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July 1, 2021

St. Andrew Catholic Church

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694-2170 phone
www.aksaintandrews.org

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5:30 pm
Sundays: 10 am and 7 pm
Weekdays*: Monday-Communion Service 9 am
Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

**Unless otherwise noted in the weekly schedule*

Holy Days: 9 am and 7 pm
Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:15 pm on Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Sacraments

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment
Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick--contact the office
Sacraments of Initiation--**Adults interested in becoming Catholic** --Please contact Deacon Mark or the office.

MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to build a community of Faith, Hope and Love by the way we educate, celebrate, and live as individual stewards of the many blessings of Almighty GOD. We are called to be Christ's hands and voice reaching out to embrace all who are in need, and to establish peace and justice in the Kingdom of GOD.



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Our sessions on the Decalogue lead us today to the last Commandment. We heard it at the opening. These are not only the final words of the text, but much more: they are the fulfilment of the journey through the Decalogue, touching the heart of all that it consigns. In fact, on a closer look, no new content is being added: the indications “you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife” and “you shall not covet your neighbor’s goods” are at least latent in the Commandments on adultery and theft; so what is the function of these words? Is it a summary? Is it something more?

Let us keep well in mind that the purpose of all the Commandments is to indicate life’s boundaries, the limits beyond which man destroys himself and neighbor, ruining his relationship with God. If you go beyond these, you destroy yourself, you also destroy your relationship with God and your relationship with others. The Commandments point this out. Through this last word the fact is emphasized that all transgressions spring from a common inner root: evil desires. All sins are born from an evil desire. All. There, the heart begins to move and one sets out on that wave and ends up in transgression. But not a formal, legal transgression: a transgression that wounds oneself and others.

In the Gospel Jesus says it explicitly: “from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man” (Mk 7:21-23). Thus we understand that the whole itinerary outlined by the Decalogue would have no utility whatsoever if it did not reach this level, the heart of man. Where do these awful things come from? The Decalogue is clear and profound in this aspect: this journey’s point of arrival — the last Commandment — is the heart, and if this, if the heart is not liberated, the rest serves little purpose. This is the challenge: to liberate the heart from all these evil and awful things. God’s precepts can be reduced to being no more than the lovely facade of a life that nevertheless continues to be an existence of slaves, not of children. Often, something unsightly and unresolved is hidden behind the pharisaic mask of suffocating propriety.

We must instead allow ourselves to be unmasked by these Commandments on desire, so they may show us our poverty, in order to lead us to a holy humiliation...

The final words of the Decalogue teach everyone to acknowledge that we are beggars; they help us to face the turmoil of our heart, in order to stop living selfishly and to become poor in spirit, authentic in the sight of God, allowing ourselves to be redeemed by the Son and to be tempered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the teacher who guides us: let us allow ourselves to be helped.
— Pope Francis

Sacrament Corner—Congratulations !

Baptism: June 16, 2021—Michael William Hunter
June 26, 2021—Elias Gabel
June 27, 2021—Eleanor Marie Henry



STEPS TO GETTING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST. ANDREW

- Contact Deacon Mark@ deaconmark@mtaonline.net

If this is your first child to be baptized at St. Andrew you will need to take a class. Once you have received instruction your baptism will be scheduled. Usual times for baptism are during or after the weekend Mass.

Stewardship

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

This group is composed of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one to suicide. It is facilitated by trained volunteers and is there to help its participants to help heal from the pain and loss. This is an open group that will meet twice a month to discuss issues and problems related to the suicide of their loved one and help them to integrate this loss into their life.

Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M in Eagle River. Please call before first visit: 907-696-5229. There is no cost.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Do you have crutches, braces, wheel chairs, padding, bandaging materials, or non-prescription medical supplies or ointments that you would like to donate? Contact Paula or Raymond @ 694-2415 for pickup.

Welcome!

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Stop by the Welcome table to register and find out more about St. Andrew Parish! You can also register online at our website www.aksaintandrews.org

Pamphlets, Flyers, Posters

Anything to be displayed in the church must be approved in the office. Please stop by the office so that we may run the items by the pastor before they are displayed. Anything that is not OK'd will be taken down. Help us assure that what is displayed is appropriate and theologically correct. Thank you!

