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OUR LADY'S CATECHISTS LESSON LEAFLETS
ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL

Gospel Series II

Number 9

FOURTH CHAPTER

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

Verses 14-30

Read how Jesus began His ministry. He was received everywhere with enthusiasm till He came to His home town, Nazareth, where they drove Him away and tried to kill Him.

NO PROPHET FINDS ACCEPTANCE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY
“Ladies and gentlemen, I am extremely diffident about addressing you on this subject, knowing that you have a scholar of world wide renown living among you. I refer, of course, to Mr. Arthur Sage.” These were the opening words of a lecture addressed to a large audience in one of our cathedral towns.

“What, old Sage!”

“Who would have thought it!” muttered the astonished audience. They all knew old Mr. Sage by sight but no one appreciated him or recognised him for what he was. Familiarity breeds contempt. How apt we are to pass by unnoticed the good and sometimes heroic qualities of those with who we live or work with us. How

many of us take for granted the labours of our Parish Priests and the loving care and services of our Mothers; taking them all as a matter of course, never saying a word of appreciation or showing the least gratitude.

Jesus was not appreciated even in His own home town of Nazareth. There the Holy Family lived for nearly thirty years apparently without recognition.

When Jesus preached in the Synagogue, being God, He knew what His listeners were thinking. He pointed out to them that prophets have no honour in their own country and He quoted instances of prophets who conferred their favours on strangers because they were ignored by their neighbours — the widow who was saved from starvation by the prophet Elias, and Naaman the leper who was cured by Eliseus were neither of them Israelites. Later on we shall notice how often Jesus was slighted and rejected by His own people the Jews and recognised and honoured by non-Jews.

The Hypostatic Union

THE union of the two natures in the person of God the Son, is called the "Hypostatic Union."

Sometimes in the Gospel story we are shown Jesus' *human* nature. At others, when He did things that only God can do, we are reminded of His *divine* nature. His fellow townsmen and many

of the Jews, only saw in Him Jesus, the son of the village carpenter, though during His ministry He gave ample proof that He was more than mere man.

We are reminded of the two natures in Jesus Christ at Mass, when the server hands the priest the cruets and the priest blesses the water which represents us, and mixes it with the wine which is about to be changed into the Blood of Christ and prays that — " We may be made partakers of His Divinity, Who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity."

There are two natures in Jesus Christ, the nature of God and the nature of man.

Test

Choose the Missing

Words

At the end of His forty days' fast, Jesus was hungry because He was truly man and it is _____ nature to need food.

God knows all things, even our most secret thoughts. Jesus showed that He had the nature of _____ when He read the unspoken thoughts of His hearers.

Jesus was able to "pass through the midst" of His enemies because He had the nature of _____

There are two _____ in Jesus Christ, the _____ of God and the nature of _____

The union of the two natures in the Person of God is called the _____ Union.

To vouchsafe means to _____

To partake means to _____

*share natures hypostatic nature man God
condescend to man's*

Leave the right ending and cross out the wrong one(s):

A synagogue is:

a place where Jews met for religious

services

a musical instrument

a sacred vessel

Jesus was brought up in:

Rome

Jerusalem

Nazareth

Jesus read from the book of:

Genesis

Psalms

The Prophet Isaiah

Elias was sent to a:

Samaritan woman

widow of Israel widow

woman in Sarepta

Naaman the leper was:

a Jew

an Egyptian

a Syrian

The Hypostatic Union is the:

Union of the two natures in the Person of God the

Son

Union of the three Persons in the Blessed Trinity

OUR LADY'S CATECHISTS LESSON LEAFLETS**ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL****Gospel Series II****Number 10****FOURTH CHAPTER****Jesus' Care of the Sick*****Verses 38-44***

READ of Jesus' miracles in Capernaum; how He cast out devils, cured Simon's mother-in-law of a fever and healed many others. Read how the sick were brought to Him and how the people begged Him to stay with them.

