

February 12, 2023

Good Morning!

Please read the Bishop's letter regarding the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina and prayerfully consider his message and the role you can play in helping others.

All regular Religious Education classes today including RCIA and a Confirmation Class in the Portable - 9:45-10:45 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Penitential Prayers at 3:00 PM

For those who love football this is the end till next August!



Super Bowl Sunday!! 6:30 PM - Kick Off

*As It Was Above, So It Is Below* - Kyle Clement's Parish Mission begins tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. Please see attached flyer for all the topics.

School Newsletter attached.

1. Today's Readings: [Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Father Gillespie often refers to the "Holy Sacrifice of the Mass". Why is the Mass considered a sacrifice? Fr. Dwight Longenecker from Our Lady of the Rosary in Greenville has written an article on just that subject which we present today.

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross. *St Thomas Aquinas*

~"When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt. *St Jean Vianney*

~"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. *St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

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# LET'S BE TOGETHER.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer. Our faith drives us to lift our hearts and minds to God so that He may address our needs and the needs of others. We believe in His infinite goodness and mercy, and we trust that when He answers our prayers, it is a blessing and a gift. Though it may not seem like our prayers are always answered directly, it does not mean that we should lose faith, because the Lord may be calling on *you* to fulfill the prayers of others. As the philosopher Blaise Pascal once quoted, **"In calling us to pray for one another, God has extended to us the dignity of becoming causes."**

We have the power to be a cause for good in someone else's life; the answer to their prayers. Our blessings enable us to provide care for those without hope, clear the path for the future generation of saints, and encourage those who choose to devote their lives to Christ. When I announced the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (formerly the Bishop's Annual Appeal), I knew there was a solid foundation of faithful Catholics in our state who believed in being a cause for others.

**This Appeal is not for me as Bishop. It is for all of us; coming together to act as His hands and feet.**

Your generosity allows our ministries to share the Lord's love with thousands of our brothers and sisters who are struggling with meals, medical care, and basic hygiene needs. It gives our Catholic schools valuable resources to teach His Word to a generation that is growing to be more-and-more secular. It is keeping His light shining bright in South Carolina. We will be able to accomplish even more with your continued support in this new era of our diocese.

This year, I humbly ask you to consider the blessings in your own life and to continue being a cause for good with a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. I pray that our renewed message of bringing our community together to help one another inspires you.

Thank you for your consideration and most importantly thank you for being an answer to someone's prayers.

Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

*Bishop of Charleston*

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# MR. KYLE CLEMENT, SMD

## AS IT WAS ABOVE, SO IT IS BELOW

### FEB 13 - 17 2023

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1200 CORNELIA ROAD  
ANDERSON, SC 29621  
864-225-5341 ~ WWW.SJCCS.NET

Kyle Clement returns to St. Joseph Catholic Church to present a 5 Day Parish Mission on living our Catholic faith.

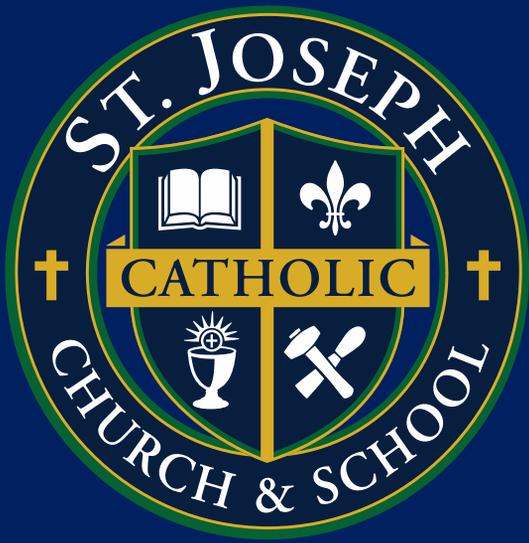
Mr. Clement instructs the lay faithful with practical information on different aspects of Christian life. He is an acclaimed speaker for Liber Christo.

Join us for Presentations on the Theme:  
"AS IT WAS ABOVE, SO IT IS BELOW"

### MISSION SCHEDULE

Feb 13 Monday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: As It Was Above, So It Is Below
	4:30 PM	Mass
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Authority Structure
Feb 14 Tuesday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Medium of Grace
	5:30 PM	Evening Mass
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Introduction—Flow of Grace
Feb 15 Wednesday	8:30 AM	Morning Mass (No Adoration)
	9:15 - 9:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Flow of Grace, continued
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Faculties of the Human Person
Feb 16 Thursday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Faculties of the Human Person, continued
	5:30 PM	Evening Mass
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Virtues
Feb 17 Friday	8:30 AM	Morning Mass
	9:15 - 9:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: So It Is Below

Free Event ~ Donations are gratefully accepted.