All children must be supervised by their parents *at all times* while on parish property. As always, our ushers are on hand during Mass to render assistance.

Comfort and Accessibility:

- Accessible Restrooms available in the halls off the narthex.
- Ladies' and Family Restrooms on the North side, Men's restroom on the South side.
- Seating for Wheelchairs available in the front of the Nave.
- If you have difficulty approaching the altar for communion, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.
- A limited number of assisted-hearing devices are available; ask an usher for assistance.

Miscellaneous

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Classes for those interested in becoming Catholic begins in September. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the name given to the instruction and discernment program for those who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Church. The classes meet every Sunday beginning with the 10 am Mass and finish around noon. The program leads to Confirmation and reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Please contact Deacon Mark (deaconmark@mtaonline.net) or the office if you would like to learn more.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT : Help is available—Have you or someone you know been sexually or physically abused?
Contact:

Office of Children's Services 1-800-478-4444
Adult Protective Services 1-800-478-9996
STAR Standing Together Against Rape 907-276-7273
Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator 907-297-7786



Miscellaneous



Aluminum Cans: A large collection box can be found near the dumpster. **Note:** This box is for aluminum only, no plastic.



Egg Cartons: We save **one dozen size** egg cartons for the Food Bank. Place them (and non-perishable food donations) in the God Box by the Men's Restroom.

NEW CDS from the Augustine Institute are available on the table by the coat closet.

STAMPS & POSTMARKS: A box is in the coat room for all cancelled stamps you may have. They are sent to the retired SSSF Sisters in Wisconsin where they are prepared for selling to stamp collectors. The revenue they receive helps maintain their convent.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you wish to stop getting contribution envelopes please email the parish secretary at parishsecretary@aksaintandrews.org and she will remove you from the mailings. And if you are not receiving them and wish to, contact her at the above email.

MOVING/ADDRESS CHANGES?

Are you moving or planning to move? If so, **please** let the parish office know in advance so we can change or stop mailing your offering envelopes. This saves postage.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please keep your children from scribbling in the green music issues as many parishioners donated the books in memory of loved ones. Thank you!

Calendar

We are currently streaming Mass Sunday @ 10 am. We also have weekend Mass in person on Saturday @ 5:30, Sunday at 10 am and 7 pm. We have daily Mass at 9 am Tues-Friday. All parishioners are welcome to wear face-masks, but are not required. Please be considerate of those who are unable to be vaccinated at this time. We are cautiously reopening our church. Please pray that the numbers of those affected by COVID continue to decline.

Changes are on going. You should receive an email or text when there is a major change to schedule. If you have not been receiving notification please email parishsecretary@aksaintandrew.org with current contact information.

Other uses of the church will be forthcoming in the following weeks and months, dependent on the state of the COVID pandemic,

