

VIA FIDELIS: UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

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UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY

March | Small Groups

Join or start a small faith group – either using the weekly study guide provided by the diocese or discuss the points below!



HOW DO WE KNOW GOD?

See Catechism of the Catholic Church 31-38, 46-47, 50-53, 68-69

- God created us with a natural desire to know Him, even if this desire is sometimes ignored on our part
- God also gave us the ability to know Him prior to Revelation
- Human beings can naturally know God's existence
- We can particularly know Him as the origin and end of all creation and as truth, beauty and goodness
- Even though we can know God's existence and his attributes of perfection naturally, God is always greater than what is accessible to human reason alone
- Furthermore, simply knowing about God is not the same as being in relationship with Him
- In order to communicate the mystery which God is in Himself, which is not accessible to human reason, God has revealed Himself to us
- This *Divine Revelation* also gives us surety of some things that are naturally accessible to human reason
- By words and deeds throughout "salvation history," God reveals Himself and His loving plan for us
- This plan is that all people might share in the divine life by "adoption" through Christ
- Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, is the fullness of Revelation

Feasts & Solemnities

MARCH 17: MEMORIAL OF ST. PATRICK, BISHOP

Shhh! Don't tell anyone, but St. Patrick was actually British. Yet, his love for Ireland and her people led him to return there as a missionary. He was originally taken into captivity in Ireland as a young man. St. Patrick is an example of the zeal — enthusiasm — that comes with sharing the Gospel in love.

MARCH 19: SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Joseph plays a key role in the birth and life of Jesus. Yet, not a single word of his is recorded in Scripture — if you don't believe us, go look it up yourself! St. Joseph is an example of quiet obedience and service to the Lord.

MARCH 25: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

We celebrate the solemnity of the Annunciation — when Mary is informed that she will give birth to Jesus — on March 25, nine months before we celebrate Christmas (Dec. 25). Several of the early Church Fathers, like St. Augustine of Hippo, believed that the date of Jesus' death corresponded with the date of his crucifixion, with both occurring on March 25.

MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which we call *holy* because we commemorate the events surrounding the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, by which salvation is made possible for us.