"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

-Psalm 62:6

February 10, 2023

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

**Virtue † Academic Excellence † Discipleship**

## Follow Us

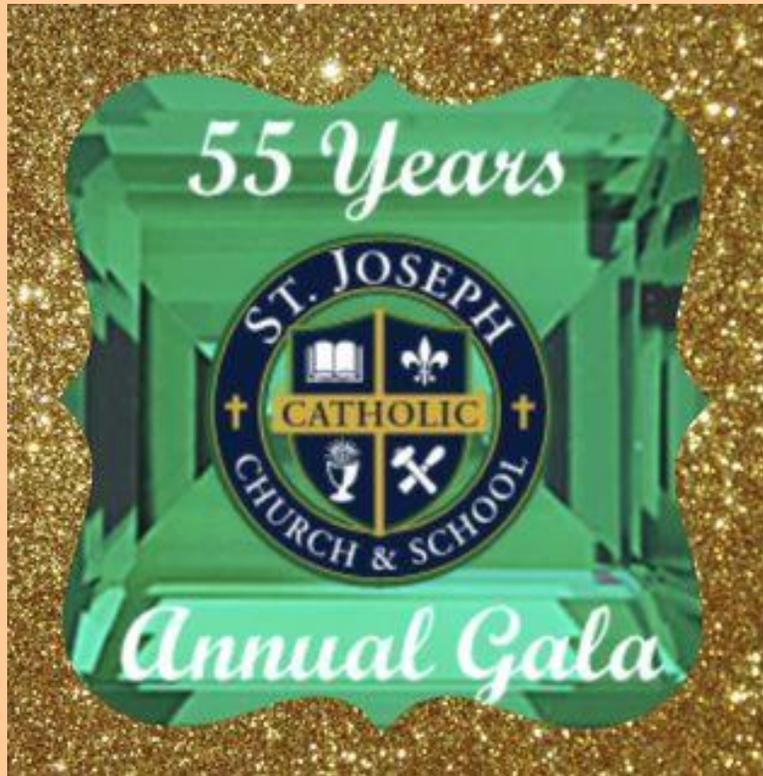


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*Coming Up...*



**Tonight!**

# Going On Now...

## RE-ENROLLMENT 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR OPEN NOW

Tuition Rates for the upcoming school year have been published on the website. Refer to the Admissions/FAQ section.

**Reenroll now for the Early Bird  
Rate of \$310.**

### RE-ENROLLMENT FEES (per family):

<del>Special Discount Rate</del> – Re-enrollment Fee for Returning Students January 6 <sup>th</sup> – January 31 <sup>st</sup>	<del>\$260</del>
<b>Early Bird</b> – Re-enrollment Fee for Returning Students February 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$310</b>
<del>Regular Re-enrollment Fee</del> for Returning Students March 21 <sup>st</sup> and after	\$360

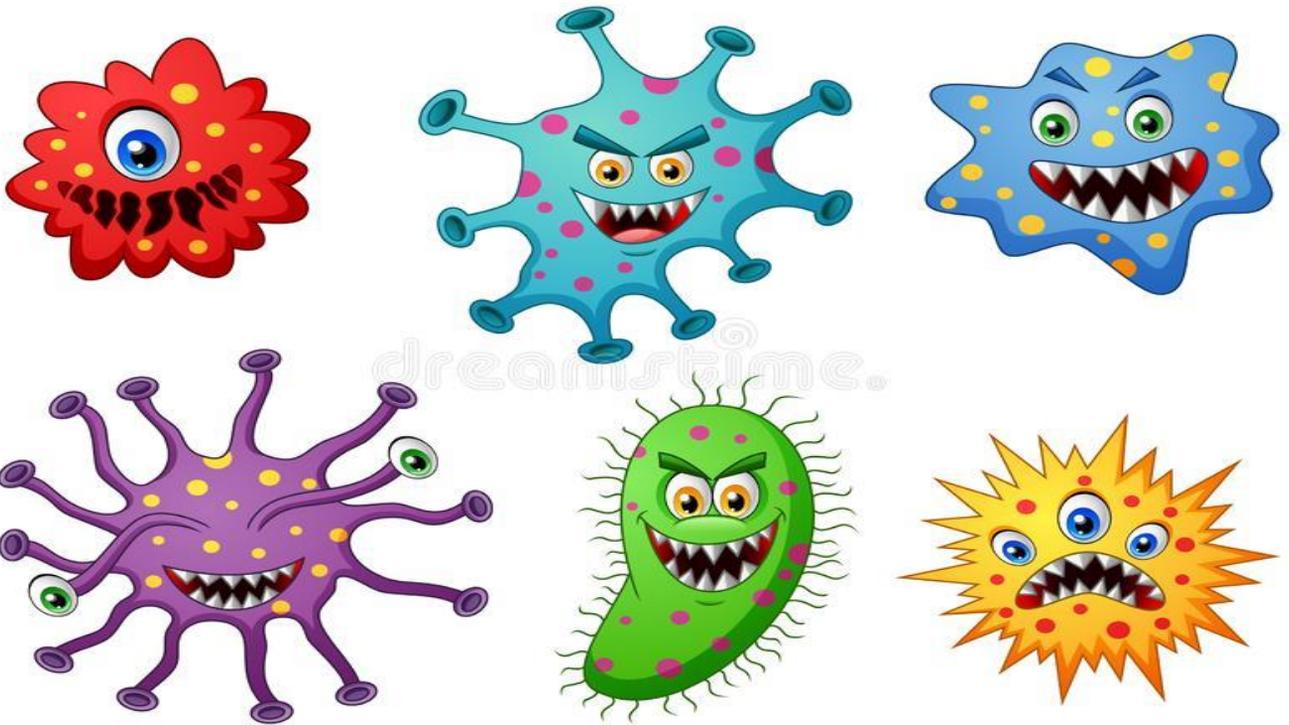
Note: Enrollment Fees are non-refundable.

