝拜。

這 40 小時的朝拜聖體記念聖經中不少的 40——例如：諾亞的 40 日 40 夜，猶太民族走了 40 年方能進入福地，梅瑟 40 日 40 夜在山中領受十誡，厄里亞先知之 40 日夜逃難到曷勒布山，主耶穌傳教前 40 日齋戒和祈禱，祂復活前，約花了 40 小時在墳墓中。這 40 小時就是我們的 40 小時朝拜的主要依據。它把滿全經中所載的基督在地下等待復活的 40 小時跟我們結合。就是說，這 40 小時教導我們注意跟基督相遇的重要——是個評價的時候。我們真是有福，能夠有這個敬禮，更能夠公開地實踐我們的信仰。我鼓勵每位教友登記一段時間作祈禱，最低限度都到聖堂祈禱——多謝天主，朝拜祂，也把你所有的需要放到祂面前去。

在這 1 月中讓我們互相祈禱！

Hamilton 神父



Overcoming Stresses in Family Life

**2018
FEBRUARY 3RD**

**SATURDAY
10:30AM-12:30PM**

ST. JOSEPH
Church Basement
1612 E. 18th Ave. Vancouver

Stress is a given fact of life. Every Family has nagging stressors – relationships, finances; parenting. When our peace and security are jeopardized, or when we live to survive rather than thrive, we become paralyzed. This workshop aims to help families build security from within so that they can handle stress without losing peace or losing sight of cultivating a Christian life.

SPEAKER
Joy Jose

Joy Jose is a Pastoral Counselor from the Center for Family Ministries, Loyola School of Theology. She has worked with families since 2003 in schools, parishes and the community as counselor, educator, facilitator and presenter of various talks on marriage, family life and parenting.

Free admission and refreshments

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

HOSTING PARISH

St. Joseph Parish: 604.876.7826
parish.sjv@rcav.org or ve7cld@shaw.ca

ORGANIZING PARISH

Corpus Christi Parish: 604.324.2265
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The **Growing Christian Life** series of talks is a collaboration of parishes of the Vancouver East Deanery (supported by the Ministries and Outreach Office, Archdiocese of Vancouver).

Coming next: "Communication Strategies for Happy Families" on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:30am at St. Jude's Parish.



Introducing Fr. James' MYSTERY MATINEE MOVIE!



Altar Servers Grades 7 - 12
are invited to come and see.

When - Saturday, February 3 from 2 pm – 4:30 pm

Where - Parish library

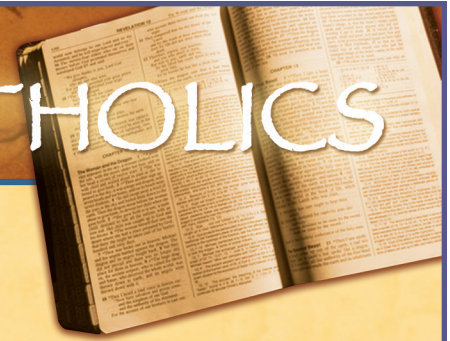
What - Basketball and snacks afterwards

RSVP - by Mon, Jan 29 to Mr. Felix Saldanha @ mabelfelix@shaw.ca



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BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR CATHOLICS



SCRIPTURE ALONE ?

Jn 21:25 ... not everything is in the Bible.

2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2 ... St. Paul speaks of oral tradition.

Acts 2:42 ...early Christians followed apostolic tradition.
2 Jn 1:12 ...more oral tradition.

2 Pet 1:20-21 ... against personal interpretation.

Heb 5:12 ... guidance needed to interpret scriptures.

FAITH ALONE ?

Jas 2:14-17, 24 ... what good is faith without works?

Heb 10:26 ... must avoid sin.
Jas 5:20 ... "earning" forgiveness.

Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21; Mt 19:16-21; Jn 5:29 ... must do will of God.

Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12 ... works have merit.

1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3 ... keep commandments.

SALVATION ONCE AND FOR ALL?

1 Cor 9:27 ... after preaching ... I myself disqualified.

1 Cor 10:12 ... thinks that he stands ... lest he fall.

Phil 2:12 ... work out salvation with fear and trembling.

Heb 4:1 ... fear of failing to reach salvation.

1 Jn 5:16,17 ... some sins are mortal, some are not.

INFANT BAPTISM

Acts 2:38; Acts 16:15, 16:33, 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16... suggests baptism of all, incl. children.
Jn 3:5; ... necessity of baptism.

Mk 16:16 ...He who believes and is baptized will

be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Col 2:11-12 ... circumcision (normally performed on infants c.f. Gen 17:12) replaced by baptism.

CONFESSION

Jn 20:22-23 "... if you forgive sins of any, they are forgiven."

Mt 18:18 ... whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven.

2 Cor 5:18 ... ministry of reconciliation.

Jas 5:14-16 ... forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession.

PETER & PAPACY

Mt 10:1-4; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13 ... Peter always mentioned first, as foremost apostle.

Mt 18:21; Mk 8:29 ... Peter speaks for the apostles.

Acts 3:6-7 ... Peter worked first healing.

Acts 10:46-48 ... Gentiles to be baptized revealed to Peter.

Jn 1:42 ... Simon is Cephas (Aramaic: Kephā for rock).