Kids' Corner

July Saints and Feast Days Word Search

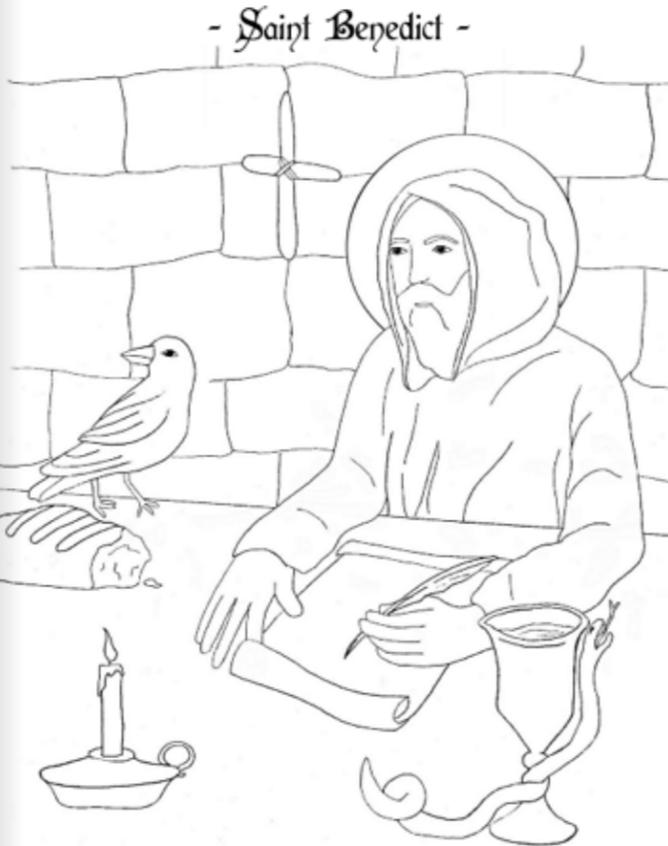


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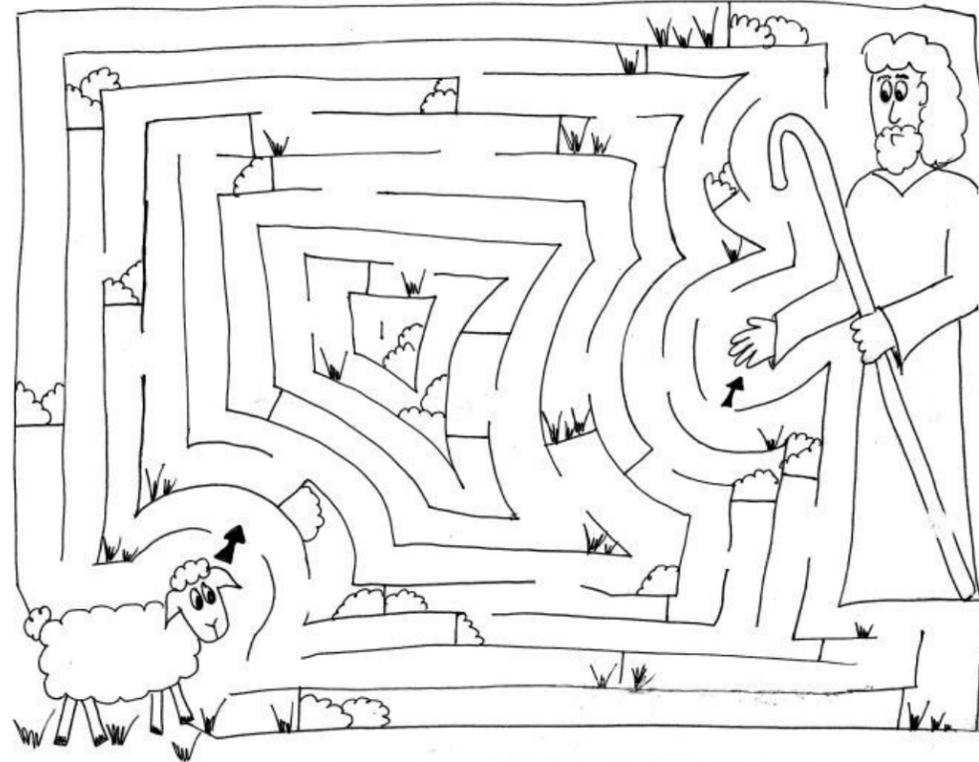
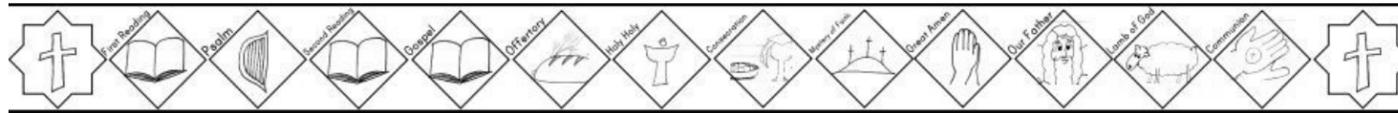
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- Saint Benedict -



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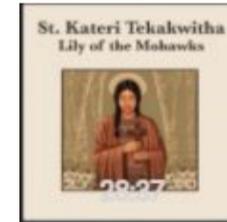
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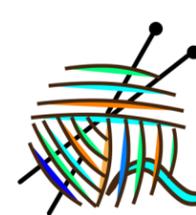
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 Ann Marie Mabry— 227-4516
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Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request the Anointing of the Sick before surgery! Call the parish at 694-2170.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted with love and compassion. The prayer shawl ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as celebration and joy.

We are now meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month at 7 pm in the LDR and on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Monday.—Contact Dolores @ 726-5345.

