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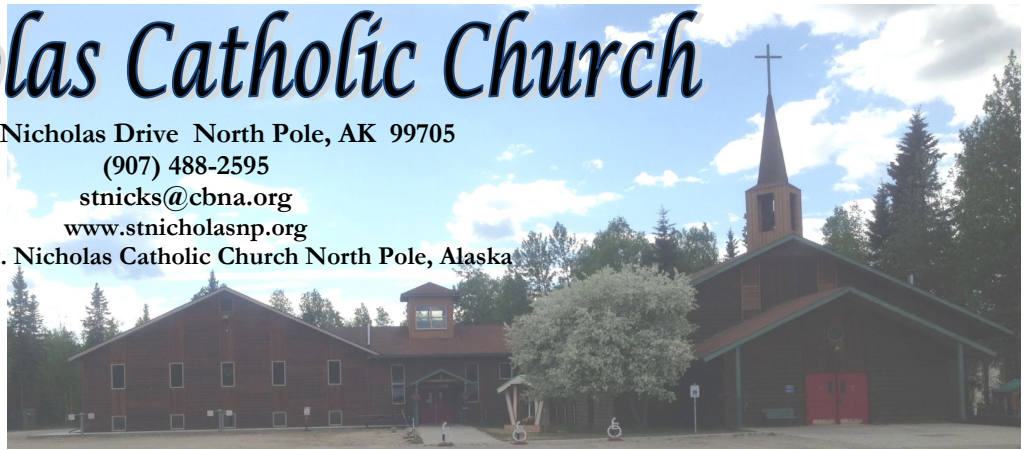
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Your Church

A place for everyone to gather at the table of the Lord.

Our Vision

A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.

Your Mission

To Learn – To Love – To Build –
To Pray – To Serve

Regular Liturgical Schedule

Confession:

Wednesday 6 PM
Saturday 4 PM

Holy Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ... 9 AM
Wednesday 7 PM
Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 9 AM & Noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

(with Morning Prayer)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 AM to 9 AM

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Gayle Somers

Jesus never used the word “Trinity,” yet today He describes why believe in it.

Gospel (Read Jn 16:12-15)

“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth.’ This is such a fascinating statement by Jesus. It suggests that while He was still with the apostles, their ability to comprehend all that He was doing was limited. Even if He had explained everything that was about to happen on the night of the Last Supper in detail, it would have been lost on them. Instead, He tells them they would, at a future time, get the help they would need to absorb the truth of His life and work.



That help would come in the Person of the Holy Spirit, whose descent on the apostles we celebrated last week on Pentecost. Because of the chronology of these events, and, perhaps, even because of the way Jesus speaks about them, we might get the impression that the Holy Spirit had a kind of separate work from Jesus that could only begin once Jesus had ascended to the Father. Today, we learn why that is not quite right.

When the Holy Spirit is sent to the disciples, Jesus tells them, “He

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- * Anne is working from home. Email or call her at 907-322-1901
- * Katherine's hours are Monday through Friday 9:30am to 4pm
- * Heather is out during the summer but will be checking email periodically
- * Beth's office hours fluctuate - Please call, text, or email for appt, 907-978-4786

Heather's and Beth's hours are subject to change depending on ministerial duties.

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will speak what He hears...He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” Here we see that the Spirit’s work is actually rooted in Jesus. He does not work independently but in entire submission to Jesus. Likewise, Jesus works in entire submission to the Father, because “everything that the Father has” is His. This is the dynamic communion of Persons mentioned so distinctly in the Gospels. When Christians in the first centuries of the Church read passages like this one in Scripture, they began to work out the dogma that later became known as the Trinity. Clearly there is a Father, a Son, and a Holy Spirit, and just as clearly, although different, they act as One. The communion Jesus describes here is touched by love—a willing submission and a willing sharing. How important this is for us to comprehend if we are ever to understand ourselves and to live our lives well. Because we are in the image and likeness of God, we, too, will need to live with others who are like us, and our life will need to be characterized by both willing submission and sharing.

The dogma of the Most Holy Trinity isn’t only a theological truth; it can serve as a corrective when we make our lives small (and often miserable) by selfish individualism and pride. Within the human community, our relationships can be touched by the same kind of palpable love we see in these few words about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the Gospel. This is not easy! Good thing we have a Savior Who has come to make it possible.

