



Remembering the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Homosexuality: A Politically Incorrect Reflection Corinth, in the time of Saint Paul, was something like Las Vegas today: Sin city—especially sins against purity.

That is why Saint Paul preached so clearly and forcefully there against the sin of lust. The sacred preacher must proclaim the fullness of Catholic doctrine, not hide parts of it simply because they are considered “politically incorrect.”

Let's go step by step. There are two commandments in God's law that deal with human sexuality (the 6th and the 9th). Why do we emphasize them? Are they the most important? Not necessarily—hatred of God, which violates the First Commandment, is far worse. But sins of lust enslave man by degrading his sexuality. And no, sex is not bad—how could it be? God Himself commanded Adam and Eve in Genesis to “*be fruitful and multiply.*” But when it is misused—outside the order established by God, outside of Catholic marriage—it becomes harmful to man and to the Mystical Body of Christ (through premarital relations, adultery, etc.). There is also another misuse: when sexuality is directed against the natural order. This is the sin of sodomy or homosexuality—a sin that many priests today hesitate to mention for fear of being “politically incorrect.” But by remaining silent, they do great harm to souls struggling with these inclinations, depriving them of the chance to repent and attain Heaven. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2357: “*Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex... Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity (cf. Gen 19:1-29; Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor 6:10; 1 Tim 1:10), tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life.*

They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.” Notice how the Catechism is clear: it speaks of homosexual acts, not tendencies. A person may experience a bad inclination, but that does not mean he consents to acting on it. Sacred Scripture confirms this in several passages: Leviticus 18:22: “*You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.*” Romans 1:27: “*The men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.*”

What, then, should we do? Here we must distinguish between persons and actions; between individuals and the LGBTQ+ lobby. To the lobby that seeks to normalize these sins in our schools, universities, and even in certain parts of the Church, we must firmly resist and oppose them, just as we would any movement attempting to normalize sin. And to the person? The Catechism also teaches, nos. 2358-2359, that people with homosexual tendencies must be “*accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity*”, for they are human beings and, if baptized, children of God. But what does it mean to “*accept them with respect*”? Does it mean saying: “It's fine—God loves you no matter what you do?” “*Love is love...*”. No. It means telling them the truth: that they can indeed reach Heaven and even become saints, as the Catechism affirms. But in order to do so, given their tendency, they are called to live in chastity. The worst thing we could

do is lie and tell them everything is fine. That would not only be untrue—it would also be unmerciful, depriving the sinner of the liberating truth taught by Jesus Christ and His Church. Abraham pleaded with God to spare Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of ten righteous men. But ten could not be found—only Lot and his family. And though we are sinners, even in San Francisco it is possible to

be pure like Lot and to preach the truth, even if at times it is politically incorrect. *Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi, SE*

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Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions: 15 min. before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm.

Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am, Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Face Devotion, Tuesdays (chapel 6pm). Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturdays, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am (Latin). Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

(Acts 8: 5-8,14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; John 14:15-21). "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." In an age that reduces love to sentiment, Christ speaks with clarity: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Love is not emotion or opinion—it is obedience to God. The world claims to love while rejecting His law, but the Gospel admits no contradiction: he who does not keep the commandments does not truly love Him. Faith is proven by fidelity, not by words. Yet Christ does not abandon His own. He gives the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it refuses to believe. Only those who remain in Him and in the truth entrusted to His Church can truly know this Spirit. "I will not leave you orphans." We are not alone—but neither are we free to invent our own way. To love Christ is to obey Him and remain in His truth. Let us ask for a faithful love, firm against the spirit of the world. For only in that love does Christ manifest Himself, and only there is life everlasting.



Eucharistic Adoration The feast day of St. Pancras is May 12. He was orphaned by age 8, and raised by his uncle, Denis, who both converted to Christianity. At age 14, he was ordered to renounce his faith, under Diocletian's rule. With much courage, he refused and said, "Though I am a child in body, my heart is old, and by the virtue of my

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	12noon	Int. for Unborn children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	Int. of Leslie Low
Sunday 05/10	8:00am	† Milagros and Consuelo Francisco
	9:30am	† Eulogia and Maria Leonor Najarro
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	7:30pm	Int. of Emily Keeler (bday)
Monday 05/11	7:00am	Int. of Toni Rusich
	12noon	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri
		Int. of The Grasser Family (anniv)
		Int. of Ron and Raquel Escobar Quinn Family
		† Daniel Novak
	† Gary Gallawa	
	† Ronald Henderson	
	† Jeannine Donohue	
	† Matt and Eileen Walsh (anniv)	
	6:00pm	Int. of Zackary Steinmitz
		Int. of Juana Muro Munoz
		Int. of Abby Laporte and Family
		† Souls in Purgatory
		† Hannelore Schatz (bday)
		† Deceased Family members of Lien Ngo
Tuesday 05/12	7:00am	† Laurence Sexton
	12noon	Int. of Alan Serrano
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
Wednesday 05/13	7:00am	Int. of Philip Schnur
	12noon	† Toni Tai
	6:00pm	† Gabriel Duval Nicolas
Thursday 05/14	7:00am	In Thanksgiving of Tuyet Tran and Family
	12noon	Int. of Joe and Joan Flanders
	6:00pm	† Cheryl Walsh
Friday 05/15	7:00am	† Emmitt W. Berry (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Siena Perez (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Saturday 05/16	8:30am	† Isle Berg
	12noon	Int. of Fabiana Ron Mendoza
	4:30pm	Susana So Tiu



Our Lady of Fatima

Portugal 1917 - Feast Day May 13

"Pray the Rosary daily to obtain peace for the world."

Light a candle at her shrine!



Prayers for the Sick Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, O Lai Sau King, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Brian Ahrens, Christopher Dunham, Elena Cereghino, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Laura Tarbox.

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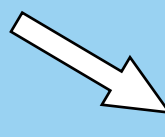
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On behalf of all our spiritual fathers here at the parish—Fathers Michael, James, and Javier—I want to thank and bless you for bringing your dear children into this world, for raising them to the glory of God, and for loving them to the end (which is to get them to heaven!). I love the little laminated sign our altar guild puts beneath the Mother’s Day cards in the sanctuary each May: **“A Mother is a like a flower: each one beautiful and unique.”**

Every woman God creates is *matchless* in beauty--there is no “identical match” for any two women ever born--each *unique* in *beauty*. Every women’s heart and body is made for motherhood, if not physical children than

spiritual children, and each is distinctive in excellence. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said, “I want to love God as He’s never been loved before.” Thérèse expresses the longing of a woman’s heart, to love with every fiber of her unique soul. May God bless you, dearest mothers, for receiving the gift of children, and for giving your heart to them. *Fr. Joseph*

Colleen Cody crowning Our Lady last Sunday




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