

Our Lady of Victories Church

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THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15
7:30PM (in the Church)**

Please join us!



Rev. Christopher M. Ciccarino, SSL, STD, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University. Few archaeological finds in the past hundred years have contributed more to our understanding of Judaism and Christianity in the first century – or captured that popular imagination – than the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. In this

lecture, we explore the discovery the Scrolls, their decipherment, the many controversies which have surrounded them, and the true significance of these texts for history and our faith. Rev. Christopher M. Ciccarino is the Associate Dean for Seminary and Academic Studies and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.

March 13, 2016 A.D.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil

4:00PM

Mass in Church

5:00PM

Mass in Church

6:00PM

Spanish Mass in Church

Sunday

7:30AM

Mass in Church

8:15AM

Latin Mass in Church

9:30AM

Mass in Church

10:45AM

Mass in Church

12:00 Noon

Mass in Church

6:00PM

Mass in Church

7:00PM

Mass in Church

Holy Thursday

7:30-7:50AM

Confessions in Church

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper in GYM

Afterwards procession to the Church & Night Prayer

9:30-10:00PM

Confessions in Church

Church will be open until 10:30PM for Visitation

Good Friday

7:30-7:50AM

Confessions in Church

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

9:30AM

March for Life in Englewood

12:00-2:50PM

Meditations on the 7 Last Words

3:00 PM

Lord's Passion Service in Church

7:30PM

Living Stations of the Cross and

Night Prayer in Church

Holy Saturday

8:00AM

Morning Prayer

11:00AM-12:00Noon

Confessions in Church

12:00Noon

Blessing of Easter Food

7:30PM

Vigil Mass in Church

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30AM

Mass in Church

8:15AM

Latin Mass in Church

9:30AM

Mass in Church & Gym

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

10:45AM

Mass in Church

10:45AM

Spanish Mass in Gym

12:00 Noon

Mass in Church

12:15PM

Mass in Gym

6:00PM

Mass in Church

NO 7:00PM MASS



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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Joseph Accardi, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, William Biasi, Michael Conmy, Mario Gobetti, Thomas Haring, Peter Kellar, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie and George Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, John Tedesco, Therese Vaglio, Mike Weber, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurst, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"As long as we live in this world we cannot be without trials and temptations; hence, it is written in the Book of Job: 'Our life on earth is a temptation.' We should be anxious, then, about our temptations and be watchful in prayer, lest the devil, who never sleeps but prowls around seeking whom he may devour, finds room to trick us."

Thomas A Kempis, THE IMITATION OF CHRIST.

THE NEW PRIEST

The new priest in town was walking down the street, checking out the neighborhood, when he saw a little boy straining every muscle to reach the door bell. He realized the little guy would never make it, although he admired the kid's tenacity. So the priest walked up on the porch to help. "Here buddy, need some help?" He lifted the tike who then rang the bell. As he set the child down, the kid took off like a flash and called back over his shoulder, "Run, Father! Here comes the lady!"

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "Evil Eye," to describe a look of intense disapproval or anger, comes to us from Matthew 20: 13-15.

Children of Eden

March 12 at 7:30PM and March 13 at 2:00PM * Academy of the Holy Angels, 315 Hillside Ave. Demarest NJ * For tickets @ \$15.00 each visit www.showtix4U.com or purchase at the door. All seats reserved.

St. Joseph Regional H.S. Spring Craft Show/Sale
Sunday, March 13, 10AM-4PM showcasing the talents of 90 crafts people and fine artists. Admission \$2.00. No Strollers permitted. www.sjrnj.org

Paramus Catholic H.S. Honors

Congratulations to Xavier and Blaise Rossmann, both of whom achieved Principal's List this past marking period at Paramus Catholic.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Stop in & visit Jesus in the Tabernacle. You can do it here at OLV Parish. Our Church is open 7:00am-4:30pm (M-F).

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12noon – 3PM. **So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.**

OLV K of C Council #14483

All men over the age of 18 are cordially invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights are the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. For info' contact Rich at pockets5197@aol.com

2016 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- The Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—DONATE BLOOD

Wednesday March 16, 2016 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The Community Blood Service Bus will be in the OLV Parking lot. Walk-ins welcome but if you would like to schedule an appointment please call Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703. Also, on March 16, Be the Match, Bone Marrow Registration. The Blood Mobile will be in the Parking Lot and the Bone Marrow Registry will be in the School First Floor Hallway.

