

# Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin      November 3-4, 2012

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## The Year of Faith

October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013

Week Number  
4

*Declared by Pope Benedict*

# Know the Faith

## MORTAL SIN

The concept of mortal sin has been an integral part of the Christian message since the very beginning. Literally dozens of passages in the New Testament proclaim it a fearful reality, and these biblical teachings were fully accepted by, and indeed expounded upon, by the early Church Fathers. It was not until the time of John Calvin that anyone would claim that it was impossible for a true Christian to lose his salvation. That teaching, which was not even shared by Martin Luther and his followers, was a theological novelty of the mid-sixteenth century, a teaching which would have been condemned as a dangerous heresy by all previous generations of Christians. It would drive people to the despair of thinking that, if they had committed grave sins, they had never been true Christians. Further, they would suffer similar anxiety over any subsequent conversion, since their first would not have been genuine, according to this teaching. Or it would drive them into thinking that their grave sins were really not grave at all, for no true Christian could have committed such sins.

In time the "once saved, always saved" teaching even degenerated in many Evangelical circles to the point that some would claim that a Christian could commit grave sins and still remain saved: sin did not injure his relationship with God at all. Fortunately, most Christians today reject Calvin's error, acknowledging that there are at least some mortal sins—sins which kill the spiritual life of the soul and deprive a person of salvation, unless he repents. Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Lutherans, Anglicans, Methodists, Pentecostals—all acknowledge the possibility of mortal sin at least in some form. Only Presbyterians, Baptists, and those who have been influenced by these two sects reject the reality of mortal sin.

The early Church Fathers, of course, were unanimous in teaching the reality of mortal sin. They had to embrace the doctrine of mortal sin precisely because they recognized not only the salvific power of baptism but also the damning power of certain serious sins. The Church taught that "baptism . . . now saves you"

However, since during the persecutions some baptized people denied Christ, and since Christ taught that "whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:33), the Church Fathers recognized that it was possible to lose the grace of salvation after baptism.

The idea that one could never lose salvation would have been unimaginable to them, since it was evident from the Bible that baptism saves, that the baptized can deny Christ, and that those who deny Christ will not be saved unless they repent, as did Peter. It was equally unthinkable to predestinarian thinkers, such as Augustine, who, just two years before he died, taught in his book *The Gift of Perseverance* that not all who were predestined to come to God's grace were predestined to remain with him until glory. This was, in fact, the teaching of all the high predestinarians (Augustine, Fulgentius, Aquinas, and even Luther)—until the time of Calvin.

#### *Ignatius of Antioch*

*"And pray without ceasing in behalf of other men; for there is hope of the repentance, that they may attain to God. For cannot he that falls arise again, and he may attain to God?" (Letter to the Ephesians 10 [A.D. 110]).*

#### *Augustine*

*"[N]othing could have been devised more likely to instruct and benefit the pious reader of sacred Scripture than that, besides describing praiseworthy characters as examples, and blameworthy characters as warnings, it should also narrate cases where good men have gone back and fallen into evil, whether they are restored to the right path or continue irreclaimable; and also where bad men have changed, and have attained to goodness, whether they persevere in it or relapse into evil; in order that the righteous may be not lifted up in the pride of security, nor the wicked hardened in despair of cure" (Against Faustus 22:96 [A.D. 400]).*

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# For Life And For Liberty

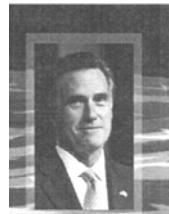
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#### BARACK OBAMA

#### KEY ISSUE

#### MITT ROMNEY

##### Obama:

- The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

##### Taxpayer Funding for Abortion

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion.

##### Romney:

- "I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."

##### Obama:

- "I am pro-choice. I believe in Roe v. Wade"
- "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)

##### Roe V. Wade & Abortion

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States.

##### Romney:

- "I support the reversal of Roe v. Wade because it is bad law and bad medicine. Roe was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

##### Obama:

- On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.

##### Funding For Abortion Providers

Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

##### Romney:

- "I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

##### Obama:

- On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law.

##### Obamacare Healthcare Law

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand.

##### Romney:

- "Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'"
- Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed.(Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

##### Obama:

- The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.

##### Rights of Conscience

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1467, H.R. 1179) would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

##### Romney:

- "... on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

##### Obama:

- "Under the rule, women will still have access to free preventive care that includes contraceptive services — no matter where they work. So that core principle remains."
- 2-10-12 Statement by President Obama at the White House.

##### HHS Mandate and Religious Liberty

##### Romney:

- The Obama administration is forcing religious institutions to choose between violating their conscience or dropping health care coverage for their employees, effectively destroying their ability to carry on their work....[O]ne day one I will eliminate the Obama administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."
- 2-3-12 op-ed by Mitt Romney, "President Obama Versus Religious Liberty".

