

## APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT - PASTORAL YEAR 2019/2020

### Calendar of catechesis and spirituality meetings in the Archdiocese of Catanzaro-Squillace

(1st part: Foranies of Catanzaro, Squillace, Soverato, Serra)

**EVERY MONDAY IN THE ST. IANNI LOCAL PARISH CHURCH (CZ):** 5 p m :  
Welcome - St. Rosary - Confessions  
5.30pm: Mass 6.10pm: Catechesis

**OTHER MEETINGS HELD IN PARISHES:  
CATANZARO - "St. John the Baptist" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 6.30pm; Training meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 6pm

**CATANZARO - "Madonna of the Carmine" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 6pm

**CATANZARO (Bellavista District) - "St. Barbara" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 6.30pm

**CATANZARO (Samà District - Lucrezia d. Valle) - "St. Francis of Paola" Parishes**

Catechesis: WEDNESDAY, 5.30 (Samà); 6.30 (Lucrezia della Valle)

**CATANZARO (Sala District) - "M.H. Rosary" Parish**

Catechesis: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY, 6pm

**CATANZARO (Aranceto District) "Blessed Domenico Lentini" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 18.50; Spirituality meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY, 17.30

**CATANZARO (Barone District) - "S. Maximilian M. Kolbe" Parish**

Periodic training meetings in "strong times"

**CATANZARO (St. Ianni District) - "Mary Mother of the Church" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 6.30, parish church

Spirituality meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY, 6.30pm, parish church

**CATANZARO (Siano District) - "St. Mary of the Carmine" Parish**

Catechesis: SUNDAY, 10am (Signorello pl.); 11.45 am (Parish Church)

Training meetings for the whole city: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 6pm

**SQUILLACE – Co-cathedral Church**

Spirituality meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, 5.30pm

**PETRIZZI - "St. Mary of the Stone" Parish**

Catechesis: SUNDAY, 5.45 pm (Mother Church)

**SATRIANO - "St. Mary of Altavilla" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 5.45 pm; monthly spirituality meetings

**SATRIANO - SATRIANO MARINA pl. - "St. Mary of Peace" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 4.40 pm

**St. CATERINA JONIO - "St. Pantaleone" Parish**

Catechesis: 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY, 4.00 pm

**GUARDAVALLE MARINA - "St. Mary of the Angels" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 6pm; spirituality meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY, 6pm

**BROGNATURO - "St. Mary of Consolation" Parish**

Catechesis: SATURDAY, 5.30pm (summer time: 6.30pm)

**CARDINAL - "St. Nicholas of Bari" Parish**

Catechesis: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY, 5.30pm; Training: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, 5.30pm



## It is fitting that we fulfill all justice

It is necessary to ask: what is the justice that Jesus must fulfill? But even before that: what is justice for Christ the Lord? Justice for him is to give fulfillment to every prophecy, oracle, promise, vision and oath contained in the Law, in the Prophets and in the Psalms concerning the Messiah. Of what it is written on the scroll of the book of his life, nothing must remain a word. Instead, everything must become his history. According to the prophecy of Isaiah, Jesus is the Suffering Servant, sent by God to take upon himself all the sins, faults and sufferings of humanity and expiate them in his body, undergoing great suffering. He is seen by the prophet in the guise of an innocent Lamb being led to the slaughter and of a Sheep dumb before its shearers. Jesus redeems the world by assumption, by vicarious substitution, taking the place of every man and expiating for him. All the sins of the earth are on his shoulders and he must expiate them all, starting with the guilt of Adam until the last disobedience that will be committed on earth.

Having he assumed all the sins of the world, it is fitting that he descend into the waters of the Jordan to testify to his Father his will of expiation. In the river, all humanity, every man, manifesting the will of true conversion, true return and true acceptance of the divine will descend with Christ the Lord. Jesus tells the Father through this sign that it is his will to accomplish what he has established by an eternal decree. He wants to take on sins, he wants to expiate them, he wants to wash them with his blood and wants to redeem them with the gift of his life.

It is not enough that God wants redemption so that it may be fulfilled. Jesus must also want it with unconditional freedom, with great love, with a sincere heart, with a straight conscience and with an invincible conviction. Jesus manifests this will in the waters of the Jordan. Having given his life to the Father, the Father gives him his Holy Spirit so that he can realize his every Word, according to purity of truth and holiness. Nothing must remain unfinished.

What happens in Christ the Lord must be realized in every one of his disciples, called by him to become "redeemer" of his brothers for "vicarious atonement". The disciple is one body and one life with Christ, he must necessarily be one sacrifice and one redemption. This is the will of the Father: associating every disciple with the redemption of his Son in favour of every other man. God wants, but does the disciple want? The pastoral care of the Church is precisely this: leading every Christian to descend into the waters of the Holy Spirit and manifesting to the Father the will, always with conviction in the Spirit of God, that he is ready and wants to take on this great ministry. He too, in Christ, with Christ and through Christ, wants to participate in the salvation of his brothers by the way of the vicarious atonement or the assumption of their faults on his shoulders, which are shoulders of Christ, for the salvation of all. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Redemption, obtain for us every grace and every light so that we can fulfill this very high mission for the salvation of the world.