Toiletries Collection for the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Annual Toiletries Collection will be the weekends of March 12/13 and March 19/20. Please see the shopping list below for suggested donations. Small and medium size toiletries are especially useful.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Toothpaste	Soap	Disposable razors	Toothbrushes
Lip Balm	Body Lotion (unscented)	Dental Floss	
Shampoo	Shaving Cream	Deodorant	
Talcum/Baby Powder	Combs/Brushes	Denture Adhesive/Cleanser	
Individual Packets of Tissues			

THANK-YOU

New Hope's outreach to first-time single moms who have chosen life for their babies thanks all who have supported us through your baby items collection. We cannot express the joy you have spread with your love and giving spirit! Please visit our web site newhope.org to learn more about our all-volunteer program and our Pregnancy Resource Center. Feel free to visit our center at 149 Third Avenue in Westwood. If you have a passion for pro-life, you will be amazed at the miracles that our mentors and staff are working – with God's help. If you have a heart for the brokenness of family values in our culture, you can find here a way to be part of the solution. For more info contact nh.marilyn@gmail.com or 201-722-4705.

2016 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2016. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Sunday, April 24, 2016— 5 & 25 years;

Sunday, May 1, 2016—50 years.

Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

TRAVELING STATUE

OLV has a traveling statue of the Blessed Mother that can go from home to home so that prayers and rosaries can be said for the good of the people of the parish and the individual family. The statue will "visit" for a week before it will be sent to the next home. Contact the rectory for information or to have your name placed on the list to receive the statue.

QUESTION?

The dates for Lent and Easter change all the time. Who determines when these feasts will be celebrated each year? Though there is some divergence in parts of the Christian world, our celebration of Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox, which we ordinarily refer to as the first day of spring, is on or about March 21. The dates for Lent, Ascension and Pentecost are determined by counting backward or forward from the date of Easter.

POST-ABORTION COUNSELING

Contact PROJECT RACHEL - 908-925-6442.

- 3 - Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Mar 12/13—Sat/Sun—CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale
Mar 14—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30
Mar 15—Tue—Moms, Pops & Tots 9:30 -11:30AM
Mar 15 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:15-3:15PM
Mar 15—Tue—Fr. Chris / Talk on Dead Sea Scrolls 7:30PM
Mar 16—Wed—Bible Study 10:00AM
Mar 16—Wed—Lenten Faith Study Group 7:00PM
Mar 16 —Wed—OLV Needlers
Mar 16—Wed—Blood Drive 11:00AM-4:00PM; Bone Marrow Registration
Mar 17—Thu—Rosary Society Mass/Meeting 12:00Noon
Mar 18—Fri— Adoration from 12:30PM-4:00PM
Mar 18—Fri—Youth Group
Mar 19- Sat—Confessions 11:00-12:00noon 3:00-3:25PM
Apr 24—Sun—Rosary Society Ladies Breakfast
May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2:00PM
May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-2:00PM

PRAY for THOSE in the MILITARY

Lieutenant Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Lieutenant Ben Clemente, US Army;
Midshipman Jon Clemente, US Navy;
Sergeant Nicholas Colletti, US Army;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lieutenant Tara Harris, US Air Force;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Corporal Richard McKenna, USMC;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting in the spring on Tuesday evenings in the OLV rectory. If you would be interested in participating, or if you know someone who would find this program helpful, please call Phyllis Rooney at 201-262-8665. **Refreshments will be served.**

COMMUNION DRESSES/SUITS NEEDED

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any communion dresses, suits, head pieces or shoes. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please bring articles, clean and on hangers, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Ctr. by March 24th or call Kathy 201-666-4185.

The Infinite Value of the Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. One Mass gives God more praise and thanksgiving, makes more atonement for sin, and pleads more eloquently than does the combined and eternal worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory. In the Holy Mass, it is Jesus Christ, God as well as Man, who is our Intercessor, our priest, and our Victim. Being God – as well as Man – His prayers, merits, and His offerings are infinite in value.

