



Do nothing out of selfishness or out of
vainglory; rather, humbly regard others
as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●



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Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

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ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST I

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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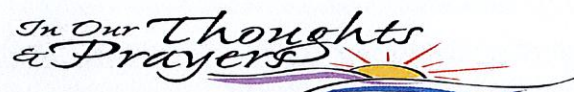
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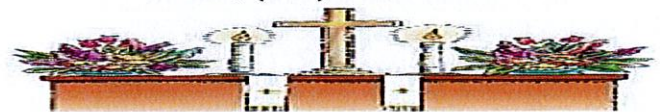
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To Learn More About – How Do We Know About God?

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How Do We Know About God

1. Can we know by our natural reason that there is a God?

We can know by our natural reason that there is a God, for natural reason tells us that the world we see about us could have been made only by a Self-Existing Being, All-Wise and Almighty.

2. Can we know God in any other way than by our natural reason?

Besides knowing God by our natural reason, we can also know Him from supernatural revelation, that is, from the truths found in Sacred Scripture and in Tradition, which God Himself has revealed to us. Supernatural means “above the natural.” These truths are above our natural power to think out for ourselves. God had to tell us or we would not know them.

3. What do we mean when we say that God has revealed these truths to us?

When we say that God has revealed these truths to us we mean that He has made them known to certain persons to be announced to their fellow men as the word of God. These persons chosen and sent by God are called “witnesses” to Him. The Prophets and Apostles were the Chief Witnesses. Our Lord said to the Apostles, “You shall be witnesses for Me...even to the very ends of the earth”.

Acts 1:8 The Holy Bible is like a letter, and Tradition is like messengers which God sends to teach us about Himself.

4. What is the Bible?

The Bible is the written word of God, committed to His Church for the instruction and sanctification of mankind.

5. What do we mean when we say that the entire Bible is inspired?

When we say that the entire Bible is inspired, we mean that its principal author is God, though it was written by men whom God enlightened and moved to write all those things, and only those things, that He wished to be written. Inspiration is a force that God puts into a man so that he can write what God wants him to write. Just as electricity gives light and power, so does inspiration give God’s light and power, the light and power that come from the Holy Spirit. This enables a writer to write just what God wants Him to, though he uses his own language, his own style and his own writing skill. The power of inspiration keeps the writer from making a mistake. There are no errors or mistakes in the Bible. All that is there is truth. God used many men to write the Bible, just as we use many pens or pencils to write. When we think of the human authors of the Bible, the Bible, there are many books that make up the Bible. But when we think of the divine Author, God, the Bible is one book.

Sometimes we know who the human author of a book is and sometimes we don’t.

6. How is the Bible divided?

The Bible is divided into the Old Testament, written before the coming of Jesus Christ, and the New Testament, written after His ascension into heaven. The hero of the Bible is Our Lord Jesus Christ. Pope Benedict XV said, “Every single page of either Testament seems to center round Christ” (Encyclical on the Bible). The Old Testament, written before the coming of Christ, shows man’s need for God’s special help and his desire for a Redeemer. The books of the New Testament, written after Christ’s time on earth, give us His life and His teachings. They center round His Passion and death, the great acts of His love for us.

7. Are all the passages of the Bible to be understood according to our modern manner of expression?

No; some of the passages of the Bible are not to be understood according to our modern manner of expression since they contain certain figures of speech, parables, and literary forms used by the people of ancient times but not employed in the present.

8. How can we know the true meaning of the Bible?

We can know the true meaning of the Bible from the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, which has received from Jesus Christ the right and the duty to teach and to explain all that God has revealed. Parts of the Bible are difficult to understand. St. Peter says this of the Epistles of St. Paul: "Our most dear brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given him, has written to you...in these epistles there are certain things difficult to understand, which the unlearned and the unstable distort, just as they do the rest of the Scriptures also, to their own destruction". *2 Peter 3: 15-16*. The Church helps us to understand the Bible and to be sure of what God meant in each part of it.

9. Are Catholics encouraged by the Church to read the Bible?

Yes; Catholics are encouraged by the Church to read the Bible, especially the Gospels, which tell about the earthly life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God made Man. It is good to read a little bit of the Gospels every day. Special indulgences are granted for the reading of the Bible. The Bible is rich food and even a little can be very nourishing to our soul. Read it slowly and carefully. Think of what you read. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you and He will make the parts that are hard at first clearer as time goes on.

10. What is the chief message of the New Testament?

The chief message of the New Testament is the joyful announcement of our Salvation through Jesus Christ. "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name". *John 20: 31*

11. What is Divine Tradition?

Divine Tradition is the unwritten word of God-that is, Truths revealed by God, though not written in the Bible, and given to the Church through word of mouth by Jesus Christ or by the Apostles under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

12. Has Divine Tradition ever been committed to writing?

Divine Tradition has been committed to writing, especially by saintly writers called Fathers, who lived in the early centuries but were not inspired, as were those who wrote the Bible. Among the many holy men:

Those who wrote in Greek:

St. Athanasius

St. Basil the Great

St. Gregory Nazianzen

St. John Chrysostan

Those who wrote in Latin:

St. Ambrose

St. Augustine

St. Jerome

St. Gregory the Great

13. Has Divine Tradition the same force as the Bible?

Yes; Divine Tradition has the same force as the Bible, since it too contains God's Revelation to men.

14. By what kind of act do we believe the doctrines contained in the Bible and in Divine Tradition?

We believe the doctrines contained in the Bible and Divine Tradition by an act of Divine Faith, which means that we accept them on the authority of God, who can neither Deceive nor be Deceived.



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A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
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CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
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- Slinky® or yo-yo
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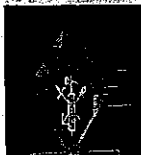
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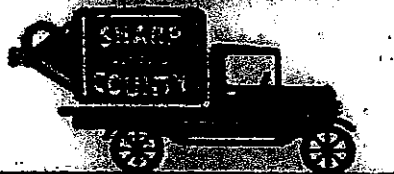
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Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others.

(See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone.

It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and

godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	Sts. Michael,	St. Jerome, Priest	St. Thérèse of	The Holy	Weekday	Twenty-seventh
Jb 1:6–22	Gabriel, and	and Doctor of	the Child Jesus,	Guardian Angels	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6,	Sunday in
Lk 9:46–50	Raphael,	the Church	Virgin and	Jb 38:1, 12–21;	12–17	Ordinary Time
	Archangels	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Doctor of the	40:3–5	Lk 10:17–24	Is 5:1–7
	Dn 7:9–10,	Lk 9:57–62	Church	Mt 18:1–5, 10		Phil 4:6–9
	13–14 or		Jb 19:21–27			Mt 21:33–43
	Rv 12:7–12ab		Lk 10:1–12			
	Jn 1:47–51					



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord’s instruments.

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