**"At even e'er the sun was set
The sick, O Lord around Thee lay
O in what divers pains they met!
O, with what joy they went away."**

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

All through the Gospels we read of Jesus' care for the sick and suffering. In His dealings with them it is often recorded that He forgave them their sins and cured their bodily ailments at one and the same time. We are not surprised, therefore, to find that He made special provision for the sick by instituting the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Jesus must have left very definite instructions about this Sacrament because St. James, one of the Apostles, writing

only about 28 years after Jesus' resurrection, says in a letter," If one of you is sick he should send for the priest and he will pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed any sins he will be forgiven." (James 4: 14)

The catechism teaches us that the effects of the Sacrament of The Sick are to comfort and strengthen the soul, to forgive sin, and even to restore health, when God wills it.

Priests, doctors, nurses and others who have care of the sick testify how often a patient's condition improves after he has been anointed. Apart from this, a person almost invariably feels great peace and joy after receiving the Sacrament of the Sick.

Whenever a Catholic is seriously ill the priest should be sent for and if a person is to undergo surgery that could be life threatening the Anointing of the Sick should be requested before going into hospital. Even if the patient is unconscious the priest should be summoned.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A Catholic man fell from a ladder. He was picked up badly injured and taken to a near-by house. If you, believing him

to be dying, had been asked to summon his wife, a doctor and a priest, to whom would you have telephoned first? Give a reason for your answer_____

A catholic woman was taken very ill late one night and the doctor said her condition was critical. Her husband did not want to send for the priest till the morning for fear of alarming her by getting the priest at night. Her sister wanted to send for him at once so as not to risk her dying without the Sacrament. Which risk would you run? That of alarming the patient or that of letting her die without the priest? Give a reason for your answer. _____

A ten year old girl was knocked down by a car and was carried home unconscious. Her mother said that the priest should be sent for at once. Her cousin said it was no use getting the priest till the child regained consciousness—who was right?_____

CATECHISM TEST

Choose the missing words

The sacrament of The Sick is the _____ of the _____
with holy _____ accompanied with _____

The Sacrament of the Sick is given when we are in _____
of _____ by _____

The effects of the _____ of the Sacrament of the Sick
are to _____ and strengthen the _____, to
forgive _____ and even to restore _____
when God wills it.

The authority in _____ for the Sacrament of _____
is in the fifth chapter of _____, where it is said, If one of
you is sick he should send for the _____ priests
of the _____ and they will _____ over
him, anointing him with oil in the name of the _____
And the prayer of faith will _____ the sick man, and the
Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed any sins they
shall be _____ him.

Scripture The Sick sin prayer forgiven anointing Lord

<i>Danger</i>	<i>oil</i>	<i>comfort</i>	<i>save</i>	<i>pray</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>priests</i>	<i>death</i>	<i>health</i>	<i>Sacrament</i>
<i>soul</i>	<i>sickness</i>	<i>sick</i>	<i>St. James</i>	

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FIFTH CHAPTER

A Fisher of Men

Verses 1-11

READ how Jesus taught the crowds from Simon Peter's fishing boat and of the great catch of fish that Simon Peter and his partners got when they put out their nets at Jesus' bidding.

THE MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISHES

THE miracle described in this chapter is a kind of parable. The ship symbolises the Church. St. Peter and the other apostles guided and managed the boat as the Pope and bishops guide and control the Church to-day. Fish were drawn into the boat by St. Peter, helped by the apostles. Nowadays, souls are brought into the Church through the ministry of those to whom the Pope delegates his power. Like a ship tossed about on a stormy sea, the Church is attacked and persecuted by her enemies, but Jesus never allows her to be overcome.