GOLF GUN

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. "How was he killed?" asked one detective. "With a golf gun," the other detective replied. "A golf gun! What is a golf gun?" "I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."

THE NIGHT JESUS VISITED

It was the night Jesus came and all through the house, not a person was praying, not one in the house. The Bible was left on the shelf without care, for no one thought Jesus would come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling or bowing their heads. And Mom in the rocking chair with babe on her lap, was watching the Late Show as I took a nap... When out of the east there rose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and lifted the sash. When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but Angels proclaiming that Jesus was here. The light of His face made me cover my head, was Jesus returning, just like He'd said; and though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself. In the Book of Life which he held in his hand, was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as he searched for my name, when He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame. The people whose names had been written with love, He gathered to take to his Father above. With those who were ready He rose without sound, while all of the others were left standing around. I fell to my knees, but it was too late, I'd waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight, Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night. In the words of this poem the meaning is clear the coming of Jesus is now drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call, We'll find out that the Bible was true after all.

B - Basic
I - Instruction
B - Before
L - Leaving
E - Earth

Cast Out the Leaven of Malice

Like yeast that causes the dough to rise as it changes into a gas, leaven also causes the dough to rise. But unlike yeast, a small amount of leaven, taken from the last batch of dough, was kneaded into the new dough; before it was left to rise and was baked, a small amount was kept to add into the next batch of dough. Eventually this led to leaven with less "rising power" – and it became a source of harmful bacteria; so in the Bible, leaven is a negative symbol. The Jews were divinely mandated to destroy all leaven and be "leaven-free" for one week during the annual Feast of Unleavened Bread, after which they started anew with fresh leaven. The Passover or Seder meal took place during this week-long "leaven-free" time. To this day the Church uses unleavened hosts or the purest bread for the Eucharistic sacrifice, for Christ was sinless.

CCD Corner

As we enter the last week of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week our focus in the classroom has shifted to God's mercy and forgiveness. Our students have been doing things to remind them that this is a time of fasting, alms giving and penance. They are preparing their souls for Easter by going over with their teachers the steps in making a good confession. Next Sunday and Monday they will go to Confession and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. We invite all our parents to take advantage of this opportunity as well. Confessions will be held in the gym on Sunday from 9:30 - 11:00am and on Monday from 4:00 - 5:00 and again from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

**"We should surrender ourselves wholly to the Creator."
St. Teresa of Avila**

Sanctuary Offerings

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, Pope John Paul Votive Lamp, The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church and in the Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound, even for a short duration of time, please contact the parish office so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

SAVE THE DATE

The Rosary Society will have their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 24th - the featured speaker will be Full Bird Colonel Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski a priest of the Newark Archdiocese.

IRONY...SHORT AND DIRECT

1. We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics. Funny how that works.

And another statement for consideration--

2. We constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. How come we never hear about welfare running out of money? What's interesting is the first group "worked" for their money, but the second didn't. *Finally...*

3. The Food Stamp Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proud to be distributing this year the greatest amount of free Meals and Food Stamps ever --- to 47 million people, as of the most recent figures available in 2013. Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks us "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." The stated reason for this policy is because "The animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves."

Thus Ends Today's Lesson On Irony.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP classes (www.rcan.org/famlife/marriagefamily.htm#natural) are held at Holy Name Hospital email NFP@RCAN.ORG

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY at OLV

On Sunday April 3, 2016 from 3-4PM, there will be a Holy Hour conducted by the Br Innocent of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. At 4:15PM there will be Holy Mass offered by Fr. Bonaventure CFR - of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

ON THIS VERY DAY

I hope this day will bring something special, something new. I hope this day is a beautiful one for you. I hope the ones you love will come calling at your doors and before the setting sun, I hope this day brings the love you always give away. I hope your love comes back to you on this very day.

GRAVE YARD

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
MLK Jr.

