

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (11-10-19)

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN (MOTHER OF FREEDOM AND QUEEN OF THE FREE)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping, in this vale of tears!
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LIVING IN FREEDOM—PRAXIS

- I. History in the Final Age of the Church (From Pentecost to the Last Judgment):
 - A. Jesus: "My kingship is not of this world" (John 18:36). The Church rules IN this world as the ultimate power but is not OF the world. Its citizens are:
 1. Freed from sin and spiritual death for holiness, sanctification, and eternal life

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3).
 2. Freed from error and ignorance for truth and on-going intellectual formation

"If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32).
 3. Freed from idolatry or ignorance of God for worship in Spirit and Truth

"You worship what you do not know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth" (John 8:23).
 4. Freed from malice for mercy

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7).
 5. Freed from disorder in soul and body for purification in the soul and the resurrection of the body

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8); "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).
 6. Freed from selfishness and fear for service of mission and of communion

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

- B. This Final Age since Pentecost (the End Times) is an unfolding drama concerning life or death, Heaven or Hell for all human persons because of Christ placing all history in His humanity—All human souls are one of these:
 - 1. Triumphant in heaven
 - 2. Suffering purgation in purgatory
 - 3. Journeying on earth to either Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell
 - C. The Four Last Things
 - 1. Death—Particular Judgment
 - 2. General Judgment
 - 3. Heaven
 - 4. Hell
- II. Freedom—Cooperation with the Holy Spirit
- A. Remain in a state of grace in a life of on-going conversion and virtue
 - B. Seek truth in accord with right reason and revelation, and live in Truth
 - C. Worship God, especially at Mass, in Spirit and in Truth
 - D. Accept and share mercy; do not incite or perpetrate malice or remain imprisoned by anger
 - E. Allow your suffering to sanctify your soul; treat your body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and your heart as an altar of Christ’s Sacrifice
 - F. Focus on giving yourself as Christ to others in fearless love of God and neighbor

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. According to Christ and His Church, what are the things human persons most need to be set freed FROM?
2. According to Christ and His Church, FOR WHAT PURSUITS are people set free?

QUESTIONS (T/F)

- ___ 1. To live in freedom, a person does not need to know the truth.
- ___ 2. Animals like lions and dogs make free decisions just as humans do.
- ___ 3. Humans and angels in hell freely chose to end up in this state.
- ___ 4. Humans can abuse freedom through disobedience more than once and still be saved, whereas angels cannot.
- ___ 5. Truly human actions must involve freedom to some degree.
- ___ 6. All those who are baptized must freely choose to receive this gift.
- ___ 7. A human person possessed by a demon is no longer free.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Renewal of Baptismal Promises,” “Angel of God,” “Glory Be”
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (15-30 minutes):
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation:
 - 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 - 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 - 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition:

- A. Are there things I possess that actually “possess” me: things that I am unable to say “no” to by using in excessive and sinful ways, at the expense of my really and freely loving God and others?
- B. Is my life more virtual than real—does my life involve interacting with images more than in engaging with other persons I actually see, of directly experiencing the created order of the Creator, and of praying to God?
- C. Does another human person—either out of fear or excessive attachment—control me to the point that I am not free to love God first and to love others appropriately?

