

Holy Family Church

Family Catechism Schedule

05th JAN 2025 Ordinary Meeting 1 (St. Rita's Centre)

- Welcoming (All together in the Chapel)
 - I belong 1: In the name of the Father. (Mass introductory rites)
BAPTISM
 - YouCat: Introduction nn.1-12; (Revelation-Faith)
- Group of parents and group of children with their catechists to the appointed room.

- **Parents group:**
 - BAPTISM: Marriage, Baptism, Rite of Baptism
 - Rite of Baptism: Remember the baptism of their children.
 - LECTIO DIVINA: Matthew 3, 13-17

Then Jesus appeared: He came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you", he said. "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands". At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him".

- YouCat: Introduction nn.1-12; (REVELATION-FAITH)
 - DEI VERBUM (Document)
 - The existence of God (Faith; the most reasonable thing)
- **Children group:**
 - I belong 1:
 - Presentation of the book
 - Church – House p.2
 - Church – family p. 3
 - Sign of the Cross p.2
 - NAME: pp.4-5
 - BIBLE (Word of God): AT and NT pp. 4-5

 - YouCat: nn.1-12 *General introduction* or preparation for the theme **Revelation-Faith.**
 - Faith; the most reasonable thing

REVELATION and OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

2. In His goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of His will (see Eph. 1:9) by which through Christ, the Word made flesh, man might in the Holy Spirit have access to the Father and come to share in the divine nature (see Eph. 2:18; 2 Peter 1:4).

Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col. 1:15, 1 Tim. 1:17) out of the abundance of His love speaks to men as friends (see Ex. 33:11; John 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar. 3:38), so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself.

This plan of revelation is realized by deeds and words having an inner unity (...). By this revelation then, the deepest truth about God and the salvation of man shines out for our sake in Christ,

3. God, who through the Word creates all things (see John 1:3) and keeps them in existence, gives men an enduring witness to Himself in created realities (see Rom. 1:19-20). Planning to make known the way of heavenly salvation, He went further and from the start manifested Himself to our first parents. Then after their fall His promise of redemption aroused in them the hope of being saved (see Gen. 3:15) and from that time on He ceaselessly kept the human race in His care, to give eternal life to those who perseveringly do good in search of salvation (see Rom. 2:6-7). who is both the mediator and the fullness of all revelation. (2)

Through the patriarchs, and after them through Moses and the prophets, He taught this people to acknowledge Himself the one living and true God, provident father and just judge, and to wait for the Saviour promised by Him, and in this manner prepared the way for the Gospel down through the centuries.

4. Then, after speaking in many and varied ways through the prophets, "now at last in these days God has spoken to us in His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). For He sent His Son, the eternal Word, who enlightens all men, so that He might dwell among men and tell them of the innermost being of God (see John 1:1-18).

5. "The obedience of faith" (Rom. 16:26; see 1:5; 2 Cor 10:5-6) "is to be given to God who reveals, an obedience by which man commits his whole self freely to God, offering the full submission of intellect and will to God who reveals," (4) and freely assenting to the truth revealed by Him.

To make this act of faith, the grace of God and the interior help of the Holy Spirit must precede and assist, moving the heart and turning it to God, opening the eyes of the mind and giving "joy and ease to everyone in assenting to the truth and believing it." (5) To bring about an ever deeper understanding of revelation the same Holy Spirit constantly brings faith to completion by His gifts.

Faith; the most reasonable thing

Faith, uniting us to Jesus, gives us the ability to see the reality as in the daylight, in colour, whereas we are used to seeing it as in the semi-darkness, in shades of grey.

Faith is a gift from God. It is born in us as a response to the proclamation and testimony that Church and Christians transmit about Christ, risen and alive. It is born of the grace of God that illuminates the intelligence and moves the hearts of the people to accept the testimony and to believe in Him. God also confirms it by external signs that guarantee the existence of God and the witness of the Church. These signs are accessible to human reason, and the act of faith in God is reasonable, in fact it is the act most in accordance with human reason.

The first thing I want to consider is that human life, even in its merely human aspects, is founded on faith and beliefs, beliefs not in the vulgar sense of “opinions”, but in the sense of certainties that have been acquired by faith in others, a faith that is reasonable. Concepts, ideas, values are given to us firstly by faith, a natural and spontaneous faith in our parents, elders, teachers... and to that experience acquired by faith we will incorporate our own experiences that confirm, extend, specify, and modify this cultural background, that we enrich by cultural transmission and exchange. We know all those things and assimilate them by natural faith in human testimony, and to do so is the most rational and reasonable way for it.

But a man can be deceived and may, in turn, want to deceive us, so in certain complicated matters of great transcendence or with great consequences for life, the guarantees of reliability that our intelligence requires, in order to accept that testimony are greater, and are based on the capacity of that person not to be mistaken in their perception or judgment, and on their moral quality by which we know they will not deceive us.

FOR FAMILY MEETINGS AT HOME

I belong

- The Baptism of Jesus (Lectio Divina and Picture) pp. 6-7
- Talk with your children about their baptism. P. 10 Family Time

YouCat for Kids

- 1-5
- 6-9
- 10-12