

St. Louis Church

Inviting the Flock Home

Possible Topics for Content

Please note: Any topic/discussion must leave room for mystery. We are not going to have all the answers. See the story of Job, especially chapters 38ff.

“The word sacrament also has its origins in the Greek term for “mystery,” *mysterion*. The sense of the term mystery is something unfathomable, something so extraordinary and overwhelming that we can never fully comprehend it. Sacraments are often called “sacred mysteries,” not in the sense of problems to be solved, but rather in terms of sacred realities to be immersed in and to be experienced again and again.” (Irwin, Rev. Kevin W., *The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology*. Paulist Press, New York. 2016., 11)

- 1) Addressing the Common misconceptions (briefly)
- 2) Catholics & remarriage
- 3) Confirmation $\neq$ graduation
- 4) I don't need to come regularly
- 5) Faith outdated/irrelevant
- 6) Freedom of religion in our own country vs. people who want freedom FROM religion
- 7) I need to get my life/sins in order **before** I come back
- 8) Catholics don't have a personal relationship with Jesus
- 9) Bible Based Church
- 10) Born again vs. ongoing conversion
- 11) The scandal
- 12) The Church just wants my money
- 13) Mary and the Saints
 - a) Worship vs. venerate
 - b) Making the saints relatable
 - c) St. Louis IX both king and holy
 - d) St. Isidore the farmer and his wife
- 14) Catholic literacy - what do "church words" mean
- 15) How dogmas develop
- 16) Fallible and Infallible
- 17) Mystery
 - a) “*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*” (John 6:68).

- 18) Transubstantiation
- 19) Solemnity/feast/memorial
- 20) Liturgy terms purificator, etc
- 21) "fear of the Lord"
- 22) consubstantial
- 23) God as creator
- 24) Genesis 2:7 - *"then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."*
- 25) Genesis 2:15 - *"The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it."*
- 26) Christian Anthropology
- 27) I'm too busy attitude
- 28) Accompaniment – meet them where they are at (Our Catholic faith is relevant today)
- 29) Monsignor Pope's book – not everyone gets into Heaven
- 30) Truth - The truth will set you free John 8:32?
 - i) Studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - ii) Does your faith shape the world or does the world shape your faith
- 31) Prayer
 - i) Lord's Prayer
 - ii) How to start
- 32) God's Commandments and Beatitudes - Are they rules or a way of life presentation
- 33) Suffering
 - a) Suffering Servant
 - b) Colossians 1:24
 - c) Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me
- 34) The Problem of Evil
 - a) Spiritual warfare
 - b) Devil exists - Fr. Longenecker
 - c) Persecution - religious freedom
 - i) modern day martyrs
 - ii) Persecution in other countries
 - d) Science and faith
 - e) Teaching on the Mass - ? series of podcasts ??

- f) How series are we about our own faith – states of discipleship from *Forming Intentional Discipleship*