FACTS Financial Aid  
Applications are  
**NOW OPEN!**

Deadline for Financial Aid Applications is  
March 20<sup>th</sup>.

# Important...

We love it when students share - but, not germs!



To minimize the spread of illness, please keep your student home when they are sick. In case of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, **PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE** before sending your student back to school.

Coming Up...

**Foothills**  
PLAYHOUSE

# The SOUND of MUSIC



Directed by: *Rebecca Evatt*

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Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE, Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria August Trapp  
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# Going on Now...

We enjoyed reading, *Nun on the Run – The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School*, today. This book is based at our very own St. Joseph's Catholic School and is written by a school parent, Heather Slaughter. It is a lighthearted book featuring a 'little' Nun who encourages students (and parents) to make good choices. The story even mimics what our school does for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, such as the canned food drive and dressing up. Our Sister Rose Nun was inspired from the real Sister Rose who lived and is buried right here in Anderson, SC and is known for bringing Catholic education to the South.



Want to get your own Book and Doll?

Heather will be signing and selling at the Chili Cook Off 1/27 and at the School's Open House this Sunday 1/29.

Can't make it to either event, you can always purchase online by visiting this link.

<https://linktr.ee/heatherslaughter>



Did you know that Sister Rose has an Instagram account? Follow her to see where all she visits. Share pictures with your own Sister Rose by using #nunontherun\_sisterrose.

# Going On Now...

## Buy for You – Support St. Joseph

Help support St. Joseph Catholic School by purchasing  
Saint Shirts and Socks – Pick your favorite Saint!



89 Adults Sock Options, 29 Child Sock Options,  
14 Fun T-Shirt Options, Stickers, and Mugs!

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of your items to the  
school and they will  
arrive before Easter  
and Spring Break!**



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# Coming Up...

## Calling Catholic Women!

Calling All Women to Our Annual Catholic Women's Conference



*Be Still and Know*

The Diocese of Charleston  
Belonging  
Catholic Conference for Women



with Keynote speaker,  
Rachel Balducci,

20 workshops,  
delicious catered  
lunch, vendors and  
Catholic artists,  
music performance,  
and Mass

Saturday, February 25  
St. Joseph's Catholic School  
Greenville, SC

**Con un tema especial  
en español este año.**

<https://www.heartridgeministries.com/belonging.html>

# Going on Now...



**Tumblers \$20**



**Umbrellas \$25**



**T-Shirt \$20**

**New SJCS  
shirts and  
sweatshirts  
on sale now!**

**Sweatshirt \$30**

# February Virtue of the Month

**Cheerfulness-**

*Looking on the bright side*

“This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

- Psalm 118:24

PK – 2<sup>nd</sup>

St. John Bosco

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

St. Philip Neri

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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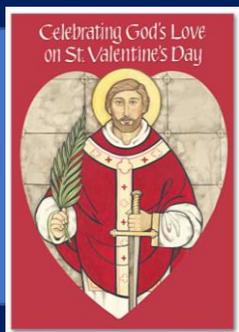
Click [HERE](#) for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

# Upcoming Events

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**GALA**  
**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**



