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Jesus straightened up and said, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her”  
– John 8:7

## Marriage FROM USCCB COMPENDIUM OF CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**340. WHAT DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT TEACH ABOUT MARRIAGE?** God helped His people above all through the teaching of the Law and the Prophets to deepen progressively their understanding of the unity and indissolubility of marriage. The nuptial covenant of God with Israel prepared for and prefigured the new covenant established by *Jesus Christ the Son of God*, with His spouse, the Church.

## Stewardship

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7



How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.



## The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

On one occasion the Lord said to me, My daughter, your confidence and love restrain My justice, and I cannot inflict punishment because you hinder Me from doing so. Oh, how great is the power of a soul filled with confidence! (*St. Faustina Diary*, 198).

My daughter, for the sake of your sincere and generous love, I grant [certain souls who displease Me] many graces although they are not asking Me for them. But I am doing so because of the promise I have made to you (*St. Faustina Diary*, 383).

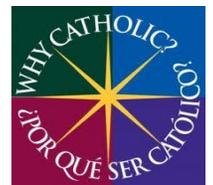
Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. — *Pope Francis*

## Church Practices

### The Elect

As we draw near to *Easter* we hear more about this group called *The Elect*. This refers to those who have been invited to celebrate the **Easter Sacraments**. At the *Rite of Election*, normally on the First Sunday of Lent, the Bishop accepts our recommendation that our catechumens be invited to prepare for the sacraments of *Baptism*, *Confirmation*, and *Eucharist*.

But this title reminds us that we have all been chosen by God to participate in the life of grace. We have been selected as those who are to be



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His witnesses before the world. We join in prayer for those who are to come to new life in Christ. But we also pray that we who have been born to new life may live more fully the faith we profess.

## Sacramentals

*Sacramentals* are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. *Sacramentals* do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the *sacraments* do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace. *Sacramentals* can be material things; blessed objects, such as scapulars, Rosaries, Crucifixes, medals, Holy Water, etc. or actions; the Sign of the Cross, genuflection, prayers, etc.



## THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



The tabernacle contains the Most Precious Body of Christ in Good Shepherd Chapel. A single genuflection is required when entering and exiting the pew. For those who are unable to genuflect, a very reverential bow is required before entering and exiting the pew. A double genuflection is required if the Eucharist is exposed on the altar. The Catechism of the Catholic Church has the following words regarding the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the reverence required of the faithful:

**1374** - ...In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and

substantially contained." ... It is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

**1378 - Worship of the Eucharist.** In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord.

*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. – Ephesians 5:8-9*

*Lord, hold our Troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

### False Pride

Have you ever been too willing to "cast the first stone" when you disapproved of someone's behavior? How can you resist these feelings?

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

When have you criticized or made fun of someone? What could help you act differently?

*Be Bold, Be Catholic!*

*Pray the Rosary, daily!*

*And,*



"Pax et Bonum!"

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