LADIES GROUP

We are eagerly awaiting further developments that will accommodate our being able to meet again. Meanwhile, we are thinking about possibilities to carry on our mission once we are fully functioning and back together. We miss each and every one of you and hope you are doing well. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



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JULY 26TH-29TH 2021 | 10AM-12:30PM

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- Small Group Leaders
- Station Leaders
- Snack Preparers
- Floaters

To volunteer or for more information, please go to:
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Or contact Margaret Holtz:
margaret@aksaintandrews.org

Contact Margaret with any questions regarding Youth Group/ Faith Formation: Margaret@aksaintandrews.org

SPRED (Special Religious Development) JESUS SAYS TO YOU TODAY, "I CALL YOU FRIEND"

SPRED builds a community of Faith welcoming persons with developmental disabilities, so that they may find spiritual nourishment and opportunities to give glory to God. We hope to resume our program at St. Andrew in the fall. If you know someone who would benefit from this type of formation, or if you would like to volunteer for this most rewarding ministry, please send a text message to Kate Green, our parish coordinator, at 907-382-0824."

Financial Highlights

St. Andrew Catholic Church				
Offertory - May 2021				
	Building Fund			
	Offertory	& Debt Reduction	Total	
Masses & Mail Box	\$ 28,057.79	\$ 5,543.00	\$ 33,600.79	
Given On-line	\$ 35,286.00	\$ 6,605.00	\$ 41,891.00	
Earthquake Repair	\$ 303.00		\$ 303.00	
Yurt	\$ 3,096.00		\$ 3,096.00	
Total	\$ 66,742.79	\$ 12,148.00	\$ 78,890.79	

United in Mission (Formerly OBOB)	Last month cumulative	Current cumulative	Goal	% of Goal
Total Pledged	\$11,390	\$16,415	\$93,675	18%
Total Paid	\$10,556	\$13,356	\$93,675	14%
# of Parishioners	26	33	885	4%

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Fishers of Men: Monday nights 7pm in the Conference Room. We will resume again in the Fall if anyone is interested and wants more information please contact Will Goolsby at WilliamGoolsby@hotmail.com.

ST. ANDREW MOMS MINISTRY—MOMS—Come join MOMS meeting Thursdays 10-12noon starting July 1st - August 12th. All ladies, kids and families always welcome!

July 1: St. Andrew (Meet at lawn by playset)
 July 8: Loretta French Park

Stay tuned for announcement for the locations of the next Thursday meeting dates.

Join our St. Andrew MOMS Rosary - Our Lady's Blue Army.

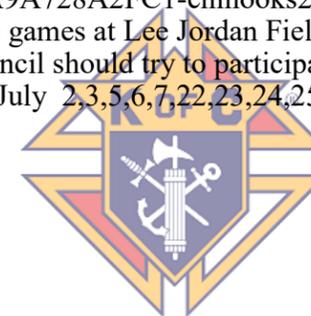
Praying the Rosary Everyday on Zoom Sunday-Saturday at 7am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8964391349>
 Meeting ID: 896 439 1349

Contact: Donabelle Shepherd 702.994.9269; Email: donabelle@gmail.com

Knightly News

- Next General Business Meeting:** Members of Council 9830; our monthly business meeting on Tuesday July 13th at 7pm in the Narthex of St. Andrew's church. COME JOIN US! Agenda will be mailed out.
- Bear Paw Festival and Parade 2021:** POC Bill Galligan: galligan.bill@gmail.com Phone Number: 907-903-4636. We will need around 25 volunteers for the parade scheduled for Saturday, July 17th at 11:00am and ends around 12:30pm. We usually meet around 7:30am to get organized. Family members and friends are welcome too so bring them along to help as it is an enjoyable volunteer opportunity.
- Knights of Columbus Alaska 2021 "Pot o' Gold" Raffle:** Knights will have tickets available. 16 Chances to win \$, Grand Prize \$15,000. Sales of tickets go to help sponsoring KOC activities like Scholarships, St. Therese's Camp, Mother's Day flowers, supporting church BBQs, Wreaths Across America, etc.
- Chinooks Baseball Signup:** POC Raymond Brady. pandrbrady@gmail.com Phone:(907)240-2269 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CA9A728A2FC1-chinooks2RaymondBrady> needs help with the "Spilt the Pot" raffle at Chinooks Baseball Home games at Lee Jordan Field in Loretta French Park, 18100 Old Glenn Highway in Chugiak. All knights of the council should try to participate in this effort. Please take a look at the schedule (next home dates are Jun 27 & 30, July 2,3,5,6,7,22,23,24,25,27,28 & 29) and verify dates, times and slots..



