

KeYsis Outline

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Faith Fact: We don't actually know when Jesus was born.

Review Last Week

- In the beginning—Marriage & communion with God—full of grace
- Sin entered the world and shattered our relationship with God
- Jesus came to repair our relationship and, in union with his Bride, the church, gave us life-giving, efficacious gifts that help us maintain our relationship—the seven sacraments

Introduction to the Church—The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

- God did wonderful works among the people of the Old Testament, but this was nothing compared to the work of Christ in redeeming the world and giving perfect glory to God.
- He accomplished this work through the Paschal Mystery—through the Passion, Resurrection & ascension
- “dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life...”
- CCC1067 “For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth ‘the wondrous sacrament of the whole church.’
- At every single Mass around the world we celebrate this mystery, this reality—we transport beyond time to the foot of the cross.
- This is why “the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplished the work of salvation.

What does the word liturgy mean?

- It means the participation of God in the “work of God”.
- Through the liturgy, Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church.
- Liturgy also makes the church present—it’s a visible sign of the communion in Christ between God and men—*Like an engagement ring.*
 - How would we know a family was a family if they never ate dinner together, didn’t live in the same house,
 - In the same way, our church is a family with God as the head. He wishes us to interact as a family, to eat dinner together.

Liturgy & Prayer

- Liturgy is a participation in Christ’s own prayer addressed to the Father in the Holy Spirit.
- All Christian prayer finds its source and goal.
- The words of liturgy are like the language of God

