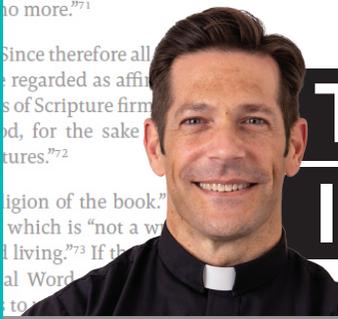


Week 13

Paragraphs 595–644



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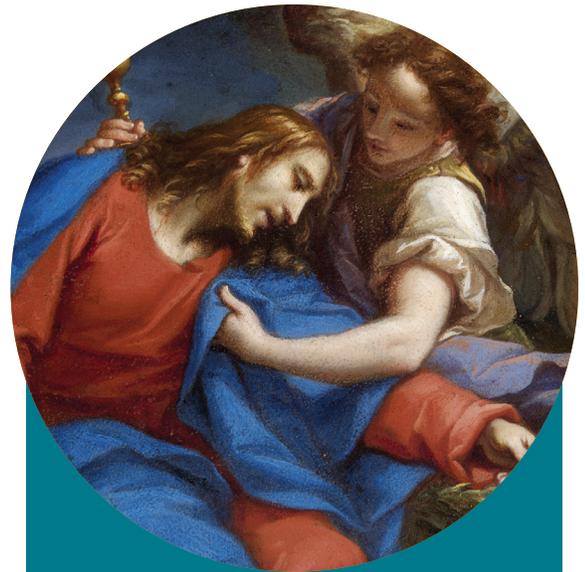
What We Believe PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE LOVE OF GOD TRIUMPHANT

Our sins crucified Jesus, but God used his death to accomplish our salvation and redemption. Why? He loves us. At Mass, the sacrifice of Jesus is offered, giving glory to God and redeeming the world.

Keep in Mind

- All “sinners were the authors” of Christ’s suffering and death (CCC 598).
- Sinless and blameless, Jesus died for all without exception: “There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer” (CCC 605).
- Lambs offered as sacrifices of atonement foreshadow Jesus as the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29; CCC 608).
- At Mass, we become participants in Jesus’ freely given sacrifice through the Eucharist. Jesus is the priest who is himself the sacrifice.
- No one could bear humanity’s sins, but Jesus is a divine Person who joined himself to humanity to become the mediator between God and man.
- When Jesus died, the second Person of the Trinity “necessarily continued to possess his human soul and body, separated from each other by death” (CCC 626).
- Jesus’ Resurrection on the third day fulfilled his promise to rise, foreshadowed by Jonah’s three days in the whale’s belly.
- Baptism includes three immersions in water as a sign of Christ’s three days of descent into death. In Baptism, the Christian dies to sin, enters death, and rises to new life with Christ.
- Jesus descended to the dead “as Savior, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there” (CCC 632), and brought the souls of the righteous to heaven.



Agony in the Garden
by Francesco Trevisani (1740)

Dive Deeper

Jesus, shown in the garden of Gethsemane, contends with his impending suffering and death. He says he chooses to drink the chalice “which the Father has given [him]” in obedience and for our sake (CCC 607).

Pray today before a crucifix and invite Jesus into your sufferings.

- “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned” (CCC 633). Those who have chosen against God cannot change their choice of permanent separation from God.
- Jesus gives redemption to everyone saved—those who died before, during, or after the time of Jesus.
- Through the Incarnation, the sacraments, grace, and his Holy Spirit, God delivers us from imprisonment in hell if we choose him.
- Jesus did not merely rise in the hearts of believers, but he literally rose bodily from the dead.
- The historical fact of Jesus’ bodily Resurrection is evidenced by the empty tomb and his appearances to Mary Magdalene and other holy women, Peter and other apostles, and more than five hundred people at once.
- Witnesses to the Resurrection gave up their lives to proclaim this truth. Who would give up his or her life for a lie?
- The Resurrection is fundamental to Christianity. If Jesus has not risen from the dead, then our Faith is worthless (see 1 Corinthians 15:12–19).

Use the space below to reflect on this week's content.

Take It to Prayer

God our Father, we thank you that your love knows no bounds. We thank you that Christ descended to the dead to rescue the righteous. Help us to walk with righteousness and right relationship with you so we can live forever with you. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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