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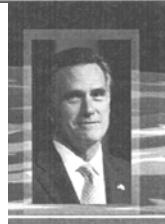
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| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "With one more vacancy on the Supreme Court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a women's fundamental right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade. The next president may be asked to nominate that Supreme Court Justice. That is what is at stake in this election".</li></ul>  | <p><b>The Supreme Court</b><br/>One of the President's duties is to nominate Justices to the Supreme Court</p> | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mitt Romney states that he wants "a judiciary that will strictly construe the Constitution and refuse to legislate from the bench." He has appointed as co-chairs of his Justice Advisory Committee law professor and former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Mary Ann Glendon and former Reagan Supreme Court nominee Judge Robert Bork. The Committee advises Mr. Romney on the Constitution and legal matters.</li></ul> |
| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As a Senator he co-sponsored S. 1520 that would have allowed the cloning of human embryos for research, but prohibited cloned embryos from being implanted in women for reproduction. He declared his opposition to "the use of cloning for human reproduction," but did not address the creation of human clones for research purposes.</li></ul>   | <p><b>Human Cloning</b></p>  | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vetoed the bill that would have allowed the cloning of human embryos as Governor of Massachusetts.</li><li>• "Quite simply, America cannot condone or participate in the creation of human life when the sole purpose of its creation is its sure destruction." (from Mitt Romney's campaign website: <a href="http://www.mittromney.com/issues/values">http://www.mittromney.com/issues/values</a>)</li></ul>             |
| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved the use of taxpayer funds for embryonic stem cell research in March 2009, ending President George W. Bush's eight-year ban on funding any research that used embryonic stem cell lines created after August 2001.</li></ul>   | <p><b>Embryonic Stem Cell Research</b></p>   | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult stem cell research and alternative methods to derive pluripotent stem cells, such as altered nuclear transfer and direct reprogramming, are scientific paths that carry much promise and avoid raising ethical concerns. As president, Mitt will focus his energy on laws and policies that promote this kind of research to unlock the medical breakthroughs that our loved ones so desperately need.</li></ul>     |
| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "...at a certain point I've just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same sex couples should be able to get married."</li><li>• Obama voted against the Federal Marriage Act, which would have defined marriage as between a man and a woman.</li></ul>  | <p><b>Gay Marriage</b></p>   | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "...I do not favor marriage between people of the same gender and I do not favor civil unions if they are identical to marriage other than by name. My view is the domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, and the like are appropriate but that the others are not."</li></ul>   |
| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plans to create a 21st century immigration system by: continuing to fulfill the federal government's responsibility to securing our borders; demanding accountability for businesses that break the law by undermining American workers and exploiting undocumented workers; strengthening our economic competitiveness by creating a legal immigration system that reflects our values and diverse needs; and requiring responsibility from people who are living in the United States illegally.</li></ul> | <p><b>Immigration</b></p>  | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Believes in the rule of law and will fully enforce federal immigration law. As governor, he authorized state police to assist the federal government in immigration enforcement.</li><li>• Mitt Romney opposes amnesty because he believes that it acts as a magnet encouraging illegal immigration.</li></ul>   |
| <p><b>Obama:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has defunded the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, the federal program established in 2004 to provide vouchers allowing low-income children in the nation's capital to go to a public or private school of their parents' choice.</li></ul>  | <p><b>Education Vouchers</b></p>   | <p><b>Romney:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports the creation of federal vouchers which would allow tax dollars now sent to public schools to help educate poor and disabled children to instead follow the students to the private schools of their parents' choosing.</li></ul>  |

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| <b>Mon. 11/05</b>   | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u></b>              |
| Feast               | Weekday  |
| 8:00 AM Mass        | Vanessa Burr, Kate Burr  |
| <b>6:00 PM Mass</b> | Intention of all VOTERS, Fr. Zatalava                            |
| <b>Tues. 11/06</b>  | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u></b>      |
| Feast               | Weekday  |
| 8:00 AM Mass        | Mary Bacza, Stanley Krish Family                                 |
| <b>Wed. 11/07</b>   | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u></b>           |
| Feast               | Weekday  |
| 8:00 AM Mass        | Janet Pufka, Ron and Jeanne Sheehan                              |
| <b>Thur. 11/08</b>  | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u></b>   |
| Feast               | Weekday  |
| 8:00 AM Mass        | Sally Colledge, Children   |
| <b>Fri. 11/09</b>   | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u></b> |
| Feast               | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica                           |
| 8:00 AM Mass        | Denise Keagy, Tom and Carol Riggleman                            |
| <b>Sat. 11/10</b>   | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u></b>            |
| Feast               | Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time                            |
| 4:30 PM Mass        | Bess Greinader, Lorraine Shuma                                   |
| <b>Sun. 11/11</b>   | <b><u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u></b>          |
| Feast               | Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time                            |
| 9:00 AM Mass        | Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish         |
| 11:00 AM Mass       | Samuel Adams, Raymond and Judy Wilkinson                         |

#### **Happy Birthday:**

11/06 Joe Milliron  
 11/07 Nick Conrad  
 11/09 Mike Summers  
 11/12 Marcella Ianniello

#### **Wedding Anniversaries:**

11/09 David and Carol Riley  
 Dave and Karen Conrad

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## **MONEY MATTERS**

### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (October 28, 2012)**

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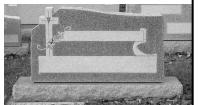
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