

PreKeysis Outline

1/3/07

Faith Fact: When does Christmas Season start and end? On the Evening of the 24th to the Baptism of the Lord, or Monday after the 2nd Sunday of January.

Review: Living a Moral Life in Christ

- God writes his law on our hearts
- Sends us the Holy Spirit to help us
- Gives us the virtues, which are spiritual behaviors, to help us live his law
- Sin separates us from God
- Grace unites us to God, makes us alive in Christ

The Ten Commandments

Vocabulary:

1. Decalogue: means ten words, another name for the ten commandments
2. Precepts: Practical ways to live out our relationship with God
 - a. Attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
 - b. Confess your sins at least once a year
 - c. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season
 - d. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the church.
 - e. Help to provide the needs of the church.
3. Idols: false gods
4. Reverence: the highest form of respect for God, including His very name.

What guidelines to God give us to live moral lives? The ten commandments *Decalogue*

Shark cage analogy

1. You shall have no other Gods (EX 20:2-3)
 - a. Atheism
 - b. Idolatry *Idols* (list some idols)
 - c. Sacrilege: mistreating anyone or anything consecrated

- d. Superstition, divination, magic: oujii boards, psychic, astrology
 - e. Simony: the abuse of spiritual power for personal gain
2. Not take the name of the Lord in vain. (EX 20:7) *reverence*
 3. Keep holy the Lord's Day (EX 20:8)

The Greatest Command Lk 10:27

- First 3 commandments= love of the Lord
- Last 7 commandments = love of neighbor

The Precepts of the Church (See above)

New Year Resolution: Work at not taking the name of the Lord in vain.