

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATORS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

A reminder that classes continue on-free of charge and open to all adults. We are delighted to have many of you taking advantage of this opportunity! New attendees welcome. Take selected or all sessions as your schedule allows. Though each class builds on the prior class, much will be gained from individual sessions. Refer to the topics scheduled for November. (The full schedule of classes runs from October to June. Contact the Coordinators for more information.) Classes are located in the Convent Basement at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 500 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville on Sundays on the dates scheduled from 10 to 11:30AM! Be sure to join us and spread the word.

11/6 CREATION ORIGINAL SIN

Move away from the simplistic understanding of Creation to an adult perspective on the incredible master plan for the human race.

Clear up massive confusion on where the Church "stands" on Evolution and how a number of prominent scientists have entirely reversed their prior understanding insisting that the only logical and obvious conclusion is the idea of "a first cause". It is becoming increasingly clear that all scientific evidence points to an Intelligent Creator.

Discover how the reality of Original Sin underlies *all that we are* and *all that we do!*

11/13 JESUS GOD-MAN JESUS SUPREME TEACHER

It is a real challenge to wrap our head around the mystery of Christ's dual nature. Was Jesus' human nature fully aware of His Divine nature at all times? How *did* the two nature's function together? The following are some of many questions that give us pause.

.....*What did He grasp as a child?*

.....*If He knew Judas was going to betray Him, why did He choose Him to be an Apostle?*

.....When He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for the "cup to be removed", didn't He already know the answer to that prayer?

Also learn about why Christ is the Supreme Teacher, and not just "one of many" teachers as is mistakenly thought today. As Father Robert Barron so eloquently puts it: "Buddha and Muhammad, to their great credit, never claimed to be God."

Christ not only claimed to be God but proved it.
He did not say "I am a way." He said "I am the Way".
He did not say "I am one of many truths". He said "I am the Truth."

Truth is a person. Jesus Christ. Our Supreme Teacher.

11/20 JESUS: REDEEMER JESUS: RESURRECTION

Why was it necessary that Christ suffer and die on the Cross? It couldn't be worked out some other way? Get clear answers to this fundamental aspect of our Faith.

Some believe that all that is required 'to be saved' is to "accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior". Others think that it doesn't matter what you believe or do as long as you are "basically a good person". Still others dismiss the idea of "salvation" entirely. Catholics all too often entirely disregard not only the requirements for salvation but the absolute realities of Purgatory and Hell and lack the understanding that it is we, not God, that brings us to either of those states.

What is the accurate assessment of the situation and what is, in fact, required of us? How does Redemption operate for the entire human race, baptized and unbaptized?

In this class, we dive, as well, into the absolute historical and theological reality of Christ having been raised from the dead. It is this reality that authentically empowers us to stand firm in a world where despair and apparent failure control the actions of many

Come and join us. Love demands authentic effort and evaluation on our part. Resist the temptation to "make it up as you go along"! Learn what is objectively True and gain the tools to live it out. Achieve authentic empowerment.

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