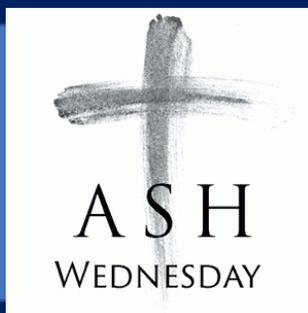
**St Valentine's Day**  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**



**No School – President's Day**  
**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Mardi Gras**  
**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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Progress Reports  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>



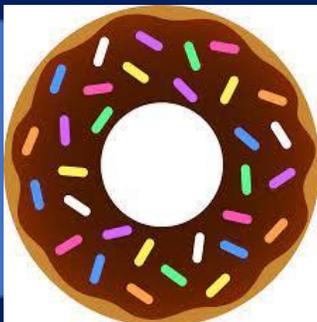
PTO Meeting  
Mar 1<sup>st</sup>



No School  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

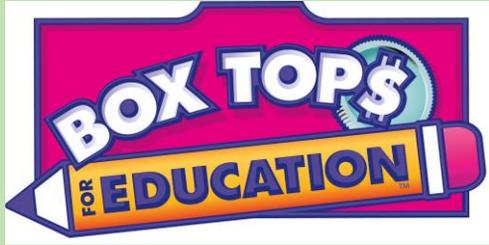


St. Patrick's Day  
Mar 17<sup>th</sup>



Donuts w/ Dad  
Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

# How to help... Sign up today



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Download the App, select our school, scan your receipts. Or bring in your receipts and we will do it for you! EASY!

Bookmark **Amazon Smiles** and use it every time you shop so 0.5% of your purchases go back to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Or start your Amazon shopping by going [HERE](#) first.

The AmazonSmile logo, featuring the word 'amazon' in black and 'smile' in orange, with the Amazon arrow logo below it.



When you shop at **Ingles**, they donate money to the school for new supplies and equipment. Click [HERE](#) and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.

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The Publix logo, featuring a green circle with a white 'P' inside, and the word 'Publix' in green, lowercase letters below it.



**We are still collecting bottlecaps to create awesome works of art!**

# February Birthdays

Barbara B 2-1

Nevaeh D 2-1

Nathaniel H 2-2

Bodhi W 2-12

Giannina C 2-14

Zoe D 2-24

# School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!

## Getting Gala Ready!



# Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!  
You are awesome!

## Lunches:

### Catholic Women Serving:

**Patti Wiker**  
**Linda Gehl**  
**Cheryl Boehm**

Elizabeth Medrano  
Evelyn Hooks  
Wilma Aguado  
Mayra Salgado  
Danny Arita  
Isbel Mercado  
Maria Tortolero  
Gladys Tortolero  
Elizabeth Wingard



## Readers:



**Linda Ketchapaw**  
**Alice Henderson**  
**Linda Firneno**  
**Beth Cartlidge**  
**Mary Donovan**



## Gala Thanks!

Many special thanks to all the support we received for the Gala – donations, volunteers to create decorations, set up, clean up, and everything in between! The Gala would not have happened if it were not for you!

Many pics to follow.

# Joke Corner!

**What kind of flowers should you not give on Valentine's Day?**



**Cauliflowers!**

**Students - submit your funny joke!**

If your joke gets picked for the newsletter –  
you will win a Dress Down Pass!

Submit your joke to the office.

Plan for it...

Church



corner



# Why Do We Call the Mass a “Sacrifice”?

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker



A reader has said she doesn't understand why the Mass is called a sacrifice. I understand. The idea of sacrifice as a religious ritual would have been universal in the ancient world. Today we don't understand what it means. We might have a foggy idea of animals being slaughtered, or we may have seen that film *Apocalypto* in which the savages were slaughtering humans at their temple. We don't get it.

What would the slaughter of humans or animals have to do with worship anyway?

It's complicated.

Rene Girard outlines one theory of how sacrifice came to be established in primitive cultures. He explains that when there was a crisis in the tribe people naturally looked for someone to blame. They invariably chose the outsider, the oddball, the foreigner, the stupid person or the extraordinarily gifted person. Whoever it was, they shifted the blame on to that person and eventually they killed that troublemaker. When they did this, they got a sense of relief on the one hand, but on the other hand, they felt guilty for killing. So, a special caste of people called the priests emerged who did the killing and they explained that this process pleased the gods and brought peace. At first humans were sacrificed, but eventually animals were substituted.

This is a plausible theory, and we know that the scapegoat idea was part of the Jewish sacrificial system. (Lev.16) However, the sacrificial system was more complicated than that. In some cultures, it would seem that the sacrifices were not simply the scapegoated victim, but also some sort of sacrifice that was offered to the gods to please or propitiate them. This would be something of value to the worshipper—an animal, some of their crops or even their children.