For You to Answer

1. Whom did Jesus appoint to be Head of the Church? _____
2. Whose boat did Jesus choose to teach from? _____
3. Who spoke on behalf of his fellows when he said, "Master, we have toiled all night, and caught nothing ? _____
4. Who said "At thy word I will let down the net"? _____
5. Who humbly expressed his sense of his own unworthiness when he said, "Leave me to myself, Lord, I am a sinner"? _____
6. To whom did Jesus say " Do not be afraid, henceforth you shall be a fisher of men" _____

CATECHISM TEST

Choose the right ending from Section 2 to complete Section 1

Section 1

1. The Catholic Church is _____
2. The Head of the Catholic Church is _____
3. The Church has a visible Head on earth _____
4. The Bishop of Rome is the Head of the Church because _____
5. Christ appointed St. Peter to be Head of the Church he

said to him _____

6. The Bishop of Rome is called _____
7. The Pope is the spiritual Father of _____

Section 2

- (a) the bishop of Rome, who is the Vicar of Christ.
- (b) all Christians.
- (c) he is the successor of St. Peter whom Christ appointed to be Head of the Church.
- (d) the union of all the faithful under one head.
- (e) the Pope, which word signifies Father.
- (f) Jesus Christ Jesus.
- (g) thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And to thee I will give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE CURE OF THE LEPER

Verses 12-16

READ: how the leper came to Jesus. Notice that his trustful and humble prayer was rewarded by an instantaneous cure. Sin is sometimes called the leprosy of the soul because sin does to the soul what leprosy does to the body. Leprosy is a loathsome disease which makes the most beautiful person

ugly. What is the only thing that can destroy the beauty of the soul?

Leprosy is contagious. It can be passed on from parent to child. From whom do we inherit original sin?

Leprosy is a fatal disease. It kills its victims unless a remedy is applied in time. What does mortal sin do to the supernatural life in the soul ?

Lepers have to live lonely, isolated lives for fear they contaminate healthy people. Why are we warned against going with bad companions?

Leprosy causes pain and misery. What is the cause of all the sorrow and suffering in the world?

Leprosy spreads. First small white spots appear which spread all over the body. Is there a danger that small sins and bad habits unchecked may lead to grave sin?

An Instantaneous Cure

THE leper was cured instantly when he went to Jesus and begged to be healed. Jesus sent him to the priest after He had cured him. If we have perfect contrition for our sins, Jesus forgives us as soon as we beg Him to do so but, if they are mortal, we are bound to go to confession afterwards.

CATECHISM TEST

Choose the missing words:

Perfect contrition is _____ for sin arising _____ from the _____ of God.

Perfect contrition has this special: _____ that by it our _____ are forgiven _____, even _____ we confess them; but nevertheless, if they are _____ we are strictly bound to _____ them afterwards.

*Value mortal immediately before purely
love sorrow confess sins*

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FIFTH CHAPTER

The Man Cured of Paralysis

Verses 17-26

READ how a sick man was brought to Jesus by his friends, how Jesus rewarded their faith and of how the Pharisees accused Him of blasphemy.

Eastern houses are quite different from ours. In hot countries much time is spent on the flat roofs and they are usually approached by an outside staircase. Very often the roof is only made of sticks covered with earth which can easily be removed. The bed on which the sick man lay was probably a mat which could be carried by the corners and thus used as a kind of stretcher.

"Your sins are forgiven," when Jesus said these words He was once more proclaiming His Divinity; and then He gave two further proofs of His divine power — He was aware of the Pharisees' secret thoughts " What are these thoughts you have in your hearts ?" He asked

them. Then He performed a miracle for all to see. He said: "Get up, pick up your bed and go home," and immediately the man got up strong and well. No one but God can forgive sins and those to whom He gives the power. When Jesus forgave the man his sins, the Pharisees knew what His action signified. "Who can forgive sins but God and God only?" they said. Even when Jesus consented to give further proof of His divine power by curing the sick man and when the onlookers and the man himself were filled with wonder and gratitude, the Pharisees would not admit Jesus' claim.

Sometimes when our friends are ill or in trouble we long to help them. This story of the four friends teaches us how glad Jesus is when we try to help others, and how ready He is to listen to us when we call attention to their needs by praying for them. The very best time to do this is when He is actually with us after we have received Him in Holy Communion.

