

9. TODAY IS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY FOR:

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EVERYONE IS ASKED TO PRAY FOR THESE WONDERFUL AND HIGHLY HONORED CHILDREN - - THAT GOD WILL PROTECT THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES ON EARTH, AND THAT THEIR HOLINESS OF LIFE WILL BE AS BEAUTIFUL AT THE END OF THEIR LIVES AS IT IS ON THE DAY OF THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

MAY THEIR LIVES BE SHINING EXAMPLES OF CATHOLICITY, IN A WORLD WHERE MOST PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO BE CATHOLIC.

MAY IT PLEASE GOD TO BE WITH THEM FOREVER!!!

10. First Confession - the Sacrament of Penance - took place on Saturday May 30.

11. DO NOT FORGET EASTER DUTY - - which is CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION. This must be attended to before Trinity Sunday - June 14th. under pain of mortal sin.

FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Study Lesson Number 12

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Was any human person ever preserved from original sin?

The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of her Divine Son; and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.

Our Lady's words to Bernadette at Lourdes: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Our Lady is so different from us. We have sin, but she did not. But she feels sorrow for us. The healing waters of Lourdes are a sign of her love for us and her desire to help us in our troubles.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - In Prophecy - Promise of a Redeemer:

God did not abandon man after the sin of Adam and Eve. He promised that the devil's victory over Adam and Eve would be turned into a defeat. He promised to send a Redeemer who would at the same time come from mankind, so that through this Redeemer man could truly conquer the devil. And as the devil had conquered through a woman, so would God conquer through a woman. One day there would come a woman who would be completely the devil's enemy, over whom he would have no power at all. Through her seed, or Child, she would crush his head. That is why we see so many pictures of Mary with a snake under her feet. She is the woman promised by God to be the devil's terrible enemy.

Meanwhile, the human race was under the power of the devil. Everyone born into the world had original sin on his soul and was therefore a slave of the devil. Even those who did die without mortal sin on their souls could not enter heaven, but had to wait in what we call Limbo (called Abraham's bosom by Christ in Luke 16-22, and a prison by St. Peter in 1 Peter 3-19) until after the death of Christ - (the Good Thief was the First Person to enter Heaven). Men could not understand why there was sickness and suffering on earth and did not know what happened after death. God did not send the Redeemer right away, so that men would see from all these things what a terrible thing sin was and how much they needed a Redeemer.

WHAT IS YOUR THOUGHT CONCERNING THE "TIME PERIOD" WHICH FOLLOWS THE TIME PERIOD OF YOUR PRESENT EXISTENCE IN THE BODY?

How serious do you consider the preparation requirements for the next existence to be?

Do you feel that God has the right to place you under command?