

My Notes

Saturday, February 16, 2008
10:41 AM

- Opening Prayer
- Introduction stuff
 - The book is \$5.50
 - All about getting the book to into their hands
- Read 1 Peter 3:15-16a
- Stuff from last time
 - Really good book on the Mass and the Eucharist that is easy to read and yet rich in information and things to reflect on - The Lamb's Supper by Scott Hahn
 - For a whole book on Eucharistic miracles, your book mentions Eucharistic Miracles by Joan Cruz
 - I have not read it
 - There is a book in the series that your textbook is a part of just on the Eucharist
 - Was asked what to do in the case where Precious Blood is spilled

Not a corporal but several purificators. First dry, then wet. The reason for the wet is that it soaks up better what has been left behind by the dry ones. By using wet purificators, and constantly pressing gently into the carpet, you should be able to pick up most all of the precious blood. Make sure that you have a basin to put the purificators in right away so that you are not carrying dripping purificators.

Then you put the purificators into the sacrarium or leave them in the basin, but do not put them into a ciborium, and let them soak until all precious blood is gone from them. I have never had a stain that did not go away by soaking, but I suppose this would be possible. The main point is to get them into the water right away after you have soaked up the precious blood.

Then, if the soaking happened in the sacrarium just let the water down, if the soaking happened in the basin, pour it down the sacrarium or outside but still on church property (consecrated ground).
- Read Luke 1:26-56
- God honored Mary by having her be the Mother of God Himself; should we not do the same?
 - One way we honor her and ask for her intercession is by saying the Hail Mary
 - Luke 1:28
 - "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."
 - Luke 1:42
 - "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus"
 - Luke 1:30 - "you have found favor with God"; Mary is obviously a saint and Mary is her name
 - "Holy Mary,"
 - Luke 1:43
 - "Mother of God"
 - Petition of intercession as all Christians pray for one another
 - "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death"
 - So there is Biblical basis for Catholics' giving special honor to Mary
 - This is especially born out in the Hail Mary
- Catholic Church has four defined doctrines on the Virgin Mary
 - Her Divine Maternity - Mother of God
 - Her Perpetual Virginity - that she remained a virgin her whole life
 - Her Bodily Assumption
 - Her Immaculate Conception
- Mary, Mother of God

- All Christians believe Jesus was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- They also believe that Jesus has two natures (one divine and one human)
- He is one divine person
- Review on board, 3 persons in one God, two natures in the one divine person of Jesus
- Since this ONE Divine Person was born of Mary, she can truly be called the Mother of the one Divine Person
 - In short the Mother of God
- If one denies that Mary is the Mother of God, then he or she is denying the incarnation, the coming of God in human flesh
 - If one denies that Mary is the Mother of God, then either Jesus is not God or Jesus is two persons
 - I have heard Protestants say Mary was only the mother of his human nature (point at board)
 - This doesn't make sense
 - Mothers are mothers of a person, not a nature
 - Therefore Mary was the Mother of the Divine Person Jesus
- Protestants will also ask how Mary, a creature, a created being, can be the mother of God the Creator
 - This is possible because the Creator became part of His creation
 - It is true that in the natural realm, mothers precede their children in existence
 - As Catholics, when we say Mary is the Mother of Jesus we are not saying Mary existed before Jesus, but rather just that she gave birth to and raised the Divine Person Jesus
- Luke 1:43
 - Elizabeth calls her "mother of my Lord."
 - In the NT, "Lord" refers only to God
- It was God that Mary gave birth to, not just Jesus' human nature
 - Matthew 1:23
 - Emmanuel means "God is with us"
 - Luke 1:35
 - "the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God"
 - Gal 4:4
 - "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman"
 - St. Ignatius - AD 110
 - Look to book - page 19
 - St. Irenaeus - AD 180-199
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- History
 - Not rejected until AD 429 when a bishop named Nestorius promoted the heresy that Jesus was two distinct persons
 - Thus Mary was only the mother of the human person
 - AD 431 - Council of Ephesus condemned the heresy
 - Did not surface again until the Reformation
 - Notice a correct belief in Mary leads to a correct belief about Jesus
- Assumption
 - No specific Biblical proof
 - Does not say Mary didn't die; it just means she was taken body and soul into Heaven
 - Elijah and Enoch were assumed into Heaven
 - Genesis 5:24
 - 2 Kings 2:11
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:17
 - Hebrews 11:5