In the world of the Old Testament, we know that this must still have been part of the culture because God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac and it seems that the judge Jephthah (Judges 12) sacrificed his daughter. Then under the Mosaic law God asked for a whole range of different sacrificial offerings to be made.

How Girard's theory of the scapegoat and the subsequent, complicated sacrificial systems developed is more complicated than I can deal with here. Suffice it to say that the sacrifices were a foreshadowing or pointer to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. There all the different sacrifices and sacrificial systems were fulfilled and completed.

Jesus takes the blame on himself as the Passover Lamb and the scapegoat. He is sacrificed, but for the first time the sympathy is with the victim, not those doing the ritual murder. Therefore, his sacrifice is the sacrifice that ends all sacrifices. The cross is the one, full, final sacrifice, and through his death and resurrection all sacrifices will end.

It is clear that the old sacrificial system has come to an end. I will quote Hebrews 10 at some length to show the teaching of Sacred Scripture on this point:

*The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason, it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. <sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. <sup>3</sup> But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. <sup>4</sup> It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

<sup>5</sup> *Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:*

*“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;*

<sup>6</sup> *with burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you were not pleased.*

<sup>7</sup> *Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—  
I have come to do your will, my God.’”<sup>l</sup>*

<sup>8</sup> *First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

<sup>11</sup> *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

<sup>15</sup> *The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First, he says:*

<sup>16</sup> *“This is the covenant I will make with them  
after that time, says the Lord.*

*I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds.”*

<sup>17</sup> *Then he adds:*

*“Their sins and lawless acts  
I will remember no more.”*

<sup>18</sup> *And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.*

So, the old sacrificial system has ended. As the catechism puts it:

**613** *Christ's death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world",<sup>439</sup> and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the "blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins".<sup>440</sup> This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices.<sup>4</sup>*

The fact that we find a sacrificial system difficult to understand shows the success of this enterprise. Sacrifices really have come to an end. We don't need to do that anymore.

So why then do we call the Mass "a sacrifice"? It is not because it is a sacrifice as understood under the old dispensation. Sacrifices have ended. Instead, it is what the church calls a re-presentation of what Christ did on the cross. Every Mass and the whole liturgical cycle of the church is a constant reminder that Christ was sacrificed to end the old cycle of sacrifice.

There is more. The Jews have a theological idea called *anamnesis*. This is a technical term for a certain type of remembering. It is a remembrance that is not just a sentimental memory of a past event, but a dynamic, ritualistic re-enactment of an event which brings the event into the present moment and brings the participants into the event that happened once in the past. If you like it is liturgical time travel! This is why Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of me" and why the church calls for "full participation" in the Mass.

Again, the catechism explains this clearly and simply:

*The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body. In all the Eucharistic Prayers we find after the words of institution a prayer called the anamnesis or memorial.*

**1363** *In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events, but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men.<sup>184</sup> In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them.*

**1364** *In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present.<sup>185</sup> "As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."*

**1365** *Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood." In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

**1366** *The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit: [Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper "on the night when he was betrayed," [he wanted] to leave to his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit.<sup>189</sup>*

**1367** *The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice, which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory."<sup>1</sup>*

The Mass is therefore a real sacrifice but understood in this new sense. Christ is not offered over and over again. That is not the teaching of the church. Instead, his once for all sacrifice is made present and real through the sacrifice of the Mass.

This is also why the other important term for the Mass is The Eucharist. "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving" and what we are thanking God for is not just a shopping list of all our blessings, but at the very heart of it all a profound, ritualistic act of Thanksgiving for the ending of the sacrificial system and our own redemption and the redemption of the world.

It is no mistake that one of the sacrifices God commanded the Jews to do in the wilderness was a Thank Offering. This was as a special sacrifice to offer thanks to God. The beautiful connection is that the Thank Offering in the Old Testament was an offering of bread!

This was a pointer to the Eucharist. The other offerings of the Lamb of God were made for sin, but the Thank Offering was made for Thanks, and the two come together in the Eucharist where the priest holds up the bread and says, "Behold the Lamb of God" All of these beautiful truths come together as we call the Mass "A sacrifice."

Finally, the Sacred Scriptures talk about offering a "sacrifice of praise" and St Paul says, "I beseech you, present yourselves, your souls and your bodies as a living sacrifice." Instead of killing a human a human becomes fully alive as a living sacrifice to God. How is this possible?

Only through the inflowing and infilling power of the Resurrection....

...but maybe I should leave that one for Easter Day.

*Source: dwightlongenecker.com*