

# MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

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## SPIRITUAL PONDERINGS

### Sacred Scripture Part III

St. Gregory the Great wrote the following about the Bible: “The Bible is a letter from Almighty God to His creatures.”

#### 6. Typology

Catholics believe the Old Testament is fulfilled in the present and the New Testament is prefigured in the Old Testament. We believe that the Old Testament helps us unlock the meaning of the New Testament (and vice versa). The story of Jacob’s son Joseph in the Old Testament in many ways mirror’s the story of Jesus in the New Testament. For example, Joseph was for all purposes dead as he sat in the bottom of the well that his brothers threw him in. Jesus was thrown into a tomb and assumed dead for three days. Joseph was given over to slavery and Jesus was given over to sin. Both were raised, Joseph to Pharaoh’s right hand and Jesus to the Father’s right hand. Both suffered what they suffered because God the Father allowed it and both were able to save lives because of their experience.

When we refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God we should go back and read the Exodus and the history of the Passover lambs. Referring to Jesus as the new law giver, invites us to learn more about Moses in order to better

understand what the author meant by that. In order to understand Jesus’ “I am” statement we need to go back and study the first “I am” statement in the Bible in Exodus where God is speaking to Moses through the burning bush.

#### 7. Separate Theory from Dogma

Most Scripture scholars believe that Mark was the first Gospel written because it is the shortest. Matthew and Luke soon followed Mark in writing their Gospel often quoting Mark and unnamed source that scholars call “Q” according to this theory and finally the Gospel of John was written. Recently I read a new theory that stated that Mark was the last of the Gospels to be written because it was an edited and shortened version of the others that was designed to be chanted during the Easter Vigil. This is a scholarly debate that in the end does not matter. What matters is the dogma’s that we gain from the Sacred Scripture for example that Jesus Christ is true God and true man is nonnegotiable. Which Gospel came first can be argued all we want. While it is interesting to theorize don’t let yourself get caught up in

### Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Lectionary: 167 Gospel

**JN 6:51-58** Jesus said **Spiritual Reflection:** A reflection on the Eucharist by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser: “We sometimes forget that Jesus was born in a barn not a church and that the God of the Incarnation is as much about kitchen tables as ecclesial altars. God is as much domestic as monastic. This important to keep in mind as we try to understand the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the body of Christ, a continuation of the Incarnation, and, like Jesus’ birth, is meant to bring the divine into concrete everyday life.”

#### Spiritual Questions:

1. What can you do in your home to make you appreciate the Eucharist more?
2. What does it mean to live a Eucharistic life?
3. Does the Mass change you? If so how?
4. How can you make Christ present in the lives of others?
5. How do you prepare to receive the Eucharist?



that you miss what God is trying to say to us in the passage.

### 8. Get to Know More than the Sunday Readings

If I were to say to you: "Hello! My name is Inigo Montoya! You killed my father! Prepare to die!" or "Inconceivable! - You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means," or "As you wish." You might look at me like I was an idiot unless you had seen the movie the Princess Bride. If on the other hand you had seen the movie, the words that I just spoke would invoke in you images of pirates, sword fights, giants, six fingered men, a cowardly prince and a beautiful princess. Knowing the whole story helps us understand the parts that make it up.

The Catholic Church has created three sets readings to be read at Sunday Mass. They then with great imagination named them Year A, Year B, and Year C. At the same time they created two sets of readings for weekday Masses and named them Year I and Year II. If one were to read all the Scripture Readings at Mass, you would have read most of the Bible but not all. The other problem would be the stories in the Bible are sliced up in a way that sometimes prevents us from seeing how they all connect to the bigger picture.

For example, in Mark's Gospel Jesus and his disciples encounter a man possessed by a group of demons who call themselves Legion. Jesus drives the demons out of the man and into a herd of swine and the swine all go up a hill

and commit suicide by jumping into the lake below. The people of the town come and ask Jesus to leave. The man who was once possessed by Jesus is told by Jesus to go home and help his family. Later Jesus returns to the same area and instead of driving him away they welcome him this time. We are left to assume it is because of the testimony of the man who had once been possessed. If you are not careful you can miss this detail because (((((( does not draw much at

If you want to understand the Scriptures better take the time to take a Bible Class or pick up a book on the Sacred Scriptures.



## PRAYER(S) OF THE WEEK

### Litany of Holy Communion

Lord, have mercy on us.

**R.** Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

**R.** Christ, graciously hear us.

### *(R. Have Mercy on Us)*

God the Father of Heaven, **R.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **R.**

God the Holy Spirit, **R.**

Holy Trinity, One God, **R.**

Jesus, living Bread which came down from Heaven, **R.**

Jesus, Bread from Heaven giving life to the world, **R.**

Jesus, hidden God & Savior, **R.**

Jesus, Who has loved us with an everlasting love, **R.**

Jesus, Whose delights are to be with the children of men, **R.**

Jesus, Who has given Thy Flesh for the life of the world, **R.**

Jesus, Who invites all to come to Thee, **R.**

Jesus, Who promises eternal life to those who receive Thee, **R.**

Jesus, Who with desire desires to eat this Pasch with us, **R.**

Jesus, ever ready to receive and welcome us, **R.**

Jesus, Who stands at our door knocking, **R.**

Jesus, Who has said that if we will open to Thee the door, Thou wilt come in and sup with us, **R.**

