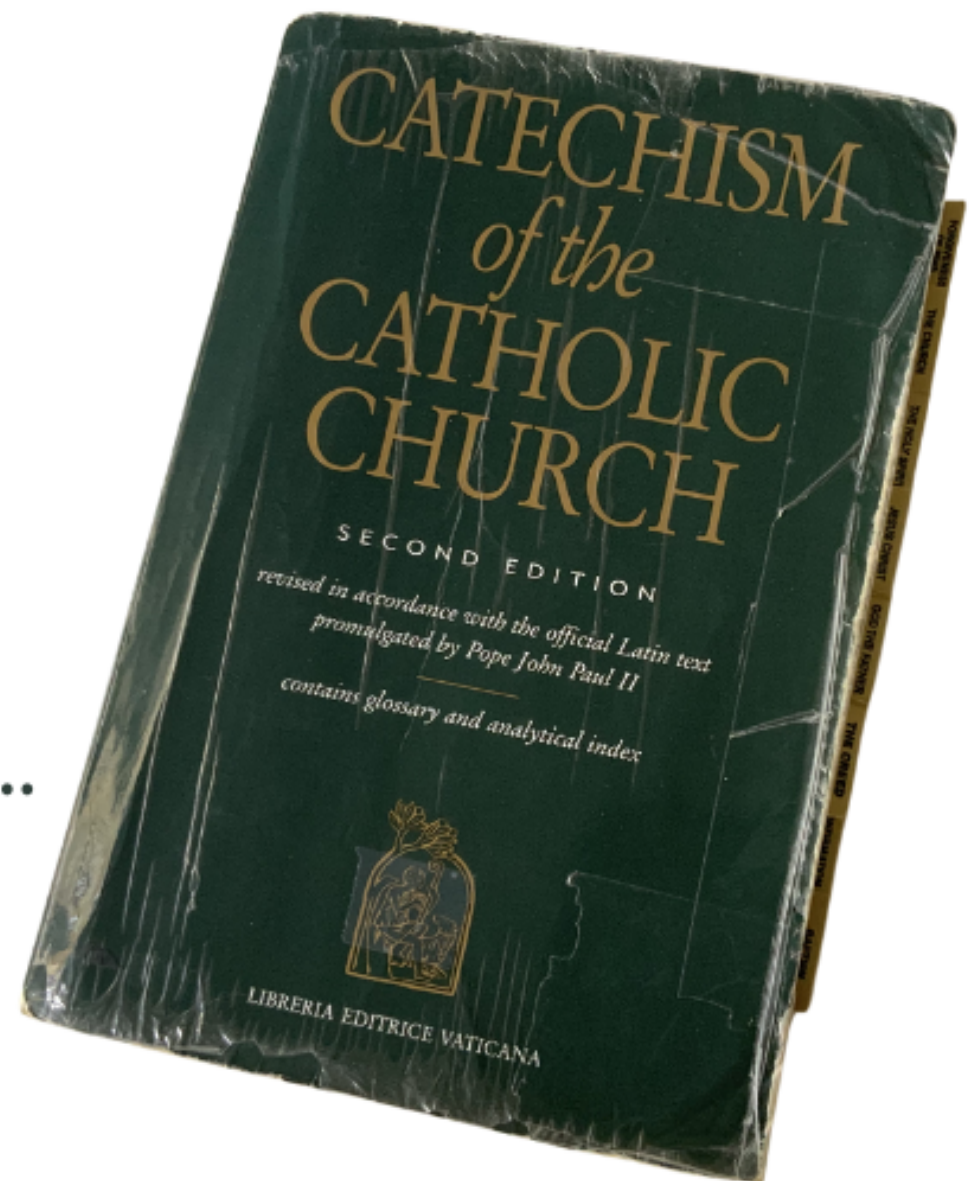


CATECHISM CLASS

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE...
AND WHY

QUICK START GUIDE
AND READING PLAN

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WELCOME

Welcome to **Catechism Class** where you'll learn what Catholics believe and why by going straight to the source of Catholic teachings as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

This free downloadable guide is your quick-start resource to get even more out of the weekly **Catechism Class Podcast**, available from the following services (*click your favorite to subscribe right now*):



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GETTING STARTED READING PLAN

The following reading plan covers the first 35 sessions of **Catechism Class**. Stay subscribed to our email list to **receive updated reading plans and other resources as new episodes are released**.

