

THE GOSPEL

FROM THE CATECHISM...

"God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 1)



READING FOR THE MONTH (Paragraphs 1-3, 26-49)

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

God of Love.

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)



"The kingdom of God is not a concept, a doctrine, or a program subject to free interpretation, but it is before all else a person with the face and name of Jesus of Nazareth, the image of the invisible God."

- St. John Paul II

SAINT OF THE MONTH: St. Andrew the Apostle

One of the twelve disciples, St. Andrew was a fisherman and brought his brother, St. Peter (the first pope), to Jesus. After Christ's resurrection he preached the gospel to Scythia and Greece, and was eventually martyred by crucifixion. It is said that when he saw the cross waiting for him he cried out:

"O good cross, made beautiful by the limbs of Christ, so long desired, now so happily found! Receive me into your arms, and present me to my Master, that He who redeemed me through you may now accept me from you."

He hung on the cross alive for two days, proclaiming the Gospel to anyone who would listen.

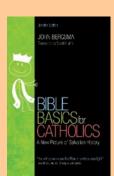
His feast day is November 30th.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:



For Kids:

The Story of John Paul II: A Boy Who Became Pope



For Adults:

Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (Bergsma, 2015)

SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS:

November 19 (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) – Matthew 25:14-30 November 26 (Christ the King Sunday) - Matthew 25:31-46 December 3rd (1st Sunday of Advent) – Mark 13:33-37 December 10th (2nd Sunday of Advent) - Mark 1:1-8



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