

Catechism of the Crisis in the Catholic Church “VIII The Catholic Priesthood”

- **But don't the faithful also offer the Divine Victim at Mass?**

Our Lord is offered in the name of His Mystical Body; by offering themselves with Him and for the same intentions, the faithful participate in the offering He makes of Himself; in this sense it may be said that they also offer the Divine Victim. But in the proper sense of the word, only the priest, as Christ's minister, offers the sacrifice; he alone is the efficient (instrumental) cause. Pope Pius XII recalled these truths in the Encyclical *Mediator Dei* in 1947.

- **May it be said that the faithful exercise a certain kind of priesthood?**

In the strict sense, it is false that the faithful exercise a priesthood (the word *exercise* bespeaks an action, and the faithful benefit only passively from Christ's priesthood). Nonetheless, it is sometimes permissible to speak figuratively. We say, for example, that a brave man is “a lion,” or that a Christian who leads an ascetic life is “a real monk”; it is a manner of speaking that is not false provided that it is understood for what it is: simply a manner of speaking, a metaphor, an image, and not an exact definition. The same is true of what is sometimes called “the priesthood of the faithful.” Since every Christian is called to worship God and to make sacrifices (which must be inserted into that of Christ), we may say that, seen from this angle, he acts *as* a priest.

- **Hasn't the “priesthood of the faithful” some foundation in Sacred Scripture?**

The “priesthood of the faithful” has as foundation in Sacred Scripture a few texts which are precisely metaphors. Thus, St. Peter compares the Christians to living stones of a temple and to a “royal priesthood”: these are expressive images, but images nonetheless as the context shows.

- **How did Vatican II exaggerate the “common priesthood of the faithful”?**

Vatican II placed an exaggerated emphasis upon the “common priesthood of the faithful” in the very outline of its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*. Before speaking of the hierarchy and of priesthood in the proper sense, the conciliar constitution treats of “the people of God” and its universal priesthood (Chapter 2). Only afterwards (Chapter 3), speaking of particular vocations and functions within the Church, does it treat of ministerial priesthood as a special form of the universal priesthood of which the laity (Chapter 4) would also be a particular form!

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Confessions:

Sundays: 7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays: 10:30-10:50am
First Fridays: 6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays: 8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices		Second Collection FLOWERS	
Sunday 4th March: Third Sunday in Lent, (I cl)			
8:00 am	Low Mass ACI: A. Cofini ACII: L. Babate		
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		
Monday 5th March : Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl)			
5:45 am	Low Mass		
7:15 am	Low Mass		
8:45 am	Benediction		
Tuesday 6th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl) <i>Ss Felicitas & Perpetua, Mm</i>			
5:45 am	Low Mass		
7:15 am	Low Mass		
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Mass		
Wednesday 7th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl) <i>St Thomas Aquinas, CD</i>			
5:45 am	Low Mass		
7:15 am	Low Mass		
Thursday 8th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl) <i>St John of God, C</i>			
5:45 am	Low Mass		
7:15 am	Low Mass		
10:00 am	Holy Hour followed by Mass		
Friday 9th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl) <i>St Frances of Rome, W</i>			
7:15 am	Low Mass		
8:50 am	Low Mass		
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross		
6:30 pm	Low Mass		
Saturday 10th March: Ferial Day in Lent, (III cl) <i>The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste</i>			
5:45 am	Low Mass		
7:15 am	Low Mass		
9:00 am	Low Mass and Novena to the Infant of Prague		
Sunday 11th March: Laetare Sunday, (I cl) <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>			
8:00 am	Low Mass ACI: A. Cofini ACII: L. Babate		
10:30 am	Sung Mass		
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary and Benediction		
Altar Servers' Roster – <u>Sung Mass 10:30am, 11th March, 2018</u>			
MCI:	J. Pepping	ACII:	R. Amituanai
TH:	M. Didic	CB:	K. Goldsmith
BB:	N. Didic	TB:	L. Amituanai
ACI:	K. Pepping	TB:	J. Brill

Parish Help	
Cleaning Roster: Saturday 10th March: Babate Family	
Morning Tea: Sunday 11th March:	
8:00am	Mr and Mrs Down Coffee – Sigmone & Natalie
10:30am	Mr & Mrs Toubai Coffee – Mary Jane & Sandy
Announcements	

In your charity please pray for the souls of:

Elisa Gulia; Germaine Stephens; Sarah Banner.

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday 11th March, 2018		
Singleton: 10:00 am	Dubbo: 9:00 am	

MARCH is the month when we honour Saint Joseph in a special way. This can be done by saying a prayer to Saint Joseph or by setting up a little altar to him.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:20 pm. **Next class Friday, 9th March.**

Sunday Catechism: Classes today at 9:30 am

Handmaids and Altar Servers: Saturday 17th, March. The recollection for the older Handmaids begins at 4:30 pm on Friday 16th, March.