Possible response: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, please teach me to love as You do.

First Reading (Read Prov 8:22-31)

Occasionally, the Old Testament gives us glimpses into the communion of Divine Persons within God Who were later revealed in salvation history. This reading is one such passage. The author of the proverb writes in a poetic way about the existence of “Wisdom” long before the earth existed. The personification of Wisdom suggests that this is a description of the “Word” of God, Who eventually took on flesh and blood and was born into the world

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If you want to have something placed in the bulletin, please leave it in Katherine’s mailbox by the **Monday prior to the weekend you want it posted in the bulletin.** Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers: June 21 & 22

5 PM	Altar Servers: James H., Bentley B., Brayden B., & Sean H. Lectors: Janet F. & Jeff H. EMHC: Greg C. & John M. Counters: Kat G. & Tammy B.
9 AM	Altar Servers: Elena G., Volunteer, Volunteer, & Volunteer Lectors: Barb S. & Deb M. EMHC: Barb S. & Peter B. Counters: DeAnna K. & Cynthia M.
Noon	Altar Servers: Eamon D., Volunteer, Volunteer, & Volunteer Lectors: Jarod D. & Joan D. EMHC: Lorrie B. & Robin R. Counters: Cathy P. & Jessica D.

SACRAMENTS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism contact Fr. Aiden
1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist contact Heather
Confirmation contact Heather or Beth
Marriage contact Fr. Aiden
Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Aiden
Vocations contact the Chancery 907-374-9500
OCIA/OCIC contact Fr. Aiden or Heather
Children’s Religious Ed contact Heather
Youth Ministry contact Beth

Day	Date	Intention	Feast Day	Readings
Monday	06/16	†Larry Mingus		2 Cor 6:1–10 • Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd–4 • Mt 5:38–42
Tuesday	06/17	†Marguerite Keithley		2 Cor 8:1–9 • Ps 146:2, 5–6ab, 6c–7, 8–9a • Mt 5:43–48
Wednesday	06/18	Birthday of Ellen Armour		2 Cor 9:6–11 • Ps 112:1bc–2, 3–4, 9 • Mt 6:1–6, 16–18
Thursday	06/19	†Nicki Snow	<i>St. Romuald, Abbot</i>	2 Cor 11:1–11 • Ps 111:1b–2, 3–4, 7–8 • Mt 6:7–15
Friday	06/20	†Bob Piser		2 Cor 11:18, 21–30 • Ps 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7 • Mt 6:19–23
Saturday	06/21	†Nicki Snow	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	2 Cor 12:1–10 • Ps 34:8–9, 10–11, 12–13 • Mt 6:24–34
Sunday	06/22	People of the Parish For the special intentions of Fr. Yakubu Aiden	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Gn 14:18–20 • Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 • 1 Cor 11:23–26 • Lauda Sion • Lk 9:11b–17

of men. See that Wisdom was there at Creation with God, “beside Him as His craftsman.” St. John later captures this idea in the prologue of his Gospel when he writes, “[Jesus] was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made” (see Jn 1:2-3). We can feel the deep bond of love between God and His Wisdom: “I was His delight day by day.” Yet probably what startles and astounds us most in this passage is the last verse: “I found delight in the human race.” The Wisdom became the Word made flesh, Who so delighted in us that He died and rose again to save us. When we contemplate this, we are led right into our responsorial psalm.

Possible response: Father, this proverb wonderfully reminds me that all Creation is permeated with Your Wisdom. The trouble I see in it is only temporary.

Psalm (Read Ps 8:4-9)

At some point, when we start to comprehend the marvel of God’s great wisdom and power, we inevitably ask the question the psalmist poses here: “What is man that You should be mindful of him, or the son of man, that You should care for Him?” We simply can’t fathom how it is that God could love us as much as He does. God’s love isn’t simply an emotion. His love led Him to create man in His image and likeness, desiring to share His life with him, and to crown him “with glory and honor...putting all things under his feet.” The enormity of all this will make us sing out today: “O Lord, our God, how wonderful Your Name in all the earth!”

Possible response: The psalm is, itself, a response to our other readings. Read it again prayerfully to make it your own.