Mt 16:18-19 ... "on this Rock... keys of the Kingdom."

Is 22:22; Rev 1:18 ... keys as symbol of authority.

Jn 21:17 ... "feed my sheep"

Lk 22:31-32 ... "strengthen your brethren."

"BROTHERS" OF JESUS

Mk 6:3 ... who are called the "brothers of Jesus."

Acts 1:12-15 ... apostles, Mary, "some women", and Jesus' "brothers" number

about 120. That is a lot of brothers.

Jn 19:26-27 ... Jesus gives care of Mary to John, not one of his "brothers."
2 Sam 6:23 ... "until."

MARY EVER VIRGIN

Lk 1:27 ...to a virgin betrothed to a man..."

Mt 1:23 ...Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son...

Mt 1:25 ...but knew her not until she had borne a son...

Lk 1:34 ...how can this be since I do not know man...

MOTHER OF GOD

Mt 1:23 ...a virgin will bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us).

Lk 1:43 ...and why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Gal 4:4 ...God sent forth his Son, born of woman.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Lk 1:28 ... Hail full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Lk 1:30 ... You have found favor with God.

Lk 1:47 ...my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

CALL NO MAN "FATHER"

Acts 7:2 ...And Stephen said, Brethren and Fathers.

Rom 4:16 ... to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all.

1 Cor. 4:15 ... for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Heb 12:9 ...besides this, we have had earthly fathers...

PURGATORY

Rev. 21:27 ...nothing unclean shall enter Heaven.

2 Sam 12:13-14 ...David, though forgiven, still punished for his sins.

2 Macc 12:44-46 ...atoned for the dead to free them from their sins.

1 Pt 3:19 ...in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison...

SAINTS

Mk 12:26-27... "not God of the dead, but of the living..."

1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5 ... body of Christ.

Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 2 Thess 1:11 ... intercessory prayer.

Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16 ... veneration of angels united with God (Mt 18:10).

1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2 ... saints also united with God.

Lk 20:34-38 ... those who died are like angels.

2 Mac 15:11-16 ... deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews.

Rev 8:3-4; Jer 15:1 ... saints' intercession.

STATUES/IMAGES/RELICS

Ex 25:18-22, 26:1,31; Num 21:8-9... God commands images made.

1 Kg 6:23-29, 35, 7:29 ... Solomon's temple: statues and images.

Acts 19:11,12 ... Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons.

2 Kg 13:20-21 ... Elisha's bones.

Acts 5:15-16 ... Peter's shadow.

Mt 9:20-22 ... Jesus' garment cures woman.

CHURCH & AUTHORITY

Acts 2:42 ... doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread).

Eph 5:25-26 ... Christ loved the Church.

1 Tim 3:15 ... church is pillar/foundation of truth.

Mt 16:19 ... whatever you bind on earth is bound in Heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.

Mt 18:17-18 ... church as final authority.

Jn 20:23 ... If you forgive; the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain them, they are retained.

JUSTIFICATION

Gal 5:6 ... Faith requires work.

1 Cor 13:2 ... Faith without love is nothing.

Jn 14:21 ... You must keep God's commandments.

Mt 19:6 ... If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments.

Jas 2:24-26 ... Faith without works is dead.

1 Cor 9:24-27... Must continue in faith and works until the end.

Eph 2:8-10... Grace is required

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Jn 15:5 ...Unity of all Christians.

1 Cor 10:17 ...we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Eph 2:19 ...but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Rom 15:30 ...strive together with me in prayer...

WORSHIP STATUES ?

Ex 20:4-5...God prohibits worshipping statues.

Ex 25: 18-19; Num 21:8, Jn 3:14-15; 1 Kg 7:27-29...

God does not prohibit image making.

JESUS = GOD

Mt 28:9 ... and they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Jn 1:1-5...in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Acts 7:59 ...Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Rom 9:5 ... according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all.

Col 2:6 ...As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord.

2 Pt 1:1 ...in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

REAL PRESENCE

Jn 6:53-56...truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

Mt 26:26-28...take, eat; this is my body.

Mk 14:22-24...Take, this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and they all drank of it. This is my blood of the covenant...

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

Eph 2:20; Acts 1:2; Jn 6:70; Mt 16:18; Mt 10:1-5; Rev. 21:14...the Church is built on the foundation of the apostles which Christ chose.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Mt 28:19, Jn 3:5, Acts 2:38, Acts 16:15

Confirmation

Acts 8:14-19, Acts 19:1-6, 2 Cor 1:21-22

Holy Eucharist

Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 10:16,

Jn 6:53-57, 1 Cor 11:23-30

Penance & Reconciliation

Ex 32:20, Num 14:19-23, Jn 20:23,

Acts 19:18, 2 Cor 2:6-11, Jas 5:16

Holy Orders

Mt 18:18, Lk 22:19, Acts 18:18, 1 Tim 3:1-7,

1 Tim 5:17, 1 Pt 5:1

Holy Matrimony

Gn 2:18-25, Mt 19:1-9, Mk 10:2-12,

Rom 7:2-3, 1 Cor 7:1-24

Anointing of the Sick

Mk 6:5, 12-13, Acts 9:17-18, Jas 5:14-15



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