Catechism Class Episode Number	Subject	Description	CCC Paragraphs	CCC Pages (1997 Green Cover)
1	How to Use the Catechism	We explain what the Catechism is, how to use it, and reveal several little known secrets that'll help explode your discovery of the Bible in light of the Tradition of the Catholic Church.	1-25	7-12
2	Man's Capacity for God	We dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church to better understand the capacity God gave man in order to receive Him in the first place.	26-49	13-18
3	The Revelation of God	We can know God through prayer, reading and history. But God reveals Himself to us through the revelation of His mysteries.	50-73	19-24
4	Transmission of Divine Revelation	God graciously arranged that the things he once revealed for salvation should remain for all eternity. We discuss what that means for 21st Century Christians.	74-100	24-30
5	Sacred Scripture	A discussion about how God comes to meet man through Sacred Scripture.	101-141	30-38
6	I Believe	We respond to God revealing Himself to us through our faith and belief, as professed in the Creeds.	144-165	39-45
7	We Believe	We previously discussed "I Believe" from the Apostles Creed. Now we talk about "We Believe" and the Nicene Creed.	166-184	45-48
8	The Creeds	Past sessions covered the Nicene and Apostles Creed. Now we bring them together.	185-197	51-53
9	God the Creator	Continuing through the Creed, we spend time understanding God the Father as God the Creator of all.	198-231	54-61
10	The Trinity	A brief detour with an introduction to the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	232-267	62-70
11	The Almighty	A seemingly insignificant word – Almighty – actually needs an entire episode.	268-278	71-73
12	The Creator: Part I	The Mystery of Creation and God's Providence within it. Covers: CCC Paragraphs 279-301 (Pages 73-80 in the green 1997 version).	279-301	73-80
13	The Creator: Part II	Part 2 of 2 of our conversation about The Mystery of Creation and God's Providence within it.	302-324	80-84
14	The Angels	God is the creator of Heaven and Earth, which includes all that is, seen and unseen. In this Catechism Class we discuss the unseen angels.	325-354	85-90

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15	In the Image of God - Part I	Part 1 of 2 of our discussion about man in the image and likeness of God.	355-368	91-94
16	In the Image of God - Part II	Part 2 of 2 of our discussion about man in the image and likeness of God.	369-384	94-96
17	The Fall of Angels and the Reality of Sin	How both angels and men have removed themselves away from God.	385-395	97-99
18	Original Sin	Before we get to talking about Jesus, let's talk about the reason we NEED Jesus in the first place: ORIGINAL SIN	396-421	100-105
19	The Good News of Jesus	Now we enter into the Creed where we profess this fact: I believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God.	425-440	106-111
20	The Only Son of God	An exploration of what it means to say that Jesus is the only Son of God and why we call Jesus our Lord.	441-455	111-114
21	Why Did the Word Become Flesh?	Why did Jesus (who is the WORD we see in John 1) - and why did Jesus (who is GOD) - become Flesh? Why did God become MAN?	456-469	115-118
22	How is the Son of God Man?	Christ's soul and his human knowledge, his true body and heart, help us understand how the Son of God is Man.	470-483	119-121
23	Conceived by the Holy Spirit and The Immaculate Conception	To understand how God became man, we need to talk about how he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.	484-494	122-125
24	Born of the Virgin Mary		495-511	125-128
25	The Mysteries of Christ's Life		512-524	129-132
26	The Christmas Mystery and Infancy of Christ		525-534	132-135
27	Baptism and Temptation of Jesus		535-542	136-138
28	Proclamation of the Kingdom of God		543-556	139-143
29	Signs and Keys of the Kingdom		547-556	140-143
30	Jesus in Jerusalem		557-570	144-146

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32	Jesus and the Temple		583-594	149-152
33	The Trial of Jesus		595-605	153-157
34	Christ Offered Himself for Our Sins		606-623	157-161
35	Jesus Christ was Buried and Descended Into Hell		624-637	162-165
36	Jesus Rose from the Dead		638-647	166-169
37	The Meaning of the Resurrection		648-658	169-171
38	Jesus Ascended into Heaven		659-667	172-174
39	Jesus will Come Again		668-682	174-178
40	I Believe in the Holy Spirit		683-690	179-182
41	Names, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit		691-701	182-185
42	God's Spirit and Promises		702-716	186-189
43	John, Mary, Jesus and the Holy Spirit		717-730	190-193
44	Holy Spirit and the Last Days of the Church		731-747	193-196
45	I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church		748-757	197-199
46	The Mission and Origin of the Church		758-769	199-202
47	The Mystery of the Church		770-780	203-205
48	The Church is the Body of Christ		781-810	206-213
49	The Church is One and Holy		811-829	214-220
50	The Church is Catholic		830-845	220-224
51	Outside the Church there is No Salvation		846-856	224-227
52	The Church is Apostolic		857-870	227-230

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HOSTS

Catechism Class is hosted by Greg and Jennifer Willits, the founders of **Rosary Army**, a 501(c)3 non-profit Catholic apostolate founded in 2003 that is dedicated to making, praying, and giving away all-twine knotted Rosaries and encouraging others to do the same.

In 2006, the Rosary Army Catholic Podcast, hosted by Greg and Jennifer, was named the Best General Podcast in the 2006 People's Choice Podcast Awards. This twice-weekly show is regularly referred to as the world's first Catholic reality show.

The Willits' are also the creators of the popular That Catholic Show video series, a series of amazingly original short and fun videos that teach different elements about the Catholic Church.

For over 4 years, Greg and Jennifer hosted "The Catholics Next Door," daily on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel.

