

OCTOBER 4: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43 | CCC 1814-1816, 1842

FAITH

- Faith is the theological virtue which disposes one to believe God and all he has revealed as well as all that the Church presents to us to be believed
- Faith is rooted in the fact the God is Truth itself
- In faith one commits the whole self to God
- In faith one strives to know and do God's will

What is the virtue of faith? Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and all that he has revealed to us and that the Church proposes for our belief because God is Truth itself. By faith the human person freely commits himself to God. Therefore, the believer seeks to know and do the will of God because “faith works through charity” (Galatians 5:6). (*Compendium #386*)

OCTOBER 11: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 | CCC 1817-1821, 1843

HOPE

- Hope is the theological virtue that disposes one towards the desire for heaven and eternal life with God
- Hope is the trust in the promises of Christ rather than trust in one's own strength
- Christian hope fulfills the hopes of God's people in the promises of the Old Testament
- The Christian hopes for 'final endurance' and the Church prays, in hope, for the salvation of all humanity

What is hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and await from God eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit to merit it and to persevere to the end of our earthly life. (*Compendium #387*)



OCTOBER 18: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21 | CCC 1822-1829, 1844

CHARITY

- Charity is the theological virtue that disposes one to love God above all things and one's neighbor as oneself for the sake of this love of God
- Charity is the new commandment given by Jesus (Jn 13:34)
- Charity animates and inspires the practice of all the virtues
- Charity perfects our human ability to love by supernatural divine love

What is charity? Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment, the fullness of the law. "It is the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14) and the foundation of the other virtues to which it gives life, inspiration, and order. Without charity "I am nothing" and "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). (*Compendium* #388)



OCTOBER 25: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40 | CCC 946-953, 960

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS: HOLDING HOLY THINGS IN COMMON

- The term 'communion of saints' refers both to the sharing of holy things (sancta) in common and the union between holy persons (sancti)
- The Church shares many things in common, including the faith, the sacraments, and charisms and spiritual gifts
- The sacrament of the Eucharist is a special sign of this communion
- This communion is rooted in charity

What is the meaning of the "communion of saints?" This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (sancta): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interests" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor. (*Compendium* #388)