

Christian Morality and Prayer

Scope and Sequence

Chapter	Title	Main Chapter Concepts	Key Words	Scripture Passages	Catechism References	Person of Faith
37	The Bible: The Old Law and the New Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ten Commandments summarize the Old Law. Jesus gave us the New Law, which fulfills and completes the Old Law. The Beatitudes teach us the attitudes we need to live the New Law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Law New Law Beatitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Are Those (Matthew 5:6–7) Old Law Not Expired (Matthew 5:17) Love the Lord Your God (Deuteronomy 6:5) Love Your Neighbors (Leviticus 19:18) Specific Laws (Exodus 21:28) Ask God to Bless (Romans 12:14–16) Happy Those Who Mourn (Matthew 5:4) About Anger (Matthew 5:21–22) The Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 10:18, 12:24, 14:21) The Meaning of Love (1 Corinthians 13:4–7) Living the New Law (Ephesians 4:26–29) The Conversion of Saint Paul (Acts 9:4) 		Saint Paul
38	Living the Moral Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of God's gifts in leading us to him, free will, is the basis for moral responsibility. The natural law is part of our human nature and the basis of our human rights and dignity. With the help of the Holy Spirit and development of virtues, we can live lives of selfless love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> free will natural law virtues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I Chose You (Jeremiah 1:4) Happy the Spiritually Poor (Matthew 5:3) Do for Others (Matthew 7:12) God Is at Work in You (Philippians 2:12–13) Come Near to God (James 4:8) The Greatest Is Love (1 Corinthians 13:13) Without Love, Nothing (1 Corinthians 13:2) 	CCC, 1711, 1713, 1714, 1725, 1715, 1726, 1802, 1980, 1745, 1975, 1978, 1979, 2080, 2081, 1982, 1983, 1833, 1839, 1834, 1840, 1841, 2047	Saint Joseph

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39	Moral Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use our conscience to make decisions, and we should take care to form it well, especially by listening to the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church. The goodness of an act depends upon its object (good or evil in itself), its intention, and its circumstances. If we have sinned, God restores our broken relationship with him through justification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> justification Magisterium doctrine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace to Guide You (Colossians 3:15) Keep the Lord's Commands (Sirach 15:15) Teach One Another (Colossians 3:16) Peter, You Are a Rock (Matthew 16:18) 	CCC, 1796, 1798, 1757, 1760, 1761, 1746, 1747, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1871, 1872, 1876, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2048, 2050, 2051, 1875, 1874	Saint Peter Claver
40	Honoring God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We honor God through observance of the first three Commandments. Idolatry, superstition, and atheism are violations of the First Commandment; blasphemy, meaningless or offensive use of God's name, and perjury are violations of the Second Commandment; missing Mass on Sunday without good reason and doing unnecessary work on Sunday are violations of the Third Commandment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> idolatry atheism venerate Sabbath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love God and Neighbor (Luke 10:27) God Tolerates No Rivals (Exodus 20:5) Honor the Name of Jesus (Philippians 2:10–11) A Day of Rest (Exodus 20:10) 	CCC, 2134, 2135, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2175, 2190, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2191	
41	Honoring Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fourth Commandment commands that we honor and respect our parents. This Commandment also requires that parents love, respect, and care for their children properly. This Commandment also demands that leaders in society respect and care for the rights of those they serve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> honor discipline society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do Not Be Afraid (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30) Teach Children (Proverbs 22:6) Respect for Parents (Ephesians 6:2–3) Advice for Parents and Children (Colossians 3:20–21) Obey God (Acts 5:29) 	CCC, 2248, 2252, 2251, 2253, 2255, 2254, 2256, 2257, 2455	

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42	Respecting Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fifth Commandment requires respect for human life from conception until natural death. Murder, abortion, euthanasia, and suicide are violations of this Commandment. This Commandment requires that war be avoided if at all possible, and, if waged, be conducted according to moral norms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> abortion legitimate defense suicide euthanasia scandal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made Like God (Genesis 1:26) Causing Others to Lose Faith (Matthew 18:6) 	CCC, 2329, 2319, 2322, 2323, 2320, 2321, 2325, 2324, 2326, 2327, 2328	
43	Respecting Truth and Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seventh Commandment forbids theft, whether of material or intellectual property, and requires sharing our resources with others. The Tenth Commandment forbids an unhealthy desire for wealth or power. The Eighth Commandment requires truthfulness and that we not damage another's reputation through malicious gossip, even if what is said is true. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> restitution reparation envy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much Is Required (Luke 12:48) Earthly Riches (Luke 18:25) Be Concerned with the Kingdom (Matthew 6:31–33) 	CCC, 2453, 2454, 2451, 2452, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2556, 2507, 2505, 2508, 2509, 2511, 2512	Archbishop Oscar Romero
44	Respecting Sexuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sixth Commandment requires that we be sexually pure according to our individual state of life. This Commandment forbids sexual activity outside of marriage. The Ninth Commandment requires that we keep our hearts pure and encourages the virtues of modesty, patience, and self-discipline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sexuality chastity adultery fornication masturbation pornography homosexuality concupiscence temperance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Body Should Serve the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:13) Made Male and Female (Genesis 1:27) God Wants Holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:3) The Kiss of Peace (Romans 16:16) Make Peace First (Matthew 5:24) Adam and Eve's Nakedness (Genesis 3:7) Good Thoughts (Philippians 4:8) From Your Heart (Matthew 15:19) Purity of Heart (Matthew 5:8) 	CCC, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2399, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2400	Saint John Fisher Saint Thomas More