LOVE INC.

Please continue to pray for OUR neighbors in need and pray that partners/donors will come forward!

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Many of our neighbors are in serious financial trouble! So, we pray and give them guidance if they choose it. Assisting them with rent and utilities is challenging they really need to manage their time and finances! We will continue to assist them as we are able.

19112001 Please help a disabled woman in need of assistance with her rent. She has had car problems and because she was asked to move by June 30 she will need to put her furniture in storage. She needs \$276 for her rent.

08041601 Please help a woman who has been unemployed and not eligible for unemployment insurance. She was attending UAA and received her certification to teach in 2021. She received her contract to teach in the Anchorage School District beginning the school year. MEA \$596.74 (monthly \$ 85.31), EN-STAR \$596.64, car insurance (\$94.28), AWWU \$96 and \$1,600.

NEEDS IN THE EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY

LOVE INC--Our Mission is to mobilize the Church to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ. If you are in need of help, please call **907-726-5683**.

Our organization needs your contribution of volunteers, finances and donations to better serve our community. Can you contribute? Please call 250-1735 and let us know. www.loveincfeagleriver.org

Please donate to the Good Samaritan Fund: \$5, \$10 or \$20 month. This money will help our neighbors with utilities or gas cards. Please mail your donations to:

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 Executive Director
 P.O. Box 770833
 Eagle River, AK 99577

Office Location:
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Congratulations!

Thank you! You did it!

The St. Andrew Parish has raised \$100,000 through the Debt Reduction Dinner* Ministry.

Our parishioners have selflessly dedicated their ideas, talents, stewardship, treasures, hard work, time, and homes in some amazing memory-making evenings to make it happen. They worked to share varied interests to foster camaraderie, with a devotion to resolving the facility debt in order to build our church.

Would you like to get in on this incredible ministry? Join the parties by hosting an event of your choice **or** by donating your design, cooking, cleaning, or problem-solving skills. Lend us your ideas!

Some of the past event themes included:

Beef and Blue Jeans	Luau	Downton Abbey	Octoberfest
Mardi Gras	Classic Hollywood	Harry Potter	Christmas Nosh
A Night at the Vatican	Wine Pairing	High School Prom	Greek Dinner
Colonial Williamsburg Mystery	Turkish Delight	Mediterranean	Island Party
Italian Pasta Making	Icon Dinner	A Blast from the Past Car Show	

We've come a long way, and we're back!

Here's a peek at *some* of the upcoming events: Progressive Decks, Octoberfest, Christmas Nosh, and St. Joseph Feast Day...

*Look for more *DRD* information soon!*



THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maid-servant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

St. John distinguishes three kinds of covetousness or concupiscence: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life. In the Catholic catechetical tradition, the ninth commandment forbids carnal concupiscence; the tenth forbids coveting another's goods.

Etymologically, "concupiscence" can refer to any intense form of human desire. Christian theology has given it a particular meaning: the movement of the sensitive appetite contrary to the operation of the human reason. The apostle St. Paul identifies it with the rebellion of the "flesh" against the "spirit." Concupiscence stems from the disobedience of the first sin. It unsettles man's moral faculties and, without being in itself an offense, inclines man to commit sins.

Because man is a composite being, spirit and body, there already exists a certain tension in him; a certain struggle of tendencies between "spirit" and "flesh" develops. But in fact this struggle belongs to the heritage of sin. It is a consequence of sin and at the same time a confirmation of it. It is part of the daily experience of the spiritual battle:

For the Apostle it is not a matter of despising and condemning the body which with the spiritual soul constitutes man's nature and personal subjectivity. Rather, he is concerned with the morally good or bad works, or better, the permanent dispositions - virtues and vices - which are the fruit of submission (in the first case) or of resistance (in the second case) to the saving action of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the Apostle writes: "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."