Second Reading (Read Rom 5:1-5)

St. Paul writes as one who has deeply contemplated the mystery of God’s love for man, and he helps us understand its implications. First, because God has done the work of salvation through Jesus Christ for us, we are “justified by faith” and not by anything that we do. This gives us “peace with God” and “access...to this grace in which we stand.” Our lives are now opened up to the healing power of God through the grace of the sacraments. St. Paul assures us that because this is true, we can boast not only about God’s glory (as we did in our psalm) but also “of our afflictions.” How can that be? Why would anyone boast of those? St. Paul says that because God has placed us in His peace, we can experience our afflictions as purification toward perfection—the destiny God has always had for each of us from before time began. How do we experience our afflictions that way? “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” In other words, the presence now of the Trinity in believers—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has changed everything.

Possible response: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for transforming my life so completely that even my afflictions work for my good.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish family, are visiting, or are new to the area.

If you are interested in our parish, please stop by the Office and introduce yourself and your family.

Registration is Easy

If you are new, please register online at fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com

If you are leaving our community, please let us know so we can update your record to keep our database current



“Are any of you sick?...”

James 5:14-15



The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist celebrated together provide spiritual strength and nourishment to the sick.

If you are expecting a surgery, procedure or entering the hospital or nursing home for any reason, you should receive these sacraments *before you go to the hospital or nursing home.*

If you are ill or care for the sick it is very reasonable to request these sacraments.

Please contact the priest for this.



If you previously signed up for FlockNote but have not been receiving texts or emails from St Nick’s, please contact Katherine to verify or update your FlockNote contact info.

To join FlockNote, text the keyword ‘Nicholas’ to 84576, or email Katherine with your name, cell number and email and she will get you enrolled.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly known as RCIA)

Classes will resume in September. If interested in learning more about OCIA and/or Catholicism, please contact Heather, the DRE, at stnicksre@cbna.org or 907-488-2595, ext. 22

BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION GROUPS

Sunday & Monday Morning Catholic Discussions

We will be pausing our Sunday and Monday morning Catholic Discussions for the month of June.

Date of resumption TBA.

Monday Night Bible Study

Will resume this fall.

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, †Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, †Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, †Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob and Anna Fath, †Tony Fazio, Mary Fish, †Wyatt Fleming & Family, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, †Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, †Adolfo Guadiz, †Lori Harrand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Joan Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karczmarczyk, Kim, Kraft Family, Tom Laridaen, Brian Lashinski Family, †Maxwell Lashinski, †Eleanor LeBeau, †Chelsey Luker, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, Ron Murray, Nathalie, †Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, Parr Family, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, Powers Family, †Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., Tamara Renner, †Rosie Shearer, Shearer Family, Matthew Smith, †Rose Marie Smith, †Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Racheal Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Betty Wells, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & †Rose Wood

Pray for: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. For the Most Reverend Steven Maekawa, the priests serving our diocese, for an increase in vocations for Fairbanks, For our elected officials, especially President Donald Trump. For our country. For the protection of the unborn. For those most alone. For those grieving. For a just and peaceful resolution to conflicts in areas of the world where military troops are deployed. For all our service members. For healthcare workers, and all the sick.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SNYM SCHEDULE

(St. Nicks Youth Ministry)

<https://www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry>

SUMMER SUNDAYS

6/15 - Youth Room **CLOSED**

Happy Father's Day

6/22 - 4-6pm, Youth Room

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2025 are welcome to attend.

The Youth Room will be open on specified Sundays this Summer for Free Time and Fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAYS

No FF in July for Independence Day

The next SNYM First Friday will be on Aug. 8th.

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2025 are invited for an evening together on the First Friday of each month



Scan the QR Code using a smartphone camera to view the Youth Ministry webpage for information, calendar, and events.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." Revelation 1:8

Vocations

The Most Holy Trinity

"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God's life and love. How is God calling you to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading you toward the sacred union of holy matrimony.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN



THE HOLY FATHER'S

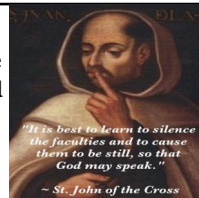
JUNE ROSARY

INTENTIONS:
That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Please remember before and after Mass to kindly be silent while in the church for the presence of Jesus and so that all may adore and pray before the Lord.

Thank You



*THIS WEEK AT ST NICKS...