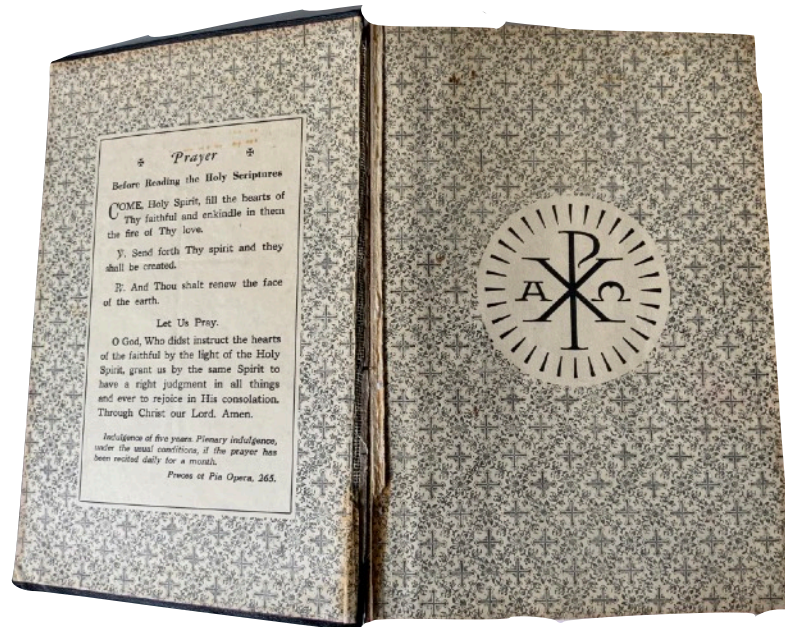
Greg and Jennifer live in the Atlanta, Georgia area and are the parents of four boys and a daughter.

Their current show, Adventures in Imperfect Living is available on SiriusXM ON DEMAND, as well as all podcasting services.

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Prayers



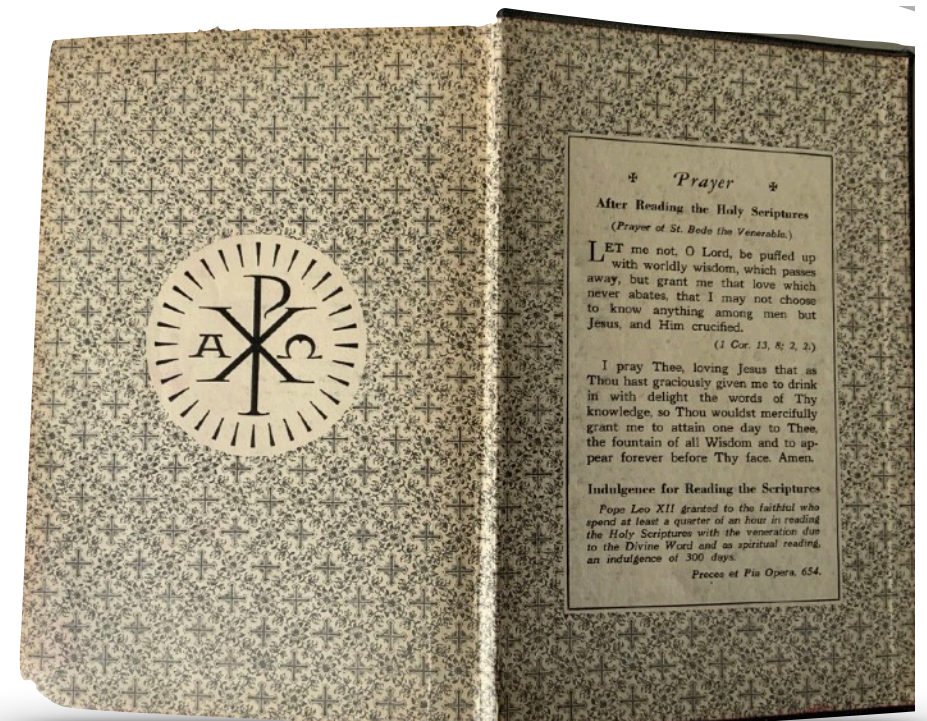
The prayers on the next page come from the 1949 New Catholic Edition of the Holy Bible, published by the Catholic Book Publishing Company of New York.

These prayers have particular meaning to **Catechism Class** co-host Greg Willits because they are taken directly from the copy of his Bible that he inherited from his grandfather, Mathew, who died several years before Greg was born.

Upon receiving the Bible as a gift from his cousin, Anne, Greg found much comfort in praying these prayers before and after reading Scripture.

This is why each episode and session of **Catechism Class** begins and ends with these same prayers.

Feel free to print out this last page and keep these same prayers in your own Bible or Catechism.



+ Prayer +

Before Reading the Holy Scriptures

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V/. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R/. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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+ Prayer +

After Reading the Holy Scriptures

(Prayer of St. Bede the Venerable)

Let me not, O Lord, be puffed up with worldly wisdom, which passes away, but grant me that love which never abates, that I may not choose to know anything among men but Jesus, and Him crucified.
(1 Cor. 13:8; 2:2)

I pray Thee, loving Jesus that as Thou hast graciously given me to drink in with delight the words of Thy knowledge, so Thou wouldst mercifully grant me to attain one day to Thee, the fountain of all Wisdom and to appear forever before Thy face. Amen.

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