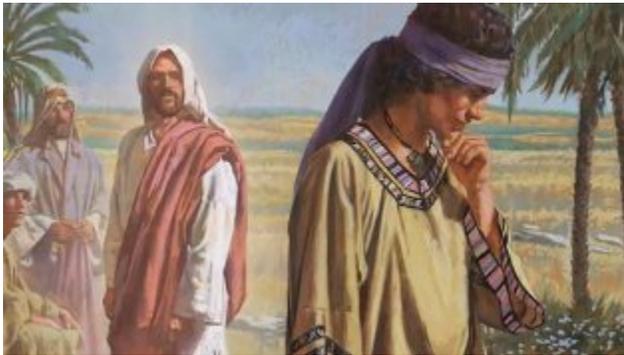


## THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

### *"TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO...?"*

#### **Biblical Reflection: Mt 19:16-21**



The Ten Commandments belong to God's revelation. At the same time they teach us the true humanity of man. They bring to light the essential duties, and therefore, indirectly, the fundamental rights inherent in the nature of the human person. The Decalogue contains a privileged expression of the natural law. (CCC 2070)

The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and love of neighbor. The first three concerns love of God, and the other love of neighbor. (CCC 2067)

By his life and by his preaching Jesus attested to the permanent validity of the Decalogue. (CCC 2076)

The first commandment summons man to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him above all else. (CCC 2134)

The second commandment enjoins respect for the Lord's name. The name of the Lord is holy. (CCC 2161)

The Sabbath, which represented the completion of the first creation, has been replaced by Sunday which recalls the new creation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ. (CCC 219)

*"We all gather on the day of the sun, for it is the first day [after the Jewish Sabbath, but also the first day] when God, separating matter from darkness, made the world; and on this same day Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead" St. Justin, 1 Apol. 67. (CCC 2174)*

#### **Questions for discussion:**

- **What does God mean to you? Please share with the group your feelings toward God.**
- **In what instances you could find/experience in our society the taking "of the name of God in vain"?**
- **How do you respect the Name of God?**
- **How do you celebrate the Lord's Day?**
- **Probably you won't work on Sundays, but do you, with your activities and interests, somehow propitiate the need for others to work on Sundays? How? What could you do about this?**

**Further reading:** Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers 2052-2195