MONDAY

June 16

8 AM - Adoration & Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

TUESDAY

June 17

8 AM - Adoration & Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass
6 PM - Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

June 18

10:30 AM - Moms Group at Parks
6 PM - Confession
7 PM - Mass, Pastoral Council

THURSDAY

June 19

8 AM - Adoration & Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

FRIDAY

June 20

8 AM - Adoration & Morning Prayer
9 AM - Mass

SATURDAY

June 21

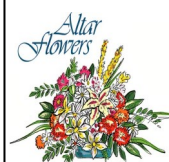
4 PM - Confession
5 PM - Mass

SUNDAY

June 22

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9 AM - Mass
Noon - Mass
3 PM - Mass at Harding Lake
4 PM - SNYM Summer Sundays



In Honor of

All Fathers of St. Nicholas Parish

To make an Altar Flower dedication, fill out a donation envelope, located on the bulletin board, and drop it in the collection basket. Suggested donation \$55.

Happy Father's Day

Wishing all of
our fathers -
biological,
adoptive, &
spiritual -
a very blessed
Father's Day



CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.

MATTHEW 28:20

2:30PM SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

FROM SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Diocesan JOB OPENINGS

The Diocese of Fairbanks is now hiring a
Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits.

To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references
to humanresources@cbna.org.

For a detailed list of job duties and other information,
please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

THANK YOU CORNER

Thank you so much to all who contributed to our Rummage Sale
and for all the volunteers who generously gave their time to set up,
clean up, put up tents and tables, and work at the sale!

VOLUNTEER

Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 20
After the Noon Mass

The picnic is fast approaching!
The picnic is a huge parish event and this year
it will be extra special.

The Social Committee cannot put on this event without
an investment from the parish in volunteer time. An
online signup can be found using the QR Code below.
We need everyone from setup/cleanup crews to
carnival game workers to contest participants.

Please visit the sign up using the QR code and carefully
read the descriptions to see how you can best help or
contact the Social Committee chair,
April Smith (907-347-1357), to sign up & for more info.

There is a job for everyone!
Please sign up by June 29th so everything can be set
and prepared for the picnic.

Thank you for signing up today!

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SUMMER PARK-A-PALOOZA

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build relationships

May 28 Terry Miller
June 4 5th Ave
June 11 North Pole Elementary
June 18 Midnight Sun
June 25 Kendall Park

1030-1230



Bring
lunch

CONTACT LISA AT 907-347-2462

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DATE INFO AND PARK SCHEDULE:

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

Reflections on Stewardship

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. What we are commemorating is a central reality of our Christian faith, that God is Trinitarian in nature — three distinct persons in one God.

The Church calls this truth a mystery, as indeed it is. Some have said that “mystery” in this context is “not a wall to run up against but an ocean in which to swim.” Contemplating the “ocean depths” of this mystery can make us humans feel so small, and almighty God so far from us. Yet nothing could be further from the truth as today’s readings demonstrate.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God is intimately connected to us. “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” God wants live in the very depths of our being and in all the intimate details of our lives if we will let Him.

And in the Gospel from St. John, we learn that God holds back nothing of Himself from us. Jesus tells His disciples (this includes us!) that the Holy Spirit “will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine.” Thus, we find ourselves drawn right into the midst of this Trinitarian love. In fact, if the mystery of Holy Trinity is an ocean which to swim, the “water” that makes up that ocean is love.

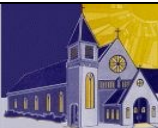
What then should be the response of the Christian steward to this sublime mystery? All we can do is worship. And offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love.

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GIVING THAT WE
RECEIVE**
-ST. FRANCIS OF
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Immaculate Conception at
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**Requested Donations for
Soup Kitchen**

CLOTHING ITEMS:

Warm socks, hats, travel size
toothpaste

**FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE
NEEDED:**

Hot chocolate, sugar, tea, coffee,
rice, pasta, fruit, protein bars,
peanut butter, jelly

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*“Love alone have I ever given to the good God; with love He
will repay me.” - St. Therese of Lisieux*

ADORATION TIMES

St. Nicholas Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00AM - 9AM Adoration with Morning Prayer

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday 8:00AM—12:00 PM, Saturday 3:00PM-4:00PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 PM Adoration with Confessions

Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration with Confessions

Fri.—Sat. Nocturnal Adoration 7 PM - 7 AM

Sat.. 3:00 - 4:00 PM Adoration with Confessions

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Wed. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Thurs. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

*Second Thurs. of the month 4 PM - 8 PM

Road System Holy Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Fairbanks

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday: M - F 7:30 am

**Tridentine Mass of
the Roman Rite
(Latin Mass)**

***Held at Immaculate
Conception***

JUNE SCHEDULE
14th & 28th

Saint Mark University Parish, Fairbanks

Sunday: 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Immaculate Conception, Fairbanks (452-3533)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am

Weekday: M 8:30 am, T, Th, F 12:10 pm & W 5:30 pm

Saint Raphael, Fairbanks (457-6603)

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

Weekday Masses: T & Th 9:30 am &
W 5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30 am

Weekday: T, W & TH 11:30 am

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00 am



Sung Vespers

Sundays at 4:45pm | Sacred Heart Cathedral

Evening Prayer (or *Vespers*) is one of the hours of
the Liturgy of the hours.

Consists of praying the psalms put to traditional
chant tones.

What is a dogma?

In the Catholic Church, there are many foreign terms that are used to describe essential aspects of the Catholic faith. One of them is “dogma,” a word that comes from the Greek *dogma* or *dokein*.

Initially this word was used, as the *Catholic Encyclopedia* describes, “in the writings of the ancient classical authors, sometimes, an opinion or that which seems true to a person; sometimes, the philosophical doctrines or tenets, and especially the distinctive philosophical doctrines, of a particular school of philosophers (cf. Cic. Ac., ii, 9), and sometimes, a public decree or ordinance.”

However, over time the Church adopted this word to signify “a truth appertaining to faith or morals, revealed by God, transmitted from the Apostles in the Scriptures or by tradition, and proposed by the Church for the acceptance of the faithful.”

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains dogma in this way, “The Church’s Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes, in a form obliging the Christian people to an irrevocable adherence of faith, truths contained in divine Revelation or also when it proposes, in a definitive way, truths having a necessary connection with these” (CCC 88).

Dogmas are truths of the Catholic faith that are objectively true, finding their ultimate source in God’s revelation. They are doctrines of the Catholic faith that the faithful are exhorted to believe and assent to, such as the dogma that Christ is the head of the Church or that God is a unity of three persons. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a book that contains all of the dogmas of the Catholic Church.

These truths form the foundation of the Catholic faith and “are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright, our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith” (CCC 88).

Dogma vs. Doctrine

You must keep in mind the distinction between the Church’s “extraordinary” magisterium and her “ordinary” magisterium. A dogma is a teaching solemnly defined by the pope in the exercise of the “extraordinary” magisterium. The Second Vatican Council taught that our Lord Jesus Christ endowed His Church with infallibility “in defining doctrine pertaining to faith and morals” (*Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 25*). The pope “enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme shepherd and teacher of all the faithful ... by a definitive act he proclaims a doctrine of faith or morals.”

A doctrine not solemnly defined, but taught by the pope and the bishops, comes to us through the “ordinary” magisterium. When the bishops, in communion with the pope, teach in matters concerning faith and morals, the faithful must adhere to that teaching with a ready and respectful allegiance of mind.

Then the Vatican fathers added, “This religious submission of mind and will must be shown in a special way to the authentic magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, even when he is not speaking *ex cathedra*.” In other words, his teaching regarding faith and morals must be “acknowledged with reverence,” and the faithful must sincerely adhere to decisions made by him (again, see *Lumen Gentium, No. 25*). We Catholics are bound — indeed, are privileged — to submit to the teaching both of the “extraordinary” magisterium and the “ordinary” magisterium.

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as of 06/08/25

General offerings	\$ 7,923
Budgeted weekly need	<u>(8,100)</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (177)

Restricted: Building Fund YTD: \$ 1,805

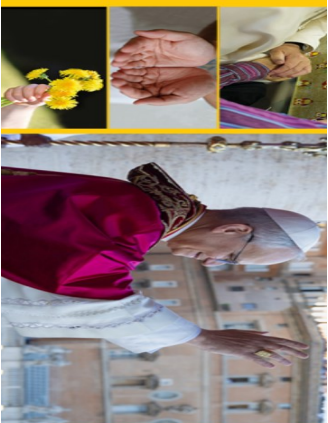
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