Jesus, Who receives us into Thy arms and blesses us with the little

children, **R.**

Jesus, Who suffers us to sit at Thy feet with Magdalen, **R.**

Jesus, Who invites us to lean on Thy bosom with the beloved disciple, **R.**

Jesus, Who has not left us orphans, **R.**

Most dear Sacrament, **R.**

Sacrament of love, **R.**

Sacrament of sweetness, **R.**

Life-giving Sacrament, **R.**

Sacrament of strength, **R.**

My God and my all, **R.**

### *(R. We beseech Thee, hear us)*

That our hearts may pant after Thee as the hart after the fountains of water, **R.**

That Thou wouldst manifest Thyself to us as to the two disciples in the breaking of bread, **R.**

That we may know Thy voice like Magdalen, **R.**

That with a lively faith we may confess with the beloved disciple, "It is the Lord," **R.**

That Thou wouldst bless us who have not seen and yet have believed, **R.**

That we may love Thee in the Blessed Sacrament with our whole heart, with our whole soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, **R.**

That the fruit of each Communion may be fresh love, **R.**

That our one desire may be to love Thee and to do Thy will, **R.**

That we may ever remain in Thy love, **R.**

That Thou wouldst teach us how to receive and welcome Thee, **R.**

That Thou wouldst teach us to pray, and Thyself pray within us, **R.**

That with Thee every virtue may come into our souls, **R.**

That throughout this day Thou wouldst keep us closely united to Thee, **R.**

That Thou wouldst give us grace to persevere to the end, **R.**

That Thou wouldst then be our support and Viaticum, **R.**

That with Thee and leaning on Thee we may safely pass through all dangers, **R.**

That our last act may be one of perfect love and our last breath a long deep sigh to be in Our Father's house, **R.**

That Thy sweet face may smile upon us when we appear before Thee, **R.**

That our banishment from Thee, dearest Lord, may not be very long, **R.**

That when the time is come, we may fly up from our prison to Thee, and in Thy Sacred Heart find our rest forever, **R.**

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
R. Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, R. Have mercy on us.

Stay with us, Lord, because it is toward evening,

R. And the day is now far spent.

Let Us Pray

We come to Thee, dear Lord, with the Apostles, saying, "Increase our faith." Give us a strong and lively faith in the mystery of Thy Real Presence in the midst of us. Give us the splendid faith of the centurion, which drew from Thee such praise. Give us the faith of the beloved disciple to know Thee in the dark and say, "It is the Lord!" Give us the faith of Martha to confess, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Give us the faith of Magdalen to fall at Thy feet crying, "Rabboni, Master." Give us the faith of all Thy saints, to whom the Blessed Sacrament has been Heaven begun on earth. In every Communion increase our faith; for with faith, love and humility and reverence and all good will come into our souls.

Dearest Lord, increase our faith. Amen.



## Catholic Quiz



Last Week's Answers: Which of the following does not belong?

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| 1. |  | Zuchetto | 2. |  | Galero |
| 3. |  | Biretta  | 4. |  | Mitre  |

This week's questions: Identify the following Objects



1. What color(s) is the Papal Flag?
2. What is a Church Amassador called?
3. When does a Cardinal become to old to vote for the next pope?
4. Who choses who gets to be a cardinal?

## CATHOLIC HUMOR

### Catholic Laughs

#### Ten More Catholic Pickup Lines

21. You want to do something? Sure, let's go pray.
22. Your as lovely as a rose, you must be my answer to the novena I was praying to St. Theresa the Little Flower
23. My Guardian Angel thinks your cute
24. I have a vocation to the married life...will you help me out?
25. Nice bible
26. You know Jesus!? Me too!!!
27. (For the ladies) Excuse me, I believe one of your ribs belongs to me.
28. (for the gentleman) God said it is not good for man to be alone. So how about it?
29. Gee, that's a lovely scent of incense you're burning there.
30. What's your theological world view?"



## CATHOLIC QUOTES

- "If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."  
- St. Angela of Foligno
- "Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."  
- St. Augustine
- "Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."  
- from the writings of St. Augustine, Sermon 3, 2; circa A.D. 410 {original translation}
- "O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloam to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive." - St. Ephraem
- "When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food." - St. Francis de Sales
- "When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence." - St. Francis de Sales
- "What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation"
- "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood." - St. Francis of Assisi

### Spiritual Adoption Prayer



"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." - Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

### MONTH 5 – Developing Baby – “Mommy felt me kick today!” Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time, he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



### PRAYER OF POPE JOHN XXIII For Fathers

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

### FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father, it is Your Commandment that we should honor our fathers; hear the prayers we offer You for them.

Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of mind and body. Bless their word and all they do. Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us. Inspire them with Your love and help them to fulfill Your holy law. One day, may we be their comfort and support, so that having enjoyed their affection on earth we may have the joy of being with them forever in Your home in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY # 3

Lord, please bless our fathers, these men who mean so much to us, who are greatly responsible for who we are and who we are becoming. Bless them for having the courage to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble, for making us do the right thing, for helping us build our character, even when it makes us angry; and bless them for pushing us to do our best, even when they just want to love us. Bless our fathers for being our protectors, for leading us through stormy times to safety, for making us believe that everything will be all right and for making it so. Bless our fathers for quietly making a living to provide for those they love most, for giving us food, clothing, shelter and the other material things that really matter, for unselfishly investing time and money in us that they could have spent on themselves.

Bless our father, Lord, for saving some energy for fun, for leading us on adventures to explore the outer reaches of ourselves, for making us laugh, for being our playmates and our friends. Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock, for holding on tight to us... until it's time to let us go. Lord, bless these men we look up to, our role models, our heroes, our fathers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.