Test

Leave the right ending and cross out the wrong ones:

Jesus forgives sins by

the power of His Mother

the power of the Saints

His own power

A priest forgives sins by

the power of Our Lady

the power of God

his own power

The forgiveness of sins

was only possible during Jesus' life on earth

was only possible during the lifetime of the Apostles

is still possible because Christ has left the power of forgiving sins to the pastors of His Church.

CATECHISM TEST

Choose the right ending from those given at the end:

- a. The tenth article of the Creed is_____
- b. By 'the forgiveness of sins ' I mean that Christ left the power of forgiving sins to_____
- c. Penance is a Sacrament whereby the sins, whether mortal or venial, which we have committed after Baptism_____
- d. Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance when He breathed on His Apostles and gave them power to forgive sins, saying

- e. The words of absolution are:

- f. The priest forgives sin
by:_____
-I absolve thee from thy sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
..... are forgiven
..... "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven "
..... 'The forgiveness of sins'
..... the power of God when he pronounces the words of absolution.
..... the Pastors of His Church.

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FIFTH CHAPTER

"Follow Me"

Verses 27-36

READ how Jesus invited Levi the tax gatherer to follow Him and how Levi left everything at Jesus' call. Read too how the Pharisees criticised Jesus for associating with what they considered the riff-raff of the city.

LEVI'S VOCATION

MOST of us like getting letters, but no one likes getting letters from the tax collector. The fact is we all dislike paying taxes though our tax collectors do not try to get more than they are entitled to collect. In Jesus' day, tax collectors or publicans as they were called, were very unpopular because they usually tried to get a "rake-off" for themselves over and above the just taxes. Another thing that made them hated was that they were collecting taxes levied by the Roman conquerors.

Levi, who was afterwards called Matthew, was one of these despised individuals and it is probable that he was not above squeezing all he could out of the tax payers.

One day Jesus saw him doing his job at the customs house.

Jesus spoke to him. He said "Follow me," and Levi got up straight away and followed Him. Then he gave a party to which he invited Jesus to meet his friends. No doubt they were a tough lot who gathered at Levi's house, but Jesus never snubs anyone who genuinely wants Him and so He accepted Levi's hospitality. As usual the Pharisees criticised Jesus, who pointed out that these sinful men needed Him and that He had come especially for their sakes and not for the self-righteous people who thought they had no need of Him. Then the Pharisees asked why Jesus' disciples were not always fasting and praying and Jesus pointed out that there would be time enough for that when He was taken away from them. He said that just as it is unsuitable to put new wine into old bottles or to patch an old coat with new material, so it would be incongruous for the disciples to go about with long faces whilst they were still enjoying His companionship.

What an honour to be called by Jesus. How joyfully Levi responded. Perhaps He wondered why Jesus had singled him out. From the worldly point of view it must have been a great sacrifice to throw up his paying job. Instead of living in a comfortable home with plenty to eat and drink, he would henceforward belong to the little band that went about with Jesus, often not knowing where their next meal was coming from or whether there would be a roof over their heads when the day's work was done. Jesus still singles out men and women to leave

their jobs and their homes and share His work of bringing souls to God.

If the call were to come to you, would you be as prompt to respond as Levi was? Levi did not let his sense of unworthiness hold him back nor was he put off by the sacrifices he would have to make. "Teach us, dear Lord to serve you as you deserve."

CATECHISM TEST

Select the missing words

Holy Order is the _____ by which bishops, _____, and other ministers of the Church are _____, and receive _____ and _____ to perform their _____ duties.

Grace Sacrament ordained priests power sacred

VOCATIONS

When Jesus calls someone in a special way, we say that such a person has a "Vocation"; — but it is not only priests and nuns who have vocations. Jesus may call us to be teachers or chemists or nurses or refuse collectors. So long as we try to do the work that we think God is calling us to do, and do it as well as we can, we may be sure of Jesus' friendship. If we think Jesus has called us to serve Him in some special way, it is a good plan to ask the advice of a priest. A priest has received such a call himself and so can sympathise with our doubts and difficulties and is in a position to understand and advise us.