I. PURIFICATION OF THE HEART

The heart is the seat of moral personality: "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication. . . . The struggle against carnal covetousness entails purifying the heart and practicing temperance: *Remain simple and innocent, and you will be like little children who do not know the evil that destroys man's life.*

The sixth beatitude proclaims, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Pure in heart" refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God's holiness, chiefly in three areas: charity; chastity or sexual rectitude; love of truth and orthodoxy of faith. There is a connection between purity of heart, of body, and of faith: The faithful must believe the articles of the Creed "so that by believing they may obey God, by obeying may live well, by living well may purify their hearts, and with pure hearts may understand what they believe."

The "pure in heart" are promised that they will see God face to face and be like him. Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God. Even now it enables us to see according to God, to accept others as "neighbors"; it lets us perceive the human body - ours and our neighbor's - as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty.

II. THE BATTLE FOR PURITY

Baptism confers on its recipient the grace of purification from all sins. But the baptized must continue to struggle against concupiscence of the flesh and disordered desires. With God's grace he will prevail

- by the virtue and gift of chastity, for chastity lets us love with upright and undivided heart;
- by purity of intention which consists in seeking the true end of man: with simplicity of vision, the baptized person seeks to find and to fulfill God's will in everything;
- by purity of vision, external and internal; by discipline of feelings and imagination; by refusing all complicity in impure thoughts that incline us to turn aside from the path of God's commandments: "Appearance arouses yearning in fools"

- by prayer: *I thought that continence arose from one's own powers, which I did not recognize in myself. I was foolish enough not to know . . . that no one can be continent unless you grant it. For you would surely have granted it if my inner groaning had reached your ears and I with firm faith had cast my cares on you.*

Purity requires modesty, an integral part of temperance. Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It is ordered to chastity to whose sensitivity it bears witness. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity.

Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love. It encourages patience and moderation in loving relationships; it requires that the conditions for the definitive giving and commitment of man and woman to one another be fulfilled. Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet.

There is a modesty of the feelings as well as of the body. It protests, for example, against the voyeuristic explorations of the human body in certain advertisements, or against the solicitations of certain media that go too far in the exhibition of intimate things. Modesty inspires a way of life which makes it possible to resist the allurements of fashion and the pressures of prevailing ideologies.

The forms taken by modesty vary from one culture to another. Everywhere, however, modesty exists as an intuition of the spiritual dignity proper to man. It is born with the awakening consciousness of being a subject. Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person.

Christian purity requires a purification of the social climate. It requires of the communications media that their presentations show concern for respect and restraint. Purity of heart brings freedom from widespread eroticism and avoids entertainment inclined to voyeurism and illusion.

So called moral permissiveness rests on an erroneous conception of human freedom; the necessary precondition for the development of true freedom is to let oneself be educated in the moral law. Those in charge of education can reasonably be expected to give young people instruction respectful of the truth, the qualities of the heart, and the moral and spiritual dignity of man.

"The Good News of Christ continually renews the life and culture of fallen man; it combats and removes the error and evil which flow from the ever-present attraction of sin. It never ceases to purify and elevate the morality of peoples. It takes the spiritual qualities and endowments of every age and nation, and with supernatural riches it causes them to blossom, as it were, from within; it fortifies, completes, and restores them in Christ."

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor's. . . . You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The tenth commandment unfolds and completes the ninth, which is concerned with concupiscence of the flesh. It forbids coveting the goods of another, as the root of theft, robbery, and fraud, which the seventh commandment forbids. "Lust of the eyes" leads to the violence and injustice forbidden by the fifth commandment. Avarice, like fornication, originates in the idolatry prohibited by the first three prescriptions of the Law. The tenth commandment concerns the intentions of the heart; with the ninth, it summarizes all the precepts of the Law.

I. THE DISORDER OF COVETOUS DESIRES

The sensitive appetite leads us to desire pleasant things we do not have, e.g., the desire to eat when we are hungry or to warm ourselves when we are cold. These desires are good in themselves; but often they exceed the limits of reason and drive us to covet unjustly what is not ours and belongs to another or is owed to him.

The tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power. It also forbids the desire to commit injustice by harming our neighbor in his temporal goods:

When the Law says, "You shall not covet," these words mean that we should banish our desires for whatever does not belong to us. Our thirst for another's goods is immense, infinite, never quenched. Thus it is written: "He who loves money never has money enough."

It is not a violation of this commandment to desire to obtain things that belong to one's neighbor, provided this is done by just means. Traditional catechesis realistically mentions "those who have a harder struggle against their criminal desires" and so who "must be urged the more to keep this commandment":

. . . merchants who desire scarcity and rising prices, who cannot bear not to be the only ones buying and selling so that they themselves can sell more dearly and buy more cheaply; those who hope that their peers will be impoverished, in order to realize a profit either by selling to them or buying from them . . . physicians who wish disease to spread; lawyers who are eager for many important cases and trials.

The tenth commandment requires that envy be banished from the human heart. When the prophet Nathan wanted to spur King David to repentance, he told him the story about the poor man who had only one ewe lamb that he treated like his own daughter and the rich man who, despite the great number of his flocks, envied the poor man and ended by stealing his lamb. Envy can lead to the worst crimes. "Through the devil's envy death entered the world":

We fight one another, and envy arms us against one another. . . . If everyone strives to unsettle the Body of Christ, where shall we end up? We are engaged in making Christ's Body a corpse. . . . We declare ourselves members of one and the same organism, yet we devour one another like beasts

Envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin:

St. Augustine saw envy as "the diabolical sin." "From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity." Envy represents a form of sadness and therefore a refusal of charity; the baptized person should struggle against it by exercising good will. Envy often comes from pride; the baptized person should train himself to live in humility:

Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God. Because his servant could conquer envy by rejoicing in the merits of others, God will be praised.

II. THE DESIRES OF THE SPIRIT

The economy of law and grace turns men's hearts away from avarice and envy. It initiates them into desire for the Sovereign Good; it instructs them in the desires of the Holy Spirit who satisfies man's heart.

The God of the promises always warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed "good for food . . . a delight to the eyes . . . to be desired to make one wise."

The Law entrusted to Israel never sufficed to justify those subject to it; it even became the instrument of "lust". "The gap between wanting and doing points to the conflict between God's Law which is the "law of my mind," and another law "making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members."

"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." "Henceforth, Christ's faithful "have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires"; they are led by the Spirit and follow the desires of the Spirit.

III. POVERTY OF HEART

Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer Him to everything and everyone, and bids them "renounce all that [they have]" for His sake and that of the Gospel. Shortly before His passion he gave them the example of the poor widow of Jerusalem who, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on. The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven.

All Christ's faithful are to "direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use of worldly things and by an adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty." "Blessed are the poor in spirit." The Beatitudes reveal an order of happiness and grace, of beauty and peace. Jesus celebrates the joy of the poor, to whom the Kingdom already belongs:

The Word speaks of voluntary humility as "poverty in spirit"; the Apostle gives an example of God's poverty when he says: "For your sakes he became poor."

The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods. "Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God.

IV. "I WANT TO SEE GOD"

Desire for true happiness frees man from his immoderate attachment to the goods of this world so that he can find his fulfillment in the vision and beatitude of God. "The promise [of seeing God] surpasses all beatitude. . . . In Scripture, to see is to possess. . . . Whoever sees God has obtained all the goods of which he can conceive."

It remains for the holy people to struggle, with grace from on high, to obtain the good things God promises. In order to possess and contemplate God, Christ's faithful mortify their cravings and, with the grace of God, prevail over the seductions of pleasure and power.

On this way of perfection, the Spirit and the Bride call whoever hears them to perfect communion with God:

There will true glory be, where no one will be praised by mistake or flattery; true honor will not be refused to the worthy, nor granted to the unworthy; likewise, no one unworthy will pretend to be worthy, where only those who are worthy will be admitted. There true peace will reign, where no one will experience opposition either from self or others. God himself will be virtue's reward; he gives virtue and has promised to give himself as the best and greatest reward that could exist. . . . "I shall be their God and they will be my people. . . ." This is also the meaning of the Apostle's words: "So that God may be all in all." God himself will be the goal of our desires; we shall contemplate him without end, love him without surfeit, praise him without weariness. This gift, this state, this act, like eternal life itself, will assuredly be common to all.