Mass Intentions**Monday, March 14 – St. Mathilda, Queen of Germany**

8:00 Joan Hill R/b David and Kathleen Musante

12:00 George Smith R/b Helen Smith

Tuesday, March 15 – St. Louise De Marillac -Widow, Nun

8:00 Theresa Veronica Burns R/b the Grassi Family

12:00 Rose Falco R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

Wednesday, March 16– St. Herbert of Worms, Germany-Bishop

8:00 Boniface J. Santoro R/b Family

12:00 John M. Ballas R/b the Zwerle Family

Thursday, March 17– St. Patrick-Bishop of Armagh, Ireland

8:00 Mary Barrett R/b the Barrett Family

12:00 Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society

Friday, March 18–St. Cyril of Jerusalem-Bishop & Doctor

8:00 Anthony D'addone R/b Richard and Maureen Ferrara

12:00 James DeBrino R/b William and Carole DeBrino

7:00 Deceased of the Hennessy Family R/b the Hennessy Family

Saturday, March 19 – St. Joseph – Spouse of Mary

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli

12:00 Joseph Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran

4:00 Lavelle Keating R/b Rick and Debbie Quinn

5:00 Albert and Mary Latz R/b Maureen McMahon

6:00 Charles Sheridan R/b John Walsh

PALM SUNDAY, March 20–St. Wulfran, Bishop

7:30 Joan M. Fryling R/b the Evanelia Family

8:15 People of the Parish

9:30 Intentions of John Demarie R/b Fran Demarie

10:45 Nicolo Scivanich R/b the Busanic Family

12:00 Weinschreider Family R/b Nicholas Ottomanelli

6:00 Sam Napolitano

7:00 Enrio Sammarone R/b Anna DiLullo

Sanctuary Memorials

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Charles Orlando, r/b Hal and Sally Williams.

The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week in thanksgiving, r/b Esty Parlanti.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the souls of Francis X. and Catherine Beirne, r/b Richard and Mary C. O'Brien.

The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns for the souls in Purgatory.

The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for the members of our armed forces.

MOMS, TOTS, & POPS

OLV has a playgroup for infants and children ages 1-5. The group will meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the lower church. If you have gently used toys and would like to donate them, please contact samreville@hotmail.com 732-371-8130 or Reneetringali@gmail.com 201-913-2580.

EXCELLENCE

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well." MLK Jr.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. Dismas – the "good" thief and Gestus – the "bad" thief.
2. Peter. 3. John-the beloved. 4. Joseph of Arimathea.
5. Mary Magdala.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Ten Commandments have occupied a predominant place in the catechesis of baptismal candidates and the faithful. This Lent we will present an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments so you can prayerfully probe your mind and heart to prepare yourself for the Easter Sacraments and/or Confession/Reconciliation. Today we will consider the 4th / 5th / 6th / 7th Commandments.

IV. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." [Exodus 20:12] Do I treat my parents, children and elders with honor, affection and gratitude? Does my behavior harm the community or any individual? Do I treat all people with equal dignity? Do I respect my Christian family, the Church, and its leaders? Do I pray for my natural and Christian family? Do I uphold God's plan for the family: a married father and mother and, if God wills, children? Do I responsibly care for the young and old, the sick and disabled, the poor and those incapable of caring for themselves? Do I help others learn about God? Do I secure justice, security and basic living conditions for all? Do I promote harmony in my family by being humble, meek, patient and charitable? While obedience toward parents ceases once children become adults, respect is always owed to parents. As an adult, do I respect my parents and offer them material and moral support in their old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress? As a parent, do I care for the moral education and spiritual formation of children, making sure they are part of parish life and catechetical formation? Do I accept God's will if He calls my child to Priesthood or Religious Life? Do I respect those who receive authority in society from God and exercise my own authority properly? Do I treat others reasonably fair, setting aside all personal interest? Do I support political leaders who uphold God's law in their decisions and lifestyle? Do I pay my fair share of taxes for the common good? Do I share my blessings with the poor and needy? Do I refuse to follow, and reasonably seek to repeal, civil laws contrary to God's law? Do I help build a society of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom?