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45	Working for Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church works for a loving community through social justice: a respect for all creation and human rights. The Church encourages all of us to work for the common good of society, and not just our own interests. Catholic social teaching is concerned with making sure that all people have what they need to live in dignity and with solving the root causes of social imbalance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> social justice charity common good solidarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That They May Be One (John 17:21) Sharing in Suffering (1 Corinthians 12:26) Love Your Neighbor (Matthew 22:39) Civil Authorities (Romans 13:4) Humble Giving (Matthew 6:2) Good News to the Poor (Luke 4:18) The Poor and the Rich (Luke 6:20, 24) God's Plan Undefeated (Acts 5:38–39) 	CCC, 1897, 1890, 1944, 1892, 1925, 1895, 1923, 1920, 1927, 1921, 2462, 1926, 1943, 1927, 1945, 2461, 1947, 2458, 2460, 1948, 2456, 2459	Dorothy Day
46	The Bible: Models of Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King David, the Virgin Mary, and Jesus himself are three models of prayer. King David is a model of faith, trust, and the need for forgiveness. The Virgin Mary is our model for saying yes to God in our prayers. Jesus, the Son of God, is our model for our commitment to do God's will. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> praise petition <i>Magnificat</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David's Faith (1 Samuel 17:37) Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68–69, 78–79) David's Dance (2 Samuel 6:14) David's Prayer of Praise (2 Samuel 7:18–29) Listen to My Cry (Psalm 28:1–2) Asking Forgiveness (Psalm 51:1–3) A Pure Heart (Psalm 51:10–11) Mary, the Lord's Servant (Luke 1:38) Most Blessed of Women (Luke 1:42) My Heart Praises the Lord (Luke 1:46–48) God's Justice (Luke 1:53) Jesus Prayed Alone (Luke 5:16) Jesus Prayed with His Disciples (Luke 9:28) Jesus Prayed for Others (John 17:6, 9) Jesus Prayed for Us (John 17:20) Jesus Thanks the Father (Luke 10:21) Jesus Prays to Do the Father's Will (Matthew 26:39) Jesus Prays for Those Who Believe in Him (John 17:20–21) 		Saint Therese Couderc Fr. Stephen Terme

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47	Prayer: Conversation with God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer is raising your mind and heart to God in honest conversation. In prayer, God calls and we respond through the power of grace—God’s presence in our lives. We pray always by being open to God’s love throughout our day, turning back to him in conversion of heart. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray at All Times (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Lord, You Know Me (Psalm 139:1–3, 6) 	CCC, 2590, 2661, 2591, 2645, 2757, 2754	Saint Teresa of Ávila
48	Tuning In to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The five basic forms of prayer are petition, blessing, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving. We grow in our life with God through the virtues of faith, hope, and love and through various forms of prayer: prayers learned by heart, the prayers at Mass, the liturgical feasts and seasons, reading the Bible, listening to God’s Word at Mass and in homilies. Personal prayer can also take the forms of vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> blessing intercession thanksgiving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join in Prayer (Romans 15:30) God’s Love in Our Hearts (Romans 5:5) 	CCC, 2644, 2720, 2662, 2694, 2721, 1679, 2693	Jean Vanier
49	The Lord’s Prayer: The Perfect Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lord’s Prayer is the quintessential prayer of the Church. Ten reasons are given for the central position of the Lord’s Prayer in the life of the Church and in our lives of faith, the first being that Jesus himself taught us this prayer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> quintessential communion synagogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lord, Teach Us to Pray (Luke 11:1) Become Like Children (Matthew 18:2–3) 	CCC, 2776, 2762, 2680, 2798, 2799, 2800, 2774	

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50	The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Lord's Prayer, we address God as "our Father." • The Lord's Prayer contains seven petitions. (The number seven is a symbol of completeness.) • Each of the seven petitions is explained in the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trespass • temptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Father Knows (Matthew 6:32–33) • Love One Another (John 13:34) 	CCC, 2857	Pope Francis

Beliefs and Practices

The Precepts of the Church (CCC, 2042, 2043)

Glossary

The definitions of the following words in the Glossary were based on the referenced paragraphs of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

angel (350), covenant (71), faith (176), human person (382), Incarnation (480, 483), inspiration (136), justification (2019), Original Sin (417), soul (382), virtues (1833, 1834, 1840).