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## YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAITH, FOR A SECURE FOUNDATION ON THE JOURNEY

Reflections starting from the homily of H.H. Francis

in Mass with young people in Thailand (22 November 2019)

Starting from the Gospel parable of the ten virgins, the Holy Father asks some questions to young people: "Do you want to keep alive the fire that can illuminate you in the middle of the night and in the midst of difficulties? Do you want to prepare yourself to answer the call of the Lord? Do you want to be ready to do his will? How can you get the oil that can keep you moving and encourage you to seek the Lord in every situation?" (Homily).

These questions are an opportunity to reflect on the enthusiasm, a peculiar characteristic of young people, which can inflame the heart and drive to start any experience with great impetus, but which, if not well regulated, can go off in a moment and leave the heart in doubt, in uncertainty and in sadness, crushed by adversity.

On the journey of faith, when the Lord calls to participate in the joy of his Kingdom, there is an explosion of joy and one is ready to be committed immediately to follow what the Lord proposes; then, when the problems and difficulties, that must be faced in every journey begin, then we must draw on the strength of roots firmly planted in faith in the Word of the Lord. We need to make these roots grow so that they always support us. But how do you do it?

«Dear friends, for the fire of the Holy Spirit does not go out, and you can keep your eyes and heart alive, it is necessary to be rooted in the faith of our elders: fathers, grandparents and teachers. [...] Theirs was a life that has endured many trials and many sufferings. But, along the way, they discovered that the secret of a happy heart is the security we find when we are anchored,

rooted in Jesus, rooted in the life of Jesus, in his words and in his death and resurrection" (Homily).

Here is the sure foundation against which no adversity and no problem can overcome: the Word of Jesus, his teaching and the salvation that He has provided for us through his offering on the cross. In this journey, the testimony of those who preceded us in the encounter with the Lord and remained faithful to him in every situation, is important. Their experience gives strength and courage, instills confidence in the possibility of winning every battle, including the daily one that each of us engages with himself, his thoughts and his will channeled in a road that goes in the opposite direction to that of the Lord. A very great responsibility, because due to a decision or a word, the little ones can get or lose the light and grace of the Lord and, consequently, salvation.

Young people also have an important responsibility: they are the future of the Church and of the world, they are a very precious treasure for the Lord. Through them he wants to breathe new life into every man, but this outpouring is possible if they let themselves be helped by those who preceded them, learning to be docile to the teachings of the Lord and to face the path with the certainty that who works with and for the Lord is supported, helped, fortified and protected, enlightened and supported by him, so that he cannot lose the battle.

Mother of the Redemption, Woman with the unwavering faith, help us to grow in faith to reach the meeting with the Lord ready for the eternal feast with him.

**Father Gregorio Nicola Corea**

The  
Lord's Day  
ROMAN RITE

WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED

(BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A)

UPON WHOM I HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT (Is 42,1-4.6-7)

If the Lord our God works nothing without his Holy Spirit, might ever exist a man on earth and in the Church that can work according to the purest will of God without the Spirit of God? Thinking of it would be denying all Revelation. But who can give the Spirit? Only the Father in the Old Testament. In the New the Father has poured it all on Christ Jesus, filling him and the Lord Jesus has given him off to his Apostles. Today, they are the ones who must give the Holy Spirit, both through their word that must always be bearer of the Spirit and through the sacraments. Each sacrament produces a particular conformation to Christ. The Spirit not only does conform to Christ, through him in us we can live what he created in us. The prophet Isaiah announces that the Messiah would have been full of the Holy Spirit. All the Spirit of God would have rested on Him. He might fulfill the whole will of the Father.

GOD ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER (Acts 10.34-38)

Simon Peter announces to Cornelius the mystery of Christ Jesus. He passed among us only doing good. Not an indistinct and indeterminate good. But the good that his Father commanded him to do. He benefited every man. He freed from the power of the devil. He has healed from many diseases. His miracles have been many. Why was he able to do all this? Because God has consecrated him in the Holy Spirit and power. Just as the whole visible and invisible world was made for the Word in the Holy Spirit, so for Christ, the new creation

must be made in the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciple of Jesus is called to participate in the work of the new creation, which consists in liberation from the slavery of sin and death, in the abandonment of the kingdom of darkness with the end of entering the kingdom of light. The Father created for Christ in the Spirit. Christ creates for the Christian in the Spirit. The perennial truth.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON (Mt 3.13-17)

The sonship of Christ Jesus towards the Father is not of election, nor is it of adoption, nor is it another special relationship comparable to the generation. That of Christ the Lord is a true sonship by eternal generation. Our faith confesses that Christ Jesus is the Eternal Word, who is with God in the beginning, who has always been God, who became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This truth of Jesus, which is one and only in the history of humanity, is revealed directly by the Father of heaven at the time of baptism at the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit will reveal the same truth through the Apostles of Christ the Lord. As a fact, the whole New Testament is based together on this eternal and historical truth: Jesus is the Son of the Father, his beloved Son, his eternal Word who became flesh and came to live among us full of grace and truth. Today it is precisely this faith in the Eternal Word incarnate that is in grave danger. We want to make Jesus a man among men, without eternity, without divinity and without the generation from the Father. But He is God. He is the true God.

*by the theologian,*  
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