TEST

Leave the right endings and cross out the wrong ones: A publican in Jesus' time was — a tax collector — an innkeeper

Levi was afterwards called — Matthew — Mark

Publicans were usually — honourable men — rather shady characters

The people who need a doctor are — the healthy — the sick
Jesus came to call to repentance — righteous people — sinners

The Bridegroom's friends fast—after he has left them—while he is still with them.

Old wine is better than new — New wine is better than old
An old garment should be patched with — old material — new material

For You to Answer

1. What was Levi by profession? _____
2. Why were publicans hated by the Jews? _____
3. What does the word vocation mean? _____
4. Does Jesus want us all to be priests or nuns? _____
5. Can we serve Jesus by being or shop assistants or doctors? _____

6. What sort of friends should you think Levi had? _____

7. Do you think Jesus likes it when we refuse to mix and be friendly with people who are poorer or less well educated than we are? _____

8. Do you know what the word "Snob " means. What does Jesus' example teach us about snobbery? _____

10. Do you know who wrote the Gospel that comes first in the New Testament?

11. There is a Sacrament by which bishops, priests and other ministers of the Church are ordained, and receive power and grace to perform their sacred duties — what is it called? _____

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SIXTH CHAPTER**The Sabbath Day***Verses 1-11*

READ how Jesus replied to the Pharisees when they objected to His disciples picking ears of corn on the Sabbath and to the works of healing performed by Jesus Himself.

THE DAY OF REST

God commanded that the Sabbath Day should be set apart as a day of rest and refreshment and give people time for prayer and worship. The Pharisees made endless and ridiculous laws about the keeping of the day. For example, they said that to have a pin in clothing on the Sabbath was to carry a burden and therefore was a breach of the law. Even to this day, some strict Jews will not blow out a candle or open a letter for fear of breaking the law.

Such laws made life a misery to the people on whom they were imposed and the Pharisees, who enforced the laws, entirely lost sight of what was meant by keeping the Sabbath Day holy.

Every time that Jesus showed up their hypocrisy and inconsistency, their hatred grew.

We too, are sometimes in danger of forgetting what Sunday is for. We

demand extra pay and make a great to do if we have to work on Sunday but, when we have the whole day free, we sometimes forget that it was given us to enable us to worship God and to do a little quiet thinking, as well as for our enjoyment.

CATECHISM TEST

Choose the missing words

By the Third Commandment we are commanded to keep the _____ holy.

The Third Commandment is, " Remember to keep _____ the Sabbath Day."

We are to keep Sunday holy by hearing _____ and resting from _____ works.

We are commanded to _____ from servile works that we may have _____ and _____ for _____ going to the _____ hearing instructions, and reading _____ books.

The Jews kept the _____ day of the week as their day of rest.

Christians observe the _____ day, in memory of Jesus' _____

- rest* *opportunity* *prayer* *good* *servile*
- Resurrection* *Mass* *Sacraments* *Sunday* *holy*
- seventh* *first* *time*

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

John was a fireman. One Sunday on his way to Mass the fire bell rang. He ran back to the fire station and helped in the rescue of an old woman who was trapped in her bedroom. *Was it wrong for John to miss Mass in order to help put out a fire?*

Amy had to stay away from Mass one Sunday to look after her Mother who had a broken leg. Her brother Charlie said he would stay home too so that he could clean his motor bicycle. *Do you think that Amy was right to stay away from Mass to care for her Mother? What about Charlie?*

Mrs. Jones always did her big washing and ironing on Sunday, though she had plenty of time to do it in the week. When a Catholic friend spoke about it Mrs. Jones laughed and said: "the better the day, the better the deed." *Did Mrs. Jones break the Third Commandment?*

Henry was an ambulance driver. He was asked to take a child who had been badly burnt to hospital and was told the case was urgent. Henry kept the child waiting while he went to Mass.

Do you think he acted rightly?

What is the Third Commandment of the Church?

Look up the answer in the catechism and write it down.

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