V. "You shall not kill." [Exodus 20:13] Do I protect and respect my life and support the legitimate defense of those threatened by unjust aggressors? Do I safeguard the common good and support the Church and State's efforts to curb behaviors harmful to people's lives and their rights? Do I respect offenders by supporting only those measures with a medicinal or corrective purpose that seeks to render them harmless to themselves and others? Do I support efforts to stop whatever causes senseless death: violence, murderous famines, scandalous injustices and other grave offenses? Since human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception, do I support policies that safeguard life from conception to natural death? Have I had or assisted anyone in having an abortion? Do I support whatever protects the unborn child: prenatal care, respect of human embryos, etc.? Do I respect those whose lives are diminished or weakened: the sick, the disabled or the dying? Do I show proper respect for the dead, for their bodies and for their resting place? Do I pray for the dead, seeking their intercession? Have I caused scandal by weakening virtue or by giving bad example? Do I allow scandal to be provoked by laws or institutions, fashions or opinions? Am I loyal to those entrusted to my care? Do I help provide adequate living-conditions so all can grow and reach maturity: food, clothing, housing, health care, basic education, employment, and social assistance? Do I care for my body without being overly concerned with exercise and diet? Do I practice the virtue of temperance, avoiding every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or medicine? Do I avoid sinful anger, hatred, violence and vengeance, which can lead to destruction and death? Do I strive to forgive and avoid all bitterness? Do I work to end injustice, excessive economic or social inequity, envy, distrust, pride and any other disorder which threatens peace and stability?

VI. "You shall not commit adultery." [Ex20:14] Do I respect everyone, since all are made in God's image, and believe our physical, moral, and spiritual differences are complementary and oriented toward marriage and family life? Do I practice chastity by integrating my sexuality or uniting my bodily and spiritual being? Do I maintain integrity over the powers of life and love by practicing self-mastery? Have I given into my passions and desires, or let them dominate me? Do I combat them with obedience to God's Commandments, the exercise of the moral virtues, and fidelity to prayer? Do I practice temperance, seeking to permeate my passions and appetites with reason? Do I seek God's help in the sacraments with my struggles and temptations? Do I nurture healthy friendships? Have I been lustful, by disorderly desiring or inordinately enjoying sexual pleasure? Have I respected the sacred bond of marriage? Do I make room for God in my marriage, and in the decisions I make in my marriage, especially in regulating procreation? Have I kept myself within the limits of just moderation, or am I selfish or anti-life? While research aimed at reducing human sterility is to be encouraged, have I upheld the dignity of marriage by rejecting procedures that blur true parenthood or cheapen the sexual bond? While legal separation and divorce can be morally justified, and the Church charts a clear course for me to follow, should my marriage end in divorce, do I seek to reconcile my situation with Church teaching? Do I go by hearsay, or have I contacted Church officials on the meaning of annulments, divorce and remarriage? As painful as it may be, do I strive to forgive my former spouse? There is a considerable difference between a spouse who has sincerely tried to be faithful to the sacrament of marriage and is unjustly abandoned, and one who through one's own grave fault destroys a canonically valid marriage. Have I entered or condoned any 'social' marriages: 'free unions' where there is no commitment or trust in the other, in oneself or in the future; concupiscence; the outright rejection of marriage or 'trial marriage' where the intent is to get married later?"

VII - You shall not steal. [Exodus 20:15] All created goods are destined for the whole human race, and are divided among people to assure everyone's security and peace. Do I take more than my fair share, or forget my solidarity with others? Do I use my possessions moderately, since they are gifts from God to be shared, especially with guests, the sick and the poor? Do I practice temperance, by being detached from this world's goods? Do I practice justice so as to preserve my neighbor's rights, and solidarity by keeping the 'golden rule' and by being Christ-like in my generosity? Have I committed theft by usurping another's property or unjustly taking and keeping others' property? Have I deliberately retained borrowed goods, lost others' possessions, been fraudulent, paid unjust wages, taken advantage of someone's ignorance or hardship? Have I manipulated prices to gain advantage to the detriment of others; corruptly influenced things to my advantage; appropriated common goods for my own use; acted illegally; been lax or careless at work; evaded taxes; forged checks, invoices or time cards; willfully damaged private or public property? Have I made reparation and restitution when due? Have I kept my promises and fulfilled contracts and other just deals? Have I been moderate in playing games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers? Am I enslaved by gambling? Have I disregarded the personal dignity of business partners or clients? Do I respect all of creation, since God placed animals, plants and all inanimate things under our dominion for the common good? Have I conserved earthly goods for future generations?

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who were the thieves crucified with Jesus?
2. Which disciple denied knowing Jesus?
3. Which male disciple stayed at the foot of the cross?
4. In whose tomb was Jesus buried?
5. Who saw the risen Christ first?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4