- Is it so hard to believe that God would grant the same privilege to His mother?
- Relics of the early saints became a very popular thing
 - However, no city ever claimed to have Mary's body
 - There is no record of her relics or remains anywhere
- Immaculate Conception
 - This doctrine does not teach that Mary didn't need a savior
 - Like all OT saints, Mary was saved through the anticipated merits of Jesus
 - Mary's salvation was just more perfect
 - By God's grace she was preserved from sin at her conception
 - In contrast we are cleansed from sin after our birth
- Perpetual Virginity
 - Not challenged until around AD 400
 - Not rejected by the founders of Protestantism
 - Note that "brothers" in the Bible can also mean "relatives"
 - If Jesus had blood brothers, He would not have entrusted Mary to John, but to one of them.
 - Two of the four so-called "brothers" of Jesus (Mt 13:55) - James and Joseph - are identified as sons of another Mary, the wife of Clopas
- Protestant Reformers weigh in on the Marian doctrines
 - Mary as Mother of God
 - Luther
 - Mary was mother not of just the baby born in Bethlehem, but of the eternal divine God
 - Calvin
 - God granted Mary the highest honor
 - Unity of the two natures of Church - could say, "the mortal man engendered in the womb of Mary was at the same time the eternal God."
 - Zwingli
 - Belongs to no creature - "in the flesh she should bring forth the Son of God."
 - Mary as Perpetual Virgin
 - Luther
 - Article of faith that Mary is Mother of the Lord and still a virgin - "came forth from a womb left perfectly intact"
 - Calvin
 - Folly to think Mary had other children based on Matthew 1:25
 - ◆ Paying homage to precedence
 - Zwingli
 - "forever remained a pure, intact Virgin."
- Typology
 - The OT prepares the way for the NT
 - Persons and events in OT prefigure, foreshadow, and anticipate persons and events in the NT
 - This is what typology is - it is kind of like an analogy
 - "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New"
- Mary as the New Eve
 - Fallen angel gets Eve to say no to God; Archangel gets Mary to elicit her yes to God
 - Adam loses grace for all humankind; Jesus restores grace for all humankind
 - Eve cooperates with Adam's sin; Mary cooperates with Jesus' redemption
- Mary as the New Ark of the Covenant
 - Sacred because it carried the stone tablets of the Law that God gave Moses on Mt. Sinai
 - Had to be free from all impurity - 2 Sam 6:6-7, God struck Uzzah dead because he dared touch the Ark
 - Ark had written Word of God; Mary had the living Word of God

- So too, Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant - Jesus resided inside of her for 9 months
- Mary as the New Testament Queen Mother
 - Kings of OT prefigure Jesus
 - Wife of king wasn't queen, but rather the king's mother
 - 1 Kings 2:19-20
 - So Mary, being Jesus' mother is the Queen Mother of the New Covenant
 - Revelations 12
 - Crown of 12 stars
- Marian Apparitions
 - Not required to believe them as Catholics
 - Our Lady of Fatima
 - Fatima, Portugal
 - Appeared to children on the 13th of each month for 6 months starting in May in 1917
 - Blessed Virgin Mary gave herself the title, "Lady of the Rosary"
 - Our Lady of Lourdes
 - Lourdes, France
 - February 11, 1858
 - Optional memorial on February 11th
 - St. Bernadette Soubirous, 14 year old peasant girl admitted to her mother she had see a lady in the cave of Massabielle
 - The Virgin Mary appeared to her another 17 times, the last one being on July 16th
 - Our Lady told Bernadette that repentance was needed and that she was to build a chapel
 - Told her she was the Immaculate Conception
 - Guadalupe
 - Mary appeared to Juan Diego December 9-12, 1531
 - Left him a miraculous image of her as the woman of Revelations 12
 - Image lead to the end of the Aztec religion which involved human sacrifices
 - Corroborated all four Marian dogmas
 - Appeared with a solid body - Assumption
 - Called herself Ever-Virgin
 - Called herself Mother of God
 - Image
 - Stands on a dark crescent moon, symbol of the Aztec serpent god
 - Stepping on the serpent is a symbol of the Immaculate Conception; the serpent being Satan
 - Refers to Juan Diego as her son, confirming that she is our spiritual mother
 - Patron saint of the Americas
- Small groups
 - Go through 14 questions and answers on pages 21-23
 - Look first at 1, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 14